



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Irvine Locality Partnership

Monday 21 February 2022, 6.00 p.m. Via Microsoft Teams

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Timings
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Burns	6.00 – 6.05
2.	Action Note Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 3	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	6.05 – 6.15
3.	Irvine Harbourside Receive update from Alasdair Laurenson and Kasia Smith.	-	Verbal	Alasdair Laurenson/ Kasia Smith	6.15 – 6.40
DECISION REQUIRED					
4.	Grants Receive report from Lesley Forsyth.	Pg 9	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	6.40 – 6.55
STANDING AGENDA ITEMS					
5.	Learning Update Receive update.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers	6.55– 7.10
6.	HSCP Update Receive update from Louise Gibson.	-	Verbal	Louise Gibson	7.10 – 7.25
7.	Youth Forum Update Receive update from Justin Jones.	-	Verbal	Justin Jones	7.25 – 7.40
8.	Locality Officer Update Receive report from Elaine Baxter	Pg 12	Enclosed	Elaine Baxter	7.40 – 7.55
9.	AOCB Report for Information <ul style="list-style-type: none">TACT Update	Pg 21		Cllr Burns	7.55 – 8.00
Date of Next Meeting: Date will be confirmed after Local Government Election.					

Distribution List

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Councillor Marie Burns (**Chair**)
Councillor Ian Clarkson
Councillor John Easdale
Councillor Robert Foster
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Sylvia Mallinson (**Vice Chair**)
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CPP/Council Representatives

Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer
Scott MacMillan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
David Cameron, Police Scotland
Elaine Baxter, Locality Officer

Meeting:	Irvine Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	13 December 2021 – Virtual Meeting at 6.00 p.m.
Present:	Councillor Marie Burns (Chair) Councillor John Easdale Councillor Christina Larsen Councillor Shaun MacAulay Diane Dean (co-opted) Community Representative David Mann , Community Representative Annie Small , Community Representative Ian Wallace , Community Representative Lesley Forsyth , Lead Officer Raymond Ferguson , Police Scotland Barbara Conner , TACT Christine Howie , Irvine Royal Academy (joined at 7.10 p.m.) Rosemary Ramsay , Community Learning and Development Stephen Fraser , Active Schools Rebecca Black , Corporate Parenting Team Elaine Baxter , Community Education Locality Co-ordinator Diane McCaw , Committee Services, North Ayrshire Council
Apologies:	Councillor Robert Foster Councillor Louise McPhater Sylvia Mallinson (Vice-Chair) Louise Gibson , HSCP Representative Linzi Sloan , Head Teacher, Irvine Royal Academy Lauren Fletcher , Active Schools Co-ordinator

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed those present to the Irvine Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were noted. Raymond Ferguson, Police Scotland, advised that the future representative on the Partnership would be David Cameron.	Jennifer McGee
2.	Action Note The action note from the meeting held on 18 October 2021 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions confirmed. Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer advised that the walk-about in relation to the Great Harbour Project would now take place at the beginning of 2022.	Kasia Smith/ Lesley Forsyth

<p>3.</p>	<p>Grants Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Rosemary Ramsay providing an overview on the Irvine Common Good Fund grant award process and on awards made previously from the Fund. The Fund currently has a balance of funding in the amount of £26,500.</p> <p>Barbara Conner advised the Partnership that the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing (CMHW) Fund was now live and that any groups not eligible for the current CMHW Fund would be referred to Rosemary Ramsay for assistance in seeking alternative funding.</p> <p>Members of the Partnership asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to competency and eligibility in connection with applications submitted to the Irvine Common Good Fund.</p> <p>Thereafter, the Partnership considered an application from Input SCIO for a contribution towards core running costs.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to award £2,500 from the Irvine Common Good Fund to Input SCIO.</p>	<p><i>Rosemary Ramsay</i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund: Expressions of Interest</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Barbara Connor in connection with the TACT Adult Volunteer Recognition Award. Information in connection with Award categories will be circulated to the Partnership.</p> <p>The Partnership were then provided with details of Expressions of Interest from the Community Investment Fund as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input SCIO <p>Input SCIO applied for funding support in the sum of £60,000 towards 2 part-time contracted staff with background information detailed in the report submitted to the Partnership.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that the expression of interest be progressed to a full application to a funding bid proposal to be submitted to the Partnership in February. The Group will also be asked to attend the meeting in February to present full application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irvine Tennis Club <p>Irvine Tennis Club applied for funding support in the sum of £100,000 towards upgrading works to the current Tennis Courts which are in a state of disrepair with background information detailed in the report submitted to the Partnership.</p>	<p><i>Barbara Conner</i></p> <p><i>Elaine Baxter</i></p>

