



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Three Towns Locality Partnership

Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 6.00 p.m Via Microsoft Teams

Business

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Timings
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Gurney	6.00 – 6.05
2.	Action Note Review the action note from and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 3	Enclosed	Karen Yeomans	6.05 – 6.15
3.	Community Support Receive update from Angela Morrell.	-	Presentation	Angela Morrell	6.15 – 6.25
4.	Cost of the School Day Receive update from Angela Morrell	-	Verbal	Angela Morrell	6.25 – 6.35
5.	Community Investment Fund Ardrossan Community Sports Hub	Pg 9	Enclosed	Shirley Morgan	6.35 – 7.00
6.	Ardrossan Masterplan Receive update from Karen Yeomans.	-	Verbal	Karen Yeomans	7.00 – 7.25
STANDING AGENDA ITEMS					
7.	Youth Update Receive update from Gordon Cowan.	-	Verbal	Gordon Cowan	7.25 – 7.35
8.	Locality Officer Update Receive update from Shirley Morgan.	Pg 33	Enclosed	Shirley Morgan	7.35 – 7.40
9.	HSCP Update Receive update from Cllr Sweeney/Scott Bryan/Gavin Paterson	-	Verbal	Cllr Sweeney /Gavin Paterson	7.40 – 7.50
10.	Grants/PB Update Receive update from Angela Morell	-	Verbal	Angela Morell	7.50 – 7.55
OTHER BUSINESS – TO INFORM LOCALITY PLANNING					
11.	AOCB	-	Verbal	Cllr Gurney	7.55 – 8.00
REPORTS FOR INFORMATION					

12.	TACT Update Report Report enclosed for information.	Pg 37	Enclosed		
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Date of Next Meeting: TBC

Distribution List

Elected Members

- Councillor Anthony Gurney **(Chair)**
- Councillor Timothy Billings
- Councillor Ellen McMaster
- Councillor Ronnie McNicol
- Councillor Jean McClung
- Councillor Jim Montgomerie
- Councillor Davina McTiernan
- Councillor Jimmy Miller
- Councillor John Sweeney
- Councillor Robert Barr

Community Representatives

- Pat Breen
- Courtney Gemmell
- Julia Gray
- John Hunter
- Denise McKenzie **(Vice Chair)**
- Elaine Meney
- Craig Mochan
- Scott Mould
- Ian Winton

Council/ CPP Representatives

- Karen Yeomans, Senior Lead Officer
- Angela Morrell, Lead Officer
- Shirley Morgan, Locality Officer
- Alison Wilson, Police Scotland
- Susan Manson, Third Sector Interface
- Paul McAteer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	17 September 2020 in Virtual Meeting at 6.00 p.m.
Attendance:	<p>Councillor Tony Gurney (Chair) Councillor Jimmy Miller Councillor Jean McClung Councillor John Sweeney Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor Ellen McMaster Councillor Robert Barr Councillor Ronnie McNicol (From Item 4 onwards) Karen Yeomans, Senior Lead Officer (NAC) Angela Morrell, Senior Manager (NAC) Shirley Morgan, Locality Officer (NAC) Pat Breen, Community Representative Elaine Meney, Community Representative Gordon Cowan, Three Towns Locality Officer; Gavin Paterson, Partnership Engagement Officer (HSCP); Scott Mould, Ardrossan Community Sports Hub Megan Dolan, Youth Representative Payton Lee, Youth Representative Angela Little, Committee Services Officer (NAC)</p>
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Timothy Billings Councillor Jim Montgomerie Denise McKenzie, Vice Chair Alison Wilson, Police Scotland Julia Gray</p>

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>The Chair and the Partnership expressed their sadness at the sudden passing of Theresa Potter, a campaigner and community worker in North Ayrshire for more than 30 years and sent their condolences to her family and friends.</p> <p>In terms of Standing Order 11, Patrick Breen declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 – CIF Ardrossan Community Sports Hub.and Councillor McNicol declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 – Community Representatives.</p>	

2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
3.	<p>Community Support and Next Steps</p> <p>The Partnership received a report and short presentation by the Locality Partnership Lead Officer on the work of the Community Hubs throughout lockdown and the next steps for them. The report provided some background information on the Partnership's priorities and the details of the Audit Scotland report which commended the Locality Partnership work and highlighted the significant work undertaken by community groups, volunteers and local businesses in the Three Towns during the Covid-19 lockdown.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the excellent and innovative work of the Community Hubs and local organisations during lockdown and the continued relevance of the Partnership's priorities; • the success of working with local groups during lockdown to identify local solutions and the value of empowering staff and volunteers to act; • volunteering opportunities going forward with a potential bank of volunteers; and • the positive sense of community which had emerged during lockdown; and the commitment shown by local businesses and partners to work together. <p>The Partnership was also advised that a follow-up survey would be circulated to the community to capture their experiences and their views on what worked and what didn't work.</p>	Angela Morrell
4.	<p>Ardrossan Harbour</p> <p>Karen Yeomans, Senior Lead Officer provided a brief update on the progress of the redevelopment of Ardrossan Harbour, which will see £150m investment over the next few years and investment of £20m from the Ayrshire Growth Deal.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed the delivery of the new ferry, now estimated for late 2021, and noted that the project's timescales will remain in place to ensure the works are completed as planned and the Harbour is operational for existing, new and future ferries.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

5.	<p>Youth Update</p> <p>Gordon Cowan advised that whilst it is not yet possible to hold any indoor, or face-to-face groupwork, social outreach work will commence next week and will include some virtual youthwork using Zoom. Virtual community centres had been established and provided services for all the community</p> <p>The Partnership recorded thanks to the Youth Forum for the range of activity involvement throughout the pandemic.</p>	
6.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>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 extraordinary work that had been done, in a few days, to set up the 3 Towns Community Support Hub. She outlined the incredible support from volunteers and the community in the provision of food and essential items, mental health packs and dog walking services. Talks are taking place to develop a community pantry and fridge.</p> <p>The Partnership commended all those involved for the excellent response from services and volunteers in meeting the needs of the community.</p>	
7.	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>Gavin Paterson, Partnership Engagement Officer (HSCP); provided a verbal update on the work of Health and Social Care (HSCP) Locality Forum, which included information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the production of a one-year bridging HSCP strategic plan covering the period April 2021 to March 2022, to reflect on the current plan, outline the recovery and the 2030 vision; and the development of a longer-term detailed strategic commissioning plan to 2030; • engagement with service users, partners and staff on two questions, namely how they kept themselves well and what mattered to them with regard to health and social care; • the appointment of Elizabeth Stewart as the HSCP Locality Forum Lead Officer; and • the next meetings of the Locality forums in mid-October. <p>Noted.</p>	

