

Three Towns Locality Partnership Wednesday 15 September 2021 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	Angela Morrell	6.05 – 6.10
3.	Youth Participation and Citizenship Strategy. Receive presentation.		Presentation	Shirley Morgan	6.10 – 6.25
4.	Cost of the School Day Receive update from Angela Morrell.	-	Verbal	Angela Morrell	6.25 – 6.35
DECIS	SION REQUIRED				
5.	Community Investment Fund – Expression of Interest SALT Ardrossan Community	Pg 7	Enclosed	Shirley Morgan	6.35 – 6.55
	Development Trust	Pg 9			
6.	Street Naming	Pg 11	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	6.55 – 7.10
	Former Caley Court Development	Pg15			
7.	Grants Consider Grant Applications	Pg 19	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	7.10 – 7.20
STAN	DING AGENDA ITEMS				
8.	Learning Update Receive update.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers	7.20 – 7.35
9.	HSCP Update Receive update from Cllr Sweeney	-	Verbal	Cllr Sweeney	7.35 – 7.45
10.	Locality Officer Update Receive update from Shirley Morgan.	Pg 21	Enclosed	Shirley Morgan	7.45 – 7.55
11.	AOCB	-	Verbal	Cllr Gurney	7.55 – 8.00
	Report for information – TACT Update	Pg 24	Enclosed		

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 6pm Via Microsoft Teams.					

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

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

Neil Shearer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Community Representatives

Pat Breen

Julia Gray

John Hunter

Denise McKenzie (Vice Chair)

Elaine Meney

Craig Mochan

Scott Mould

Ian Winton

Mee	Three Towns Locality Partnership				
Date	e/Venue:	16 June 2021: Virtual Meeting at 6.00 p.m.			
Present:		Councillor Tony Gurney (Chair) Councillor Timothy Billings Councillor Ronnie McNicol Councillor Jean McClung Councillor John Sweeney Councillor Robert Barr			
		Scott Mould, Community Representative Elaine Meney, Community Representative Ian Winton, Community Council (Stevenston) Lorna Moran, Head Teacher, Caledonia Primary School Shirley Carr, Head Teacher, St Anthony's Primary School			
		Karen Yeomans, Senior Lead Officer (NAC) Morna Rae, Senior Manager (Community Planning, Poli Performance) Angela Morrell, Lead Officer (NAC) Shirley Morgan, Locality Officer (NAC) Neil Shearer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Gordon Cowan, Three Towns Locality Officer Craig Stewart, Committee Services Officer (NAC)	cy and		
		Also In Attendance: Lauren Cowan and Jackie Dunagan, CHAP Carla MacEwan, Ayrshire Hospice Lettie McLaughlin, member of the public			
Apo	logies:	Councillor Ellen McMaster Pat Breen, Community Representative Julia Gray, Community Representative Payton Lee, Youth Representative			
	,	ACTIONS			
No.	Action	who and Declarations of late and	Responsible		
1.	The Chair apologised for the slight delay in starting the meeting due to some technical difficulties. He then welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted. Having heard the Chair, it was agreed to send a letter to Pat Breen, from the Locality Partnership, wishing him well for a speedy recovery.				
2	There were no declarations of interest in terms of Standing Order 11.				
∠.	2. Action Note from meeting on 17 March 2021 The Action Note was approved. In doing so, discussion took place on the application for grant funding for Scottish Centre for Personal Safety (SCPS)				

	 Barony St. John Centre, which had received funding from the community benefits (windfarm money). Following consideration, the Partnership requested further information in terms of the decision that was taken and noted that an action would be taken away by officers, following this meeting, to come back with further information. Noted. 	Angela Morrell
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3.	Better Off North Ayrshire The Partnership received a presentation by Lauren Cowan and Jackie Dunagan, CHAP on "Better Off North Ayrshire" which primarily was a strategic partnership between the third and public sector to develop and deliver advice services for residents in the Three Towns. In this respect, they offered a local, independent, free and confidential advice service for residents aged 16 and over living in Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston. Tha Partnership noted that the advice service provided help and advice in the following areas:- • Benefits Advice • Budgeting Advice • Help with Managing Debts • Employability Support • Help with Energy Costs • Digital Support • Help with Health and Wellbeing • Housing Advice Following discussion, the Partnership thanked both Lauren and Jackie for their interesting and informative presentation. it was noted that appointments were offered by telephone and video for the advice service, as well as face to face (limited due to Covid-19) and contact could be made by telephone to the service on 01294 475629 or email: betteroffna@chap.org.uk. Noted.	
4.	Ayrshire Hospice	
4.	The Partnership received a presentation by Carla MacEwan, Chief Executive, Ayrshire Hospice on the current position and recent developments that had taken place in respect of Ayrshire Hospice, particularly in terms of stakeholder engagement and shaping the service In particular, the following was highlighted:	

