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Provost Stephanie Young (centre) with Andrew and Jennifer

## Provost takes peep at eco resort site

**EAST Ayrshire's provost took a first-hand look at a local site earmarked for a £100 million resort.**

by **Bill Davitt**  
Stephanie Young, seated, Albionians at the Meadows in Galloway with Andrew and Jennifer Malcolm.

local landowners who see the driving force behind the proposed scheme.

The provost said East Ayrshire Council was discussing 'exciting and interesting' proposals from the two-bedroom site team.

If approved, the resort could bring more than 400 jobs and thousands of tourists to the Irvine Valley.

First phase proposals include a waterfront hotel, restaurant and 100 lodges holiday lodges.

Phase two involves a bar-lounge with mezzanine, boardwalk, terrace, retail outlets, garden centre and wildlife viewing areas.

Concepts of the scheme is a 25-acre site on the bank which is already complete.

A key element in creating the resort is winning council approval that will enable the building of new housing —

including affordable homes — on 50 acres of the site.

Provost Young added: "The hotel and leisure development would be particularly important in the context of the regeneration of the Irvine Valley."

"The other residential proposal requires to be considered as part of the council's Local Plan process in the autumn."

Provost Young said, "My hope for Galloway and the whole Irvine Valley is that we can encourage development, such as Albionians at the Meadows, and bring back small businesses."

To keep investors, local parties and the public up to date with progress on the eco resort, a website named [www.albioniansatmeadow.com](http://www.albioniansatmeadow.com) was launched last week.

A zoom application allows visitors a close-up view of every aspect of the project.

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### Death as van hits lorry in lay-by

A 28-YEAR-OLD man died after the van he was travelling in collided with a lorry that was parked in a lay-by.

The accident happened at 14.05 on last Thursday on the northbound carriageway of the A77, north of Monkwood Interchange, near Kilmarnock.

Iwan Mayhew, who was a passenger in the van, died at the scene. The 15-year-old driver was treated at Crosshouse hospital for minor injuries.

The 36-year-old lorry driver and his 28-year-old passenger were unharmed.

A report has been sent to the