<p>8.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form</p> <p>The Partnership were provided with details of an application from Ardrossan Community Sports Hub for £45,800 to develop a purpose-built gym within the grounds of the derelict Seafield School, Ardrossan, on an initial 12 months rolling lease. The application outlined the proposal and provided financial projections and income breakdown per annum for 3 years, Year 1 start-up costs and a breakdown of monthly expenditure and income assumptions.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the ownership of the premises, the derelict condition of the buildings and the untidy state of the grounds. It was noted that the Planning Committee had served a Notice instructing the removal of litter and refuse from the site and boarding up of windows and doors. The landowner had not carried out the works required, and the Council had now agreed to take direct action and seek costs from the landowner.</p> <p>Clarification was sought and provided on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ownership of the premises and the terms of the rolling lease; • the lack of gym facilities in Ardrossan; and • the benefits of this facility in the town that would also deliver projects for the community. <p>Councillor Miller seconded by Councillor Sweeney, moved that the application be granted.</p> <p>As an amendment, Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor McTiernan, moved that the application be deferred for further information in relation to the premises and the site, including the current position in respect of the Notice served on the landowners and the implications for the Sports Hub's proposal, and the terms of the lease with the landowners.</p> <p>On a division there voted for the amendment six and for the motion two, the amendment was therefore declared carried.</p>	<p>Angela Morrell</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Street Naming</p> <p>A report was presented on the requirement for a street name for a new development on land at the former Church St Brendans, Saltcoats. Two proposals had been received, namely Janet Strang and John Lambie and details of each proposal were outlined in the report.</p>	

	<p>Discussion took place on the Council's Street Naming Policy. The Policy states that the use of a name relating to persons either living or alive during living memory should be avoided if possible. Only exceptional circumstances will be given genuine consideration, and these will require justification.</p> <p>The Partnership considered that the work and contribution of Janet Strang to the local community was an extraordinary achievement and should be recognised within the local community she has served and during her lifetime.</p> <p>The Partnership unanimously agreed, in this particular case, it was appropriate to recognise the work and considerable contribution of an individual during their lifetime and to recommend to Cabinet the street be named, Janet Strang Court.</p>	Karen Yeomans
10.	<p>Locality Partnership Community Representatives</p> <p>The Partnership were advised that applications from John Hunter and Julia Gray had been received for the community representative vacancies on the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>The Partnership expressed its thanks to Hazel and Scott for their contribution to the work of the Three Towns Community Council.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to appointment of John Hunter and Julia Gray as community representatives.</p>	Angela Morrell/ Shirley Morgan
11.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Respite and Residential ASN School Naming</p> <p>Councillor McNicol requested his dissent at the name Roslin House for the respite house at Stevenston, on the basis the ship had been built in Ardrossan in 1958 as an explosive's carrier.</p> <p>Councillor Sweeney advised that the Integration Joint Board had deferred taking a decision on the naming of the Respite and Residential ASN School to allow for consultation with the Three Towns Locality Partnership. Following consultation, a report outlining all views and proposed names was presented to the IJB on 27 August 2020 and it was agreed to name the residential facility, Red Rose House and the respite House, Roslin House.</p> <p>Community Policing Bicycles</p> <p>Councillor McClung advised she had received an enquiry on funding for new bicycles for the Community Policing Team and would forward this enquiry to Angela Morrell.</p>	Angela Morrell

	Active Travel Shirley reported that she would circulate to the Partnership, via email, information on the signposting and interaction board that will be located around the Three Towns.	Shirley Morgan
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The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.



Note:

Please note the revised submission following deferment of our funding application heard at the last 3 Towns LPP meeting. To make this easier for members we have highlighted the areas of change within the document, included a support statement from North Ayrshire Council's Planning Department and included a short video to showcase the facility to the members as well as indicate changes already made to ensure use of the important community asset within Ardrossan.

Additional Notes:

Following our initial application to the 3 Towns LPP in September, ACSH have continued to make progress in developing the site in readiness for its full re-opening. Progress made as follows:

- ACSH Gym signage installed on building and perimeter advising "opening soon"
- New fencing installed 21st November to guide users to car park area
- New lighting added to the gym externally to provide better visibility
- New flood lighting currently being installed utilising the existing lamp posts
- Reinstatement of redundant car park lighting currently underway
- Grassed external recreational area been cut several times and being regularly maintained
- External recreational area being utilised for youth football training – details in section 3 above
- Installation of a shipping container between car park and grassed area, and added power – being utilised by youth football teams to:
 - Store equipment
 - Store temporary lighting
 - Provide power for charging lights etc
 - Secured a 3 year lease from Dec 20
 - Insured building and equipment
 - Completed a risk assessment
 - Vandalism of glass doors remedied and security shutter installed over entrance
- Ayrshire Fit Dads using the area for warm up and meeting point for running club on a Tuesday evening at 7pm

Ardrossan Community Sports Hub CIF Application

1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation

Ardrossan Community Sports Hub

Postal Address for Correspondence

Ardrossan Community Sports Hub

Name of Contact Person

Scott Mould

Position in Organisation

Trustee

Telephone Number

Email Address

2. Brief description of your organisation

Please include its legal status, aims and objectives, activities or services provided and how long it has been in existence.

Ardrossan Winton Rovers Football Club (AWRFC) has been a major part of Ardrossan infrastructure for the last 117 Years. In 2005 Ardrossan Winton Rovers set up Ardrossan Winton Community Sports Club (AWCSC), principally to manage the grounds and to assist with the "...activities promoted by the football club."

However, following the 'Our Place' project in Ardrossan, funded by the Big Lottery, the Trustees wanted to do more in the current climate of austerity and the lack of progress in moving Ardrossan out of the top 5% SIMD disadvantaged areas in Scotland. Provision of Sport and Leisure facilities were listed as key priorities by the community during the Our Place consultations, with a gap in local infrastructure perceived as key to addressing other social issues such as loneliness, crime, and physical as well as mental wellbeing, in particular among children and youths.

With all of this in mind the Trustees decided to redirect Ardrossan Winton Community Sports Hub and, following legal advice, it became Ardrossan Community Sports Hub (ACSH) in 2019 – a company limited by guarantee with charitable status.

ACSH's aim is to advance public participation in sport through the development and maintaining of sporting and other facilities in Ardrossan for the use of the community, with the aim of improving health and wellbeing.

Following community consultation and feasibility work in 2017 and 2018, ACSH are working on proposals for the creation of a Community Sports Hub in Ardrossan which is essentially a collective of progressive sport clubs working together in a local community.

- To date we have 16 Clubs / Teams operating under the membership/umbrella of Ardrossan Community Sports Club ranging from Under 6 Mini Kicker teams to Under 16 Youths, our Development Team and 1st Team, a Box Fit Gym Club, a Bootcamp physical exercise class, Winton Wanderers Walking Football club and a Kids Bounce Class. Taken together we have approx 500 people of all ages involved in these activities. Additionally we also have more than 200 other local people who have signed up with ACSH to become more physically active – and keen to use the gym facilities which are the subject of this funding application.