Hospice Shop; andNetworking opportunities and mutual referrals.

Noted.

5.	Locality Priorities	
	Morna Rae provided an update on the locality partnership key themes.	
	In particular, the following was highlighted:	
	 Three Towns Chit Chat North Ayrshire Peoples Panel Three Towns Clean-up Crew 	
	Following discussion, it was agreed to add community wellbeing into the list of Locality Priorities, particularly given the impact the pandemic has had on local communities.	Morna Rae
	Noted.	
6.	Youth Participation and Citizenship	
	The Partnership received an update on the above by Gordon Cowan on the summer programme of events for the Three Towns, "Get Ready for Summer", that were planned. In this regard, the following was noted:	
	 Beach Park Programme; Government Funding to support summer programmes focusing on the wellbeing of children and young people, and the two phased approach that would be taken forward in this respect focussing on the most vulnerable children and young people first; and The range of exciting activities for Children and Young People that would be on offer throughout the area this Summer. 	
	Due to last minute unavailability of the young people presenting the item on the newly launch Citizenship and participation strategy will be heard at the next meeting.	Shirley Morgan
7.	Learning Update - Headteachers	
	Head Teachers from Caledonia and St Anthony's Primary Schools reported that that there had been very good return to school with mitigation pleasures in place, due to the pandemic, and pupils had enjoyed being back with their friends and familiar surroundings again.	
	An update was also provided on the recent 'Cost of the School Day Conference', as well as positive experiences that pupils had reported back in terms of Active Schools and NASA sports academy.	
	Noted.	
8.	Locality Officer Update	
	Shirley Morgan provided an update on the work which has been undertaken in the locality, full details of which were included in the agenda pack.	

A detailed report on the work undertaken in the locality had been circulated to the Partnership in the agenda pack. Shirley Morgan provided a highlight of the following areas of work:-Three Towns Community Support Hub; Three Towns Chit Chat; • Three Towns Growers (3TG); • Community Centres; and • Three Towns Locality priorities refresh; and Youth Work. 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:-The second of three development sessions took place on Monday, 17 May to consider the past, present and future of the locality; and Reflection on how well communities had coped and stepped up to the challenge of the pandemic and its continued impact on health priorities and concerns, particularly from a local health and social care perspective. 10. Grants The Partnership received a report on an application for financial support from F.R.I.E.N.D.S in terms of the Stevenston Common Good Fund. F.R.I.E.N.D.S had applied for £2,723.00 towards the Financial contribution towards planning requirements. - Coal Mining Risk Assessment - £900 Coal Authority Report - £120 - Alterations to hydrological modelling and resultant technical drawings -£1,500 - Fee for planning application -£203. The Partnership agreed to make a funding award to F.R.I.E.N.D.S from Angela Stevenston Common Good Fund in the sum of £2,723.00. Morrell 11. **AOCB** Report for Information – Roads Maintenance Programme 2021/22 Noted.

Meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.

Teams.

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Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday, 15 September at 6pm via MS



Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

Organisation					
name	SALT (Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team)				
Brief details of organisation	 The aims and objectives of the group are to: advance emotional and physical wellbeing of the inhabitants of Saltcoats by associating with local authorities, voluntary organizations and inhabitants in a common effort to provide facilities to encouraging active lifestyles. To co-operate with the local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of recreational areas for activities promoted by the Group in furtherance of the above objects. To foster a community spirit for the achievement of these and other such objects as may by law be deemed charitable. 				
Locality	Saltcoats but with a view to also working with other groups within Saltcoats, Ardrossan & Stevenston.				
Amount requested	We have no final cost yet as the amount of funding from costal playparks has to be confirmed with NAC. Also the CCTV cameras are for the three towns we will work with wider.				
Brief overview of proposal	We have identified a lack of play areas within Saltcoats, despite being host to four primary and one secondary school, plus various nurseries. Our initial project is to work with the local council to provide a significant upgrade of the existing playpark located at Winton Circus, Saltcoats. This is a space that has had no real investment for a number of years and has been reduced to four pieces of basic equipment. We believe this area has huge potential to promote an active lifestyle. In conjunction with the local council, we hope to supplement any (yet to be confirmed) Coastal Playpark Fund award. Our aim is to ensure that any equipment selected for the regeneration of the park is suitable for children with additional support needs. We also aim to make this a positive social space for families to enjoy. We have already started fundraising towards this aim as we believe improvement of this area would be a huge boost to the community and would also attract people to the Winton Circus section of the promenade, providing a much-needed boost for the local area by increasing footfall. We are also very conscious that the improvement of the area may encourage anti-social behaviour. To combat this, we hope to be able to raise sufficient funds to cover the installation of CCTV to discourage this. This is also in partnership with NAC, if we secure the funding for the CCTV cameras, this team will monitor them.				
Timescales					
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	6-12 months
Contact details	David Stone (SALT treasurer) –

Forms should be returned to your Locality Co-ordinator by post or email.

For more information see the guidance form here: http://www.northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/sites/60/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf or contact the Community Planning Team on info@northayrshire.community



Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

Organisation	Ardrossan Community Development Trust
name	
ACDT were incorporated in July 2019 with the assistance of the Our programme, which was coming to an end. The Trust were establish the Our Place programme and continue with community developmed Ardrossan, including the completion of the proposed Playpark for the new engaging and informative website was launched in 2020 and prodetailed information on projects being developed within Ardrossan. Currently the Trust has in excess of 280 members and includes mer other community organisations within the Town, including Ardrossan Association, Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society, Three Towns Grow Community Centre and Ardrossan Community Sports Hub, all organ were developed and supported as part of the Our Place programme have in excess of 850 followers on Facebook and great engagement website.	
Locality	3T LPP
Amount	£30,000 p.a. + 18% National Insurance & Pension contribution
requested	Total requested = £45,000 + £8,100 = £53,100.00
Amount £30,000 p.a. + 18% National Insurance & Pension contribution	
Timescales	Ideally we'd like to recruit in October for a late October/early November
Contact details	start date. Scott Mould
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Locality Partnership: Three Towns Locality Partnership

Date: 15th September 2021

Subject: Residential Development Site To North Of Arran View Nursing Home, And Site To

West Of Dalry Road, Saltcoats.

Purpose: Decide 2 Street Name's for this new development.

Background

The developer of the above site has contacted this department requesting a new street name for this development.

The Council has a statutory obligation under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to give a name to each new street built within the Council area, and this name, along with street numbers, becomes the postal addresses.

An outline plan of the development is available as an appendix.

At this stage, the development requires 2 new street name.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

Proposed examples of numbering layout plans are available as appendices along with a list of proposed name suggestions.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

