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Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	2 December 2020: Virtual Meeting at 6.00 p.m.
Present:	<p>Councillor Tony Gurney (Chair) Councillor Timothy Billings Councillor Ellen McMaster Councillor Ronnie McNicol Councillor Jean McClung Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor Jimmy Miller Councillor John Sweeney Councillor Robert Barr</p> <p>Pat Breen, Community Representative Julia Gray, Community Representative John Hunter, Community Representative Denise McKenzie, Community Representative (Vice-Chair) Elaine Meney, Community Representative Scott Mould, Community Representative Ian Winton, Community Council (Stevenston)</p> <p>Karen Yeomans, Senior Lead Officer (NAC) Angela Morrell, Lead Officer (NAC) Shirley Morgan, Locality Officer (NAC) Ian Fitzsimmons, Police Scotland Louise Kirk, Regeneration Manager Gordon Cowan, Three Towns Locality Officer Diane McCaw, Committee Services Officer (NAC)</p> <p>Also In Attendance: Ardrossan Community Sports Hub (joined after item 3) Amanda Kerr</p>
Apologies:	Councillor Jim Montgomerie Craig Mochan, Community Representative

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, including 2 new community representatives, and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>The Chair clarified, for the benefit of new attendees, the process with regard to Elected Members and community representatives taking an equal part in all discussions regarding grant funding allocations with consensus reached on any allocations. He further highlighted that if no amicable solution could be reached then only Elected Members would be eligible to vote on applications.</p>	

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	<p>In terms of Standing Order 11, the following declarations of interest were made in relation to Item 5: Community Investment Fund: Ardrossan Community Sports Hub:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Mould, as a Trustee of the Ardrossan Community Sports Club; • Pat Breen and John Hunter, both having a personal interest; and • Councillors Timothy Billings, Jean McClung and John Sweeney declaring a conflict of interest in that they are Board Members of KA Leisure. 	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Partnership was advised by the Lead Officer that Police Scotland have secured funding for Community Policing bicycles and there will be further discussions with regard to accessing other funds available.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Community Support</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation by the Lead Officer highlighting the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ongoing work of six community hubs established across North Ayrshire; • statistics from hubs including calls received and food and prescription deliveries; • information on key components of a locality hub; • the food and community larder provision and the continuation of hot food distribution; • the support from community link workers, and support packages to those struggling with drug and alcohol issues; • the next steps regarding a whole systems method of working together with a joint organisational approach; • the importance of information sharing and support to staff and volunteers; • how the hub concept will transform as community needs change; and • that other organisations and services are taking on the locality team approach. <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the work throughout the pandemic which has resulted in a closer relationship between the NAC community facilities team and the local community; • that during lockdown delivery of services was resource heavy; • the feasibility and future impact to continue to run hubs and support the community; and • budget savings as a result of joined up working. <p>Noted.</p>	

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4.	Cost of the School Day The Partnership received a verbal update by the Lead Officer on the work on reducing the cost of the school say and highlighting the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the focus on tackling poverty and trying to reduce the cost of a school day for families as highlighted in child poverty action plan;• 1 in 5 children/young people in North Ayrshire live in poverty;• school day costs include uniform, school shoes, PE kit, meals, trips, extracurricular activities, stationery and technology etc;• impacts on families through pressures on tight budgets, children missing out and stigma;• the Short Life Working Group established by the Council's Cabinet to identify and roll out best practice Across local areas;• looking at current local and national good practice;• hearing directly from young people on what more can be done;• making recommendations to NAC Cabinet on how to reduce the pressures on families and young people; and• the aim to have policy developed over coming weeks. The Partnership discussed examples of how to tackle this issue in relation to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• breakfast bag provision to those not getting a breakfast;• funding for a buddy bench where children can sit and talk to a friend if they are feeling down;• the need to find ways to operate breakfast clubs and swap shops which have been halted due to Covid and the resulting impact across the locality;• the breakfast clubs being about nutrition and engagement in primary and more about nutrition in secondary years;• lottery funding received for market garden work to tackle food poverty from this direction which will commence at the start of the next growing season (around March); and• the fantastic contribution to the Working Group from young people within the area and any resultant policy changes being tailored to locality needs. Noted.	
5.	Community Investment Fund The Partnership were provided with details of a revised application from Ardrossan Community Sports Hub for £43,320 for funding to support (i) the wages of a full time Gym Manager for one full year from February 2021; (ii) a part-time Gym Instructor over the same period; and (iii) 50% costs towards the creation of a website. The application outlined the proposal and provided financial projections for 3 years for the operation of the gym facility. Scott Mould informed the Partnership regarding updates to the application to address points for clarification from the last meeting in terms of	