In addition to the proposals outlined in this document for the creation of a community gym in Ardrossan, ACSH are working on wider proposals to create a Hub on land currently owned by Network Rail adjacent to Winton Park. A Masterplan layout for the site includes proposals for the first stage of development which includes the creation of a 60m x 40m artificial surfaced area along with a changing facility and associated access and parking areas. Work is ongoing to secure this land and the associated capital funding required for the development. **Since commencing works on these proposals NAC have confirmed the Ardrossan Community & Education Campus proposals and following this news ACSH have been in discussions with the North Ayrshire Council to assist in the delivery of their Community Wealth Building goals and on working with KA Leisure to assist in the delivery and management of this new fitness facility. We understand timescales for completion to be in the region of 3-4 years, allowing ACSH time to establish themselves as a key provider of fitness in Ardrossan.**

3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for.

Please include:

- *where it will be held / delivered*
- *who is your target audience*
- *who will benefit from it and how*
- *any partners that are involved*

Please note the separate short video provided to showcase the facility and how it is currently being used, and as well as indicating how other areas can be used going forward, and the statement of support received from North Ayrshire Council's Planning Department.

ACSH have secured a 3 year lease, along with an agreed 2 month rent free upon commencement on 1st Dec 2020 with the landlord of the purpose built gym within the grounds of Seafield School in Ardrossan. Until lockdown in March 2020 this gym, known as Maximum Potential, traded as a Community Interest Company (CIC) and closed thereafter. The CIC has now ceased trading.

ACSH were approached by existing members and local people to try to put proposals in place which would save this valuable community asset and redirect it to operate as a community gym. Essentially we want to expand on the platform created by the former CIC, save the facility from closure and operate the gym under the umbrella of ACSH as a true community facility and asset.

In this regard ACSH have secured a 3 year lease for the property with the landlord and have developed a coaching infrastructure to manage it which will involve both staff and volunteers. Since our last submission to the LPP the previous Director of the CIC has donated the equipment to ACSH, this equates to approx. £30,000 of fitness equipment. Value in real terms of replacement would be well in excess of £100,000

The gym facility consists of:

- Free weights area for strength training and equipment
- Racks & Benches
- Med balls and general fitness equipment
- 50% of overall area astro turfed for boot camps and group classes/exercise
- The grassed external recreational area which will be is already being utilised for Youth football training throughout the continued pandemic restrictions and is delivering a safe training area for 10 local teams and 200+ youths; from 5.30pm to 9.00pm, 5 days a week. Winton Youth Academy are in discussions with ACSH in relation to agreeing a formal lease for the use of this area with 70-80 coaches and 200+ youths taking advantage of the space. Following the pandemic this area will also be utilised for Walking, Boot Camps, Group Training, Yoga etc.

This application for Community Investment Fund (CIF) support of £43,320 is for funding to support the wages of a full time Gym Manager for one full year from Feb 2021 (£30250 based on a salary of £25000 plus NI and Pension), wages for a part time gym instructor over the same period (£10570 based on a £10.50/hr x 16 hours plus NI and Pension) and 50% costs towards the creation of a website (total cost of £5000) in order to ensure we promote the facility and ensure access for all groups within the community.

We are looking to deliver a cost effective gym membership for the whole community within Ardrossan and the wider 3 Towns with qualified coaches and a structure of volunteers (which is already in place). There is no other existing gym facility within Ardrossan and therefore, as a community gym, we will not be duplicating or displacing other existing provision.

Our aim is to offer commercial style/quality gym facilities at a fraction of the cost to ensure access for local people with all classes being fully coached and trained strength and conditioning coaching for all users whether in a group class or training

alone. This service level cannot be found anywhere in North Ayrshire at our proposed price structure and doesn't exist in Ardrossan.

In developing our pricing policy for gym members and Pay As You Go users we are acutely aware of the need to secure an appropriate balance between our aim to promote maximum participation and use of the facility to achieve our social mission and outcomes and the financial imperative for the facility to be sustainable. As a result we expect to set monthly gym membership rates at £30 for unlimited use including all classes, £20 for unlimited gym access and Pay As You Go use at £5 per session for gym and classes. Unlike other gym facilities we do not propose to require members to pay a joining fee – again to ensure that we minimise the extent to which affordability is a barrier to participation in health and fitness activity.

We are also looking to secure dedicated project funding to deliver community based, free to end user, health and fitness projects targeted at groups of people who would ordinarily be excluded from gym either on grounds of cost; mental health, physical health etc. We also want to extend our services for Youth, and be a driver in the area to encourage a healthy lifestyle for all.

The previous operators of the facility had good relations with local schools and we hope to maintain this as the Coach involved in this activity is one of our Trustees and was a previous Director of the CIC. It is also our intention to work with local surgeries and solicit GP referrals to some of our “free to end user” programmes, which would be funded from alternative sources. We already provide an external training/practice area for a number of local youth football clubs who also wish to access the facility for additional training & conditioning purposes.

4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?

Please include:

- *The outcomes you aim to achieve*
- *How you will approach reducing inequality*
- *How this proposal fits with the Locality Partnership priorities of 1. Economy and Tourism 2 Environment 3 Community regeneration ,civic pride and engagement*

In creating a community gym within Ardrossan we aim to provide a high quality and affordable facility which promotes wide participation and inclusion in fitness activity, active lifestyles and health and well-being.

The key outcomes we will seek to deliver include:

- Increasing participation in sports, health and fitness activities across all age groups, genders and disadvantaged groups within Ardrossan
- Fewer local residents having sedentary and inactive lifestyles
- Improved health for at risk groups within the community such as pre/Type 2 diabetics; cardiac & respiratory patients, those who are overweight; GP referrals & low income households
- More older people engaging in and enjoying health and fitness activity
- Creation of employment, volunteering and personal development opportunities for local people to contribute to their local community

- Increase the level of community engagement with ACSH and establish a reputation for quality and good practice services

We see the creation of a community gym as a valuable mechanism to address local health inequalities. We will target a range of groups who we believe are underrepresented in using health and fitness facilities and whose health could be substantially improved by accessing innovative, welcoming, and low/no cost services. This includes local people with sedentary lifestyles; those with experiencing difficulties in managing their weight; those with particular health conditions for whom exercise would be beneficial (e.g. pre/Type 2 diabetes); those with mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and stress for whom exercise is recognised as having a significant positive impact, especially as we start to emerge from the continued restrictions around the Covid-19 pandemic.

We will work with local schools to identify pupils with aptitudes for specific sports but whose families do not have the financial means to nurture and support their development and enable them to access qualified coaching and conditioning.

For example we have secured commitment from Aria Pascual, an athlete competing at a global level and representing Scotland's national team on 5 occasions, to become involved in the operation of the gym. As a former student of Ardrossan Academy and member of the former MPCIC Gym, financed under the Nurturing Excellence programme previously delivered by North Ayrshire Council, Aria is now studying Sports Science at Stirling University. She will be involved working closely with Youth groups and individuals identified as having the ability within the local area to offer help, experience and coaching to develop tomorrow's young athletes.

