

Action Note

Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership	
Date/Venue:	5 September 2019 in Ardrossan Civic Centre	
Attendance:	<p> Councillor Tony Gurney; Councillor Timothy Billings; Councillor Jean McClung; Councillor Ronnie McNicol; Councillor Jimmy Miller; Councillor John Sweeney; Councillor Davina McTiernan; Councillor Robert Barr; Karen Yeomans, NAC (Senior Lead Officer); Jim McHarg, NAC (Lead Officer); Angela Morrell, Senior Manager (NAC); Gordon Cowan, Three Towns Locality Officer; Alison Wilson, Police Scotland; Elaine Meney, Community Representative; Craig Mochan, Community Representative; Ian Winton, Community Council (Stevenston); Rosemary Fotheringham, Funding Officer (NAC); Theresa Potter, Engagement Officer (HSCP); Margaret Sweeney, Raise Your Voice with Ardeer; Elizabeth Sweeney, Raise Your Voice with Ardeer; Eric McMillan, McMillan and Cronin Architects; Melanie McFarlane, Saltcoats Harbour Association; Billy Hunter, Saltcoats Harbour Association; Colin MacIntyre, Ardrossan Castle Heritage; Amanda Simpson, Ardrossan Castle Heritage; Michael McCulloch, Ardrossan Castle Heritage; Scott Mould, Ardrossan Community Development Trust Angela Little, Committee Services Officer, NAC </p>	
Apologies:	<p> Councillor Jim Montgomerie; Councillor Ellen McMaster; Pat Breen, Community Representative; Shirley Morgan, Locality Officer. </p>	
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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The following updates arising from the action note from the Three Towns Locality Partnership meeting on 4 June 2019 were noted:-</p>	

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	<p>Castle Heritage Centre – Shirley Morgan has forwarded the CIF guidance and application form to the Society.</p> <p>Locality Plan Progress – Shirley Morgan will bring the draft plan to the next meeting.</p> <p>CIF funding for the Participatory Budget Fund – a report will be considered as part of the Grant Funding agenda item.</p> <p>Beach Huts – Shirley Morgan has contacted Northumberland Council for further information on their Beach Hut Scheme and will provide an update to a future meeting.</p> <p>Derelict land – a meeting has taken place with the owner and a further meeting has been arranged to further discuss using land for growing. The Planning Committee approved the serving of Enforcement Orders requiring the sites to be tidied up within 6 weeks.</p>	<p>Shirley Morgan</p> <p>Shirley Morgan</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>CIF Expression of Interest</p> <p>North Ayrshire Athletics Club</p> <p>The Partnership noted that a presentation would be made to the next meeting.</p> <p>Castle Heritage Centre</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received a presentation from the Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society, which highlighted the Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society’s plans to create a Heritage Hub at the Castle, similar to the one at Dundonald Castle with the hope it could be a centre for outdoor learning and could link in with Primary education.</p> <p>The Partnership asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A feasibility study that will be undertaken and will include identifying the location of a water source; and • Other sources of funding that are being investigated, including the Big Lottery and Heritage Scotland. <p>The Partnership agreed to support the application to move to the next stage of the process.</p>	<p>Shirley Morgan</p> <p>Shirley Morgan</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Stevenston Shore Front</p> <p>The Partnership received information from Eric McMillan, Architect on behalf of Margaret and Elizabeth Sweeney, Raise Your Voice with Ardeer on the proposal for Stevenston Shore Front.</p>	

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	<p>The proposal related to the derelict pavilion at Stevenston beach to provide a community facility that would include a community café, community gather space and wet weather facilities. The building is owned by the Council and has structural issues. Whilst a survey undertaken by the Council in 2017 costed repairs at £72,000, a current survey was required to establish the structural issues and cost the remedial works required. If the remedial works amount to 70% or more than the cost of a new-build then it would be recommended that the building is demolished, and a new facility constructed. A Sustainability Plan will also be prepared.</p> <p>Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the provision of changing facilities that had been considered, however it was felt that the proposal should concentrate on the first phase and consider additions later.</p> <p>The Partnership considered the proposal a very worthwhile project. They welcomed the efforts that had been made to date and looked forward to receiving further updates.</p>	
5.	<p>Saltcoats Harbour Association</p> <p>Billy Hunter and Melanie McFarlane, provided the partnership with information on Saltcoats Harbour Association (SHA). SHA is a newly formed charity which aims to re-vitalise the harbour and surrounding area, including reinstating the Saltcoats Harbour and Customs House as a place where the local community and visitors can enjoy as an amenity. A Feasibility Study will be undertaken which will explore the best options to develop the harbour house into a museum and craft hub, examine re-levelling of the sea basin to accommodate pontoons and the use of the harbour by tourists and boats. An Open Day will be held on 15 September 2019.</p> <p>The Partnership noted the work that had been done and looked forward to receiving further updates.</p> <p>Councillor Billings left the meeting.</p>	
6.	<p>Locality Co-ordinator Update</p> <p>Gordon Cowan referred to the work that has been undertaken in the locality which was included in the agenda pack and highlighted the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incredible Edible Group who have met with three Towns volunteers and groups already involved in growing food and have mapped current food growing; and• A meeting with a local owner of derelict land areas across the Three Towns to develop more growing spaces. <p>Noted.</p>	

