



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Kilwinning Locality Partnership

Thursday 24 February 2022, 7.00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

Business

Item	Subject	Pg	Ref	Officer	Timings
1.	Welcome Apologies	-		CLlr Davidson	7.00 – 7.05
2.	Action Note Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 3	Action Note enclosed	Rhona Arthur	7.05 – 7.10
3.	OneBank Receive presentation.	-	Presentation	Gillian Jack	7.10 – 7.25
4.	Place Framework Receive update.	-	Verbal	Louise Kirk/ Rachael Graham	7.25 – 7.40
5	Support for Employability and Skills Receive update	-	Verbal	Laura Neill/Laura Cook	7.40 – 7.55
6.	System Changers Receive update.	-	Verbal	Kimberly O'Neill	7.55 – 8.05
7.	TACT Adult Volunteer Recognition Award. Receive update.	Pg 7	Enclosed	Ann Wilson	8.05 – 8.10
STANDING AGENDA ITEMS					
8.	Learning Update Receive update.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers	8.10 – 8.20
9.	HSCP Update Receive update.	-	Verbal	Michael McLennan	8.20 – 8.30
10.	Grants Receive report from Rhona Arthur	Pg 8	Enclosed	Rhona Arthur	8.30 – 8.40
11.	Kilwinning Youth Forum Receive update.	Pg 10	Enclosed	Kimberly O'Neill	8.40 – 8.50
12.	Locality Officer and Locality Plan Update Receive report from Louise Riddex.	Pg 11	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	8.50 – 8.55
OTHER BUSINESS					
13.	AOCB Report for Information – TACT update	- Pg 16	Verbal	CLlr Davidson	8.55 – 9.00

Distribution List

Elected Members

Councillor Scott Davidson **(Chair)**
Councillor Joe Cullinane
Councillor John Glover
Councillor Donald Reid

Community Representatives

Colin Hedley, Kilwinning Community Council **(Vice Chair)**
Nairn McDonald
Alison Stell
Jim Hodge
Aaran McDonald *(Co-opted)*

CPP/Council Representatives

Derek Frew, Senior Lead Officer
Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer
Louise Riddex, Locality Officer
Ann Wilson, Third Sector Interface, and HSCP
Craig McFie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
David Cameron, Police Scotland

Meeting:	Kilwinning Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	6 December 2021 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Present:	Councillor Scott Davidson (Chair); Councillor Joe Cullinane; Councillor John Glover; Colin Hedley , Community Representative; Nairn McDonald , Community Representative; Jim Hodge , Community Representative; Alison Stell , Community Representative; Rhona Arthur , Lead Officer (NAC); Louise Riddex , Locality Co-ordinator (NAC); Craig McFie , Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Aaran McDonald , Community Representative; Tim Swan , Headteacher Kilwinning Academy; Fiona McKenzie , Headteacher St Luke's Primary School; Paula Lacy , Headteacher Pennyburn Primary School; Michael McLennan , Partnership Engagement Officer (HSCP); Rosemary Ramsay , Funding Officer (NAC); Julie-Ann Peacock , Corsehill Primary Parent Council Wendy Crichton , Corsehill Primary Parent Council Hayley Clancy , Committee Services Officer (NAC).
Apologies:	Derek Frew