We acknowledge the premise of North Ayrshire Council's Fair for All strategy to reduce inequality in North Ayrshire and that this includes a pledge that North Ayrshire residents will have improved health outcomes across their life course. Particularly in the area of health and fitness our Trustees and members recognise that inequalities result in thousands of unnecessary premature deaths every year both nationally and locally and that the incidence of this is heightened in areas of multiple deprivation such as some of those to be found within Ardrossan. We are determined to play our part in tackling these inequalities of opportunity and outcome by offering community based services which reach disadvantaged target groups and give them new opportunities to live as long and as healthy a life as possible.

North Ayrshire's Single Outcome Agreement set out a range of high level outcomes which includes ensuring that children's health and wellbeing is improved by breaking the cycle of poverty, inequality and poor outcomes and adults and older people in North Ayrshire live healthier and more active lives. We believe the creation of a community gym within Ardrossan, offering the range of services and targeted support outlined above, will contribute directly to these objectives

Within the 3 Towns the Locality Partnership have identified priorities which include Economy and Tourism; Community Regeneration; and Environment (Including civic pride and community engagement). We believe there is a clear fit between our project and these latter 2 priorities in particular.

Ardrossan Community Sports Hub is a community based aspiring social enterprise, with the aim of creating a new community owned and managed facility delivering services which will tackle key inequalities in our local community. The success of local facilities such as the Whitlees Centre and the Three Towns Growers is evidence that local people can develop and deliver successful local regeneration projects and we are committed to emulating this. **Our proposal is to take a currently redundant gym facility in a prominent site within the Town and bring it back into productive use for and run by the Community in which it is located.** Our Trustees and members are desperate to ensure that the facility does not lie empty and unused when, in the current situation as we look to emerge from the lockdown initiated to tackle the COVID 19 crisis, peoples mental and physical health is in sharper focus than ever before.

5. What engagement has taken place in relation to the project?

Please include the number of people who have been engaged with or consulted as well as the range of people.

Our Chairperson has been in regular contact with the Planning Dept within North Ayrshire Council who have confirmed their support for the project (see attached statement).

To raise the profile of ACSH within the town we have secured a lease on premises at 6 Glasgow Street from Cunninghame Housing Association and have fitted this out to use as a drop in venue for local people to come along, hear more about our plans and tell us about the type of sports and fitness facilities and services they would like to see developed for them and their families in the area. This has been very successful – enabling us to engage with people of all ages and from all sections of the local community.

In developing this project we have engaged with a Working Group of members of the former CIC gym, a number of who have agreed to take up volunteer positions to help manage and develop the gym if ACSH can secure the funding required to re-open the facility. We have also consulted with the wider membership of the former gym, and again secured their interest in reopening the facility.

We have very strong grass roots links within the community. For example we have also consulted with Winton Primary School and each child has been signed up by the school as ACSH members – with the school even paying their membership fees. The children produced drawings relating to the sporting activities they wish to have in their local community. We also have a good relationship with Ardrossan Accies Rugby Club who have expressed their interest in using the gym for training purposes if we are able to re-open it.

6. How will the project be managed?

Please include:

- How the finances will be managed*
- Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in 3 towns? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities*
- If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans*

In developing proposals for how to manage the gym we will aim to combine paid staff with volunteer resources to maximum effect.

The ACSH Board will have the following roles and responsibilities

Financial Responsibilities

- Managing ACSH cash flow and ensuring it meets all its financial obligations and undertakings and that money received and spent is properly accounted for.
- Ensuring effective financial record keeping and procedures and production of regular financial reports as required to funders, members and stakeholders.

People Responsibilities

- Provision of line management, support and supervision of employees.
- Exercising duty of care to employees, volunteers, service users and visitors or visiting their premises.
- Ensure compliance with acts about equal opportunities and discrimination.

Premises / Facilities

- Overall responsibility for the state, use and security of its premises, particularly in relation to legal uses and health and safety.
- Ensuring employer liability, public liability, building and contents insurance provision, compliance with fire and safety regulations, public health requirements and planning consents and regulations.

Legal / Governance Issues

- Ensures compliance with the relevant charity and company law
- Make decisions on and exercising general and legal responsibility for all contracts to be entered into by the organisation.
- Ensuring funding is used as per conditions of grant

Reviewing And Monitoring

- Ensuring regular review of performance against the terms and targets of contracts, grant awards and other funding
- Ensure key stakeholders and funders are updated regularly on performance and progress and effectively manage relationships with them

Business and Project Development

- Developing and monitoring the Business Plan for the gym and its implementation
- Developing a Marketing and Promotion plan for the gym and ensuring a strong brand within the local community
- Identifying new development opportunities and sourcing business development support as required

In operating the facility we will create 2 paid employment opportunities and 11 volunteering opportunities – in addition to the volunteers who act as Trustees on the Ardrossan Community Sports Hub Board.

ACSH will employ 2 core staff (for whom we are seeking CIF funding support via this application) - a full time Gym Manager and a part time Gym Instructor – to develop and deliver the activity programmes which will be delivered from the gym and these will be supported by several volunteer positions.

Within this structure the Gym Manager will be required to have the following skills and experience and deliver the following roles and responsibilities:

Skills and Experience Required:

- Must be qualified Level 2 Sports Coach
- Experience of gym management preferred
- Experienced boot camp/circuit instructor
- Experience of managing volunteers/people
- First Aid preferred but will be provided
- Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG)
- GDPR Compliance

Roles and Responsibilities

- Organise/arrange coaches & staff coverage
- Set structures & client progression
- Enhancing profitability by organising and delivering an appropriate range of fitness activities and programmes.
- Class timetable
- Work with coaches to develop project opportunities
- Health & Safety of users (Covid-19 guidelines), Accident records etc
- First Aid - ensure coverage at all times
- GDPR - ensure secure client filing
- Create and update client database
- Ensure good records of class attendances retained
- Cash handling & banking
- Maintaining fitness equipment
- Maintaining customer service standards
- Promoting and marketing
- Recruitment of suitable volunteers
- Dealing with enquiries, complaints and emergencies
- Regular communication with Working Group
- Regular communication with responsible ACSH Trustee

The Gym Instructor will have the following roles and responsibilities:

Skills and Experience Required:

- Qualified Level 2 Sports Coach &/or fitness qualifications
- (exercise to music or similar)
- Experience in boot camp/circuit instruction
- First Aid preferred but will be provided
- Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG)

- Commitment to agreed hours on a rota basis to be agreed

Roles and Responsibilities

- Working under guidance of Gym Manager
- Deliver/coach classes as defined in class structure/timetable
- Work with Gym Manager to investigate project opportunities
- Health & Safety of clients (covid-19 guidelines), Accident records maintained etc.
- Class set up & tidy
- Ensure good attendance records maintained
- Cash Handling
- GDPR - ensuring good secure records maintained
- Customer service
- Dealing with enquiries, complaints and emergencies
- Responsible for opening/closing premises
- First Aid delivery where required

The structure we have developed is set out in an Appendix to this bid and outlines the roles to be played by our volunteers in relation to coaching, gym monitoring, building and facility management and marketing and promotion.

7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details of funding being requested and any other funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and "in kind".

