



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## Arran Locality Partnership

**Tuesday 20 September 2022 at 5.00 pm via Microsoft Teams**

### Business

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1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	-		Cllr Billings	5.00 – 5.05
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3.	<b>Arran Islands Plan</b> Receive report from Audrey Sutton	Pg 8	Enclosed	Audrey Sutton	5.15 – 5.35
4.	<b>Community Investment Fund – Expression of Interest</b> Consider application from Arran Eco Savvy.	Pg 14	Enclosed	Anne-Marie Hunter	5.35 – 5.50
5.	<b>Learning Overview</b> Receive update.	-	Verbal	Susan Foster/Shirley MacLachlan/Judi Worthington	5.50 – 6.05
6.	<b>Locality Partnership Forum/HSCP Overview</b> Receive update from Greg Hamill/Ruth Betley.	-	Verbal	Greg Hamill/Ruth Betley	6.05 – 6:25
7.	<b>Child Poverty</b> Receive update from Audrey Sutton.	-	Verbal	Audrey Sutton	6.25 – 6.40
8.	<b>Grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Community Benefit Fund</li><li>Elderly Grant Fund</li></ul> Receive reports from Lesley Forsyth	Pg 30 Pg 33	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	6.40 – 6.55
9.	<b>AOCB</b>	-		Cllr Billings	6.55 – 7.00

## Distribution

### **Elected Members**

Councillor Timothy Billings **(Chair)**

### **Community Representatives**

Bill Calderwood (Arran Community Council)

Tom Tracey

Diana Turbett

### **CPP/Council Representatives**

Vicki Yuill, Senior Lead Officer

Audrey Sutton, Lead Officer

Greg Hamill- Lead GP **(Vice Chair)**

Lesley Forsyth, North Ayrshire Council

Anne-Marie Hunter, North Ayrshire Council

Carol Norton, TSI

Michelle Sutherland, HSCP

Gordon Cairns, SFRS

Kevin Blackley, Police Scotland

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Arran Locality Partnership</b>	
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	Thursday 16 June 2022 at 5.00 pm via Microsoft Teams	
<b>Present:</b>	<p>Councillor Timothy Billings <b>(Chair)</b> Vicki Yuill, Chief Executive Officer, Arran CVS (Senior Lead Officer) Audrey Sutton, Executive Director, Communities &amp; Education (Lead Officer) Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture Anne Marie Hunter, Engagement and Participation Officer Gillian Jennings, Health Improvement Officer Judi Worthington, Argyle College Tom Tracey, Community Representative Michelle Sutherland, HSCP Carol Norton, Operations Manager, Arran CVS Barry McNaught, Police Scotland Gordon Cairns, SFRS</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p>Jacqui Greenlees, Interim Senior Manager, Policy, Performance &amp; Community Planning North Ayrshire Council (item 6) Sarah Blair, Transport Co-ordinator, Arran CVS (item 8) Jennifer McGee, Community &amp; Locality Planning Assistant, North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p>	
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Shirley MacLachlan, Head Teacher Susan Foster, Head Teacher Kevin Blackley, Police Scotland Diana Turbett, Community Representative Dr Greg Hamill, GP Lead <b>(Vice Chair)</b> Fiona Laing, Co-opted Community Representative</p>	
<b>ACTIONS</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes from meeting held on 28 February 2022</b></p> <p>The action note arising from the meeting held on 28 February 2022 were approved.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
3.	<p><b>Learning Update</b></p> <p>Both S Foster and S MacLachlan submitted their apologies to the meeting as it clashed with their Primary 7 leavers dinner. An update will be provided at the September LP meeting.</p> <p>J Worthington provided an update on the work of Argyll College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This week it was confirmed that return to learning within centres from August.</li><li>• College has undergone a huge rebrand and now known as UHI Argyll.</li><li>• The College is undergoing a curriculum review and restructure.</li></ul>	<b>Noted</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An employer consultation has taken place on Arran with hospitality and construction industry to identify skill gaps. The team are reviewing the results of the consultation.</li> <li>There has been a new intake of school pupils.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked J Worthington for her update.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Locality Partnership – Next Steps</b></p> <p>A Sutton advised the Locality Partnership that discussions have been taking place with the new Council Administration in relation to Locality Partnerships. In terms of Arran, it is hoped that it will be moving into a space where all of the Island aspirations can be brought together.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that it is proposed that a wider discussion/workshop is set up where attendees will be presented with a ‘straw man’ which will detail how the Locality Partnership and the Islands Plan come together from both an operational and strategic perspective, but most of all from a representative and community perspective.</p> <p>The Chair highlighted that he has had discussion with A Sutton about this as well as the Islands Team. The Chair also highlighted the importance of having the right people around the table and also to ensure everyone is happy with the proposals.</p> <p>T Tracey commented that he agrees with everything A Sutton has highlighted and agrees all of the makings are there. T Tracey also highlighted the there is a need for this work to feel as though it is coming from the Community.</p> <p>The Chair highlighted that the people who attend this discussion/workshop need to be representational of something and highlight their expectations of this work.</p> <p>B Calderwood commented that he is encouraged by the plans so far, and it would be good to get key bodies together. B Calderwood advised that he would be keen to move ahead relatively quickly with this work, however, is conscious of summer holidays/recess etc. B Calderwood also suggested that it would be encouraging to have the island team involved too.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A date for the workshop will be confirmed in due course.</li> <li>The Community Planning approach to the Islands Plan could bring a role to each of the partners to align their work to the Locality Partnership priorities. It would be easier for Partners to see their contribution in relation to clear priorities.</li> <li>All Locality Partnerships have a duty through Community Planning to see things through an inequalities lens. It would be an interesting role for the LP to govern the priorities of the Islands Plan with the Community Leads and Islands Team ensuring they address inequalities.</li> <li>There are functions referred from the Council to the Locality Partnerships such as Grants, Street Naming and the Community Investment Fund (CIF). CIF will also align to local priorities.</li> </ul>	<b>A Sutton/J McGee</b>