	<p>The Partnership agreed that the expression of interest be progressed to a full application to a funding bid proposal to be submitted to the Partnership in February. The Group will also be asked to attend the meeting in February to present full application.</p>	<p><i>Elaine Baxter</i></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Joint Health and Social Care Locality Planning Forum and LP on Mental Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer which included details in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learning arising from the operation of the Arran Locality Partnership in terms of the inclusion of Health and Social Care; • potential improvements in terms of the operation of HSCP Forums and joint working with the Locality Planning Partnerships; • better management of areas of shared responsibility around community health and wellbeing to maximise the impact for Irvine residents; and • an update being provided to a future meeting on how the relationships progress. <p>Members of the Partnership asked questions and were provided with information in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the various Groups/Forums fit together and who has responsibility for what process/area; and • whether a document detailing the structure of all the Groups/Forums and where they sit would be helpful. <p>Barbara Conner advised the Partnership that she had produced a structure of different meetings and where they sat in connection to each other and would be happy to provide this as a starting point for Scott Bryden.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer, contact Scott Bryden, HSCP, to progress the production of a structure detailing where Groups/Forums fit into the Locality process.</p>	<p><i>Barbara Connor</i></p> <p><i>Lesley Forsyth/Scott Bryden</i></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Remembering Together – Scotland’s Covid Community Memorial Programme</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer 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>A 2-stage process will be followed by all Local Authorities with the initial stage involving local communities and groups who have been active during the pandemic or individuals who have lost loved ones due to the pandemic who will work with a commissioned artist to develop proposals for the memorial. The second stage would be to commission someone to create whatever art form is selected to be best for the North Ayrshire memorial.</p>	

	Noted.	
7.	<p>Learning Update – Headteachers</p> <p>Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer, advised the Partnership on work with colleagues in Education around involvement in locality working in order to maximise benefits to schools and young people. Clarification had been sought by Head Teachers on exactly what was required in terms of an update to the Partnership.</p> <p>Future meetings will see one representative from each of the Irvine clusters for Greenwood and Irvine Royal providing an update on work which represents their school cluster and ties into the Partnership priorities. Each representative will then disseminate relevant information back to their cluster.</p> <p>Christine Howie, Irvine Royal Academy and Stephen Fraser, Active Schools, then provided an update to the Partnership in terms successful Young Scot participatory funding bids.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>No update was available for the Partnership at this meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
9.	<p>Youth Forum Update</p> <p>Rebecca Black, Corporate Parenting Team introduced herself to the Partnership advising that members of the Partnership should get in touch with her in terms of anything relevant to her or her Team.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Locality Officer detailing work which had been undertaken in the locality from September to December 2021 in the areas of Digital Irvine/Irvine CLD Team, Employability, Mental Health and Wellbeing and Poverty.</p> <p>There was considerable discussion in terms of this item with information on the following being highlighted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Irvine chit chat newsletter which was issued to Local Irvine Community Centres and is also available digitally on the Irvine Locality Partnership web page; • an explanation on the participants of the Irvine Network meeting and clarification of community leaders; 	

<p>11.3</p>	<p>Irvine Seniors</p> <p>Ian Wallace provided an update on the Irvine Seniors AGM highlighting various matters including the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this was the first socially distanced in-person meeting taking place in the Woodlands Centre; • a walk about took place to look at Heathfield House sheltered housing unit in terms of emptying bins, cleaning windows, safety signs etc. • that David Hammond, Head of Service (Commercial) was progressing issues in connection hedge cutting etc. and advising residents accordingly; • conditions in relation to road potholes and the condition of; and • isolation and loneliness within sheltered housing complexes and bungalows within the complex. 	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The date of the next virtual meeting of the Irvine Locality Partnership meeting is Monday 21 February 2022 at 6.00 p.m.</p>	

Meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.



Locality Partnership: Irvine Locality

Date: 21st February 2022

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2020/2021 Elderly Grants Fund.

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

Background: 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

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.