*Amount of funding requested (£) **100,00.00***

Please give a breakdown of cost and recent quotations where appropriate.

Please find the detail costings attached and also plans for project

This application for Community Investment Fund (CIF) support of **£43,320** is for funding to support the wages of a full time Gym Manager for one full year from **Feb 2021** (£30250 based on a salary of £25000 plus NI and Pension), wages for a part time gym instructor over the same period (£10570 based on a £10.50/hr x 16 hours plus NI and Pension) **and 50% contribution to the creation of a website (total cost of £5000)** in order to ensure we promote the facility and ensure access for all groups within the community.

We have developed financial projections for 3 years for the operation of the gym facility. These are summarised below and show:

- An incremental and realistic increase in gym members and Pay as You Go users across the 3 years, with affordable rates and no increase between Years 2 and 3
- An initial investment from the Community Investment Fund in Year 1, as outlined above.
- Further grant funding being secured in Years 2 and 3 from Trusts and other funders to enable us to deliver projects free to end users
- Approximately **£12,500** of one off start-up costs in Year 1
- A breakdown of the recurring monthly costs we have budgeted for across the period of these initial projections

3 Year Summary

	Year1	Year2	Year3
Total Income	£78,220	£78,600	£90,000
Total Expenditure	£71,208	£71,208	£71,208
One time Start Up Costs	£12,500	£0	£0
Projected Profit/Loss	-£5,488	£7,392	£18,792

Income Breakdown Per Annum

Income Year 1

ITEM	Qty	Value(£)	Monthly	Annually
Gym Only Membership	60	£ 20.00	£ 1,200.00	£ 14,400.00
Unlimited Multi Use	20	£ 30.00	£ 600.00	£ 7,200.00
Funded Projects	1	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 4,800.00
PAYG Gym	30	£ 5.00	£ 150.00	£ 1,800.00
PAYG Fitness Class	70	£ 5.00	£ 350.00	£ 4,200.00
CIF/Funding Support	1	£ 3,818.33	£ 3,818.33	£ 45,819.96
Total Projected Income				£ 78,219.96

Income Year 2

ITEM				AMOUNT
Gym Only Membership	100	£ 25.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 30,000.00
Unlimited Multi Use	40	£ 30.00	£ 1,200.00	£ 14,400.00
Funded Projects	4	£ 500.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 24,000.00
PAYG Gym	70	£ 5.00	£ 350.00	£ 4,200.00
PAYG Fitness Class	100	£ 5.00	£ 500.00	£ 6,000.00
Total Projected Income				£ 78,600.00

Income Year 3

ITEM				AMOUNT
Gym Only Membership	120	£ 25.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 36,000.00
Unlimited Multi Use	50	£ 30.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 18,000.00
Funded Projects	4	£ 500.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 24,000.00
PAYG Gym	80	£ 5.00	£ 400.00	£ 4,800.00
PAYG Fitness Class	120	£ 5.00	£ 600.00	£ 7,200.00
Total Projected Income				£ 90,000.00

Income Assumptions

Gym only membership allows the member to use the facilities at the gym unrestricted. It does not entitle the member to participate in any other activity i.e. classes. The projected increase in this category over the 3 years will provide the main source of revenue.

Unlimited Multi Use allows the member to use the facilities at the gym unrestricted. It also allows the member to participate in the various classes run by the gym. There is a likelihood that this figure could increase in line with the Gym only membership decreasing generating greater revenue.

Pay as You Go Gym membership allows enthusiasts to use the facilities at the gym on a pay as you go basis, this will allow the person to see what's on offer and will encourage them to take out other membership if they deem it cost effective i.e. they will use the Gym a lot

Pay as You Go Class membership allows enthusiasts to use participate in the structured fitness classes provided at the Gym.

Funded Classes & Activities will be funded via funding applications to charities. The classes will be free or heavily subsidised and will be earmarked towards specific groups within the local community. It is expected that this funding will increase year on year as the model shows its efficacy. The majority of these activities will be more community based than gym based, for example walking groups, role modelling activities, water sports etc. ACSH will promote, assist and be partners with these local groups and will coordinate the activities through the Gym Manager

Year 1 Start Up Costs

ITEM	AMOUNT
Physical Location	£ -
Gym Equipment	£ -
Coaching Certificates	£ -
Staff Training (Non fitness)	£ 600.00
Legal & Processing Fees	£ 1,000.00
Insurance	£ -
Building Improvements & Remodeling	£ 3,000.00
Computer Network & POS System	£ 1,400.00
Signage	£ -
Employee Uniforms	£ -
Miscellaneous Gym Supplies	£ 1,000.00
Merchandise	£ -
Advertising	£ 500.00
Responsive Website	£ 5,000.00
Operating Cash	£ -
	£ 12,500.00

Monthly Expenditure Breakdown

ITEM	AMOUNT
Mortgage or Lease Payments	£ 1,250.00
Insurance	£ 160.00
Groundworks & Gardening	
Utilities	£ 400.00
Equipment Hire	£ 400.00
Cleaning Supplies	£ 200.00
Heating Maintenance	£ 100.00
Phone and Internet Service	£ 74.00
Employee Wages	£ 3,000.00
Marketing	£ 100.00
Legal and Professional Fees	£ 100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	£ 150.00
	£ 5,934.00

ACSH have secured the following funding to date:

- SportScotland £9800 – secured to get kids involved in activities at the gym and to purchase some equipment
- Foundation Scotland £5000 – secured to fund the purchase of resources to encourage interactions between children and parents inside and outside the home during times of social distancing
- Corra Scotland £5730 – secured to help ACSH through the COVID 19 pandemic

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on the monitoring and evaluation processes planned or in place.

Project Management

In order to monitor project progress and delivery, a work plan will be developed and project staff will produce a monthly progress report against the activities detailed within the work plan. Progress reports will be presented to ACSH's Board every quarter.

Project Services

We will record the following:

- Demographic information and geographic location of gym users
- The number of gym users in each category (Unlimited members, Members, Pay as You Go Gym, Pay as You Go Classes)
- The number of people who participate in health and fitness activities beyond those which are gym based (e.g. walking clubs; Bootcamp activities etc)
- Details of gym users who have been referred/signposted to us
- Fee income earned from switch fees

Gym staff will encourage gym users to complete surveys on their health and fitness; their aspirations in using the facility; improvements in their health and wellbeing at regular intervals

This information will be used by ACSH Board to evaluate the impact of the project on the outcomes outlined in Section 4 of this application

Addendum - NAC Planning email

Short Site Video to be presented.

From:**To: Subject:** FW:

Floodlights

Date: Thu, 12 Nov 2020 15:08**Attachments:**

From: Iain Davies (Snr Development Man Off / Planning) > **Sent:** 12 November 2020 10:44**To:****Subject:** RE: Floodlights

Hi Eddie,

Thank you for your e-mail and the attached information.

I understand that floodlights facing towards the grass area would be attached to the existing lamp post poles on the southern edge of the assess/car park. The proposed floodlights would be attached below the very top of the existing poles. The lights would be some 0.5m by 0.335m by 0.089m in size.