	<p>The Chair commented that he is supportive of this workshop being held during the summer. The Chair asked for nominations for representatives for the workshop to be submitted to Jennifer.</p> <p>V Yuill commented that this is good timing for this work and agrees that there should be greater discussion around the priorities.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their inputs.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Child Poverty Action Plan</b></p> <p>A Sutton advised the Scottish Government issued their most recent tackling child poverty deliver plan at the end of March 2022. A Sutton advised that North Ayrshire has the second highest levels of Child Poverty in Scotland with levels at 27.9%.</p> <p>A report was presented to the Council's Cabinet last week where is was agreed to set up a high-level Child Poverty Board. This will include the Council Leader as the Chair, C Cameron, Director HSCP and other Executive Director from the Council. The Third Sector Interface will also be key partner initially to start off discussions.</p> <p>A Sutton commented that the Locality Partnership should be thinking about, alongside the priorities, poverty and in general and child poverty perhaps as a priority. This will allow the LP to have a look what different services and partners provide in terms of child poverty.</p> <p>A Sutton advised that a more granular overview of this work would be provided to the Locality Partnership later in the year.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>A Sutton</b></p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2022 – 2030</b></p> <p>J Greenlees provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the development of the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP).</p> <p>J Greenlees highlighted that:</p> <p>The new LOIP is an eight-year plan which covers 2022 – 2030. The Plan was approved by the North Ayrshire Community Planning Board in March 2022. The priorities within the new plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wellbeing</b> - health inequalities, promoting children and young people wellbeing and enabling community wellbeing</li> <li>• <b>Work</b> – increasing employment, developing volunteering, supporting young people</li> <li>• <b>World</b> – reducing carbon emissions, mitigating impacts of climate change, increasing active travel, green health and increasing carbon literacy.</li> </ul> <p>J Greenlees advised that a workshop with the CPP Senior Officers Group is being arranged and will cover working on the governance, strategic delivery groups and the delivery of the plan. They will also be looking at the performance management the new LOIP.</p> <p>J Greenlees advised that she will also linking in with the Council's Youth Services Team to agree and implement a way to ensure young people have an opportunity to steer and evaluate our work as a partnership.</p>	