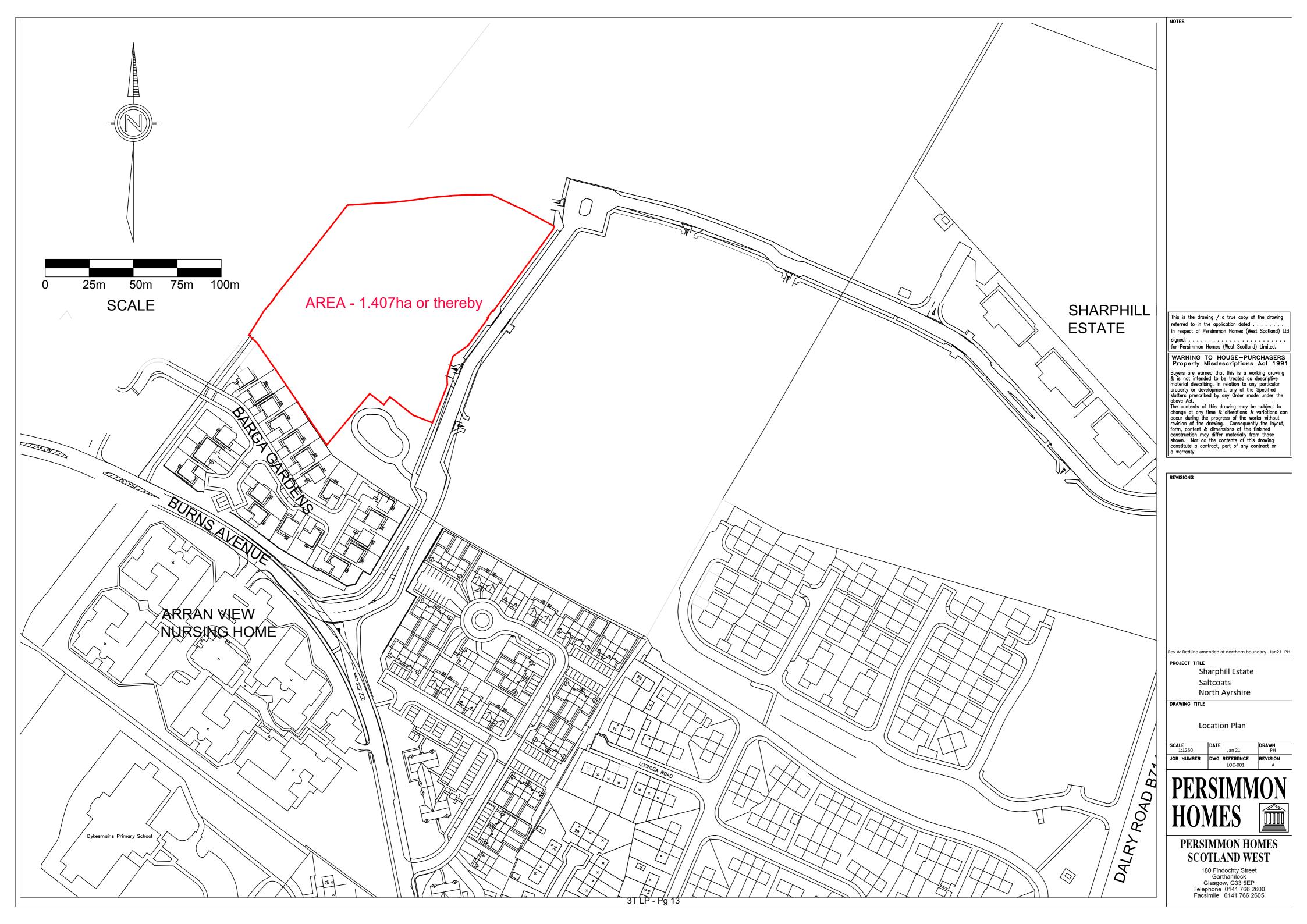
Choose 2 new street name for this development.

For more information please contact: Lisa Dempster or Kirsty Gee, Planning Technicians, snn@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Completed by: Lisa Dempster and Kirsty Gee

Date: 19th August 2021

Street Name Suggestion	Background
John Lambie	Suggestion from a member of the
	public:- "He was the chief locomotive
	designer of the Caledonian Railway"
	Planning comment there is a Lambie
	Court in Saltcoats at present.
St Brendan's	Suggestion from Galloway Diocese:-
	After St Brendan's Church which was
	based in the area and closed down in
	2009. Planning comment, the site of
	the former St Brendan's church in
	Saltcoats was developed to form
	housing which was named Janet
	Strang Court. No streets named St
	Brendan's in North Ayrshire.
Jimmy Gordon	Suggestion from Saltcoats Loyal RSC
	"Ex Scotland Captain". Planning
	Comment; Sadly Jimmy Gordon has
	passed away, other street
	references to the name "Gordon" is
	Joan Gordon Street in Saltcoats.





driveway access splays to plots 12-22 revised

site entrance, road angle at plot 11 revised

differ materially from those shown. Nor do the contents of this drawing constitute a

contract, part of any contract or a warranty.

repositioned on western boundary

REV DATE DESCRIPTION

Schedule					
Hous	etype	Beds	No		
Portree (MT)	Terrace	2	5		
Ardbeg	Semi	3	10		
Newmore	Terrace	3	4		
Kearn	Detached	3	2		
Leith	Detached	3	3		
Elgin (S)	Semi	3	6		
Elgin	Detached	3	2		
Ettrick	Detached	3	6		
Kenmore	Detached	3	3		
TOTAL			41		

MATERIAL FINISHES SCHEDULE

Northstone — Grey Tiles & Ridges or equal & approved to all plots.