Key Points for Locality Partnership:

- The 2020/2021 Elderly Grants budget for the Irvine Locality is **£14,992**

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: 10/2/22

APPENDIX 1

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

Grant Allocation for Irvine LPP Area

£
14,992

Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allocated to Group	Amount Requested	Remaining Balance
BABCA	Contribution towards activities for local elderly to address Social Isolation, encourage elderly to come out of their homes and re-engage with their local community. Planned activities include bingo nights, day trips, lunches and canny cooker classes to help save on energy costs.	£ 2,145	£ 2,145	£ -
LBLB & Girdle Toll Age Concern	Contribution towards purchase of a laptop and printer to allow the group to digitally record event records and minutes and keep them in a safe, secure place; purchase of a projector and screen to enable visual presentations to be made to members and encourage community interactions; activities and trips to attract new members and encourage members to leave their homes and interactive socialising with other members.	£ 2,969	£ 2,969	£ -
Dreghorn Old Peoples Welfare Committee	Contribution towards activities including outings and lunches. This will help to the group to subsidise the cost of these activities allowing elderly people to attend who may not otherwise have been able to take part. These activities will allow social contact for elderly people, particularly	£ 1,720	£ 1,720	£ -

	those who are living along and isolated.			
Drybridge Hall Management Association	Contribution towards delivery of activities including a trip, lunches and group activities to encourage local senior citizens to come back out of their homes and re-engage with their community. The activities are aimed at reducing social isolation in the elderly and developing their confidence to take part in community events.	£ 174	£ 174	£ -
***Springside Community Association	***No application received to date	£ 513	£ -	£ 513
Irvine Joint Wards Old Peoples Welfare Committee	Contribution towards a range of activities including trips, lunches and dinners to build members confidence to re-engage with their community and help address social isolation.	£ 7,471	£ 7,471	£ -
		£ 14,992	£ 14,479	£ 513



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Irvine Locality Network Meetings

Following on from some of the great collaborative work that happened in the community hubs during the pandemic, locality officers and lead officers would facilitate locality network meetings to be held 4 times a year. This will give different departments and community organisations working within the locality the chance to come together, talk about what work is going on in the locality, and look at where we can have a more joined up approach, ensuring the best a collaborative approach to tackling locality priorities. Our locality network meeting will be held in Redburn Community Centre on the following dates:

- Monday 28th February 10:30 – 12:30pm
- Monday 23rd May 10:30 – 12:30pm
- Monday 29th August 10:30 – 12:30pm
- Monday 21st November 10:30 – 12:30

Locality Chit Chat Events

Irvine Locality Chit Chat events have been placed on hold and we are looking at different ways of engaging these events more after the Easter holidays.

Community Associations Update

All Community Associations are being provided with on-going support through the attendance of regular monthly meetings by CDW/LW. Weekly updates are also received from Office Bearers.

BABCA

Committee aiming to run canny cooker classes in the next few weeks, and are aiming to run some activities for the Easter period, which will include a family craft project which ceramic tiles will be decoated and displayed with positive messages following Covid. The committee are also running a family Easter bunny hunt, and are keen to assist with the Holiday Meal programme. The committee have also applied for funding to hold a Family fun day for the Queens Jubilee celebrations.

Drybridge HMA

Committee have upgraded the gents toilets, which completes the centre upgrades following on from the installation of new windows, new paintwork, and additional radiators installed. Association are liaising with the local Mens Shed to build planters for flowers at the main entrances of the village.

Dreghorn CA

The committee were looking at moving the war memorial to a more central location in the village. This was to give the elderly members of the community easier and safer access to the memorial. There has been previous anti-social behaviour across the village. After the community meeting together with their local councillor Christina Larsen. There have been actions made and anti-social behaviour is now no longer a problem. The centres heating is currently broke and is using portable heaters. There is a new cooker in storage which is to replace the old one that no longer works. The association need to contact

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facilities to switch them over. The committee need more volunteers for the association.

Springside CA

The main hall and the library need new flooring- the association are looking into costs and funding. The centre needs an overall clear out as their storage spaces are full. They committee are going to book a skip to have a clear out and make better use of their space. The association have applied for PB funding for growbags, seeds and tools to create a community allotment to grow vegetables...etc. The committee need more volunteers for the association as well as the up-and-coming food larder.