	The Chair highlighted thanked J Greenlees for her update.	<b>Noted</b>
7.	<b>Locality Partnership Forum/HSCP Update</b>  M Sutherland provided the LP with an update on the work of the HSCP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The new Chief Executive of NHS Ayrshire and Arran visited the island recently. The issues of wellbeing and the integrated Hub approach were discussed. A detailed plan is to be created around the implementation of the business case. M Sutherland undertook to bring back an update to the Locality Partnership at another date.</li></ul> The Chair asked M Sutherland to share the discussions with G Hamill and R Betley which has taken place at tonight's meeting	<b>M Sutherland</b>  <b>M Sutherland</b>
8.	<b>Community Transport</b>  S Blair provided the Locality Partnership with an update on Community Transport initiative which is run by Arran CVS.  S Blair highlighted that the service has been running for over five months, they now have 12 volunteer drivers and 35 registered service users. The volunteer drivers have carried out 110 return journeys using their own vehicle. 79% of service users have mobility issues.  The Team are looking at obtaining further funding to get two electric vehicles and charging stations for this initiative.  There is an opportunity to feature on a Channel 5 series. They want to meet with a volunteer driver and service user to talk about cost of living rises and also community transport on the island.  A feedback survey is being prepared and will be issued to services users and volunteer drivers at the six-month point.  The Chair thanked S Blair for her update.	<b>Noted</b>
10.	<b>Grants, CIF and Street Naming update</b>  L Forsyth advised the Locality Partnership that there was no CIF or Street naming report to consider at this meeting.  The Partnership received a report on the balance of funding available for disbursement, £62,529 and an application for funding from the Community Benefit Fund.  The Partnership agreed to award make the following award with the caveat that the Group provide the Locality Partnership with an update regarding the benefits/successes/savings after having this installed so it can be shared. The Chair commented that it would be useful for the update to come 12 months after installation.  <u>Community Benefit Fund</u>  Corrie and Sannox Village Hall	

11.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>L Forsyth advised the Locality Partnership that the Queens Baton Relay is taking place in Birmingham this year and that the Baton will be coming to Arran on 19 June 2022 as one of three Scottish stops.</p> <p>The Active Schools Team are hosting a sports fete in Brodick from 1pm – 4pm. It is expected that the Baton will be there for around two hours.</p> <p>L Forsyth commented that she is delighted that this is happening on the island.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
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**The meeting ended at 6.55 pm**

**Title of Meeting:** Arran Locality Partnership

**Date:** 15 September 2022

**Subject:** Delivery Group for the Arran Island Plan.

**Purpose:** To seek the agreement of the Arran Locality Partnership to include the Arran Islands Plan Delivery Group within the Locality Partnership arrangements as outlined below.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This paper provides a proposal for a new and innovative North Ayrshire Local Island Plan Delivery Group for Arran, creating an inclusive and place-based partnership that supports island stakeholders to take a lead role in strategic community-led local development and fundamentally, in delivering action.
- 1.2 Local people are considered the best experts for the development of their own locality therefore this concept is aligned to Locality Planning, introduced in Part 2: Community Planning of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and one of the ways communities work with public and third sector organisations to improve outcomes for their area. The Arran Locality Partnership is the means by which North Ayrshire fulfils duties under the Community Empowerment Act for our island community. It also ensures that the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) services reflect the priorities and needs of local communities.
- 1.2 It is crucial to co-create a delivery mechanism for the Arran Island Plan, ensuring close alignment with the Locality Partnership and Local Outcome Improvement Plan, which sets out what we want to achieve together as a partnership in North Ayrshire. In doing so, this will support all partners operating locally; be complementary and avoid duplication or uncertainty, it will advance the strategic objectives of the National Islands Plan (NIP) and the developing Ayrshire Regional Economic Strategy; further building on the collaborative working approach that already work to support Arran.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 As a key outcome of the 'Islands Recovery and Renewal' Pilot in collaboration with the North Ayrshire Council, Scottish Government and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, an ambitious 10-year Arran Island Plan and annual action plan has been developed with and for Arran to drive the development of community, economic and environmental wellbeing. The Plan launched in



March 2022 and builds on the work of the Scottish Governments National Islands Plan commitment to supporting the economic recovery as well as environmental wellbeing benefiting local communities, especially those disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

2.5 The Local Island Plan forms the foundations on which island stakeholders will come together to address long-standing issues and challenges faced by the island and to identify opportunities that maximise the potential of all that Arran has to offer.