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome and Apologies The Chair welcomed those present and apologies for absence were recorded.	
2.	Action Note The action note from the meeting held on 3 June 2021 was approved with no further amendments.	
2.1	Matters Arising The following points were discussed as matters arising from the action note of the last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Locality Partnership were advised that Cabinet has approved a further top up to the Community Investment Fund of £2 million for North Ayrshire; All grants and CIF applications have been paid; Cost of the School Day – work is ongoing to develop the actions from the discussion with Young People; and 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Asset Transfer with Kilwinning football Club for Alsmwall Park is now complete. <p>Noted.</p>	
3.	<p>Grants Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Rosemary Ramsay on the Kilwinning Community Funds. The presentation highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on community funds presented to the Kilwinning Locality Partnership for decision; Overview of the administrative process relating to the community funds; Criteria for eligibility of the community funds; and The current 2021/2022 balance. <p>Noted.</p>	
4.	<p>Adult Volunteering Recognition Award</p> <p>This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	Jennifer McGee
5.	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>An application has been made to the Community Investment Fund from Corsehill Primary Parent Council to contribute towards the cost of the creation of a Playpark.</p> <p>Julie-Ann Peacock and Wendy Crichton from Corsehill Primary Parent Council were in attendance and gave the Locality Partnership an overview of the project.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that the proposal of £50,000 proceed to the North Ayrshire Council Cabinet for approval.</p>	Rhona Arthur
6.	<p>Learning Update – Headteachers</p> <p>Paula Lacy, Headteacher from Pennyburn Primary School, Fiona McKenzie, Headteacher from St Luke's Primary School and Tim Swan, Headteacher from Kilwinning Academy gave a verbal update on what the school had been doing since pupils returned.</p> <p>Paula Lacy highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School role is now 199 and almost full at all stages; Appointed a new Covid recovery teacher; Building on community relationships and involved with the Locality Place team; Covid challenges are still present at the school and attendance is also a concern; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid mitigations are all still in place; • Extra-curricular activities have not been reintroduced as yet; and • Ongoing supply staff issues. <p>Fiona McKenzie highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching staff doing a great job on changes to learning; • Dip in academic progress was not as severe as initially thought; and • Tracking and attainment has remained significantly high. <p>Tim Swan highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power outage at the school today; • Prelim exams have now started; • Started S2 into S3 options progress; • 2 virtual parents' evenings have now taken place; • Continuing to have the malicious fire alarm activations – people responsible for the last 4 alarms have been caught and referred to Police and have also been excluded from school; • Appointed a number of Pupil Equity Fund staff who have now gained permanent posts within North Ayrshire; • Ongoing IT problems; • School renovation – work in the PE Department and Library ongoing; and • A bid was put in from the Parent Council for the Participatory budget, which was successful. <p>Noted.</p>	
7.	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>Michael McLennan, HSCP gave an update on the North Ayrshire Strategic Planning Group.</p> <p>The current Locality Priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving mental health and well-being • Reducing social isolation and loneliness (all ages) • Prevention, early intervention and recovery from drug and alcohol related harms and deaths • Recovering from the Covid experience/backlog <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Fire Alarm</p> <p>Craig McFie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service gave an update on the upcoming changes in fire alarm legislation. The update provided information on the new element that was introduced following recommendations from the Building and Fire Safety Working Group, the delay in the Implementation of the legislation, and the requirements for all</p>	

	domestic properties. Noted.	
9.	Youth Forum Update Louise Riddex provided a verbal update on the Youth Forum and highlighted the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group participated in sessions regarding Climate Change in response to COP 26 conference to identify what small and large changes they can make within their own lives to contribute to the positive actions which can help tackle climate change; • The group will be organising a fun day in partnership with the local library to re-launch it to local young people on world book day in March 2022; and • The Forum will be supporting and volunteering at the local Christmas Lights Switch on this year on Thursday 2nd December where they will be offering free face painting to all families in attendance. Noted.	
10.	Locality Officer and Locality Plan Update Louise Riddex made reference to her update which had been circulated detailing work which had been undertaken in the locality highlighted the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the priorities have changed for the LP then there will need to be a refresh of the subgroups at some point; • Community Ladders are working well; • LGBTQ group is now running every week and there are 10 young people who attend weekly; • Community Link workers are organising an online Christmas event. Noted.	
11.	AOCB Rhona Arthur gave an update on the Kilwinning Town Charitable Trust Application received some time ago from Kilwinning Bowling Club. The Club are now in a position to move forward with the application. The Locality Partnership confirmed their previous agreement to this application.	Rhona Arthur
12.	Date of Next Meeting The date of the next meeting of the Kilwinning Locality Partnership meeting is 24 February 2022 at 7pm.	



Categories

Bronze Award

For someone who is new to volunteering. Involves choosing a project to support and fit it around their needs; discovering more about their skills and strengths. It gives recognition for more regular volunteering undertaken. Volunteers that have completed between 25 and 49 hours are eligible for this award.

Silver Award

Taking volunteering to the next level by making a longer commitment to volunteering and developing skills and strengths through volunteer placements. People can record achievements, training, new skills and certificates, keeping them to hand to support any applications for further volunteering or work. Volunteers who have completed between 50 and 99 hours are eligible for this award

Gold Award

This award build on the experience and commitment volunteers have shown to an organisation and is awarded when volunteers complete between 100-199 hours of volunteering This award once again builds on the skills and commitment by the volunteer.

Platinum Award

This award is presented to those volunteers who have completed 200 hours or more and is a recognition of the extremely firm commitment that they have shown to an organisation.

Palladium Award

This for an outstanding contribution to volunteering. Palladium is now the most valuable of precious metals therefore it is reserved for those volunteers who are considered extremely valuable to the organisation. Individuals must have completed at least 200 hours and have exceeded expectations. The volunteer is nominated for this for this level of Award by the organisation they volunteer for. Decisions on the Palladium Award are made by the Palladium Panel. An Outstanding Achievement certificate is awarded.



Locality Partnership: Kilwinning Locality

Date: 24th February 2021

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2020/21 Elderly Grants Fund.

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

Background: Applications have been received in respect of the 2020/21 Elderly Grants 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 Kilwinning Locality is **£6,360**.