CONCRETE BRICKS Red — Cemex Lanark Brindle Buff — Cemex Lothian Gold

Rowebb Ashton Cream Render on white background

Brick soldier window sills, (feature brick) colour to contrast main brick. Brick soldier courses, (feature brick) colour to contrast main brick. White UPVC windows, fascias, soffits, black downpipes and gutters

The above information and the codes noting finishes within rear gardens to be read in conjunction with relevant house type elevation type drawings.

PLOT FINISHES

1 Full Facing Brick Elevation

Main Brick: Cemex Lanark Brindle (Red)

Feature Brick: Cemex Lothian Gold (Buff)

2 Full Facing Brick Elevation

Main Brick: Cemex Lothian Gold (Buff)

Feature Brick: Cemex Lanark Brindle (Red)

3 Facing Brick & Render Elevation Main Brick: Cemex Lanark Brindle (Red)

Feature Brick: Cemex Lothian Gold (Buff)
Render: Rowebb Ashton Cream Render on white background

4 Facing Brick & Render Elevation Main Brick: Cemex Lothian Gold (Buff)

Feature Brick: Cemex Lanark Brindle (Red)

Render: Rowebb Ashton Cream Render on white background

<u>LEGEND</u>

Post & Wire Fence -----

1100 Fence

1800 Fence

450 Fence

Bin Storage -4No 600x900 Pavers

JOB NUMBER

PLANNING

PH REVISION K 1:500 @ A1 DWG REFERENCE PH-SS2C-DL 180 Findochty Street
Garthamlock
Glasgow, G33 5EP
Telephone 0141-766 2600

Facsimile 0141-766 2605





Locality Partnership: Three Towns Locality Partnership

Date: 15th September 2021

Subject: Supported Living Complex at Former Caley Court, Stevenston

Purpose: Decide Street Name for the new development.

Background

The developer of the above site has contacted this department requesting new street names for the development.

The Council has a statutory obligation under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to give a name to each new street built within the Council area, and this name, along with street numbers, becomes the postal addresses.

An outline plan of the development is available as an appendix.

At this stage, the development requires 1 new street name.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

Proposed examples of numbering layout plans are available as appendices along with a list of proposed name suggestions.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

Choose 1 new street name for the development.