Given that the poles exist for the purposes of illumination, that the new floodlights would not increase the height of the poles and the small size of the lights, I do not consider that planning permission would be required for these works. This is because the works appear to be 'de minimis' which in planning terms means the works are so small in scale that they do not need permission.

I would ask that it is ensured that the lights illuminate the grass only and no light should impact on the houses on Seafield Court. Although no planning permission appears required, Environmental Health can seek the removal of any lights if they are held to be causing a nuisance.

If further works are required, such as new poles or the increase in height of the existing poles, planning permission would likely be required and Planning would be happy to discuss any further plans for external works.

I hope this information is of use and please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the matter further.

Kind regards

Iain Davies

Senior Development Management Officer

Planning Services

Place Directorate

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From:

Sent: 09 November 2020 18:32

To: Iain Davies (Snr Development Man Off / Planning) **Subject:** Floodlights

*** This email is from an EXTERNAL source. Please be cautious and evaluate before you click on links, open attachments, or provide credentials. ***

Good Evening Iain

As per our conversation this morning when we spoke about flood lighting at our Seafield academy complex, here is the detail requested.

Please see the photo attached which show the existing lampposts marked with a black circle, these lamp posts are no higher than 6 metres. We propose to add an additional flood light just below the maximum height on these lampposts facing towards the green field.

Please see the attached spec and photograph of the proposed lights.

From:**To:** i, **CC:****Subject:** RE: Floodlights**Date:** Thu, 12 Nov 2020 15:11**Attachments:**

Good Afternoon

Thank you Iain for your guidance and support which I really appreciated. We will comply with the requirements as stated.

Regards

Eddie Gibb

ACSH.

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I would be obliged if you can consider our plans and advise further.

Thanks

Eddie Gibb

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----- Original message -----

From: "Iain Davies (Snr Development Man Off / Planning)" <

Date: 24/09/2020 15:24 (GMT+00:00)

To

Subject: Gymnasium, Seafield, Ardrossan

Hi Pat,

Further to our meeting of this morning I can confirm that there is no planning issue in respect of using the gym at the former Seafield School as separate to the rest of the site.

Planning permission has been granted for such a use and I previously gave you a copy of that. Using the grass to the front for sport also does not need planning permission.

Any new external works would need planning permission. New lights for the grass area and associated containers would likely need permission. Whilst temporary structures can be placed without permission, in planning terms, temporary is normally for not more than 28 days.

The security of the old school buildings does not impact on the use of the gym. As above, that use is lawful in planning terms. The safety of the older buildings is a matter for Building Standards and so long as there is fencing to keep a distance away from the building there is unlikely to be any issues with people moving past those buildings to use the gym/grass.

I hope this information is of use and please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the matter further.

Kind regards

Iain Davies

Senior Development Management Officer

Planning Services

Place Directorate

North Ayrshire Council

From:**To:****Subject:** Seafield School - gymnasium and land to front**Date:** Mon, 24 Aug 2020 16:17**Attachments:**

Dear Pat,

Further to our meeting of this morning, I can advise you as follows;

The gymnasium building has planning permission to be used as a stand-alone health and fitness centre (ref: 16/00449/PP). I previously gave you a copy of that permission and operating the gym in accordance with that permission would mean no further permission is required from the Council, as Planning Authority.

Developing the grassed area to the front of the gym for an all-weather pitch would need planning permission. The site is identified in the Council's Local Development Plan, against which all planning applications are determined, as part of the settlement of Ardrossan. This means an all-weather pitch or similar would likely be acceptable in principle. However, the details would have to be judged through the planning application process.

Issues which would need to be considered would be potential effect on neighbours through noise, floodlighting etc. It is possible such issues could be overcome by design and conditions. The access and the effect on the listed buildings would also have to be considered. The gate piers, boundary wall and railings are listed in their own right. The Council would be unlikely to be able to support any development which prevented the main house being brought back into use. Ideally alterations to the gates etc should also be avoided. However, any such proposals could be considered in the context of the overall benefit any development may have.

I hope this information is of use and please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the matter further.

Kind regards

Iain Davies

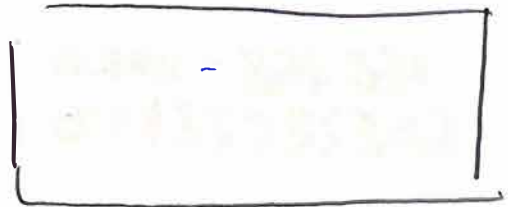
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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
CC: p [redacted]
Subject: RE: ARDROSSAN COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB
Date: Wed, 15 Jul 2020 10:35



Attachments: 1600449PP.pdf (189K), Seafield School.jpg (762K),

Dear Mr Breen,

Further to Paddy's e-mails I can confirm that Planning Services would be happy to discuss any plans the group have for the site at Seafield School. I'll try and give you a call this afternoon.

The gymnasium, which was originally built as part of the school, has planning permission (ref: 16/00449/PP) for use as a health and fitness community centre separate from the rest of the site. This means that you won't need any planning permission to use the gym building as a sports hub. I attach a copy of the permission and approved plan for your information.

The main former school building, Seafield House, and the stables block are both Category B Listed Buildings. This includes the boundaries and the grounds. In terms of the gymnasium, this shouldn't effect any works you might want to do to the gym building but planning permission and/or listed building consent could be required for any works in the grounds.

Planning Service's main interest is the condition of the Listed Buildings. The Council has required the owner to carry out some works including clearing the grounds of rubbish, moving the rubble and boarding the windows on the House and stables. This is something we are pursuing with the owner and it is unlikely to affect any user of the gym, unless they also take on the main buildings.

I hope this information is of use and as above I'll try and give you a call this afternoon.

Kind regards

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KAREN YEOMANS : Executive Director – (Economy & Communities)

No N/16/00449/PP

CONDITIONAL PLANNING PERMISSION

Type of Application: Local Application

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1997,
AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006.
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND)
REGULATIONS 2013

To :

With reference to your application received on 25 May 2016 for planning permission under the above mentioned Acts and Orders for :-

Change of use of part of a former residential school (class 8) to a health and fitness community centre (class 11)

at Seafield School
Eglington Road
Ardrossan
Ayrshire
KA22 8NL

North Ayrshire Council in exercise of their powers under the above-mentioned Acts and Orders hereby grant planning permission, in accordance with the plan(s) docquetted as relative hereto and the particulars given in the application, subject to the following conditions and associated reasons :-

Condition 1. That the use hereby approved shall be limited to the use of the building as a health and fitness community centre and for no other purpose within Class 11 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997.

Reason 1. To restrict the development to the terms of its justification.

Reason(s) for approval 1. The proposal complies with the relevant provisions of the Local Development Plan and there are no other material considerations that indicate otherwise.