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.

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

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Completed by: Rosemary Ramsay (rosemaryrams@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Date: 10.2.21

APPENDIX 1

ELDERLY GRANTS FUND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2020/21

Grant Allocation for Kilwinning LPP Area **£ 6,360**

Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allocated to Group	Amount Requested	Remaining Balance
Kilwinning Burgh Old Peoples Welfare Committee	Contribution towards setting up a project to promote digital inclusion for the elderly by teaching them how to use the internet and pcs. Also running summer outings and community meals to encourage confidence in people to get back out and about and meet others to tackle social isolation.	£ 2,948	£ 2,948	£ -
Landward Old Folks Welfare Committee	Contribution towards activities to reduce social isolation and increase confidence in elderly citizens to re-engage with their community. Planned activities include day trips, entertainment nights and meals out.	£ 3,412	£ 3,412	£ -
		£ 6,360	£ 6,360	£ -



Locality Partnership: Kilwinning

Date: February 2022

Subject: Youth Forums and Citizenship and Partnership work

Purpose: *This report is to inform the Kilwinning Locality Partnership about Youth Forum, Youth Citizenship/Partnership activity, planned and actual for the Kilwinning Area.*

Background

This update only concerns the activity of the forum from 19th January in light of Damian Taylor's absence

The Kilwinning Youth Forum strive to benefit the lives of young people in the Kilwinning area. We aim to achieve this by involving young people in Kilwinning in the decision-making process and giving them a voice.

The groups current aim is to recruit new members through a series of TikTok, Facebook and Instagram posts we are hoping to post for week beginning 28/02/22. Posters have also been created to put around the school.

The group have been working in partnership with the Kilwinning LGBTQI+ Group (Open Ayrshire) to create a series of video stiches advising parents on the things to say and how to react if your child comes out as LGBTQI+. The group endeavours to launch these at the Parent LGBTQI+ Support Sessions beginning this year. Furthermore, these efforts contribute to North Ayrshire's Silver LGBTQI+ Charter mark.

The group have been instrumental to the Detached Youth Work Team, undertaking an advisory role in our identification of the issues impacting young people such as underage drinking and knife crime and the primary locations of anti-social behaviour such as Kilwinning Abbey.

The group are organising and delivering a fun-day in collaboration with Kilwinning Library. Whilst currently in the planning stages, the primary focus will be on emphasising the library as a youth space and the recruitment of new forum members.

After being awarded PB Funding, the Kilwinning Youth Forum will go onto plan a Family Funday in the summer.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

Members of the Youth Forum will be happy to have an input to and support the partnership

Action Required by Locality Partnership

For more information please contact: *Iona Gilmour, Locality Worker, ionagilmour@north-ayrshire.gov.uk*

Completed by: *Iona Gilmour*

Date: *February 2022*



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Kilwinning Progress Report

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General

CATs in Kilwinning that are currently in the system at present are:

Kilwinning Community Football Academy, Almswall Pavillion & Football Ground – this has now been completed.

Woodwynd Hall – no further update from Association following last meeting. The group are not keen to take on any CAT until the roof has been repaired.

New priorities are now active for the locality. These are Skills & Work opportunities (especially for young people), Environment and Green Open Space, Poverty & Equalities, and community Wellbeing. A discussion needs to be had with LP on how we want to take sub groups forward for these new priorities.

The next Locality Network Meeting is due to take place in Cranberry Moss Community Centre on Thurs 17th Feb. This event brings paid employees from different services who work in the community together to facilitate discussions on where we could be working together to best meet the needs of the community, avoiding any duplication.

Continuing to support Kilwinning Community Council. The group are keen to act as a catalyst for the locality to create a development trust. Supporting with that. The group are keen to involve more young people so have connected them to the new MSYP's.

Working with members of the Place team to look at Place framework and how this can be implemented in Kilwinning.

Kilwinning Youth Group started back in mid-January with the average attendance around 10 young people. The group programme is a balanced mix of fun activities and issue-based talks. The group sit well with Young Peoples' Voice and Rights, they all get the opportunity to voice their opinions in issues that relate to them

Love Hall AGM is due to take place on Monday 21 Feb at 7pm in the hall.



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Skills & Work Opportunities

3 members of the Kilwinning Locality are currently receiving literacy support on a weekly basis. 2 previous learners have now gained employment.

PDA in Youth Work being delivered to some pupils in Kilwinning Academy. The young people have completed their assignments in Unit 1 Understanding Youth Work and Unit 2 Engaging with Young People. They are now a week into their youth work placement and beginning their Work Placement Booklet. By helping young people achieve this qualification, we are ensuring that the CLD needs of communities are met for future generations.

