



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## Three Towns Locality Partnership

Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 6.00 p.m Via Microsoft Teams

### Business

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Timings
1.	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.</b>	-	-	Cllr Gurney	6.00 – 6.05
2.	<b>Action Note</b> Review the action note from and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 3	Enclosed	Karen Yeomans	6.05 – 6.10
3.	<b>Learning Update</b> Receive update.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers	6.10– 6.25
4.	<b>Ardrossan Harbour Design</b> Receive update from Alasdair Laurensen/Colin Bradford.	-	Verbal	A Laurensen/C Bradford	6.25 – 6.45
5.	<b>Place Framework</b> Receive update from Louise Kirk.	-	Verbal	Louise Kirk	6.45 – 7.05
<b>DECISION REQUIRED</b>					
6.	<b>Community Investment Fund</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whitlees Community Association – Expression of Interest</li> </ul>	Pg 9	Enclosed	Shirley Morgan	7.05 – 7.20
7.	<b>Grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elderly grants</li> <li>Community Benefit Fund</li> </ul>	Pg 11 Pg 15	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	7.20 – 7.35
<b>STANDING AGENDA ITEMS</b>					
8.	<b>HSCP Update</b> Receive update from Cllr Sweeney.	-	Verbal	Cllr Sweeney	7.35 – 7.45
9.	<b>Locality Officer Update</b> Receive update from Shirley Morgan.	Pg 30	Enclosed	Shirley Morgan	7.45 – 7.55
10.	<b>AOCB</b>  <b>Report for information – Tact Update</b>	Pg 35		Cllr Gurney	7.55 – 8.00
<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Date will be confirmed after the Local Government Elections.					

## 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 Harvey (**Vice Chair**)  
Elaine Meney  
Craig Mochan  
Scott Mould  
Ian Winton

Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership	
Date/Venue:	15 December 2021: Virtual Meeting at 6.00 p.m.	
Present:	<p>Councillor Tony Gurney (Chair) Councillor Jean McClung Councillor Ronnie McNicol Councillor Ellen McMaster Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor John Sweeney Councillor Timothy Billings Councillor Jimmy Miller</p> <p>Karen Yeomans, Director (Growth and Investment) Alasdair Laurenson, Senior Manager (Growth and Investment) Louise Kirk, Senior Manager (Regeneration) Rachael Graham, Regeneration Officer Rhona Arthur, Head of Service (Connected Communities) Shirley Morgan, Locality Officer Rosemary Ramsay, Funding Officer Denise Harvey, Community Representative (Vice Chair) John Hunter, Community Representative Scott Mould, Community Representative Elaine Meney, Community Representative Julianna Gray Community Representative Alison Wilson, Police Scotland Angela Little, Committee Services Officer (NAC)</p> <p><b>Also In Attendance:</b> David Stone (SALT) Donna McGregor (SALT) Irene Campbell (Splash) Susan Manson (TACT) Elizabeth Sweeney John McVeigh Mrs McGhie</p>	
Apologies:	<p>Headteacher, Auchenharvie Cluster Angela Morrell, Lead Officer (NAC) Craig Mochan, Community Representative</p>	
ACTIONS		
No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>In terms of Standing Order 11, Councillor Sweeney, as a member of Stevenston High Kirk, declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 – Stevenston Common Good Fund in respect of the application from Stevenston High Kirk.</p>	

	<p>Councillors Billings and McMaster, as Members of the Planning and Local Review Body Committees, declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 – CIF Ardrossan Community Development Trust (ACDT) on the basis that a planning application from the organisation may be submitted for consideration to the Planning Committee.</p> <p>The Partnership considered that in the event a Pre-Determination Hearing was required for the proposal from ACDT, all Members of the Council would consider any subsequent planning application.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to seek clarification on the position of all Members of the Partnership from the Head of Service (Democratic Services).</p>	<b>K. Yeomans</b>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Action Note from meeting on 15 September 2021</b></p> <p>The Action Note was approved.</p> <p>It was suggested that an Action Log to allow tracking of actions from each meeting would be a useful tool for the Partnership.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed (a) that an Action Log be prepared following each meeting to track all actions; and (b) that the Head of Service (Connected Communities) share this information with the Locality Partnership Working Group.</p>	<b>J. McGee</b> <b>R. Arthur</b>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Learning Update - Headteachers</b></p> <p>Apologies had been submitted and no update had been provided.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Place Frameworks</b></p> <p>Louise Kirk and Rachael Graham provided a presentation on Saltcoats Place Framework. The presentation provided details of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The background to the Place Framework;</li> <li>• The Place Framework approach;</li> <li>• Place Framework objectives;</li> <li>• Key documents;</li> <li>• Charette feedback;</li> <li>• Place Framework outputs; and</li> <li>• Discussion points.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership noted that the presentation slides would be circulated for information.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<b>L. Kirk/J. McGee</b>

## 5. Ardrossan Update

Karen Yeomans Director (Growth and Investment) and Alasdair Laurenson, Senior Manager (Growth and Investment) provided an update on the major capital programmes for Ardrossan, which included details of:-

- the Ardrossan harbour area and the realignment of the harbour wall;
- the creation of a larger terminal building;
- funding and the funding split that had not yet been agreed for the harbour facility;
- spend on the Arran berth in Spring 2022 and consultation that would commence in early 2022 to inform proposals;
- Troon as an alternative during the construction works which would likely be for a 2 year period;
- the funding package of £8.25m for the 145 berth Marina project and anticipated timescales;
- consultation that took place early in 2021 on the development framework for the Ardrossan Shell site;
- two main contracts at the Ardrossan Shell site;
- the first contract being the enabling works contract that included the seawall, remediation of the land to make the site safe, coastal path and main road through the site;
- the second contract would be for the construction of the Community Campus and details of the proposal that would be provided in the planning application in spring 2022. Works would commence in late 2022 and last for approximately 2 years.