Dated this : 13 July 2016

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for the North Ayrshire Council

Scafield School Eglinton Road Ardrossan Ayrshire KA22 8NL

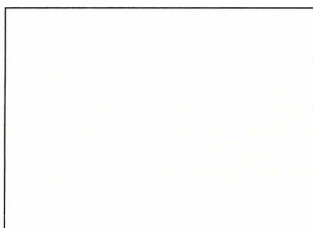
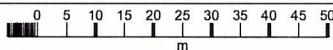
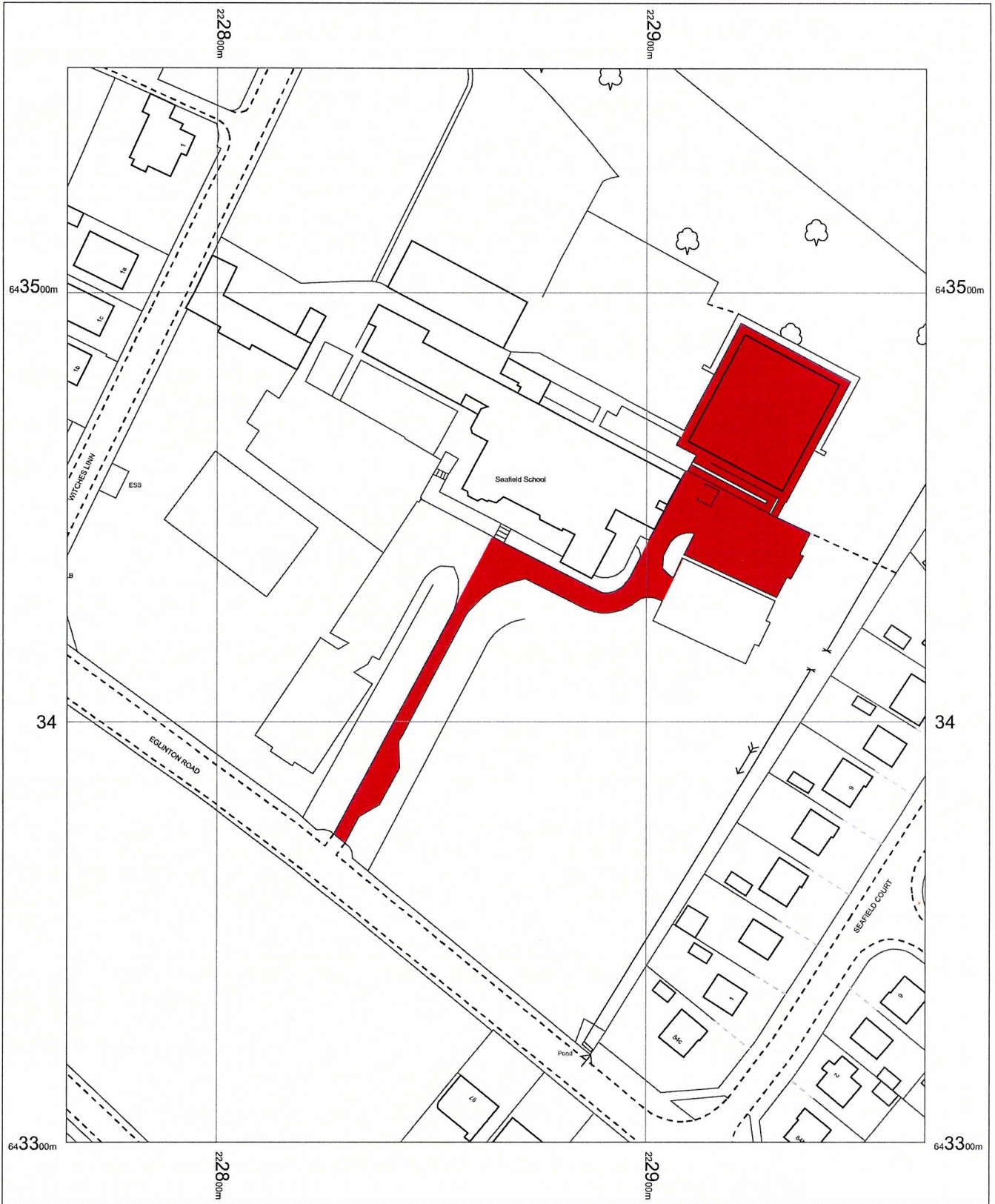
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Drawings relating to decision

Drawing Title	Drawing Reference	Drawing Version
Location Plan		

(See accompanying notes.) (The applicant's attention is particularly drawn to note 5 (limit of duration of planning permission))

Seafield School, Eglinton Road



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As we are still under restrictions, we have tried to adapt our youth and adult programmes as well as our community group meetings to online. This has proven to be challenging at times. We continue to address these whether it is lack of digital awareness, digital resource or data.

Youth work

As well as online groups, which we will demonstrate in the agenda we have started.

Street & Detached Youth Work. Using 'Cash Back' funding from Youth Link Scotland, joint patrols with Police Scotland are under way covering all of the Three Towns. The intention of the joint patrols is to contact/communicate with young people on the street, to deliver a message about being safe and looking out for friends, as well as providing information around mental health and other services.

There will also be a youth diversion programme through the 'Cash Back' funding that will provide training in Science, Engineering and Math (STEM). This will be aimed at young people at risk of becoming involved in criminal activity.

Literacies and Employability

We are receiving referrals in limited numbers from outside agencies including DWP.

Work packs are being delivered carefully to learners and they are receiving phone support to complete packs. The packs are then retrieved and after a quarantine period of 72 hrs, scanned in and checked by Tutor. Tutors and CLD staff have been promoting alternative online learning opportunities during this period, including those offered by Ayrshire College and CEIS. We have offered CEIS support with individuals who they are finding difficult to engage with or struggling to access online training.

CLD staff have produced a video promoting literacies support on Facebook.

Employability support at Whitlees for volunteers continues as required e.g. PIP forms. We are also supporting with IT and software advice and training.

Digital literacies

CLD staff and Tutors are responding as required to requests for support and actively sharing practical advice videos and guides through the virtual community centre page. A considerable output of information is shared weekly.

A New Hope (Men's Mental Health)

Regular contact with members via online meetings and sharing the groups Facebook posts and videos. Negotiations have started to provide this group with a safe meeting space as soon as possible. This has been given priority group to re-enter a community centre.



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Economy and
Tourism

Stevenson Development Trust

This group has continued to meet online and investigate development opportunities within the town. Members continue to research similar organisations and attend online webinars from Scotland's Town etc. CLD staff maintain regular contact.

Recently they received a request for support via an Elected Member for a fairy trail around the town paths. The community member was to be contacted and support needed to be discussed. The development trust agreed that they are ideally placed to host individuals' good ideas and help with funding applications needed thereby shortening the good idea process where small projects can fail when faced with the burden of funding applications requirements for constitutions, bank accounts etc. Once this pilot is underway they will use this to promote the development trust as a support for people's good ideas.

Whitlees Community association

Due to Covid they have secured funding over three years to assist with getting back on a sustainable path again.

