Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	22 January 2020 in Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6.00 p.m.
Attendance:	Councillor Tony Gurney (Chair) Councillor Timothy Billings Councillor Ronnie McNicol Councillor Jean McClung Councillor John Sweeney Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor Robert Barr Karen Yeomans, Senior Lead Officer (NAC) Angela Morrell, Senior Manager (NAC) Shirley Morgan, Locality Officer (NAC) Alison Wilson, Police Scotland Pat Breen, Community Representative Elaine Meney, Community Representative Craig Mochan, Community Representative Ian Winton, Community Council (Stevenston) Theresa Potter, Engagement Officer (NAC) Angela Little, Committee Services Officer (NAC)
	Also in attendance
	Julie McLachlan, Senior Manager, Economic Policy (NAC) (item 3) Thom Ledingham, Planning Officer (NAC) (item 4) Margaret Sweeney, Raise Your Voice with Ardeer (item 5) Elizabeth Sweeney, Raise Your Voice with Ardeer (item 5) Colin MacIntyre, Ardrossan Castle Heritage (item 5) Amanda Simpson, Ardrossan Castle Heritage (item 5) Michael McCulloch, Ardrossan Castle Heritage (item 5) John Hunter
Apologies:	Councillor Jim Montgomerie Councillor Jimmy Miller Denise McKenzie, Vice Chair Pat Breen, Community Representative

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome and Apologies and Declarations of Interest	
	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.	
	There were no declarations of interest in terms of Standing Order 11.	

2. Action Note

The following updates arising from the action note from the Three Towns Locality Partnership meeting on 5 September 2019 were noted:-

Beach Huts –an update will be provided to a future meeting.

S. Morgan

Community Investment Fund – application for Community Investment Funding for Participatory Budgeting Events in the Three Towns was not approved by Cabinet. The Chair has written to the Leader of the Council requesting information on why the application was not approved.

Discussion took place on the CIF process, with Councillor Sweeney advising that Cabinet had approved in principle the proposals for small grant awarding participatory budgeting approaches by Locality Partnerships and the above application could be routed through the Nurturing Excellence allocation of this funding for the Three Towns.

Noted.

3. Community Wealth Building

The Partnership received a presentation from Julie McLachlan, Senior Manager (Economic Policy) on community wealth building.

The presentation provided information on:-

- Community wealth building as a transformative approach to local economic development, developing wealth with local roots and ownership;
- The 5 pillars of community wealth building procurement, employment, land and assets, financial power and democratic ownership of the local economy;
- Examples of procurement expenditure in Preston;
- Developing Scotland's first Community Wealth Building Strategy;
- Securing £3 million Ayrshire Growth Deal CWB Fund: a regional approach to CWB;
- Work with our local and regional anchors via the CWB Commission to deliver bold ambitions; and
- The Three Towns Locality Priorities Economy, Regeneration and Communication with 70 new business start ups in 2018/19 and 43 growth companies account managed by NAC Business Development.

Discussion took place on the following areas:-

- Derelict land and buildings in the Three Towns areas and that the CWB Strategy has land and assets at the heart of it and is looking at a more proactive approach; and
- Land-banking in North Ayrshire and the Three Towns in particular.

Noted.

4. Local Development Plan

The Partnership received a presentation from Thom Ledingham, Planning Officer on the Council's Local Development Plan.

The presentation provided information on:-

- The Timeline for the Local Development Plan 2, which commenced in 2016 and following engagement, consultation and examination was adopted in 2019;
- The shared vision of the plan that every person in North Ayrshire is valued and should have the best opportunities to live their life to their full potential;
- Four Strategic policies Spatial Strategy, Placemaking, Strategic Development Area and Delivery on Community Priorities and detailed policies that
- New Housing allocations a 10 Year Plan for the delivery of more homes in North Ayrshire; and
- The next steps that will include an Action Programme, followed by the National Planning Framework and Regional Spatial Strategy, Monitoring, New Local Development Plan (incorporating ongoing engagement with Locality Planning Partnerships and communities) and Local Place Plans.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- Discussion and engagement with Education and NHS to consider the capacity of existing infrastructure, such as schools and health facilities, to meet the requirements for new housing; and
- The planning process that considers each application on its own merits and includes a range of considerations, including low carbon emissions and the generation of renewable energy.

The Partnership was advised that an update on Ardrossan Harbour would be provided to the June meeting.

Karen Yeomans

Noted.

5. Community Investment Fund

a) Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society

The Partnership were provided with details of an application for Community Investment Funding from Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society. The Society have applied for £17,912 to deliver a Feasibility Study to develop a Community Heritage Hub located on Ardrossan Castle Hill.

b)

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:- Funding secured from the Big Lottery over 3 years for a Portakabin and a Carnival: Informal Pre-Application Advice that should be sought from Planning on the proposal; Engagement that will take place with the local community on the siting of the Hub; and The tender process that was undertaken to commission an Architect for the project. S. Morgan The Partnership agreed to support the application and progress it to Cabinet for approval. Raise Your Voice for Ardeer A late application for funding from Raise Your Voice for Ardeer was circulated for consideration by the Partnership. The group have applied for £100,000 to create premises for a multi-functioning community facility at Shore Road, Ardrossan. Discussion took place on:the lateness of the application, that it had been circulated to the Partnership on the day of the meeting and that some Elected Members had not had an opportunity to read the application, due to other Council meetings; The costings within the application and arithmetical corrections that were required to ensure an accurate calculation of the total amount of the project A cocktail of match-funding that will be sought; Income from the Café that will be used to finance the running costs of the facility: The poor road infrastructure around the facility; A tender process for the project that could be undertaken if required: The dates for Partnership and Cabinet meetings in March 2020. The Partnership agreed to approve, in principle at this stage, the award of £100,000, subject to (a) the match-funding, detailed in the application, being S. Morgan secured; (b) the provision of (i) a Sustainability Plan and (ii) assurances that

6. **Locality Co-ordinator Update**

> Shirley Morgan referenced an update on the work which has been undertaken in the locality which was included in the agenda pack and highlighted the following: -

> the project costings are reasonable. Business plan will be circulated to Elected members by the end of February which will address issues raised.