2.6 As previously reported at Arran Locality Partnership, islanders were at the heart of shaping the Arran Island Plan with a range of engagement activities undertaken with:

- Island residents
- Local community and voluntary groups
- Young islanders
- Businesses across sectors and size
- Locality partnerships
- Elected Members for the islands
- Partner organisations with an interest in the islands.

## **2.7 Islands data and engagement**

2.7.1 To inform the development of the Arran Island Plan, the Council commissioned and published research from the Fraser of Allander Institute on the disproportionate economic impact of Covid-19 on the Arran economy in September 2020 and undertook an engagement exercise during 2021 to understand what the priorities, challenges and opportunities for Arran are.

## **2.8 Current position**

Through the work outlined in 2.7.1, three priority themes were identified and agreed as:

### **2.8.1 Economy - Arran is a model of an inclusive and green island economy**

- Business resilience
- Digital and green innovation
- Local supply chains
- Circular economy
- Skills development
- Retention and attraction of working age population
- Digital connectivity
- Marine infrastructure
- Arran as a destination
- Tourism management

### **2.8.2 Community – *Arran is a vibrant, engaged and resourceful island community***

- Ferry provision and infrastructure
- Affordable housing to buy & rent
- Transport connectivity
- Health and wellbeing
- Community capacity, empowerment and governance
- Maximising land and assets
- Community facilities

### **2.8.3 Environment - *Arran is pioneering in transition of the island to net zero by 2030***

- Climate action & sustainability
- Natural capital
- Energy provision and energy costs
- Marine planning & planning policy
- Active travel

## **2.9 Delivery of the Local Island Plan on Arran**

2.9.1 The engagement and design process for the Local Island Plan began to see emerging partnership potential, giving island stakeholders the opportunity to work together towards a common goal through the Island Plan.

2.9.2 As a result of this emerging partnership potential, a dedicated Local Island Plan Delivery Group will be established to monitor and report on the progress of delivery of the island plan. It will be a partnership of involved, enthusiastic, credible, able and committed people that have wide public support at an island level, for example, leaders of third sector organisations, community groups, young islanders, sector representative bodies, local business representatives, local authority officers and public agencies. Community groups and individuals will be welcome to participate through their experience and expertise and opportunities to do so will be communicated through updates to the Locality Partnership and through regular communication via established and informal networks including Arran CVS. The Island Plan Delivery Group will operate collectively in pursuing the island priorities and delivery of action, rather than members representing individual organisational interests.

2.9.3 It is proposed that the Islands Plan Delivery Group for Arran will sit within the Arran Locality Partnership. However, the Group will meet and work autonomously, providing the Locality Partnership with quarterly progress and monitoring reports for information, seeking Locality Partnership ratification for decisions, where appropriate and endorsement of proposed annual action plans. The Arran Locality Partnership provides a governance framework for the Islands Plan, supporting strategic objective ten of the National Islands Plan of 'Empowered island communities and strong local partnerships'.

- 2.9.4 Continued robust partnership working with Scottish Government Islands team and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) remains essential to the effective delivery of the Arran Island Plan therefore Scottish Government Islands team and HIE will participate in the Delivery Group.
- 2.9.5 The North Ayrshire Cabinet Member for the Islands will also support the work of the Island Plan Delivery Group and will participate in the Arran Locality Partnership.
- 2.9.6 A 'Planning and Delivering for Arran' workshop was held on 22 August 2022 at Brodick Hall which looked to explore the how and why the key enablers on Arran including Community and Locality Planning, Health and Social Care Locality Forum, Arran Community Council, Third Sector Interface – Arran CVS and third sector organisations, Arran Island Plan, Community groups and local businesses, should be brought together and included, but is not limited to:
- Contributing to closer & more coordinated working between island communities, CPP, national & local government & agencies to ensure stronger place-based partnership working;
  - Arran will have the opportunity to try out an innovative approach to local community-led local development;
  - Groups and organisations will work collectively and strategically to make positive improvements on Arran;
  - A range of evidence, insights and learning will be collated to help inform further progress of the Island Plan;
  - Building on the potential and specific assets of Arran;
  - Understanding the benefits of experimentation even at the risk of allowing mistakes or failure;
  - Working in partnership with others to identify and address challenges and opportunities in relation to implementation of the Arran Plan;
  - Supporting and ensure effective communication and engagement across this island;
  - Having accountability for implementation of identified priority projects ; and
  - Using available information to measure impact and outputs and how we are collectively making a difference for Arran.
- 2.9.7 During the workshop, it was proposed that a plenary session of stakeholders be arranged as soon as practical, chaired by the Chair of the Arran Locality Partnership, to agree the scope of the three priorities and to assess overlap and how the scope and actions of the thematic groups can complement the totality of the work of the Arran Islands Plan Delivery Group.