They have also opened the first quaint pantry in North Ayrshire with the first week seeing over 50 memberships and their target being achieved.

They also continue to be the Three Towns Community Hub partner, delivering food and prescriptions every day to vulnerable people across the Three towns.

Ardrossan Development trust

Are meeting regularly on Zoom. Their master plan project is back on track, the swing park project is part of this. They are also involved with NAC and Sustrans for the get connected project which includes the cycle routes, signage, interpretation boards and murals. This is actively moving forward.

Castle group

Had a very successful zoom AGM. Their feasibility study delayed due to Covid but has now resumed.



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Community Regeneration

Stevenston North Community Association (Hayocks Hall)

Still very frustrated by centre shut down and had to deal with some vandalism. Members are however very excited by being involved with community food poverty project as this was a significant motivation to the setup of this association. Their community pantry will be opening in the near future. Once this it is started it is hoped they will gather a larger membership.

Raise your voice with Ardeer

The second stage of RCGF application has been sent to Scottish Government. They should hear no later than January 2021 if they have been successful. Fingers crossed everyone!! If successful, that will be all grant funding secured and the build will start, with the hope of having a Stevenston Beach Community Hub with public toilet in the summer of 2021. Their food with dignity continues to be delivered weekly across the Three Towns.

Training Station Saltcoats

Work started again on 23 October 2020 all going to plan. Completion date is 2^h January 2021.



Environment (Civic pride and Community Engagement)

Three Towns Growers (3TG).

The 3TG Board has now received confirmation of their Lottery Funding. They have met with Eric McMillan Architect to progress any adjustments required for the build. Contractors will be identified in due course.

The Board will be advertising Community Investment funded post for the Development Worker post within the next four weeks.

The board has nine members and meetings are taking place on Zoom.

Friends of Stevenson

They continue to remove litter from the beach, as most Elected Members will know, as they receive an almost daily link on Facebook showing the volume being removed and processed by Streetscene. Friends are now involved in a number of partnerships with the Council's Place Department regarding tree planting which is assisting greatly with the climate change agenda.

This group continue to highlight the environmental vulnerability of the whole Ardeer Peninsula and their concerns regarding the unlimited sand removal and proposed developments. They have responded to the Great Harbour plans and advised Stevenston Community Council of surveys and information.

Stevenson Community Council

With growing confidence in using Zoom, saw the first public meeting of the Community Council take place on the 7 September 2020. Public Zoom meetings have also been held in October and November. The Zoom meetings are hosted and managed by the Locality Team. Details of the meeting has been shared as



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an event on their Facebook page and invitations are emailed out as requested. There has been limited public interaction.

Three Towns Clean Up Crew

This group has now started a regular programme of public litter picks. Gavin is now supporting the Facebook page setup and management. Groups leaders have had success with publicity in local paper and are gathering a good number of Facebook followers and taking suggestions from the public for litter hotspots. Membership is informal and no decision has been made as to formally constituting the group or applying for funding. this is more an ad hoc group of people.

For further information contact: Shirley Morgan. smorgan@north-ayrshire.gov.uk. 07912450212



Locality Partnership The Ayrshire Community Trust Update – 23rd November 2020

The Ayrshire Community Trust continues to support the Community and Voluntary Sector with a range of services. Below is a list of support / activities since the last Locality Meeting in September 2020:

- www.tact.scot continues to be updated with a range of information.
- We have sent out various information bulletins highlighting useful resources, funding information and general advice.
- TACT Social Media continues to be used as a platform to promote safety messages from Police Scotland, Funding Information, Benefit Support, Energy Advice and vital local service provision. We would welcome any information from other service providers that we can share.
- TACT Staff have been organising and facilitating monthly 'networking' Forums for all 3rd Sector groups and organisations that wish to attend. The next online Forum Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8th December. If you are interested in attending please email: info@tact.scot
- TACT and Arran CVS as the Third Sector Interface in North Ayrshire recently supported the Response, Recovery Resilience Funding. This enabled 8 local organisations in North Ayrshire to receive funds of up to £2,000 to support the local community at this difficult time of year.
- TACT acted as an anchor organisation with a Funding Bid to the Supporting Communities Fund for a total of £107,270 which enabled 13 groups and organisations to expand services in relation to COVID-19.
- Staff continue to maintain regular dialogue with North Ayrshire Council to update on progress and identify additional ways we can work together.
- TACT still have a small supply of PPE for local volunteers / groups to access. This includes: gloves, sanitiser, aprons and face masks. If you know of any groups that could benefit from this, please telephone the office on: 01294 443044.
- TACT Digital are currently working with Kilwinning Heritage Group on a Digital Heritage Project for Kilwinning Abbey. We hope this will enable a greater number of individuals to access the Abbey on a digital platform.
- Positive Steps with Partners is our Employability Project focusing on working with local individuals to access quality work placements, training and personal development opportunities. If you have anyone that may be interested in finding out more please contact Cheryl Newall via: cheryl@tact.scot
- North Ayrshire Chief Officer Group – this is a relatively new group which hasn't met for some time due to the pandemic. We are looking to resurrect these meetings at the start of the New Year. This is open to Senior Staff working with a 3rd Sector Organisation. We hope this Group will join forces and tackle local issues collectively whilst providing great networking opportunities.
- Eglinton Community Garden Collaboration - we are working with a range of organisations including North Ayrshire Council, Turning Point Scotland, The Conservation Volunteers, HSCP Learning Disability Team and North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership to deliver a successful Community Garden for local people to get involved and learn to grow their own produce. If you know of anyone interested in getting involved please email: info@tact.scot
- Organisational Support – continuing to work with groups and organisations delivering relevant Training including Governance, Basic Bookkeeping and Volunteer Management. We are also assisting with Charity Registrations, Funding Support and Support with compiling Constitutions.

- Community Wealth Building, North Ayrshire is the first Community Wealth Building Council in Scotland – this is fantastic news and something very positive for North Ayrshire. As the Third Sector Interface, TACT sits at the Community Wealth Commission. This commission supports the implementation of the CWB Strategy and will encourage involvement from local businesses, government agencies and local organisations on CWB initiatives.
- We are continuing to contact and engage with 3rd Sector groups and organisations to complete our COVID Health Check Questionnaire. This Health Check enables us to ascertain support that is required including Funding, Governance Support, OSCR Guidance, Volunteering Support, Health and Well-being information and any other areas.
- Christmas Gift Appeal – TACT are in the process of creating 150 Christmas Gift Bags for North Ayrshire children this year. These bags will contain plenty of craft activities and sweet treats. We are working alongside the local Foodbank to ensure these go to those that need them most.
- Staff continuing to update and source a range of Volunteering Opportunities that are currently available. We are still receiving a high number of Volunteer Registrations and don't have enough placements for those interested. If you know of any groups or organisations that could assist with some additional volunteers please contact info@tact.scot
- TACT and Arran CVS staff will offer at least 100 individuals from different groups and organisations the opportunity to attend Mental Health Improvement Training to support the ongoing needs of service users and staff throughout this pandemic and importantly there on after.