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	<p>ownership of the premises and the terms of the rolling lease, the lack of gym facilities in Ardrossan and the benefits of the facility in the town that would also delivery projects for the community.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that concerns raised had been addressed; • that no concession memberships were detailed, however, the group was seeking other funding to enable delivery of some activities to children and elderly free of charge; • that contingency was in place to allow for bill paying moving forward; • that Police Scotland would assist with crime prevention steps in terms of any additional improvements which could be made to the site; • the basis for the projection of how the funding gap will be filled; and • the general consensus that the application would be of benefit to the town. <p>Councillor McNicol, seconded by Councillor Miller, moved that the application be supported and progressed to Cabinet for approval. There being no amendment the motion was carried.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Ardrossan Masterplan</p> <p>Karen Yeomans, Senior Lead Officer and Louise Kirk, Regeneration Manager provided a detailed update on the progress of the comprehensive upgrade and redevelopment of Ardrossan Harbour, which will see £150m+ investment over the next few years.</p> <p>Information was provided on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the project overview to upgrade and redevelop the ferry terminal and berthing arrangements comprising Advance, Marine and Landside works; • project partners and roles; • a formal consultation process on the landside design which will follow in due course to enable interested parties to contribute to the development of the design and ensure that facilities are fit for purpose; • the post consultation stages and the development framework; • the Ardrossan Connections partnership project to improve accessibility and quality of the public realm in Glasgow Street, Princes Street and Montgomerie Street; and • the creation of a low carbon hub for Ardrossan across the Harbour and North Shore locations. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Youth Update</p> <p>The Partnership were shown a video detailing how youths have been keeping in touch with people and communities during the pandemic through virtual youth work and on success stories from last 3 months.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

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8.	Locality Officer Update Shirley Morgan updated on the work which has been undertaken in the locality, details of which were included in the agenda pack. Police Scotland confirmed that they would be happy to oblige with some further street work sessions in Stevenston, Saltcoats and Ardrossan in the period leading up to Christmas in terms of those on the streets and keeping safe. Noted.	
9.	HSCP Update John Sweeney, provided a verbal update on the work of Health and Social Care (HSCP) Locality Forum, which included the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the strategic plan for Health and Social Care will be a bridging plan up to March 2022 with supporting vision to 2030;• an initial analysis of needs has been produced whereby each of the Locality Planning Forums will undertake a full review of the information;• it is intended that better outcomes for local people will be identified through the full support of localities;• Public Health Scotland have published the latest locality profiles;• the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation ranks all data zones across Scotland by a number of factors and Three Towns have the highest overall deprivation rank across all the locality areas; and• some obstacles have been evident during the pandemic in terms of engaging with the public and mental health issues, however, great community spirit has been highlighted and the community hubs have been well received. There was discussion on communication from a local Dr Surgery that illness had resulted in severe staff shortages and members of the public had been advised to only contact the surgery if the matter was urgency and could not wait. Clarification was provided that this was an isolated outbreak at the particular Surgery concerned. Noted.	
10.	Grants/PB Update The Partnership received a verbal update by the Lead Officer who advised that proposals have been approved by Cabinet to implement a small granting participatory budgeting approach by Locality Partnerships in relation to Nurturing Excellence Grants. This went live yesterday and will remain open until 31 January 2021. There will be three different award categories ie Arts and Cultural (Up to £400), Localities (up to £1,200) and Youth (up to £1,000). Decisions will be made by local people and recruitment is in place for a Steering Group who will be involved in the process. Community representatives who would wish	

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	<p>to be involved in the Steering Group should contact Shirley Morgan in the first instance.</p> <p>In relation to Common Good, Charitable and Elderly grant requests the position remains unchanged.</p> <p>Financial support can also be provided to local groups who will be supporting the elderly with the provision of festive food. A number of Three Towns groups have already been contacted regarding this.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Submitted a funding application from the Ardrossan Common Good Fund from The Scottish Centre for Personal Safety: Barony St. John Centre.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed the application in terms of where the balance of funding would be sought and on the direct benefit to the local community. Clarification will also be sought in terms of the landlord's relationship with the applicants, and the landlord's responsibility in terms of any upgrade.</p> <p>Councillor McNicol, seconded by Councillor Billings, moved that the application be continued to allow more details to be provided on matters raised. There being no amendment the motion was carried.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>The Ayrshire Community Trust (TACT) Update Report</p> <p>An update from TACT had been circulated to the Partnership on continuing to support the Community and Voluntary Sector with a range of services including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issuing information bulletins/social media to highlight useful community resources, funding information, benefit support, energy advice and local service provision; • monthly networking Forums; • support to local organisations with funding applications/bids; • provision of a small supply of PPE to local volunteers/groups; • work with Kilwinning Heritage Group on a Digital Heritage Project for Kilwinning Abbey; • Positive Steps with Partners Employability Project to access local quality work placements, training and personal development opportunities; • Eglinton Community Garden Collaboration working together to deliver a successful community garden for local people to get involved in and learn to grow their own produce; and • Ongoing work with groups and organisations to deliver relevant training including Governance, basis Bookkeeping and Volunteer Management. <p>Noted.</p>	

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9.	Date of Next Meeting - To be confirmed.	
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Meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.