



Locality Partnership: Three Towns Locality

Date: 18 March 2020

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the Nurturing Excellence in Communities Fund and the Community Benefit Fund.

Purpose: To consider the applications as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

Background

Applications have been received in respect of the Nurturing Excellence in Communities Fund and the Community Benefit Fund.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

The balances available for disbursement are bullet pointed below:

- The Nurturing Excellence in Communities Fund has a balance of £6,175.83
- The Community Benefit Fund has a balance of £9,500

Action Required by Locality Partnership

To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

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APPENDIX 1

Nurturing Excellence in Communities Fund 2019/20				
Applications from Organisations seeking Financial Assistance – Three Towns Locality 18 March 2020				
Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>Ardeer Recreation Bowls Club</p> <p>Meeting Place: Ardeer Recreation Bowls Club</p> <p>Number attending: 25 – 100 people will benefit</p> <p>Past Awards: None</p> <p>Other Funders: Group is contributing £340</p> <p>Scoring: 33/40</p> <p>Supporting documents received: Bank Statement Income/ Expenditure Sheet Constitution Quotes</p>	<p>Financial support towards purchase of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Bowls x 4 sets @140 per set - £560 • Rebound coaching discs x 2 sets @£90 per set - £180 • Adult Bowls x 2 sets @ £300 per set - £600 <p>Total £1,340</p>	<p>£1,000</p>	<p>£1,000</p>	<p>This grant funding will be used towards bowls and coaching sets that will enable the club to develop and extend opportunities to more members of the community to join the club.</p> <p>Ardeer Recreation Bowls Club are linked with Bowls Scotland and have qualified volunteers who are keen to give up their time to develop the club and encourage new members.</p> <p>The have have also linked with their Active Schools Co-ordinator who has introduced them to their local primary schools. As a result, they have made in-roads to the schools and with the help of their Active Schools Co-ordinator and Bowls Scotland, are creating a development plan to establish a structured pathway to a junior section with the aim of creating good healthy habits and promoting life-long participation in sport.</p> <p>Through increasing their capacity and offering opportunities for the local community and school children, the club will be able to bridge the generation gap, promote mental wellbeing and reducing social isolation.</p>

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<p>Ardrossan Academy Eco Committee</p> <p>Meeting Place: Ardrossan Academy</p> <p>Number attending: 22</p> <p>Past Awards: None</p> <p>Other Funders: Princes Trust - £5,959 Group is contributing £403</p> <p>Scoring: 30/40</p> <p>Supporting documents received: Bank Statement Income/Expenditure Sheet Constitution Quotes</p>	<p>Financial Contribution towards developing a market garden:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polytunnel - £2,716 • Branding/signage - £350 • Garden Tools - £450 • Wood for raised beds/potting bench - £894 • Plants (fruit trees/bushes) - £250 • Seeds/potatoes /onion sets - £100 • Ground Cover - £120 • Compost £364 • Pots, trays and cultivation equipment - £568 • Workwear and safety equipment - £1,550 <p>Total project costs £7,362</p>	<p align="center">£1,000</p>	<p align="center">£1,000</p>	<p>This grant funding will contribute to the development of a market garden within Ardrossan Academy.</p> <p>The Ardrossan Academy Eco Committee has been established for over 5 years and is a proactive group of young people within the school. This project will provide an opportunity for young people to engage in their first experiences of volunteering.</p> <p>The establishment of a market garden within the school will encourage young people to engage in growing food and teaching/ experiencing a low environmental impact approach to producing food. It will also enable participants and the community to access quality, organically produced food as well as promoting young people's mental wellbeing and positivity.</p>