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

- Clarification that is awaited from Peel Ports and Transport Scotland in respect of the spring works and details that would be forwarded to the Partnership on receipt;
- Enabling works that included infrastructure works, remedial works, drainage etc.;
- Decontamination works that would take approximately 9 months;
- works to the harbour that have not commenced, with tenders due in February 2022 and contractors starting in early April 2022; and
- The expectation that the Glen Sannox would be in service in 2022 and would operate from Troon during the construction works at Ardrossan.

Noted.

**A. Laurenson  
/J. McGee**



	<p><b>Ardrossan Community Development Trust (ACDT)</b></p> <p>ACDT had applied for support for funding towards the salary and expenditure for a Community Development Manager for the initial 18 month period, totalling £53,100.00.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to support the application for £53,100 and progress it to Cabinet for approval.</p> <p><b>Saltcoats Outdoor Pool Splash Group</b></p> <p>The Partnership were provided with details of an expression of interest form received from Splash towards the costs of a Feasibility Study to assess the viability of re-opening the existing tidal swimming pool that remains on the Winton Circus site at Saltcoats shorefront.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that the application proceed to the next stage of the CIF process.</p>	<p><b>S. Morgan</b></p> <p><b>S. Morgan</b></p>
9.	<p><b>HSCP Update</b></p> <p>John Sweeney provided an update on the work of Health and Social Care (HSCP) Locality Forum.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Locality Officer Update</b></p> <p>Shirley Morgan provided an update on the work which has been undertaken in the locality and highlighted work in the following areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SALTS;</li> <li>• Splash;</li> <li>• Saltcoats Harbour Group;</li> <li>• Sustainable food projects in the Three Towns;</li> <li>• Ardrossan Development Trust;</li> <li>• Whitlees CA;</li> <li>• Raise Your Voice with Ardeer;</li> <li>• Training Stations;</li> <li>• Three Towns Growers;</li> <li>• Anti-social behaviour in green spaces; and</li> <li>• Three Towns Clean-up Crew.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	
11.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Ardeer Raise Your Voice</b></p> <p>The Partnership was advised of a range of increased costs, totalling £180,000, that had resulted in a funding shortfall for the multi-functioning community facility at Shore Road, Stevenston. Additional funding of £50,000 had been secured, leaving a shortfall of £130,000.</p>	

	<p>It was noted that the application exceeded the CIF guidance limit of £100,000.</p> <p>The Partnership noted the previous award to the group of £100,000 and agreed to support the application for a further £130,000 and progress it to Cabinet for approval.</p> <p><b>Locality Membership</b></p> <p>The Chair advised the Partnership that in terms of the current Standing Orders, the terms of office for community representatives on the Locality Partnerships coincides with that of Elected Member representatives. The Scottish Local Government Elections will be held in May 2022 with the potential for changes to Elected Members on the Partnership following those Elections.</p> <p>It was proposed that no change to community representatives be made until potential Elected Member changes are established. Community representatives will continue on until the June meeting of the Locality Partnership. At that time they will be asked if they wish to continue as community representatives or wish to stand down. It was noted that with recent Community Council elections, some phased change may occur in that regard.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p><b>Remembering Together – Scotland’s Covid Community Memorial Programme</b></p> <p>The Partnership received information on the national programme of reflection and commemoration marking the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. This is a fully funded programme with the initial stage comprising work in partnership with Green Space Scotland to create a North Ayrshire memorial.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<b>S. Morgan</b>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 6.00 p.m. via Teams</p>	

Meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.



## Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

<b>Organisation name</b>	<i>Ardrossan Community Association.</i>
<b>Brief details of organisation</b>	<p>We are a voluntary community organisation who manage and run Whitlees community centre.</p> <p>Since starting in 2004 when the community came together at a AGM to take control back of their community centre and develop it into the community resource it is today.</p> <p>We have 20 volunteers and committee members</p> <p>1 full time centre coordinator</p> <p>1 full time kitchen staff</p> <p>2 part time kitchen staff.</p> <p>We let our hall for a wide range of activities to our community, which include older people, children, new Scot, adults and YP.</p> <p>We can offer a very high standard at affordable prices this includes, chair and table covers, decorations, red carpet, buffet, DJ and Bar for family events or social nights.</p> <p>Many family affordable or free events are offered also with over 1000 people attending.</p> <p>We were the three towns community support hub sister hub during the pandemic delivering food parcels and cooked meals, prescription and generally address mental health through this very challenging time.</p> <p>To address our community's food poverty, we have focused our energy on this. Whitlees meals on wheels, breakfast club, community café and of course our quaint larder which all help food with dignity affordable prices.</p>
<b>Locality</b>	THREE TOWNS
<b>Amount requested</b>	<p>1 X 16 hrs support worker £17,386</p> <p>30hrs sessional worker £31,200</p> <p>Total £48,586</p>
<b>Brief overview of proposal</b>	<p>We have developed our centre pre pandemic and now post we are on the road to recovery with big plans for the future. As our services to our community increase and our income is starting to increase as we recover from the pandemic, we are also linking in with North Ayrshire wide forums</p>

	<p>and other organisation such as Ardrossan development trust and Ayrshire fairer food to both support and develop strong wronging partnerships. This takes time from the day to day running and over seeing of the centres operations for the development worker, a 16 hr support work is needed to enable the development worker the time to develop the centre.</p> <p>Our services have also increase and although we have fantastic volunteers some sessional staff is require to give volunteers time off and allow us to increase our function lets at the weekend which is our biggest income which will increase our sustainability as we move forward in the future.</p> <p>We are currently going through asset transfer of the community centre and to enable us to become sustainable or services and income need to increase as our business plan states.</p> <p>The community of Ardrossan rely on us for affordable, food with dignity projects as well as affordable celebration events. Free community family events and social and educational groups. We are the heart of our community serving a service to 1000's.</p> <p>We need to increase our employed local staff to enable us to meet the community need and build capacity as a community centre in action for their community.</p>
<b>Timescales</b>	June 2022 TO 2024
<b>Contact details</b>	

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



## **Locality Partnership: Three Towns Locality**

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

**Subject:** To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2020/21 Elderly Grants Fund and the Saltcoats Common Good Fund.