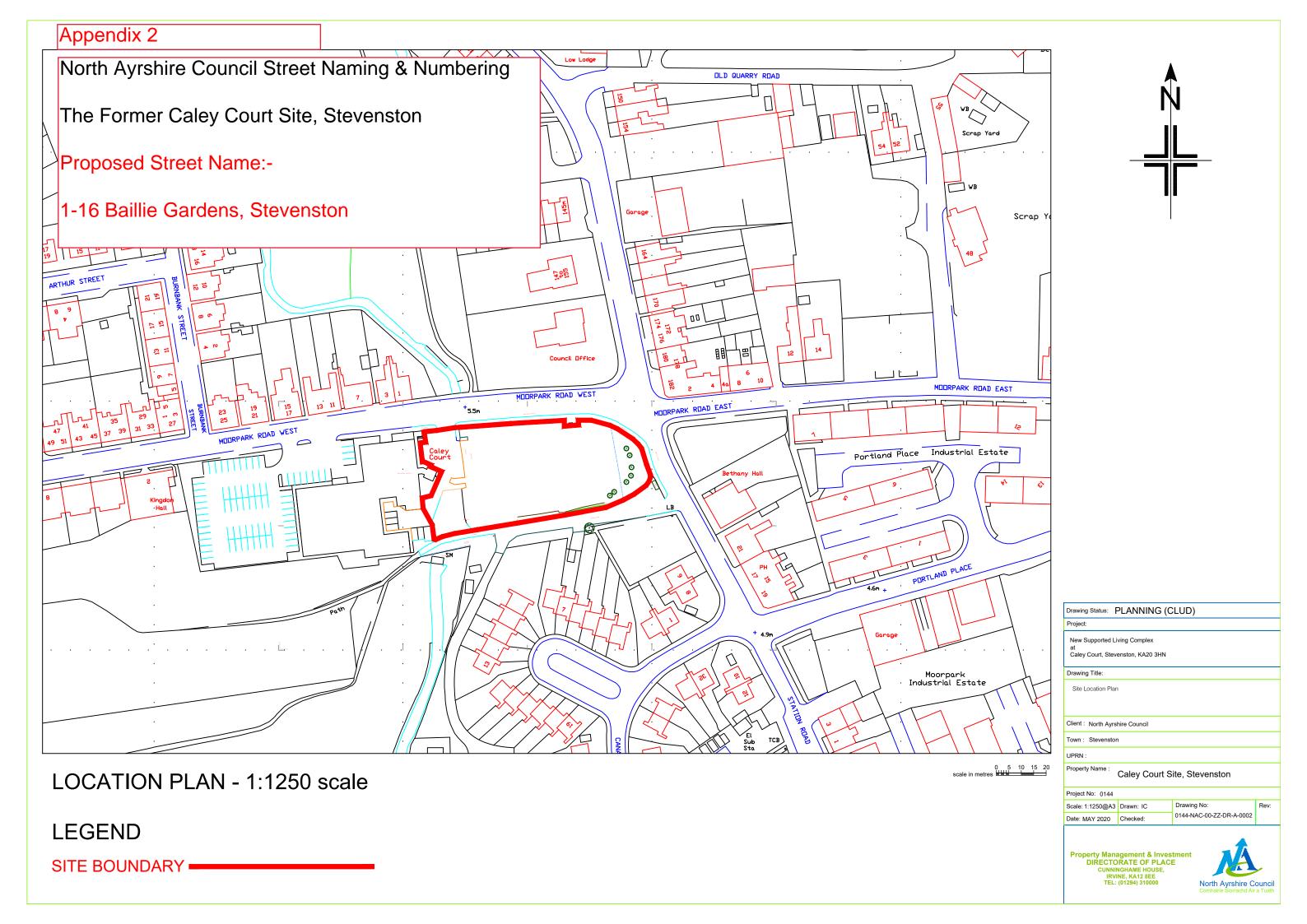
For more information please contact: Lisa Dempster or Kirsty Gee, Planning Technicians, via email at snn@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Completed by: Lisa Dempster and Kirsty Gee

Date: 26th August 2021

Suggestion	Source	Background	Planning Comment
Baillie Gardens	NAC Housing and member of public	Baillie Gardens - Robert Burns's 'Bonnie Lesley', "the most beautiful, elegant woman in the world" from Stevenston, her full name was Lesley Baillie.	Planning has no objection to the proposed street name suggestion.
Robert Urie	Member of Public	He was born in Ardeer in 1854 Robert Wallace Urie (22 October 1854 – 6 January 1937)[1] was a Scottish locomotive engineer who was the last chief mechanical engineer of the London and South Western Railway	Planning has no objection to the proposed street name suggestion.
Caley	Councillor Sweeney	The Caledonian Railway Company had a railway line that went through Stevenston and a station very close to the former Caley Court site from around 1840 until the mid-1900s. This line was independent and addition to the other line and station in Stevenston. In later years the bus stop adjacent to this site was always known locally as the Caley bus stop. Excursions for Nobel explosives employees tended to depart from and return to the Caley Station. Caley is a colloquialism for Caledonian Railway Company.	Planning has no objection to the proposed street name

^{*}Please note that the proposed road suffix may change in accordance with the proposed development layout.







Locality Partnership: Three Towns Locality

Date: 16th September 2021

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2021/22 Elderly Grants Fund.

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

Background: Applications have been received in respect of the 2021/22 Elderly Grants Fund.

Key Points for Locality Partnership:

- The 2021/22 Elderly Grants budget for the Three Towns Locality is £13,036.
- Officers will continue to work with local groups to explore how the remaining funds can be used to support the needs of older people.