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<p>Three Towns Photography Group</p> <p>Meeting Place: Ardeer Community Centre</p> <p>Number attending: 15 – 20 35 will benefit</p> <p>Past Awards: 2017/18 - £500</p> <p>Other Funders: None</p> <p>Scoring: 30/40</p> <p>Supporting documents received: Bank Statement Income/ Expenditure Sheet Constitution Quotes</p>	<p>Financial contribution towards photography exhibition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo Paper - £55 • Photo Mounts - £75 • Printer inks (3 sets) - £150 • Backing card and masking tape - £40 • Display frames x 20 - £90 • Display stands (wonderwall 8 panel folding display kit x 2) - £500 • Velcro tape, labels, name cards, A4 paper, memory sticks x 2, Portfolio case x 2 - £90 <p>Total £1,000</p>	<p align="center">£1,000</p>	<p align="center">£1,000</p>	<p>This funding will allow Three Towns Photography Group to purchase all the materials required to enable them to produce an exhibition that can be toured around the local community.</p> <p>The proposed exhibition will provide an opportunity for the group to promote themselves within the Three Towns community. The group aims to deliver a successful exhibition and use it to introduce themselves to other groups and schools to attract new members and promote future partnership working with other community groups. For example, the group recently worked with a local running club to photograph a 10k running event.</p> <p>The group plans to tour the exhibition giving an opportunity for the community to enjoy the work of local photographers, encouraging community participation and reducing social isolation.</p> <p>The frames, mounts and display boards will be able to be reused and will enable the group to delivery more exhibitions to the community in the future.</p>

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<p>Inspire Motivate Celebrate</p> <p>Meeting Place: 40 Springvale Place, Saltcoats</p> <p>Number attending: 50+</p> <p>Past Awards: None</p> <p>Other Funders: Fundraising - £1,160</p> <p>Scoring: 35/40</p> <p>Supporting documents received: Bank Statement Income/ Expenditure Sheet Constitution Quotes</p>	<p>Financial contribution towards the purchase of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 x punchbags @ £360 each <p>Total £2,160</p>	<p>£1,000</p>	<p>£1,000</p>	<p>This funding will enable Inspire Motivate Celebrate deliver their project aimed at promoting wellbeing, fitness and health within young people through contributing towards the purchase of punchbags which are part of the training equipment.</p> <p>Inspire Motivate Celebrate is a local charity that provides a fitness facility which will relieve the conditions of life and vulnerability of young people affected by crime, poverty, exclusion, isolation, lack of self-esteem, direction, purpose and education. The group promotes wellbeing, fitness and health through training and developing boxing skills in the gym. Sessions teach core values of respect, fair play and self-discipline along with confidence-building and maintaining a healthy balanced lifestyle.</p> <p>Young people will gain life skills and physical improvements from taking part in the boxing training and the community will benefit as a result of young people being diverted from anti-social behaviour and criminal activity.</p>

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<p>Ardrossan Community Development Trust</p> <p>Meeting Place: Frank Sweeney Centre, Ardrossan</p> <p>Number attending: 250</p> <p>Past Awards: None</p> <p>Other Funders: None</p> <p>Scoring: 35/40</p> <p>Supporting documents received: Bank Statement Income/ Expenditure Sheet Constitution Quotes</p>	<p>Financial support towards Ardrossan Community Development Trust start-up costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTAS membership - £90.00 • Leaflet prints (open doors) - £155 • Stationery - £115.83 • Hospitality - £50 • Employer/ Employee liability insurance - £110 • Mobile Projector and screen - £191.99 • PC monitor 24" - £99.95 <p>Total - £812.77</p>	<p>£812.77</p>	<p>£812.77</p>	<p>This funding will provide financial support to Ardrossan Community Development's start-up costs. It will enable the Trust to develop their admin base and cover the initial required costs of insurances and DTAS registration.</p> <p>The Trust has ambitious plans to regenerate the Ardrossan town area and inclusion of the community in increasing civic pride and ownership. They are looking at innovative solutions to community issues which require funding not available to smaller local groups or even the local authority.</p> <p>The Trust is very much focused on partnership working and ensuring that the community is aware of, and have a voice, in forthcoming developments.</p>

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<p>North Ayrshire Athletics Club</p> <p>Meeting Place: St Matthews Athletics Track</p> <p>Number attending: 250 1200 will benefit</p> <p>Past Awards: 2017/18 - £500 2017/18 - £750</p> <p>Other Funders: Group contribution £4,500</p> <p>Scoring: 35/40</p> <p>Supporting documents received: Bank Statement Income/ Expenditure Sheet Constitution Quotes</p>	<p>Financial support towards cost of road closures for NAAC Festival of Running Event on 6 September 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Closures - £1,000 <p>Total project costs £5,000 (full breakdown of costs available on request)</p>	<p>£1,000</p>	<p>£1,000</p>	<p>This funding will support the cost of road closures, enabling North Ayrshire Athletics Club to hold the Festival of Running event scheduled to take place on 6 September 2020.</p> <p>The club continues to grow and has gained both local and national recognition for the work that they do. This event will increase community awareness of the club and promote opportunities available to individuals within the club.</p> <p>This will contribute to their aims of increasing club membership and improving the health and wellbeing of communities, as well as increasing weekly activity for all involved.</p>