## **2.10 Thematic Groups – Community, Economy, Environment**

- 2.10.1 Three thematic groups aligned to the Arran Islands Plan's strategic priorities of economy, community and environment will take responsibility for implementing, monitoring progress, reviewing and refreshing the Annual Action Plan, ensuring that work is driven forward in a collaborative way that

involves the island community and encourages exchanges of knowledge locally, nationally and internationally.

- 2.10.2 Representatives will be characteristic of the relevant thematic priorities and have accountability for supporting the implementation of identified priority projects and opportunities to enhance and add-value.
- 2.10.3 Each thematic group will nominate an individual to take responsibility for leading the group. The leads will provide the collective Arran Islands Plan Delivery Group progress reports and action updates at each quarterly Locality Partnership meeting. Leads will be supported by the Senior Officer (Islands), North Ayrshire Council.

## **2.11 Coordinating function**

- 2.11.1 There will be a need to have local capacity and infrastructure to support the initial establishment and development of the Group. North Ayrshire Council will act in a coordination role and support the first year of operation of the Group in supporting implementation of the Plan and will ensure appropriate officer representation acting as representative/s of the Group and thematic groups, at all times.

## **2.12 Next steps**

- Thematic workshops and a plenary session of stakeholders to be arranged for **September 2022**, chaired by the Chair of the Arran Locality Partnership, to:
  - a) Agree the scope of the three priorities of community, economy and environment;
  - b) Assess overlap; and
  - c) How the scope and actions of the thematic groups can complement the totality of the Arran Islands Plan Delivery Group
- An update will be reported at the next Arran Locality Partnership meeting **December 2022**.

## **3 Proposals**

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Arran Locality Partnership agrees to include the Arran Islands Plan Delivery Group within the Locality Partnership arrangements and the proposed next steps, as outlined above.

## **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Arran Locality Partnerships are the means by which we fulfil duties under the Community Empowerment Act for island communities. This proposal for a new North Ayrshire Local Island Plan Delivery Group for Arran supports an inclusive and place-based partnership that supports island communities in taking a lead role in community-led local development and action planning.

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Designation: Executive Director, Communities & Education