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

**Background:** Applications have been received in respect of the 2020/221Elderly Grants Fund and the Saltcoats Common Good Fund

### **Key Points for Locality Partnership:**

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Elderly Grants Fund award for 2020/21 was carried over to 2021/22. Groups were invited to apply for grant funding to be used for one or more of the following activities:
  - Addressing digital exclusion
  - Reducing social isolation
  - Increasing confidence to re-engage in activities etc post COVID-19 restrictions

The 2020/21 Elderly Grants budget for the Three Towns Locality is **£13,036**  
Please note the 2021/22 Elderly Grants Fund was fully disbursed in autumn 2021 and the 2022/23 Elderly Grants Fund will become available in the new financial year.

- The Saltcoats Common Good Fund has a balance of **£1,000**

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

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Date: 14.2.22

## APPENDIX 1

### ELDERLY GRANTS FUND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2020/21

Grant Allocation for Three Towns LPP Area                      £  
13,036

Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allocated to Group	Amount Requested	Remaining Balance
CLASPS Stevenston (HOPE Project)	This grant will benefit CLASP's HOPE Goes Digital project which will address digital exclusion.	£ 3,675	£ 3,675	£ -
Saltcoats Old People's Welfare	Contribution towards a range of activities such as afternoon teas, bingo, games and entertainment nights, pantomime, summer trip and meals, with the aim of addressing social isolation and increasing confidence to take part in and re-engage with the planned activities.	£ 4,960	£ 4,960	£ -
Three Towns OIR	Contribution towards delivery of a range of activities to encourage confidence in the elderly to return to a fuller social life post pandemic. The aim is to encourage lapsed members to return to activities and increase new membership, helping to reduce social isolation and increase health and wellbeing. Activities include walking groups, coach trips, dinners and lunches, aqua aerobics, line dancing and social events.	£ 4,401	£ 1,000	£ -
		£ 13,036	£ 13,036	£ -

**SALTCOATS COMMON GOOD FUND  
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2021/22**

**Common Good Criteria –**

**The application should benefit all or a significant group of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates.**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Previous Common Good Awards</b>
Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team (SALT)	Contribution towards purchase of playpark and outdoor fitness equipment to upgrade the existing playpark at Winton Circus, Saltcoats.	£1,000	None

Connected Communities, Finance and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

**Finance:**

The total cost of the project is detailed as £173,506, with one quote supplied. Funding from the organisation and grants total £161,748, this leaves a deficit of £11,758, no details are provided as to how this will be met.

**Legal:**

In terms of s.15(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 when determining whether an application is to receive assistance from Common Good funds the Council should have regard to the interests of the inhabitants as a whole of the area to which the Common Good relates. This application is for a grant which will be used to supplement the recently announced Coastal Playpark Fund award of £104,000, which aims to significantly upgrade of the existing playpark located at Winton Circus, Saltcoats, adding 11 pieces of play equipment to the area.

The applicant being the community group Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team, have provided a concise synopsis of what the proposed grant monies would be used for and have been transparent in their disclosure of all relevant or necessary information, namely their constitution, bank details and sales quotes. I note that the community group was only formally created in May 2021, however having looked online, I can see they have been extremely proactive in their fundraising for the proposed project. There has been significant media attention surrounding this project and a NAC Councillor has also expressed their support of the proposal. With regards to whether this proposal benefits the 'interests of the inhabitants as a whole of the area to which the Common Good relates', I am inclined to say it does. Although it is stated that the equipment is predominantly aimed towards the age group of 2–16-year-olds, it is also mentioned within the application that the equipment will be suitable for children with additional support needs and it will be a social space for families. This would include the parents/grand-parents of younger children attending the park, not only providing them with better local activities and attractions to take their children/grand-children to, in an area where this is lacking, but also promoting a healthier and more active lifestyle for everyone involved. The application also makes clear that SALT plan to install equipment for adults and older children, again furthering its appeal to the wider community.

I am of the view that the demographic of the upgraded park will be more wide ranging and far reaching than the stated age range of 2-16. Taking all of the above into consideration, it is my view that the upgrading of the park has the potential to benefit people of all ages within the community and as such can be substantiated from a legal perspective

If the decision is to award funding the benefit to the community should be clearly recorded as it is likely that the auditor will require this information.

**Connected Communities:**

Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team (SALT) are looking to upgrade the existing playpark located at Winton Circus, Saltcoats. They are looking to install play equipment for children aged 2 – 16 as well as outdoor exercise equipment for older children and adults.

As the scope of the upgrade includes both children and adults within the area, this application meets the criteria of the Saltcoats Common Good Fund. The project will enhance the local area and promote health and wellbeing within the local community.



**Locality Partnership:** Three Towns Locality

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

**Subject:** To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the Community Benefit Fund

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

**Background:** Applications have been received in respect of the Community Benefit Fund from the following groups:

- Inspire Motivate Celebrate SCIO (IMC)
- Caledonian Piping Club
- Ardeer Recreation Bowling Club
- Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team (SALT)
- Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIC
- Parents for Stanley

**Key Points for Locality Partnership:**

- The Community Benefit Fund has a balance of **£43,708.10**

**Action Required by Locality Partnership:** To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix1 to this report.

**For more information please contact:** Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Connected Communities, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Cunninghame House, Irvine.  
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**Date:** 17.2.22

## COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

### Applicant Contact Details

<b>Name of Organisation:</b>  Inspire Motivate Celebrate SCIO	<b>Contact Person:</b>  Paul Johnson, Treasurer
<b>Address:</b> 40 Springvale Street Saltcoats KA21 5LP	<b>Telephone Number:</b> Available

### Description of Applicant Organisation

<b>Number of Members:</b> 330  250 regular members	<b>Established:</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
<b>Meeting Place:</b> 40 Springvale Street, Saltcoats	<b>Date of Visit:</b> Telephone call 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 Further telephone call on 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 to gather updated information on project.