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<p>North Ayrshire Youth Executive Committee</p> <p>Meeting Place: Cunninghame House, Irvine</p> <p>Number attending: 16 regular 1,000+ will benefit</p> <p>Past Awards: None</p> <p>Other Funders: Youth PB - £1,000 ADP PB - £12,000 (Pending) Cashback for Communities - £1,000 (Pending)</p> <p>Scoring: 30/40</p> <p>Supporting documents received: Bank Statement Income/Expenditure Sheet Constitution Quotes</p>	<p>Contribution towards drug and alcohol awareness project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artwork and working with story boarder - £650 • Blog writing session venue - £150 • Consultation event with partners and young people - £200 	<p align="center">£1,000</p>	<p align="center">£1,000</p>	<p>This grant funding will contribute towards a new approach to tackling drug, and alcohol misuse, raising awareness of what could happen if young people do use drugs.</p> <p>The project will consist of a number of blogs, planned and written by North Ayrshire Young People as well as a series of short animations based on the blogs. The animations will be designed with and voiced over by young people.</p> <p>The project will bring together the Youth Executive, young people from the Charlie Programme, care experienced young people and young people from secondary schools to work on the project.</p> <p>Once the project is complete, a launch event is planned to bring the promotion of the blogs and animations which aim to help schools, communities, young people and professionals to create awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse as well as providing advice, support and information on where to signpost people should the need further help and support.</p>

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<p>A New Hope!</p> <p>Meeting Place: Saltcoats Library</p> <p>Number attending: 10</p> <p>Past Awards: None</p> <p>Other Funders: Group contributing £164</p> <p>Scoring: 38/40</p> <p>Supporting documents received: Bank Statement Income/ Expenditure Sheet Constitution Quotes</p>	<p>Funding to support delivery of a new male peer support group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train travel x 10 - £88 • Meals x 10 - £150 • Visit to Glasgow rage room x 10 - £180 • Trip to Go Ape x 10 - £330 • Axe Throwing Activity - £200 • Naxloxine injection (for training course stock) - £216 <p>Total £1,164</p>	<p>£1,000</p>	<p>£1,000</p>	<p>This grant funding will enable A New Hope! to plan and deliver a new service to the community.</p> <p>A New Hope! is a newly formed, volunteer led male support group that aims to create a safe, non-judgemental, secure place where males feel free to open up and be around others that feel the same.</p> <p>The group provides vital support to vulnerable men who have identified a need for mental health support out with the formal health and social care partnership system. They run well organised sessions that promote positivity and there is a clear message of suicide prevention.</p> <p>The group aims to aid its members by encouraging them to get out into the community and providing them with trips and activities that will assist in relieving poor mental health. The activities that funding is being sought for are shown to help reduce stress and anxiety and will encourage socially isolated men to develop supportive relationships out with families or existing, sometimes negative, networks.</p>

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

OFFICER REPORT

Applicant Contact Details

Name of Organisation: F.R.I.E.N.D.S.	Contact Person: Iain Hamlin
Address for Correspondence:	Telephone Number

Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of Members: 4 Members 500 will benefit	Established: Registered Charity for 24 years
Meeting Place: Stevenston Library	Date of Visit: 10.2.2020

Description of the Project:

Background:

F.R.I.E.N.D.S. (For Real Issues Environmental Nature Disabled Stevenston) aims to improve green spaces in Stevenston and the surrounding towns for both people and biodiversity. Examples of the projects they have completed in the past include creating new woodland, wildflower meadows, sand dunes, paths, an orchard and a pond. The group has also run a range of educational activities such as guided nature walks and litter picking events.

Project for Funding:

The group is seeking funding to enable them to submit a planning application in respect of a new 1 hectare wetland at Ardeer Quarry local nature reserve. The group have already funded hydrological surveys, modelling and reports to satisfy the requirements of NAC planning and flooding departments.

The wetland will benefit the community in several ways, including provision of an interesting focal point on the reserve and creating new wildlife attractions. Large shallow wetlands are uncommon and attract rare birds throughout most of the year, making them well-visited by wild life enthusiasts.