Currently linking up with Sharon Menzies from Ayrshire College who delivers core skills to students. Will be visiting students in the near future. Our goal is to tie the students in closer to their communities and to help them deliver any ideas they would like to carry out in the community.

Re-structuring the once Irvine library literacy group into a ASN social/support group. The group will carry out 1 hour literacy support out of the 2-hour time slot and the rest will be spend doing activities such as Cooking, Music Lessons, Photography, walks, picnics, IT skills etc. This will start on Wednesday 2nd March in Kilwinning Library, 1-3pm.

Looking to refresh 2022 Community Leadership Collective Training calendar. Have created form questionnaires, one for partners who deliver and one for NA wide residents to let us know what training they would like, and to suggest some we don't provide already.



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Community Wellbeing

Update

Me & My Mental Health Group are back meeting in the library. They are exploring mental health and wellbeing in a safe, relaxed place. Looking at coping strategies for Anxiety, overthinking and stress. Team will be starting delivery of the HIIC (Health Issues In the Community) Course in the near future.

2 new Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Project delivery officers are now in post. They will cover the full of North Ayrshire. They are currently carrying out a mapping exercise of what services are available.

Stroll With It Kilwinning is due to start back in March. There were 8 members before the group broke for winter break.

Detached Youth Work has been back up and running since mid Jan. Working in Partnership with Police Scotland and KA leisure to deliver diversionary activities using Mobile Youth Centre and KA leisure's portable football pitch. Numbers engaging have not been great so far.

ASN – Groups are now meeting face to face. Currently looking at funding for transport for the next financial year.

System changers is going well. Have looked at a range of channels connected to systems such as power dynamics, democracy, and rich pictures. We are now asking in the system – inviting people from a wide range of backgrounds to discuss the systems with their service. From this a group has emerged to pilot a cooking on a budget group starting with a 6 week pilot in the Blacklands. This will be done in partnership with Jason from Church of Nazarene who will carry out the cooking demonstrations. All participants will be fed at the group and will take home the ingredients used that night to cook again for the family at home.

Group will run for 6 weeks starting Thursday 10th March 5:30-7:30pm.

Community Chit Chats have been put on hold just now due to lack of attendance.

Kilwinning Elderly Forums first meeting since COVID happened on 11 Feb. Unfortunately, there were only 2 members turned up. Another date for group to meet has to be confirmed.



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Transition work has started with P7s. This will consist of a 2 week input to all primary schools in Kilwinning to help them with the transition to the Academy.

Adult Learning ASN support - Re-structuring the once Irvine library literacy group into a ASN social/support group. The group will carry out 1 hour literacy support out of the 2-hour time slot and the rest will be spend doing activities such as Cooking, Music Lessons, Photography, walks, picnics, IT skills etc. This will start on Wednesday 2nd March in Kilwinning Library, 1-3pm.

Kilwinning Youth Forum – young people are in the process of deciding projects to spend funding on and recruit new members. Issues that are currently discussed in meetings include mental health in school, poverty, lack of bins in Kilwinning main street and the toilets in McGavin Park.

Update.

Continuing to support Eglinton Growers with their online monthly meetings. The group are going through a lease renewal and have managed to secure another 25 years. The Community Garden is back on track with, and the survey work will be carried out soon. Funding support given to apply to screw fix to cover the costs of drainage and QS.

Environment & Green open space

Still looking at a partnership between Kilwinning Youth Forum and Eglinton Park Rangers regarding potential project, however the member of staff that was dealing with that is currently off sick.

Been liaising with the Corsehill Swing Park group on requirements for the park, funding and requirements.

Through Community Benefit process, £300 was secured from PSL Printing for the TCV group outside Kilwinning Library to secure a new water butt and other gardening equipment



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Poverty & Equalities

Food with dignity projects are continuing to run well.

The Wee Shoap

Still have a high membership and people attending the larder. The work on the conversion of the storage out the back of the centre into 'the wee shoap' has started and is looking fab. This should hopefully be ready very soon. The idea is to transform the small lounge room that 'the wee shoap' is in just now into a retro style café area to allow people to come together and receive info on relevant services such as money matters, Citrus Energy etc.

Pryde

Vending machine with food products at an affordable price is still available in the centre.

Cranberry Moss

Membership is high and appointments are being used up on a weekly basis.

LGBTQ group is still going well. young people are in the process of creating a guide for Kilwinning Academy staff and teachers on LGBT issues such as pronouns, facilities and transitioning. This will be the first young person's LGBT guide written by young people. In turn, LGBT members of the community are simultaneously being supported and providing a CLD resource

Working with Kilwinning Bowling club to look at filling the funding gap for their changing facilities/toilets for females. Have arranged for someone from Building Standards to go out and look at the site and discuss process required for getting portacabin in.

For further information contact: Louise Riddex, lriddex@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

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.