### Description of the Project

#### Background:

The IMC Project is based in Saltcoats and the purpose of the organisation is to provide a fitness facility which will relieve the conditions of life and vulnerability of young people affected by crime, poverty, exclusion, isolation, lack of self-esteem, direction, purpose and education. The organisation aims to teach community focus, drive, determination and a will to succeed through inspiration and motivation. It offers gym and training facilities and aims to encourage young people in the community to come off the street and become focused on something positive through the art of boxing.

In addition to the above, IMC also aims to promote community focus and inclusion and as the Project is located within such a deprived area, it also acts as a community hub. Members are encouraged to volunteer and become involved in providing support to the local community through volunteering in the following initiatives:

- Foodbank
- Supporting poverty during Christmas 2019
- COVID-19 Community Hub – this involved delivering food boxes, answering calls in relation to food provision, picking up prescriptions, taking people to hospital, cutting grass, putting money in electric/gas meters, preparing hot and cold meals, shopping, picking up food supplies for the Hub and delivering food from the Foodbank
- Provision of a community fridge

#### Project for Funding:

As highlighted above, IMC aims to promote community focus and encourages members to volunteer and become involved in providing support to the local community through volunteering.

They are applying for a Community Benefit Fund grant to enable them to expand volunteering opportunities to their members and to support the local community through the creation of a Memorial Garden in remembrance of local residents who have lost their lives to COVID-19. Their aim is to create a place of quiet reflection where people from the local community can go to remember their loved ones.



The site of the planned memorial garden is across from the IMC gym and in creating this it will not only provide volunteering opportunities for their members but will also allow them to develop landscaping and gardening skills.

IMC have been granted permission to create the memorial garden from NAC and are now seeking funding to enable them to purchase landscaping materials and equipment.

#### Funding

<b>Amount requested: *£9,682</b> - Timber Railway Sleepers (£953 per pallet x 3) £2,859 - Park benches (£400 each x 8) £3,201 - Pea Shingle - £54.75 per tonne x 10) £2,190 - Petrol Brush Cutter (£255 x 1) £255 - Petrol Lawnmower (£1,045 x 1) £1,045 - Rakes (£16 each x 4) £64 - Hoes (£17 each x 4) £68 TOTAL £9,682) <i><b>*Please note: There is no maximum limit of grant funding from the Fund (although grants will not normally exceed £4,000 and any award above this figure will be the exception).</b></i>	<b>Contribution by Group: Nil</b>
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#### Supporting Information Provided

<b>Constitution/Memorandum of Articles:</b> Available	
<b>Bank Details:</b> Available	<b>Balance in Bank:</b> Available

#### Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>			
1. Charitable	x	2. Educational	
3. Community	x	4. Environmental	x
5. Renewable Energy		6. Energy Efficiency	
7. Sustainable Development		8. General Community Amenity	x
<b>Level of environmental enhancement:</b> The area of ground where IMC plan to create the memorial garden is a derelict site and through this project, they aim to create an area that will enhance the local environment and provide a peaceful space for local residents to visit and remember their loved ones.			
<b>Level of community involvement:</b> IMC is strongly involved with the local community and as the Project is located within such a deprived area, it also acts as a community hub. Members are encouraged to volunteer and become involved in providing support to the local community through volunteering in the delivery of the following initiatives:			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foodbank</li> <li>- Supporting poverty during Christmas 2019</li> <li>- COVID-19 Community Hub – this involved delivering food boxes, answering calls in relation to food provision, picking up prescriptions, taking people to hospital, cutting grass, putting money in electric/gas meters, preparing hot and cold meals, shopping, picking up food supplies for the Hub and delivering food from the Foodbank</li> <li>- Provision of a community fridge</li> </ul>
<b>Level of funding secured or available:</b> None
<b>Experience of group to deliver project:</b> IMC has considerable experience of delivering community-based projects. The organisation is governed by a committed Board of Trustees and as a SCIO, the organisation must comply with and be accountable to OSCR.
<b>Future sustainability of project:</b> Since becoming established in 2019, IMC has continually grown and developed and is now acting as a Community Hub. The organisation now owns the building that they operate from and their business plan shows projected income growth which will contribute to future sustainability.
<b>Location of Project:</b> The project is located at 40 Springvale Street, Saltcoats

#### Officer Details

Name:	Rosemary Ramsay	Position:	Funding Officer
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## COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

### Applicant Contact Details

<b>Name of Organisation:</b>  Caledonian Piping Club	<b>Contact Person:</b>  Gerard McClumpha
<b>Address:</b> St Matthews Academy Saltcoats	<b>Telephone Number:</b> Available

### Description of Applicant Organisation

<b>Number of Members:</b> 40	<b>Established:</b> 2000
<b>Meeting Place:</b> St Matthews Academy Saltcoats	<b>Date of Visit:</b> Phone call 2/11/21 Further telephone call on 16/2/22 to gather updated information on project.

### Description of the Project:

#### Background:

Caledonian Piping Club has been established since 2000 and previously ran as Cunninghame Piping Society from 1995 – 2000. The group is currently the only teaching group of the Highland bagpipes remaining in North Ayrshire.

The Club aims to continue the tradition of Piping and Pipe Bands and offer tuition to anyone from the age of 10 who is interested in learning. They aim to teach playing bagpipes to the highest standard and, as a result of the Pandemic, are currently in the process of rebuilding membership and experience within the group.

Their goal is to develop confidence within their learners to enable them to commit to participate again within the wider community and take on public engagements both as a group and as individuals. The group has previously performed at a range of community events such as local galas and competitions and it is hoped that they will be able to do this again and are anticipating that they will be able to perform during the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

They are also currently volunteering in St Anthony's Primary School, Saltcoats and Hayocks Primary School, Stevenston to provide free tuition.

The Club has adapted to deliver classes in line with Government advice on COVID-19 and continue to follow these guidelines. They also follow health and safety guidance and encourage all members to wear earplugs, particularly when practising in confined places.