Date: 15 September 2022

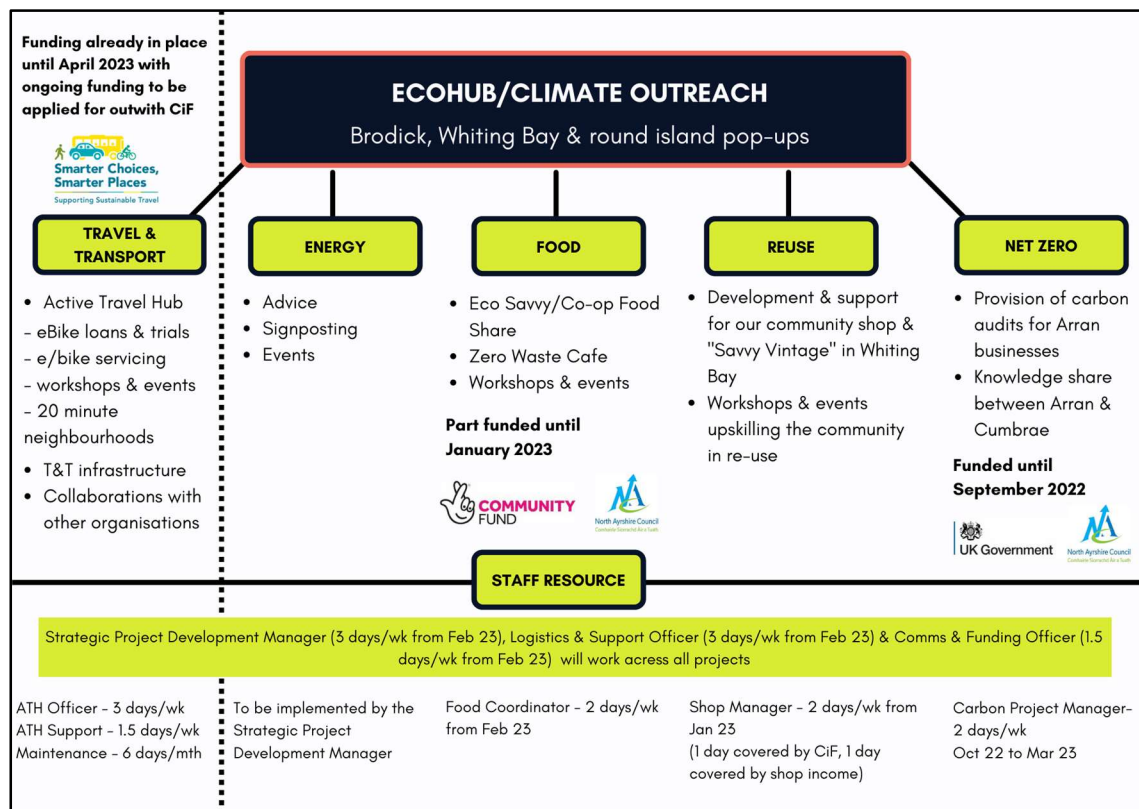
## Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