Action Required by Locality Partnership: To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

For more information please contact: Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Connected Communities, 2nd Floor Cunninghame House, Irvine. Email - amorrell@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Completed by: Rosemary Fotheringham (rosemaryfotheringham@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Date: 13/8/21

ELDERLY GRANTS FUND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2021/22

Grant Allocation for Three Towns LPP £ 13,036

Area

Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allo to Group	cated	Amount Requested		Remaining Balance	
CLASPS Stevenston (HOPE Project)	Re-commencing face- to face services. Contribution towards sessional costs, tutor costs, let costs and promotional materials.	£	3,675	£	3,675	£	-
Saltcoats Old People's Welfare	Contribution towards Christmas dinners (dates tbc) for elderly and bus trips (tbc)	£	4,960	£	4,960	£	-
Three Towns OIR	Contribution towards provision of individual pary food for Christmas Party	£	4,401	£	1,000	£	3,401
		£	13,036	£	9,635	£	3,401



The Three Towns Progress Report

Reporting Period July- September 2021



The journey so far

Three Towns community support hub.

The Hub is still in operation, however now that community centre and services are opening up we will go back to the Foodbank vouchers and people can pick up their own emergency food parcel.

Ardrossan community sports Hub

Partnership remains strong.

Community Centres

We are working closely with community associations, with a start-up tool kit and road map being used with priorities groups on. A 1-2-1 approach is being taken with community associations, community facilities and community development.

Youth work

We had a big summer programme with partners and fun-days took place across the three towns (noted below):

- Hayocks hall
- Whitlees community centre
- Skate park.

All events were free.

Face to face youth work will start back up September 2021.



Sustainable food projects in Three towns.

All larders are running well, everyone in the three towns work together.

Ardeer and Argyle Larders are to open in the very near future.

Ardrossan Development Trust

Are now carrying out their community engagement in preparation for the outcome of stage 1 RCGF fund. They are also developing a business plan.

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Have opened theri community café and continue to follow the road map to opening for lets. All food projects continue.

Anti-social behaviour in green spaces

Street work was carried out throughout the summer period. We also used the mobile youth centre for alternative activities.

ADP link worker also attended to give advice on alcohol. It was identified the age range was younger, we are planning a new approach with new partners.



Community Regeneration

Raise your voice with Ardeer (RYVWA) – The group CAT should go to cabinet in September. There has been an issue with the sewage, and this will cost an additional £50,000. They have chosen to go to tender as it is predicted that because of the increased cost of materials it will be over budget. So they need to know exactly how much more money we will need to find to complete the project.

Three Towns Growers (3TG). A Development worker has been appointed and starts in September. NAC will give them desk space until their new hub is completed. Due to the increase in materials the hub foot print has been reduced to enable them to complete within budget.

Saltcoats play area

SALT are constituted, bank account open, plans drawn up and CIF expression of interest completed. They are working in partnership with NAC community development and Streetscene teams.



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Environment (Civic pride and Community Engagement) **Incredible Edible** – Planning currently in place to relaunch.

Stevenston community council have been tidying up all raised beds at Stevenston cross. They are all looking nice. They plan to plant more next year. They have also had their first meeting after the summer break.

Friends of Stevenson continue to remove litter from the beach every day. The new three towns clean up crew been very active and more and more people are getting involved in the three towns from lots of different areas and promoting their work on Facebook.

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



Locality Partnership The Ayrshire Community Trust Update – 28th August 2021

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:

- 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 21st September. If you are a 3rd Sector organisation and you are interested in attending please email: info@tact.scot
- 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 continuing to work on a digital reconstruction of Kilwinning Abbey.
 We hope this will enable a greater number of individuals to access the Abbey on a
 range of digital platforms. We have completed a new website for CLASP and will soon
 be starting work on a new website for the NA Green Health Partnership. We'll also be
 creating Virtual Reality experiences for the Neuro Hub initiative for engaging with
 neuro-divergent individuals.
- Positive Steps with Partners is our Employability Project focusing on working with local individuals to access quality work placements, training and personal development opportunities. The team have adapted the programme to a virtual setting offering a variety of short fun and interactive zoom sessions covering topics such as, Personal Skills and Strength's, Comfort Zones, goal setting and Cooking on a Budget. The project is involved at the Eglinton Community Garden and work with a variety of partners such as Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in offering work placement and training opportunities. If you have anyone that may be interested in finding out more please contact Cheryl Newall via: cheryl@tact.scot
- North Ayrshire Third Sector Chief Officer Group This is open to Senior Staff working
 with a 3rd Sector Organisation across North Ayrshire. This Group works together to
 tackle local issues collectively whilst providing great networking opportunities. The next
 meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23rd September at 10am. If you are interested in
 getting involved, please email: kaileigh@tact.scot
- Eglinton Community Garden Collaboration we are continuing to work 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 have any one who is interested
 in volunteering at the Community Garden, please contact Ann Wilson by email at
 ann@tact.scot
- Organisational Support continuing to work with groups and organisations delivering relevant training including Governance, Basic Bookkeeping, Constitution & Charity Registration and Volunteer Management. We are also assisting with Charity