#### Project for Funding:

The Club has recently returned to practising at St Matthews Academy, however, they have been advised by KA Leisure that their rent for the forthcoming year will increase from £10 per hour to £17.50 per hour. The group teaches young people in an area of deprivation and are reluctant to raise their weekly fees as current members could be excluded from accessing tuition. In order to support members and their parents who may not be able to afford an increase in weekly fees, the group are looking for a contribution towards the cost of hall rental.

A successful application to the Community Benefit would enable the group to pay for one-year's rental and work towards raising funds for the following year's rental through fundraising.

### Funding

<b>Amount requested:</b> £4,000 Project Costs: Year 1 Rental - £4,200 Year 2 Rental - £4,200  Total cost of project: £8,400	<b>Contribution by Group:</b> £4,400
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### Supporting Information Provided

<b>Constitution/Memorandum of Articles:</b> Available	
<b>Bank Details:</b> Available	Balance in Bank: Available

### Additional Comments on Scoring

<b>Criteria:</b>			
1. Charitable		2. Educational	x
3. Community	x	4. Environmental	
5. Renewable Energy		6. Energy Efficiency	
7. Sustainable Development		8. General Community Amenity	
<b>Level of environmental enhancement:</b> N/A			
<b>Level of community involvement:</b> The group offers bagpipe tuition and through this ensures that traditional Highland bagpipe music is not lost to the community. They deliver free tuition within local primary schools and develop skills and confidence in their group members to enable them to be able to perform both as a group and as individuals at local galas and community events.			
<b>Level of funding secured or available:</b> The organisation is contributing £4,400 towards the project.			
<b>Experience of group to deliver project:</b> The group has been delivering piping tuition for over 26 years and is led by experience tutors and volunteers. This track record makes Caledonian Piping Club well placed to deliver the project.			
<b>Future sustainability of project:</b> The grant, if awarded will contribute towards future sustainability of the project as it will cover hall rent costs for the following year, enable them to generate funds to meet rental costs for subsequent years. The group is led by experienced volunteers which will also ensure future sustainability.			
<b>Location of Project:</b> The project is located at St Matthews Academy, Saltcoats.			

### Officer Details

Name:	Rosemary Ramsay	Position:	Funding Officer
E-mail:	rosemaryramsay@north-ayrshire.gov.uk	Date:	17.2.22

## COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

### Applicant Contact Details

<b>Name of Organisation:</b>  Ardeer Recreation Bowling Club	<b>Contact Person:</b>  Wendy Sneider, President
<b>Address for Correspondence:</b> Ardeer Rec Bowls Club 2 Townhead street Stevenston	<b>Telephone Number:</b> Available

### Description of Applicant Organisation

<b>Number of Members:</b> 43	<b>Established:</b> 1931
<b>Meeting Place:</b> Ardeer Rec Bowls Club 2 Townhead Stevenston	<b>Date of Visit:</b> <b>Phone call</b> 15/11/21 Further telephone call on 17/2/22 to gather updated information on project.
<b>Description of the Project:</b>  <b>Background:</b> Ardeer Bowls Club is an outdoor bowling club open to all who wish to become members. The Club holds competitions over the season, hosts ties and matches and provides tuition to local school children as part of their activity schedule.  The club offers recreational facilities to the local community and hosts functions and events such as bingo, phase 10, funerals, christenings, birthdays, social events and entertainment evenings.  <b>Project for Funding:</b> The club is looking to replace existing floodlights on green 1 with modern, environmentally friendly alternatives with the aim of maintaining/reducing costs and energy consumption.  They are also looking to replace external clubhouse lights that will improve security forth both the building and cars parked within the area. This improved lighting will enhance safety for patrons when entering or exiting the premises for bowling and social functions. Again, the aim is to reduce running costs and energy consumption.	

### Funding

<b>Amount requested: £4,000</b> Project Costs: Costs are estimated: Floodlights - £2,200 Scaffold Hire - £200 Labour - £1,500 Sundries (Fixings etc) - £100  Total cost of project: £4,000 (estimated)	<b>Contribution by Group:</b> To be confirmed as costs given are estimated and group will meet costs over and above current estimate
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# Supporting Information Provided

**Constitution/Memorandum of Articles:** Available

**Bank Details:** Available

**Balance in Bank:** Available

## Additional Comments on Scoring

### Criteria:

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| 1. Charitable              | 2. Educational                 |
| 3. Community X             | 4. Environmental               |
| 5. Renewable Energy        | 6. Energy Efficiency X         |
| 7. Sustainable Development | 8. General Community Amenity X |

**Level of environmental enhancement:** Replacing existing lighting systems with modern LED equivalent will help reduce energy consumption and running costs

**Level of community involvement:** Ardeer Rec Bowling Club offers the opportunity to local residents to take part in recreational activities. The clubhouse is used by the local community to hold funerals, christenings, parties and entertainment events and it is involved with local children and youths through supporting a school's programme to introduce them to bowling.

### **Level of funding secured or available:**

No additional funding secured, however, the club will be paying towards any excess costs over the current estimate.

### **Experience of group to deliver project:**

The club has been running since 1931 and is run by a well-established management committee that is supported by experienced volunteers

**Future sustainability of project:** The club has been running for over 90 years and, if awarded, this grant will contribute towards future sustainability as new lighting will enable them to hold more evening meetings and games encouraging more people to come along and join the club,

**Location of Project:** 2 Townhead Street, Stevenston

## Officer Details

Name:	Rosemary Ramsay	Position:	Funding Officer
E-mail:	rosemaryramsay@north-ayrshire.gov.uk	Date:	17.2.22

## COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

### OFFICER REPORT

#### Applicant Contact Details

<b>Name of Organisation:</b> Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team (SALT)	<b>Contact Person:</b> David Stone
<b>Address:</b> Winton Circus Playpark	<b>Telephone Number:</b> Available