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<p>7.</p>	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>Cllr Sweeney provided a verbal update from the HSCP Locality Forum and as Chair of the Suicide Prevention Group, that included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September 2019 that will see the relaunch of the 13 Ways social media campaign and work which is underway to get three Scottish celebrities to help publicise the message; and • developments to the “Tell Someone” message; and • A Task Force that will undertake in-depth peer research to ensure we are providing the services required for young people. <p>Noted.</p>																			
<p>8.</p>	<p>Community Rep Update</p> <p>Elaine Meney provided a verbal update from the Community Representatives. The sub group met with the Active Travel Officer to plan signs across the Three Towns that will highlight places of interest. A further meeting will take place in September. Councillor Miller suggested contacting Bobby McGuire (Stevenston Historical Society) for further information on local historic sites.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Elaine Meney</i></p>																		
<p>9.</p>	<p>Grant Funding</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to make the following awards: -</p> <p>Nurturing Excellence in Communities</p> <table data-bbox="204 1317 1021 1534"> <tr> <td>Saltcoats Harbour Association</td> <td>£2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stevenston Community Council</td> <td>£1,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stevenston Christmas Lights</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caledonian Piping Club</td> <td>£1,001.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F.R.I.E.N.D.S.</td> <td>£ 381.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Three Towns Growers</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>Ardrossan Common Good Fund</p> <table data-bbox="204 1612 1276 1870"> <tr> <td>Aria Pascual</td> <td>The Partnership agreed not to make an award at this time and that the Funding Officer provide the applicant with details of other funding sources.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ardrossan Community Council</td> <td>£2,000, subject to satisfactory reports from Legal and Finance.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Stevenston Common Good Fund</p> <table data-bbox="204 1937 1276 2072"> <tr> <td>Stevenston Community Council</td> <td>Whilst supportive of the application, the Partnership agreed to defer for consideration at the first meeting in financial year 2020/21.</td> </tr> </table>	Saltcoats Harbour Association	£2,000	Stevenston Community Council	£1,200	Stevenston Christmas Lights	£1,000	Caledonian Piping Club	£1,001.70	F.R.I.E.N.D.S.	£ 381.26	Three Towns Growers	£1,000	Aria Pascual	The Partnership agreed not to make an award at this time and that the Funding Officer provide the applicant with details of other funding sources.	Ardrossan Community Council	£2,000, subject to satisfactory reports from Legal and Finance.	Stevenston Community Council	Whilst supportive of the application, the Partnership agreed to defer for consideration at the first meeting in financial year 2020/21.	<p><i>Rosemary Fotheringham</i></p>
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<p>10.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Provost Awards 2020</p> <p>Jim McHarg provided the group with update on changes to the Provost Awards which will take place from 2020. The awards will now be divided into multiple events which will be held on a locality basis. The Three Towns event will be held on 21 May 2020 and nominations will open in February 2020.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Retirement</p> <p>Jim McHarg will retire from the Council in December 2019. The Partnership thanked Jim for the contribution he has made to the local communities in North Ayrshire and specifically his involvement in the work of the partnership and wished him every success for the future. Angela Morrell will take on the role of Senior Manager for the Three Towns Partnership.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund - Urgent Application</p> <p>The Partnership were provided with details of an application for Community Investment Funding for Participator Budgeting Events in the Three Towns.</p> <p>The application sought £34,000 to engage with local residents, support the network of community groups and empower residents through increased involvement in decision making.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed the process of CIF applications, the requirement for Cabinet approval and that Cabinet had not supported an recent application from the Garnock Valley LP.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to support the application and progress it to Cabinet for approval.</p>	<p>Shirley Morgan</p>

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.