Funding

Amount requested: £2,000	Contribution by Group: £16
Total cost of project: £2,016 - Planning Application fee - £2,016	

Supporting Information Provided

Constitution/Memorandum of Articles: Available	
Bank Details: Available	Balance in Bank: Available

Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>			
1. Charitable	x	2. Educational	x
3. Community	x	4. Environmental	x
5. Renewable Energy		6. Energy Efficiency	
7. Sustainable Development	X	8. General Community Amenity	x
Level of environmental enhancement:			
<p>The project will result in the creation of 10,000 square metres of shallow, freshwater wetland on a local nature reserve. Large shallow wetlands are very rare in North Ayrshire, so it will be a regionally significant addition to the county's habitats. As well as being an environmental enhancement in aesthetic terms (a pond is much more attractive to look at than a field of rough grassland, like the one currently at the site) the pond will benefit a wide range of wildlife. In terms of birds, shallow wetlands are particularly important for wintering wildfowl and migratory waders, which stop off to feed in the shallow margins. The wetland will also be an important refuge for a wide variety of wetland plants (such as Purple Loosestrife, Water Mint, Yellow Flag Iris and Marsh Marigold) and invertebrates (such as dragonflies, damselflies, diving beetles, caddisflies and mayflies), as well as frogs, newts and toads.</p>			
Level of community involvement:			
<p>The area where the project is planned is very popular with the local community and they are actively involved with the organisation their litter picking activities. The nature trails that have been created are well used by local dog walkers and the site is frequently visited by the local community and is also used by NAC Ranger service and the Scottish Wildlife Trust.</p>			

Level of funding secured or available:

The group will contribute £16 towards this project.

Experience of group to deliver project:

The group is well placed to deliver this project having previously created a large wetland and worked on expansion of this site as well as creating new sand dunes and erecting fencing on Stevenston beach. They have also created 3.3 hectares of woodlands at the quarry and created a bee bank.

Future sustainability of project:

This project is designed to attract wintering wild fowl and migrating birds and will encourage plant life that will attract a range of insects, invertebrates and frogs, newts and toads. As a result, the nature reserve will create a range of green tourist attractions attracting nature enthusiasts. Visit Scotland's recent survey of Ayrshire's tourists reported that 30% of visitors to Ayrshire engaged in birdwatching or wildlife watching, making regionally important wildlife features like Ardeer Quarry wetland of importance to growing tourism in the area which will benefit the community economically.

Location of Project:

Ardeer Quarry

Officer Details

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Amount Allocated: £21,537

Group/Organisation	Amount	Balance
		21,537.00
British Legion	£ 1,000.00	£ 20,537.00
Ardrossan Winton Rovers	£ 1,000.00	£ 19,537.00
3 Towns OIR - Keep Fit	£ 900.00	£ 18,637.00
3 Towns OIR - Line Dancing	£ 900.00	£ 17,737.00
The Ayrshire Community Trust	£ 500.00	£ 17,237.00
Saltcoats Harbour Association	£ 2,000.00	£ 15,237.00
Stevenston Community Council	£ 1,200.00	£ 14,037.00
Stevenston Christmas Lights	£ 1,000.00	£ 13,037.00
Caledonian Piping Club	£ 1,001.70	£ 12,035.30
F.R.I.E.N.D.S.	£ 381.26	£ 11,654.04
Three Towns Growers	£ 1,000.00	£ 10,654.04
Stevenston North Community Association	£ 1,050.00	£ 9,604.04
1st Stevenston Boys Brigade	£ 429.00	£ 9,175.04
International Historical, Cultural & Geographical Agency	£ 1,000.00	£ 8,175.04
Evolution Skate Park	£ 1,000.00	£ 7,175.04
Sporting Pathways	£ 999.21	£ 6,175.83

Community Benefit Fund Analysis 2019 - 20

Opening Balance: £ **32,355.72**

Ref.	Group	Amount Applied	Balance
			£ 32,355.72
02Salt	Essentials Plus	£3,984.00	28,371.72
01Ard	Ayrshire Children's Services CIC	£4,000.00	24,371.72
03Stev	Ardeer Rec Bowling Club	£1,000.00	23,371.72
04A	Arran High School MB Club	£1,000.00	22,371.72
05Ard	Church of Nazarene	£3,324	19,047.72
06Ard	Ardrossan Comm Assoc	£4,000.00	15,047.72
07Ard	Wacky Youth Club	£4,000.00	11,047.72
10Ard	Three Towns Growers	£1,547.65	9,500.07