#### Description of Applicant Organisation

<b>Number of Members:</b> 1,000 will benefit from the funding	<b>Established:</b> May 2021
<b>Meeting Place:</b> Online or at Winton Park location	<b>Date of Visit:</b> Telephone call 7.12.21 Further telephone call 16.2.22 to gather updated information on project
<p><b>Background:</b> Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team (SALT) was set up in May 2021 and is a voluntary organisation. Their aims and objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advance emotional and physical wellbeing of the inhabitants of Saltcoats by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to provide facilities to encouraging active lifestyles.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• To foster a community spirit for the achievement of these and other such objects as may by law be deemed charitable</li></ul> <p>They have established positive working relationships with Streetscene and Ardrossan Community Development Trust (ACDT) and envisage that their project will link well with projects that are being delivered by ACDT.</p> <p><b>Project for Funding:</b> SALT has identified a lack of play areas within Saltcoats and their project is to work with NAC to provide a significant upgrade of the existing playpark located at Winton Circus, Saltcoats. The group is seeking funding towards the planned upgrade and purchase of play equipment and outdoor gym equipment. Their aim is to ensure that any equipment selected for the regeneration of the park is suitable for children with additional support needs and to make this a positive social space for families to enjoy.</p>	

#### Funding

<b>Amount requested: £4,000</b> Project costs include play equipment, outdoor gym equipment and installation totalling £173,513.84.	<b>Contribution by Group: £7,000</b>
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## Supporting Information Provided

<b>Constitution/Memorandum of Articles:</b> Available	
<b>Bank Details:</b> Available	<b>Balance in Bank:</b> Available

## Additional Comments on Scoring

<b>Criteria:</b>			
1. Charitable		2. Educational	
3. Community	x	4. Environmental	
5. Renewable Energy		6. Energy Efficiency	
7. Sustainable Development		8. General Community Amenity	x
<b>Level of environmental enhancement:</b> Currently the playpark is in a poor state of repair and the area looks neglected. The planned upgrade will enhance the appearance of the area and make it welcoming to the local community and visitors alike			
<b>Level of community involvement:</b> The group has linked with the local community and has also engaged with them through their Facebook page which has over 1,200 members. They have been involved with Streetscene in carrying out a scoping exercise within the community and also linked with ACDT.			
<b>Level of funding secured or available:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coastal Playpark Fund £104,000 – Awarded</li> <li>Youth Participatory Budget £1,000 – Awarded</li> <li>Tesco Community Grants £1,500 – Pending</li> <li>Community Investment Fund £48,288 – Pending</li> <li>Persimmon Community Fund £1,000 – Pending</li> <li>Saltcoats Common Good Fund £1,000 - Pending</li> </ul>			
<b>Experience of group to deliver project:</b> SALT group members have a wide range of skills and experience to bring to this project, including project management, and are in a strong position to deliver it.			
<b>Future sustainability of project:</b> The group have linked with Streetscene regarding inspection and maintenance of equipment and will set up a sinking fund to ensure ongoing upkeep of the play park.			
<b>Location of Project:</b> Winton Circus, Saltcoats			

## Officer Details

Name:	Rosemary Ramsay	Position:	Funding Officer
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## COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

### OFFICER REPORT

#### Applicant Contact Details

<b>Name of Organisation:</b> Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIC	<b>Contact Person:</b> Eddie Gibb
<b>Address:</b> Ardrossan Winton Rovers Football Stadium Winton Street Ardrossan	<b>Telephone Number:</b> Available

#### Description of Applicant Organisation

<b>Number of Members:</b> 320 320 will benefit from the funding	<b>Established:</b> Founded in 1900
<b>Meeting Place:</b> Ardrossan Winton Rovers Football Stadium Winton Street Ardrossan	<b>Date of Visit:</b> Telephone call 9.12.21 Further telephone call on 17.2.22 to obtain updated information.
<b>Background:</b> Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIC aims and objectives are to carry out activities which benefit the community and in particular to carry on the business of a football club and associated youth teams. They aim to promote benefit and improve the condition of life to the inhabitants of Ardrossan through provision of facilities for recreation and leisure.  Ardrossan Winton Rovers work in association and partnership with a wide range of local groups, including, Whitlees Community Centre, Ardrossan Community Sports Hub, Ardrossan Community Development Trust and Ardrossan Winton Rovers Youth Academy and the club's pitch, dressing rooms, seating area, meeting rooms and supporters club are all available to community groups free of charge.  <b>Project for Funding:</b> Winton Rovers stand roof is in a state of disrepair and they have been advised that the only viable option is to replace it. To progress the roof replacement, a feasibility study requires to be carried out and funding is being sought to meet consultancy fees in respect of this.	

#### Funding

<b>Amount requested: £3,900</b>  Feasibility costs - £3,250 +VAT  Total cost of project: £3,900	<b>Contribution by Group:</b> None
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## Supporting Information Provided

<b>Constitution/Memorandum of Articles:</b> Available	
<b>Bank Details:</b> Available	<b>Balance in Bank:</b> Details Available

## Additional Comments on Scoring

### Criteria:

1. Charitable		2. Educational	
3. Community	x	4. Environmental	
5. Renewable Energy		6. Energy Efficiency	
7. Sustainable Development		8. General Community Amenity	x

### **Level of environmental enhancement:**

As the main stand is in a state of disrepair it detracts from the appearance of the area and a replacement stand roof would enhance the local area.

### **Level of community involvement:**

As previously highlighted Winton Rovers works in association with a wide range of community groups and organisations. Their aim is to support the local community and do so by offering leisure, health and fitness activities as well as free use of their facilities to community members and groups.

### **Level of funding secured or available:**

None

### **Experience of group to deliver project:**

Winton Rovers has been in existence since 1900 and is run by a management committee with the skills and experience to support this project.

### **Future sustainability of project:**

Winton Rovers is a long- established sports and recreation facility which is run by an experienced committee. The planned replacement of the stand roof will enable the club to continue to operate their grounds and facilities and offer these to local community groups.