- Registrations, PVG Support, 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.
- SLACK The Ayrshire Community Trust and Arran CVS as the Third Sector Interface have opened up an engagement platform, known as SLACK, to the wider sector. This platform has a wide range of information and resources for 3rd Sector Organisations to access provided through 17 dedicated channels. If you know of any 3rd sector groups or organisation that could benefit from access to this platform please contact: info@tact.scot
- Staff are 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. If you are interested in attending this training please email:
 info@tact.scot
- TACT and Arran CVS as the local Interface were asked to consult with local 3rd Sector Organisations by the Scottish Government on proposed changes to Charity Law. The consultation event was held on 21st January 2021. Results from the consultation have been returned to the Scottish Government. The consultation was closed on 19th February 2021. The results have now been published and an analysis report of the findings has been created and can be found on the following link: https://consult.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/strengthening-scottish-charity-law/ Any further updates on charity law will be provided later in the year.
- TACT Capacity Building Officers have facilitated a focus group in partnership with Laura Taylor, Community Economic Development Officer (Community Wealth Building) to discuss how best a portal for wish lists/ requests for Community Benefits would work for the 3rd sector be that contractors or community groups hoping to access community benefits. The Capacity Building Officers have also been in contact with local contractors and put them in touch with local third sector organisations.
- We're excited to inform you the NHS Scotland Community Benefits Gateway is now live. This initiative, in partnership with Public Health Scotland, is a key part of NHS Scotland's work under Sustainability to ensure our commercial solutions fully embed sustainable, ethical and social values. The focus is that by 2025, NHS Scotland's Procurement services will work together across Health Board's for Scotland's people, and a key initiative of this work is the Community Benefit Gateway. Through our easy to use online tool, we'll work to match willing NHS Scotland suppliers with Scottish third sector organisations who are looking for assistance with a variety of needs. We encourage you to promote the Community Benefits Gateway to your partners, invite them to join and upload needs to support communities across Scotland.
 - 1. Access the portal: https://nhsnss.service-now.com/community_benefit
 - 2. Find out more: Access our Community Benefit Gateway: https://www.nss.nhs.scot/procurement-and-logistics/sustainability/access-our-community-benefit-gateway/
 - 3. Public Health Scotland: https://www.publichealthscotland.scot/our-organisation/procurement/community-benefits-gateway/

- TACT had a very successful online Volunteers Week celebration. It was very well attended and we were able to present hampers to all of our winners and goody bags to all of the nominated volunteers and organisation. We would like to thank all of the presenters and all of the sponsors, without whom we could not have made this happen.
- We presented trophies to all organisations who have been part of our Organisation of the Month for the first 6 months of this year. This promotion has been received favourably with the 3rd sector and it gives a chance to highlight and promote them. If you would like to nominate a voluntary organisation to be promoted, please contact Susan Manson on susan@tact.scot
- The Volunteer Friendly Award is available for community groups who engage with volunteers. This award shows the commitment of groups to embed volunteers at the heart of their work. Our next information session is on 1st October at 10am. If anyone is interested, please contact ann@tact.scot
- The TSI Network Scotland has published a new report focussing on the roles played by Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs) during Covid-19. Funded by Scottish Government, and prepared in partnership with Evaluation Support Scotland, the report identifies five particular recommendations: celebrate the role of the third sector and volunteers during Covid-19; build awareness locally and nationally of the role and impact of TSIs; invest in the capacity and reach of the third sector in local decision-making; build on the opportunities that have come out of Covid-19; and review funding for TSIs. To view the full report, please visit: https://tsi.scot/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Roles-Played-by-TSIs-During-Covid-19-ESS-Report-Final.pdf