Castlepark CA Craig McLellan to update

Castlepark CA are currently in the process of submitting an application to become a SCIO and wind down the existing organisation. The group are working on a new constitution and SCIO application with a view to be completed in the near future. This will

Ongoing training opportunities continuing to be offered to the associations through the Leadership Collective Training Programme.

Community Leadership Collective

The Community Leadership Collective is currently running two surveys to gain feedback on possible ideas for training needed by Community organisations, and to also identify training opportunities that can be delivered by partnering organisations. Once responses have been received it will shape the future training programme provided. The survey is running until Friday 18th February. Both surveys can be accessed through the following links:

Community organisations:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=stT1vp5s4E-b30U5irQzJ_bXbvAQ8PxKjMb513XpUAxURU1BU0tTMDhJNjEzT1ZSSUFNSVIBUVdVNC4u

Partners: : https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=stT1vp5s4E-b30U5irQzJ_bXbvAQ8PxKjMb513XpUAxUMDRCNkNXNIVYSUg4NTISS0ZYUU81N1c4US4u

Community Asset Transfer

1. Irvine Victoria 2004 Youth football club- group have been invited to complete full application. I contacted the group in August, and they advised me they are working on their SCIO application, I also put them in touch with TACT re their Business Plan. No update since – Pam has contacted for update. Pam SPOC until someone else available.

2. Castlepark Community Association (in partnership with Irvine Youth Forum) – have applied to lease the land and Mugga next to Redburn Centre. They have been invited to complete full application and Business Plan. The group have provided an update to say they are working with a Consultant on their Business Plan. SPOC Euan Lees.



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3. Coastwatch –Group have met with Lesley and Regen Team to discuss options going forward. They were to get back to us re their preference to take up the options or, proceed with the CAT. Euan SPOC

4. Lanfine Hall – initial expression of interest received from Irvine Takeado. A meeting had been scheduled between us and the group now which unfortunately was cancelled due to staff illness – we need to reschedule and hopefully we will be able to bring both parties together soon. Euan SPOC

5. Lawthorn Pitches – No update

7. Thornhouse Tennis Courts – Full application has been submitted and is now being assessed by CAT Officers. Pam SPOC

8. Towerlands Play Park – initial expression of interest received from BABCA Euan Lees; SPOC is supporting the group.

PB Locality and Arts and Culture 2022

The locality and arts and culture short-listing meeting took place on Monday 14th February 2022 all 39 projects were funded total spend for PB in Irvine was £53,594 all successful projects will be notified by end of February.

Irvine Youth Work

The youth groups in Irvine currently run from 7pm – 8:30pm on most evenings running in different parts of Irvine. The main focus of the groups are to benefit the mental health of young people by providing a fun, safe environment for them to come and relax with friends. These are the current groups taking place;

Be U Girls Group :10 young people

Reburn Youth Group: 12 young people

Dreghorn Youth Group: 24 young people

Springside Youth Group: 10 young people

Vineburgh Youth Group: 10 young people

Y-Dance: 7 young people

Irvine Youth Forum: 8 young people

Irvine Adult Learning Courses

An Introduction To Computing

A 9 week computing course for beginners is currently being delivered in Redburn It Suite, which started on Tuesday 1st February with 7 learners attending. The Course looks at basics of computer, email, internet and microsoft software.

ASN/Literacy Group

Prior to the Covid Lockdown ASN learners attended a literacy class at Irvine Library. These learners have been re-engaged with, and a new group is being established at Kilwinning Library that will commence on Wed 2nd March. The attendees will receive sessions on day to day life skills (shopping, cookery, photography, taster sessions on new skills, and literacy skills). This will be run in partnership with the Kilwinning Locality Team, as many learners come from Irvine, Kilwinning, and the 3 towns.



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Employability

Literacy/Employability support

Literacy and Numeracy 1-1 Support currently being offered by Literacy Worker at Redburn Community Hub and via online through zoom. As of the beginning of February, 16 learners are being supported, and are attending weekly sessions. Referrals are ranging from CEIS- Employability Pipeline, Community Link Workers, and self-referral. Any referrals can be made online by learners and partnering agencies through the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/fn61z6R6cP>

Ambition Agreement

Ambition agreement – focussing on young people age 16+ - Young persons centred approach to creating their own positive pathway. Staff support young people with training, accreditation/awards, support for soft skills, volunteering and work experience.