### **Location of Project:**

Ardrossan Winton Rovers Football Stadium  
Winton Street  
Ardrossan

## Officer Details

Name:	Rosemary Ramsay	Position:	Funding Officer
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## COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

### OFFICER REPORT

#### Applicant Contact Details

<b>Name of Organisation:</b> Parents for Stanley	<b>Contact Person:</b> Kimberley Guffie
<b>Address for Correspondence:</b> Stanley Primary School Stanley Road Saltcoats	<b>Telephone Number:</b> Available

#### Description of Applicant Organisation

<b>Number of Members:</b> 66	<b>Established:</b> 20+ years
<b>Meeting Place:</b> Stanley Primary School	<b>Date of Visit:</b> Phone call 7.2.22

#### Description of the Project:

##### Background:

Stanley Parent Council helps to create an environment where all parents know that their views matter, and where they feel confident and comfortable putting them forward. They work on behalf of all parents to discuss educational matters that are of importance to all. They also provide a platform for fundraising and all money raised goes back to benefit the school.

##### They do the following

- Work in partnership with Stanley School to decide on the key priorities to take forward;
- Provide a voice for parents in schools and in their local authority, NAC on issues that are important to them;
- Organise fundraising opportunities in the form of Christmas Fayres, Valentine and Hallowe'en discos. Providing regular payments to the school to help them with different expenses such as Christmas Parties, Pantomimes etc
- Provide P7 leavers with a hoodie and a gift for S1.
- Help make links with the wider community;
- Capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents can offer and use these in different ways.

##### Project for Funding:

Parents for Stanley would like to be considered for a donation towards reducing the costs of a residential stay for Stanley PS P7 residential week – 66 kids. Due to Covid - 19 the initial residential to Arran scheduled for September 21 was cancelled and normally the parents get 6 – 8 months to pay up small payments towards the cost but as it was cancelled no payments were ever started. However, at very short notice there was a cancellation for Arran Outdoor in May and parents are going to be asked for a lot of money upfront and in a very short time frame.

Due to constraints on the 'cost to the school day for parents' P7s are not allowed to fundraise themselves to reduce the costs. This award would hugely benefit the P7 aged community as these children have missed out on so much during COVID-19.

#### Funding

**Amount requested: £4,000**

**Contribution by Group: £3,000**

Total cost of project: £17,160

#### Supporting Information Provided

**Constitution/Memorandum of Articles:** Available

**Bank Details:** Available

**Balance in Bank:** Available

#### Additional Comments on Scoring

##### Criteria:

9. Charitable

10. Educational x

11. Community x

12. Environmental

13. Renewable Energy

14. Energy Efficiency

15. Sustainable Development

16. General Community Amenity

##### **Level of environmental enhancement:**

During the P7 residential the kids will be involved in The John Muir Award, this is four Challenges -**Discover, Explore, Conserve, Share**. The children will visit a range of wild places and carry out activities that can contribute to achieving a John Muir Award. They will be involved in protecting wild places from development. They will enhance, repair, rewild, and plant within different ecosystems and landscapes. They will work closely with the National Trust to rhododendron bash at Brodick and remove roots that are causing damage to other plants. Part of the award is to 'share' and they will be sharing their experience with their community on return.

##### **Level of community involvement:**

The aim is to try and reduce costs for parents to ensure that pupils are not excluded from taking part in the residential trip and to promote financial inclusion within the community. Also as highlighted above, on their return pupils will share their experience with their community

##### **Level of funding secured or available:**

Participatory Budgeting £1,200 - Pending

##### **Experience of group to deliver project:**

This is an annual activity and those involved in the residential are very experienced in delivering this project.

**Future sustainability of project:**

As stated above, this is an ongoing annual activity.

**Location of Project:**

Arran Outdoor Centre, Isle of Arran

## Officer Details

Name:	Rosemary Ramsay	Position:	Funding Officer
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The journey  
so far

## **Saltcoats town**

### **SALT**

All money secured for go big or go home has been secured - £152,000 for Winton circus play park.

### **Splash**

Is another new group who are interested in redeveloping the outdoor swimming pool.

The regeneration team at NAC have secured funding from the Community Renewal Fund for Place base Frameworks for Saltcoats town centre. They have money for groups to carry out feasibility studies.

These groups as well as, Raise your voice with Ardeer and Ardrossan community Development Trust are planning a joint CIF bid for CCTV. A police report has been received a meeting is planned.

### **Raise your voice with Ardeer**

Have secured the extra funding for the Beach hub. Tender is agreed and signed. Work starts 21<sup>st</sup> March with a completion date of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### **Network meeting**

Carried out, very well attended with great feed back and ideas for the future. How partners can work better in the future.

### **Older person information event**

Being held in the Town hall planned on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be showcasing activities post COVID that they can participate in.



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## Economy and Tourism

### **Sustainable food projects in Three towns.**

All larders are running well, a total of 5 are now in operation, everyone in the three towns work together to support each other. Community cafes are all open with Argyle CC piloting their first community café in partnership with café solace.

### **Ardrossan Development trust**

- CIF awarded for development worker
- RCGF have pick this project to fund
- Add this to the lottery funding
- Fund total over one million for south beach project.

### **Whitlees CA.**

- Expression of interest CIF application for catering staff and event staff completed.
- Applying for SCIO
- Applying for community asset transfer.
- Still working on these

### **Café Solace**

- 1 volunteer in employment
- 6 volunteers completed REHIS training –
- 2 volunteers engaging with Computing/Literacy courses –
- 3 volunteers accepted on to accredited training courses -
- Relevant Services attending the café to provide information to customers & volunteers (eg, Oral Health, Turning Point, Nadars, Locality Police Officers)
- Collaborative working with wider organisations, including, Esol Team, Corporate Parenting, NAFB, Justice Services –
- Customer Evaluation Forms
- Successful funding bids, collaboratively & independently
- further meeting with Rangers re: John Muir award in February
- Ardrossan will be opening up very soon.

