

Action Note

Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	23 February 2022: Virtual Meeting at 6.00 p.m.
Present:	<p>Councillor Tony Gurney (Chair) Councillor Robert Barr Councillor Jean McClung Councillor Ronnie McNicol Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor Jimmy Miller Councillor John Sweeney</p> <p>Julia Gray Community Representative Susan Manson, Third Sector Interface Ian Winton, Community Representative Michael McCulloch (for Ardrossan Community Development Trust)</p> <p>Karen Yeomans, Senior Lead Officer Rhona Arthur, Head of Service (Connected Communities) Colin Bradford, Regeneration Manager (NAC) Rachael Graham, Regeneration Officer (NAC) Shirley Morgan, Locality Officer (NAC) Angela Morrell, Lead Officer (NAC) Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager (Committee & Member Services)</p> <p>Also In Attendance: Shirley Carr, Head Teacher (St Anthony's Primary School) Lorna Moran, Head Teacher (Caledonia Primary School) Penny McCann, Head Teacher (Hayocks Primary School) Graham Ross (Austin Lord Smith)</p>
Apologies:	Denise Harvey, Community Representative (Vice Chair) Elaine Meney, Community Representative Craig Mochan, Community Representative Scott Mould, Community Representative

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to last meeting of the Locality Partnership prior to the local government elections in May 2022. The Chair took the opportunity to thank those present for their hard work and to express his appreciation of the collegiate approach which had paid dividends.</p> <p>In terms of Standing Order 11, Councillor Sweeney, as a member of the CLASPS committee, declared an indirect financial interest in the group's funding application referred to at Agenda Item 7 (Grants) and took no part in its determination.</p>	

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	<p>An indirect financial interest was later noted by the Chair, as the spouse of a paid tutor with Whitlees Community Association, in respect of the Community Investment Fund business at Agenda Item 6. Councillor Gurney took no part in the determination of this item. Community representative Julia Gray also declared an interest in this item as a member of the group.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note from meeting on 15 December 2021</p> <p>The Action Note was approved, subject to the undernoted clarification in terms of the community representation arrangements in light of the local government elections.</p> <p>The Partnership noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• community representatives would require to stand down prior to the local government elections, but would be welcome to stand again;• community councils had an automatic right of representation; and• in the event of a community council being established in Ardrossan and taking up its place on the Partnership, the Partnership would also wish to see Ardrossan Community Development Trust continuing to be involved, given the important contribution it had made	
3.	<p>Learning Update – Headteachers</p> <p>Shirley Carr, Head Teacher (St Anthony’s Primary School), Lorna Moran, Head Teacher (Caledonia Primary School), Penny McCann (Hayocks Primary School) provided an update, including information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the positive impact of the easing of COVID-19 restrictions (such as the reintroduction of assemblies, an end to staggered start and finishing times, the re-introduction of in-person Parent Council meetings and events, and the resumption of transition visits for P7 and P1); and• the distribution of funding from the Cost of the School Day working group <p>The Head of Service (Connected Communities) undertook to revert to the Executive Director (Communities and Education) on the issue of PEF funding to ensure it could be directed to support what mattered most to pupils.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur</i></p>