Employability Roadshow – Greenwood Academy & Irvine Royal Academy

During the month of November, the Youth Work employability team have led a roadshow that has visited each secondary school in North Ayrshire twice. At each school the team offered 1 to 1 key support and guidance to young people which was relevant to their aspirations for their future destination. The information gathered was then given back to the school so an appropriate plan can be made to best support the young person to the positive destination of their choice.

Targeting 15-18 year olds, all of the localities have catchment areas that includes SIMD 1 or 2. The support was offered to all school leavers and potential leavers.

The range of barriers affecting the young people included:

- Lack of knowledge of different positive destinations
- An unawareness of requirements for specific courses and programmes
- Support for job applications
- Support for interviews
- Mental health and wellbeing support

Employability Roadshow – with targeted approach in partnership with schools, with young people at risk of no positive destination. This has been received well in schools and will continue. The use of the Mobile Youth Centre means that we can set up remotely within school grounds or communities for young people to visit the staff and sign up for one to one support if required.

Modern Apprentice Youth Work

Our MA programme has continues to support young people completing their SVQ whilst on the job learning. These young people are entering employment and further education with not only the knowledge of CLD and youth work outcomes but the experience of planning, delivery and evaluating effectively amongst a wealth of other skills. At the end of the apprenticeship we create exit strategies and support them onto the next step of further learning, employment and volunteering.

Chit Chat Media Project

Euan is currently working with Paul Montgomery (Employability Project Delivery) to develop 10 week employability/media project that will train young people (16 to 25) to create future editions of the newsletter, and develop online video blogs. Euan and Paul have met with Ayrshire College which have agreed to work in partnership to provide Creative Industries production (Level 4) SVQ accreditation training, and routes to progression from training onto College course. Aiming to start course at the end of March 2022.



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Chit Chat Newsletter

Following on from the first edition of the Chit Chat Newsletter, the locality Team are aiming to get the next edition out in March. If any Community organisations have any good news stories they would highlighted, they can be submitted on the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/zvA1sGUxNQ>

Newsletter Toolkit

Following on from the first edition of the Chit-Chat newsletter, Euan is currently working with Literacy Worker to develop Community Newsletter Training Kit, that will available for all groups and localities. Aiming to have tool kit completed by the end of March.



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Mental Health and Wellbeing

Project Delivery Officer (CMHW) Community Mental Health & Wellbeing

2 x Project Delivery officers have been appointed within CLD team and will be carrying out a community asset map of activities that are available in all localities for young people aged 5-25 years. They will be involved in the delivery of high-quality support, programmes, signposting opportunities including digital support to children, young people and families across North Ayrshire in relation to Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Support.

Mental Health Improvement – A Practical Approach

Locality Officer and Locality staff met with Karen Lee Health Improvement and have agreed to work together to build capacity of staff/groups/individuals and work to support local communities to improve their mental wellbeing.

Irvine Virtual Christmas Tea Party

The Irvine Virtual Christmas Party was held on Friday 10th December, with 38 residents attending. The events were organised in partnership with Irvine Youth Forum, Trindlemoss, BABCA, BAPTARA, Greenwood Academy, Irvine seniors Forum, and local Community Link workers. All attendees all received a Christmas Tea Party pack delivered to their homes. The packs also contained also contained a gift made by attendees from Trindlemoss. Entertainment included Bingo, quiz, and pre-recorded videos (pantomime, reminisce video, Musical performance from Greenwood Academy, and magic show).

Comedy For A Healthy Mind Course

Following on from the pilot course being run at the end of last year, the Comedy For A Healthy Mind course will hopefully be run again after easter break. Currently working on developing the course content, and aiming to expand the course to a longer course 6-to-8-week course



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Poverty

Holiday Meals Easter Programme – Elevating Poverty and enhancing food system in Irvine

Irvine Locality Team are working in partnership with community associations to deliver holiday meal provision. This will be a targeted approach to pupils who will be identified by the school and flyers will be issued to larders for distribution to families who access the support who have children. NAC catering team will provide hot meals and sandwich platters during the Easter holidays to the following venues:

- Towerlands Farm Community Centre
- Redburn Community Centre
- Vineburgh Community Centre
- Fullarton Community Centre
- Springside Community Centre