### **Adult digital Learning**

- Digital device drop in .support for problems with phones tablet and laptops, PC's
- Hayocks
- Whitlees
- Men's shed
- Then Ardeer
- Argyll centre later in spring linking in with cafes times



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## Community Regeneration

### **Training Station**

Operating great different groups using

### **Saltcoats Harbour group**

Working with the group

### **Sustrans**

Working with them in a joined-up approach to insure there is consistency across the 3 towns.

### **Skate Park**

Working very closely with them to build capacity with new board and develop business plan to sustain them in the future.

### **Three Towns Mens shed**

Currently in a temporary site in Ardrossan. Working with regeneration team and supporting them to explore funding and new site for the future.

### **Support for The Community Ardrossan Scouts**

Met with representative from scout group to review their progress on refurbishing building and state of planning and funding. From this meeting, a number of sections for the scout group were agreed and needs to be discussed with their management committee. Building potentially has lots of daytime available for small groups etc. This is a market they need to develop. Regular support meetings possible.





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## **Three Towns Growers**

The Board has now identified a contractor for their community build. Restarted annual events, Halloween and Yuletide and potato day have all been successful .

## **Anti-social behaviour in green spaces**

Development of 'Anti-social Behaviour in Green Spaces' project in partnership with Auchenhavie Academy, and other partners. Meeting organised with echo group, support teacher and Campus Police at Auchenhavie Academy.

## **Three Towns Clean-up crew**

Are still very active through the 3 three towns.

## **Youth program**

Have Developed/re-establish a range of youth participation opportunities across the Three Towns. For young people P6/7 – 18 years.

8 Groups for young people in, 3 in Stevenston and 5 in Ardrossan.

## **Stevenston South (Ardeer) Community Association**

The centre has fully reopened to all community groups. The association have restarted their regular meetings, I am supporting/working with them to organise an AGM. They have also compiled a list of community events for 2022. Their community has now reopened and lets are starting to build back up.

## **Incredible Edible 3 towns**

Linked in with the development work (Marie Dorrans) at the three towns growers. Arranged a meeting with Denise Harvie teacher at Ardrossan academy to set up linking in with the school group.

## **3Towns Youth Forum**

We started a 3 towns youth forum even with good publicity no young people attended. When further restrictions came into place because of the Omicron covid variant we decided to stop the group and re-evaluate. We are currently having planning meetings and been in contact with Auchenhavie academy eco group to start a 3 towns eco – youth forum group.

## **Active Citizenship activities**

Climate Change Town support request from Architecture and design Scotland to consult with community members on Climate change. The event took place over 3 sessions and used a modified place mapping tool 16 people from a number of



Environment (Civic  
pride and Community  
Engagement)



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organisations and nac staff provided input. A youth group event planned. ADS have confirmed that funding has been extended for 2 more years for their input. Joint planning to take place. Lessons learned from this process will be useful for every town to explore..

## **Environment/Active Citizenship**

Support for friends has included opening a discussion regarding their sustainability and how to support the nature reserve maintenance task and how to recruit three towns based. volunteers to engage with this area. Spoken to TCV about helping them recruit environmental volunteers.

**Stevenston CC** to plan for recruiting volunteers/establishing a group to take on the town centre planting and gardens. They have been awarded £6500.

For further information contact: Shirley Morgan. [smorgan@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:smorgan@north-ayrshire.gov.uk). 07912450212

## Locality Partnership The Ayrshire Community Trust Update – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022

**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](http://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 quarterly 'networking' Forums for all 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector groups and organisations that wish to attend. The next online Forum Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022. If you are a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector organisation and you are interested in attending, please email: [info@tact.scot](mailto: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 are 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 barrier removal working with local individuals to access quality work placements, training and personal development opportunities. The team have adapted the programme to a hybrid 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](mailto:cheryl@tact.scot)
- North Ayrshire Third Sector Chief Officer Group – This is open to Senior Staff working with a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> February at 10am. If you are interested in getting involved, please email: [kaileigh@tact.scot](mailto: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](mailto: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 organised for various 3<sup>rd</sup> party experts to deliver a range of training last year including Business Planning and Measuring Impact. We are intending to run this training programme again in 2022. We are also assisting with Charity Registrations, PVG Support, Funding Support and Support with

compiling Constitutions. Continuing to support groups in achieving SCIO status in regards to their CAT applications.

- 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 are operating an engagement platform, known as SLACK, for the wider sector. This platform has a wide range of information and resources for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Organisations to access provided through 17 dedicated channels. If you know of any 3<sup>rd</sup> sector groups or organisation that could benefit from access to this platform please contact: [info@tact.scot](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@tact.scot)
- TACT Capacity Building Officers continue to promote Community Benefit opportunities to the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector, this also includes training and opportunities to learn topics such as business planning and tendering skills from successful NAC contractors.
- We presented trophies to all organisations who have been part of our Organisation of the Month for the for the latter 6 months of last year. This promotion has been received favourably with the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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. If anyone is interested, please contact [ann@tact.scot](mailto:ann@tact.scot)
- Adult Volunteer Recognition Award – This award was launched in June 2021 and is designed to recognise the hours of commitment that Volunteers give to organisations throughout North Ayrshire. To date 72 certificates have been issued with one person receiving our top award of completing over 200 hours and showing outstanding commitment. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Ann Wilson on [ann@tact.scot](mailto:ann@tact.scot)
- Supporting our TSI partners Arran CVS, who had the lead role in regards to the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund. Submitted applications numbers were high and in total 55 organisations with 61 projects were awarded funding. The total amount of Funding distributed was over £813,000 for services operating across North Ayrshire.
- Community Based Adult Learning Fund opened on 28<sup>th</sup> January for groups and organisations to apply for up to £2,000 to deliver Adult Learning across North Ayrshire. The total pot of funding available is £50,000. If you are interested in applying please contact TACT on 01294 443044 or email: [info@tact.scot](mailto:info@tact.scot)
- TSI staff are supporting promotion and shortlisting of submitted applications to the Arts & Crafts and Locality PB Funding.