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4.	Ardrossan Harbour Design Colin Bradford provided a verbal update on proposals for Ardrossan Harbour, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the consultation around the landside infrastructure (which would run from 21 February to 13 March 2022);• the development of an exemplar design using input from the consultation;• the outline programme which would, following conclusion of a commercial agreement with Transport Scotland and Peel Ports, include a 6-month tender period and up to two years for construction; and• the temporary relocation of the Arran ferry to Troon The Director (Growth and Investment) provided a short verbal update on Ardrossan marina. She reported on a forthcoming press release to announce the signing of heads of terms with Clyde Marina and advised on the preparation of the business case. In response to a question by Councillor Barr, the Director (Growth and Investment) undertook to seek clarification on any changes to the senior management of Peel Ports.	Karen Yeomans
5.	Place Framework Rachael Graham, Regeneration Office from the Council's Place-making team, provided a short verbal update on progress since the last meeting of the Locality Partnership, advising that UK Community Renewable Fund monies had been secured to allow the prioritisation of place frameworks in three areas, namely Largs, Kilwinning and Saltcoats. She introduced Graham Ross, Chief Executive of consultants Austin Smith Lord, who had been appointed to lead on the project alongside officers of the Council. Graham Ross, Austin Lord Smith gave a presentation on the preparation of place frameworks and action plans and advised on the four facets of the project, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• place analysis• the consultation and engagement plan,• regional, national and global factors to be taken into account• key local documents to be collated and assimilated Mr Graham explained the concept of "20 Minute Towns" in seeking to ensure access to everything within a reasonable walk, wheel or cycle from home. He emphasised the importance of engaging with the local community and partners and set out a timeline for the project, leading to a final report by June 2022.	

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	<p>The Partnership agreed to (a) note the content of the presentation; and (b) request that the following be taken into account as part of consultation on the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concern around privately-owned buildings in disrepair; • the need for investment to improve Dockhead Street; • the importance of taking into account lessons from previous works to Countess Street, including access issues for the visually-impaired; and • the potential for a mural pathway to bring visitors to North Ayrshire in general 	<p><i>Rachael Graham</i></p>								
<p>6.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>The Partnership received a report and a presentation by Julia Gray of Whitlees Community Association in respect of the group's expression of interest in applying for Community Investment Fund support.</p> <p>Information was provided on the work of the group, the reducing financial support from the National Lottery, and the need to increase the group's employed local staff in order to meet community need and build capacity. An application for CIF funding in the amount of £48,586 over two years was proposed.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to support the submission of a full CIF application by the Group, for consideration at the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p>								
<p>7.</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership received a report on the balance of funding available for disbursement.</p> <p>A typographical error was noted in respect of the recommended award to OIR, which should read "£4,401" and not "£1,000.</p> <p>The Partnership unanimously agreed (a) to grant the following awards:</p> <p><u>Elderly Grants</u></p> <table data-bbox="199 1615 925 1720"> <tr> <td>CLASPS Stevenston (HOPE project)</td> <td>£3,675</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saltcoats Old People's Welfare</td> <td>£4,960</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Three Towns OIR</td> <td>£4,401</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Saltcoats Common Good Fund</u></p> <table data-bbox="199 1794 925 1832"> <tr> <td>Saltcoats Active Lifestyle team (SALT)</td> <td>£1,000*</td> </tr> </table> <p>*subject to the group securing the balance of funding for the project</p>	CLASPS Stevenston (HOPE project)	£3,675	Saltcoats Old People's Welfare	£4,960	Three Towns OIR	£4,401	Saltcoats Active Lifestyle team (SALT)	£1,000*	<p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p>
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<p>9.</p>	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>Councillor Sweeney advised that there was no update available on this occasion.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>The Chair lost connection during this item of business. In the absence of the Vice Chair, the Senior Lead Officer temporarily took the Chair.</p>											
<p>10.</p>	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>Shirley Morgan provided an update on the work undertaken in the locality and highlighted the following areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team (SALT); • Raise your Voice with Ardeer; and • Older Persons' information event held on 22 February 2022 <p>Noted.</p>											
<p>11.</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>11.2</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>TACT Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update report on TACT, for information.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Stevenston Public Toilets</p> <p>Councillor Miller referred to the Stevenston shore public toilets project and requested that local Members be invited to any community event to mark the start of the works.</p> <p>The Chair was able to re-join the meeting at this point.</p>	<p>Shirley Morgan</p>										

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12.	Date of Next Meeting The Chair noted that future meeting dates would be confirmed following the local government elections. In closing the meeting, the Chair took the opportunity to thank Members, community representatives and officers for their efforts over the past five years. Elected Members and officers reciprocated.	
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Meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.