Week 1 Monday 4th April till Friday 8th April 12noon – 1:30pm

Week 2 Monday 11th April till Friday 15th April 12noon – 1:30pm

Choices Community Matters

There are now 334 members who have registered with choices community matters larder which is a partnership between Fullarton CA and Vineburgh CA. Choices is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am – 1pm where members can access low-cost food, readymade meals and have access to essential items like toiletries. Each member has to book an appointment and will receive 1-1 support if they require any help in terms of employability support, volunteering opportunities, cooking on a budget and developing skills in terms of budgeting. Sign posting individual and families onto other services such as money matters, community link workers, employability and skills – a person centred approach to helping clients overcome any issues they might identify. Choices Community Matters were successful with their NAVT bid of £30,000 this has allowed them to employ administrative support for the project.

Farm Basket Food Larder

Euan continuing to provide support to The Farm Basket Food Larder at Towerlands Community Centre, who now have 54 members accessing the service. The Farm Basket is currently open Monday 10am-1pm, Wednesday 4pm-7pm, and Friday 2pm-5pm.

BABCA are currently in the process of completing their RFS1 Community Asset Transfer Application for spare ground behind the centre in order to develop a community garden to grow produce for the Farm Basket.

Springside Larder

A Community Association representative is planning to visit the Farm Basket to see how a food larder is run and gain some ideas and inspiration. Ann Wilson from TACT plans to promote the volunteer vacancies within her role. Members from Drybridge Community Association plan to help and volunteer too. The association aim to start creating connections with local food suppliers and supermarkets. Fiona Pow is supporting the larder and has still to go over the handbook. The larder will be situated in the community centre library - this needs new flooring. The larder aims to be open at the end of April with its opening days of Monday 9.30 - 2.30pm and Friday 9.30 - 2.30pm at an appointment basis only.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is still taking place every second Saturday from 10am- 12pm at Redburn Community Centre. There are around 10 volunteers and young people who



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make and serve the food to the local community. Currently feedback is collated through conversations with people who attend breakfast club. Some of those who attend the group and request help with recovery are now engaging with other services such as rehabilitation and other community-based initiatives. The breakfast club has around 40 regular attendees who come from the Redburn area.

Community Consultation – Bourtreehill Park Green Health Activities Action Plan 2022

We want to hear from those of you living in and around Bourtreehill Park regarding the use and various green health activities taking place within. These activities are designed to improve health and wellbeing with a focus on using the greenspace. We want to hear from local residents of all ages to get as much information as possible to gain a better understanding of how the Park could be further utilised in the future. Please find attached the link and QR code which can be used to access the consultation. This consultation will be active until the end of Friday 5th March. Please look out for further information on face-to-face consultations within the area at local venues. <https://forms.office.com/r/FyuZFBjxL9>

Great Harbour Project – Irvine

North Ayrshire Growth & Investment team is consulting on the first phase of the concept masterplan proposals for the Great Harbour project in Irvine.

The Great Harbour project is a key tourism led regeneration, placemaking and destination development project for Irvine and the wider Ayrshire Coast, which seeks to re-imagine and re-define what this area can be and create a new destination for the Ayrshire Coast that puts people first and reconnects them with the waterfront. It aims to enhance parks and greenspace, enhance local heritage and waterfront attractions and create new ones, enable safe public access through the area for residents and visitors, and provide improved access to the water for leisure and recreation.

Display materials will be available to view at the Portal and on the fencing opposite the Harbour Arts Centre, near the Carter and Horse statue, with feedback forms available at the HAC reception. We will also have few consultation events:

Harbour Arts Centre

1. Thursday 17 February 2022 | 10am – 4pm

Bridgegate (Irvine Youth Forum/ Legacy Centre)



Green Health



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2. Monday 21 February 2022 | 2pm – 6pm
3. Thursday 24 February 2022 | 9am – 2pm
4. Thursday 10 March 2022 | 10am – 5pm

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Locality Partnership The Ayrshire Community Trust Update – 31st 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 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 3rd Sector groups and organisations that wish to attend. The next online Forum Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8th March 2022. 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 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
- 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 24th February 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 organised for various 3rd 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 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 Capacity Building Officers continue to promote Community Benefit opportunities to the 3rd 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 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. If anyone is interested, please contact 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
- 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 28th 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
- TSI staff are supporting promotion and shortlisting of submitted applications to the Arts & Crafts and Locality PB Funding.