If accepted full application will proceed for March Cabinet.

- Stevenston Development Trust (Steering Group) began the process of creating a legal trust;
- Ardrossan Community Development Trust involved in Ardrossan Christmas Lights, Masterplan for Ardrossan including a playpark and community arts consultant;
- Training Station have all funding in place
- Raise Your Voice with Ardeer plans to develop café and toilets, funding secured from Town Centre Fund and CIF application submitted:
- Ardrossan Castle Heritage CIF application submitted for Feasibility Study;
- Scratch Group and Gamers Maker Space Group the development of a Level Up Festival for September 2020;
- Saltcoats Harbour Group had a successful open day;
- Stevenston Christmas Lights, Saltcoats Carnival Group and Ardrossan Community Development Trust – all had very successful Christmas Lights Switch On events;
- Argyle Community Association held two Christmas Dinner events;
- Stevenston Community Council visited Dumfries Station to meet and learning from the West of Scotland Station Gardening Group; and
- Saltcoats Community Council the development of Blooming Saltcoats; and
- Three Towns Growers.

Noted.

7. HSCP Update

Theresa Potter provided a verbal update from the HSCP Locality Forum that included:-

- Drug Related Death Summit that took place on
- Staff training on the distribution of Naloxone kits that has been provided to prevent opioid overdoses;
- Thinking Differently, Doing Better Forums that have taken place; and
- A meeting that will be held next week to discuss the Three Towns Locality priority of loneliness and social isolation.

Noted.

8. Community Rep Update

The Partnership was advised that Denise McKenzie was unable to attend the Partnership meeting to provide an update, but that this would be available at the next meeting.

D. McKenzie

Noted.

9.	Membership	
	Ardrossan Development Trust	
	Ardrossan does not have a Community Council and Ardrossan Development Trust have expressed an interest in becoming part of the Locality Partnership, in place of the Community Council.	
	Provision is made in terms of Standing Order 2.1 to allow an individual from a properly constituted community organisation to join the Locality Partnership in place of the Community Council for that area.	
	The Partnership agreed (a) to welcome Scott Mould, Ardrossan Development Trust, as a member of the Locality Partnership, in lieu of a Community Council representative for the Ardrossan area; and (b) in the event a Community Council is established for Ardrossan, the member from Ardrossan Development Trust shall be replaced by the Chair of the new Community Council.	S. Morgan
	Community Representatives	
	The Partnership agreed to advertise the three vacancies for Community Representatives on the Locality Partnership.	S. Morgan
10.	Street Naming	
	Cunninghame Housing Association have requested a street name for the residential development at Sharphill Phase 4, Saltcoats. Three suggestions had been received and were detailed in the report, alongside comments from the Planning Service on the suitability of each suggestion in terms of the Street Naming Guidance. Each of the suggestions were fully discussed and the Partnership agreed to name the development James Reid Wynd.	K. Yeomans
11.	AOCB	
	The Partnership was advised that the following grants had been awarded:-	
	Nurturing Excellence in Communities Grants	
	Evolution Skatepark Upgrading café and kitchen facilities £1,000	
	Sporting Pathways To support development of girls' basketball in Three Towns £999.21	
	Stevenston North Community Association Installation of internet access and continuation of breakfast £1,050.08 club	

	Stevenston Boys Brigade Support attending two pantomimes	£125	
	International, Historical, Cultural & Geographical Agency Support towards events and bus trip	£1,000	
	Community Benefit Fund		
	Ayrshire Children's Services CIC Support sessional staff to deliver extended support)	£4,000	
	Ardeer Recreation Bowls Club Purchase of defibrillator	£1,000	
	Church of the Nazarene Purchase of heavy duty black out blinds to support delivery of community cinema project	£3,324	
	Ardrossan Community Association Hire of fun fair attractions	£4,000	
	Wacky Youth Club Purchase of storage container and educational visits	£4,000	
	Three Towns Growers Establishment of a community orchard	1,547.65	
	The Partnership agreed to homologate the awards that had been officers.	S. Morgan	
	Cashback for Communities		
	The Partnership was advised of the Cashback for Communities is a Scottish Government programme which takes funds recover proceeds of crime and invests them into free activities and prog young people across Scotland.		
A community representative from each locality is sought to join a group to consider how these funds could be used.			
The Partnership sought a nomination and unanimously agreed Craig Mochan represent the locality on the group.			S. Morgan
	Stevenston Common Good Fund		
Mr McLatchie received an award of £939 towards book publishing costs. Following healthy sales of the book, Mr McLatchie would like to refund the award to the Common Good Fund.			S. Morgan

Provost's Awards

A nomination was sought to be involved in the shortleeting session for the Three Towns Provost's Awards on 9 April 2020.

The Partnership sought a nomination and unanimously agreed that Elaine Meney take part in the shortleeting sessions on behalf of the Partnership.

S. Morgan

Locality Planning Partnership Conference

The LPP conference will take place on Saturday 25 January 2020 in Saltcoats Town Hall.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.