<b>Organisation name</b>	Arran Eco Savvy Community
<b>Brief details of organisation</b>	<p>Arran Eco Savvy's purposes are the advancement on Arran of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. environmental improvement by identifying and accomplishing environmental projects, which benefit the local community, increase environmental sustainability and support sustainable living, whilst working towards zero waste.</li> <li>2. education by providing learning opportunities for vocational skills and training of benefit to all ages and abilities to increase employment opportunities and allow individual enhanced contribution towards improving lifestyles, the local environment and environmental sustainability.</li> </ol> <p>Arran Eco Savvy has been tackling issues of climate change since 2013. We ran an island-wide sustainability project focused on sustainable travel/transport, food, energy efficiency and carbon literacy. Some achievements from our 2 year project which ended March 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 827 tonnes CO2e saved</li> <li>• 3,374 people actively engaged in project</li> <li>• 19,496 volunteer hours clocked</li> <li>• 17,557 eBike miles cycled</li> <li>• 146 energy audits/EPCs delivered</li> <li>• All 8 island schools participated in project</li> </ul> <p>Final report: <a href="https://www.canva.com/design/DAEZZtpGxn4/cyN7k9Zl-LPSD3NlaKv4Rw/view?utm_campaign=designshare&amp;utm_source=sharebutton#1">https://www.canva.com/design/DAEZZtpGxn4/cyN7k9Zl-LPSD3NlaKv4Rw/view?utm_campaign=designshare&amp;utm_source=sharebutton#1</a></p> <p>We are very much embedded in the Arran community and all previous projects have exceeded their engagement targets by some distance due to demand.</p> <p>Going forwards our work will aim to address several issues with multiple benefits:</p> <p><b>Travel &amp; Transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced car use on the island contributes to cleaner, less polluted environments for all</li> <li>• Greater access to sustainable travel/transport enables residents to reduce/give up car use resulting in financial savings, increased health and well-being and potentially employability</li> <li>• (e)bike repair and charging network offers accessibility and convenience and contributes to the normalising of active travel and promotion of sustainable tourism</li> </ul> <p><b>Food</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AES have worked with Arran's only supermarket to deliver a food waste reduction scheme where food that would be sent to landfill/incinerated is instead redistributed to residents - to date, 38 tonnes/over £240k of food</li> <li>• Working with North Ayrshire Council (NAC) to develop a mobile Zero Waste Cafe pilot with a dignified model to address food insecurity, food poverty, support local supply chains and climate-friendly food systems (launched pilot in March)</li> <li>• Working with Sustainable Food Places and Nourish Scotland to develop a "Good Food Movement" on Arran</li> </ul> <p><b>Community shop &amp; reuse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our small, volunteer run charity shop in Whiting Bay offers "pre-loved" goods for sale, as well as a range of eco-products and is one of only two charity shops on the island</li> <li>• Supportive environment for volunteers, helping reduce social isolation, increasing skills through training/workshops, etc. bridge to paid employment, Duke of Edinburgh Awards</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diverts goods that may otherwise be going to incineration</li> <li>• We also recently piloted a mobile vintage pop up shop called “Savvy Vintage” which has been well received by the community</li> </ul> <p>Net Zero Islands &amp; Energy</p> <p>AES is a delivery partner for a new and innovative Green Islands Programme for the North Ayrshire Islands of Arran and Cumbrae, to accelerate the path towards net zero by 2030 and boost the economic recovery and renewal of coastal communities.</p> <p>The project is on target to deliver baseline carbon footprint audits and Net-Zero Action Plans with 21 businesses based on the Isles of Arran and Cumbrae, to provide Carbon and Climate Awareness Training and to develop a Net-Zero Strategy for each island.</p> <p>The next vital phase of the work requires a Carbon Project Development Manager to support organisations on Arran to implement their Net Zero Action Plans and to roll out the carbon audits so that other organisations can benefit and to support the community to deal with the challenges of the energy crisis.</p> <p>All work is designed to encourage long-term behavioural change and we include climate literacy when appropriate.</p> <p>We received funding for 4 consecutive years from the Scottish Government’s Climate Challenge Fund based on the success of each subsequent project and are now working with North Ayrshire Council, Sustainable Food Places, Paths for All, the National Lottery as well as many Arran based organisations and businesses to follow up and expand on work from previous projects. We were also successful in two Scottish Government funding bids via Inspiring Scotland which allowed us to buy some fantastic capital assets including equipment for the Zero Waste Café, bike maintenance stations and an electric van, among other things. and these enable us to deliver our operations to the island’s more remote communities and to those who do not have access to transport or for whom public transport may not be easy.</p>
<b>Locality</b>	Isle of Arran
<b>Amount requested</b>	£87,974
Brief overview of proposal	<p>The Community Investment Fund will support Arran Eco Savvy (AES) to establish an EcoHub to support residents and businesses in addressing the climate emergency in a variety of ways.</p> <p>Whilst Arran Eco Savvy is primarily an environmental organisation, we recognise that environmental action does not exist in a vacuum and much of our work will have multiple benefits, intersecting environmental action with economic, health and social considerations. In addition to addressing issues and behaviours that cause climate change we will look to reduce inequalities and enable financial and health benefits, potentially increase employability, increase access to good food and support local growers, producers and the island economy. We will also aim to work across all sections of society as well as in some of the island’s more rural and under-served locations.</p> <p>Though much has been achieved, what AES has missed is having a continuous central base for residents and businesses to drop into that can address multiple environmental (as well as social and economic) issues. What this funding would enable is that physical presence one day a week in Arran’s main town of Brodick, as well as allow us to reach other locations on the island via our community shop in Whiting Bay and pop-up events.</p> <p>The funding from the Community Investment Fund would be used as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salaries for the following team members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sustainable Food Coordinator</li> <li>○ Shop Manager</li> <li>○ Carbon Project Manager</li> <li>○ Communications and Development Officer to promote and coordinate all the projects and encourage community buy in</li> <li>○ Logistics and Support Officer to help with admin and provide support across all the projects</li> <li>○ Strategic Project Development Manager to oversee all the projects and link their work together. This role will also develop an energy project and implement it with help from the Logistics and Support Officer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Travel and Subsistence budget, office accommodation</li> </ul>

- A small contribution to our running costs to support central and support functions such as trustee indemnity insurance, bookkeeping and payroll costs. All other admin work is carried out on a voluntary basis by our trustees)

We are currently working on several projects, have piloted some work and would like to add additional projects and explore wider reaching ideas that we feel would benefit from being brought together under a central “EcoHub” banner. This would allow us to better expand and develop learnings from previous work, have a central space for community engagement and consultation, and build cohesion and crossover between projects and with other organisations:



### Inception and pilot

In April 2021 we received funding from Paths for All's Smarter Choices Smarter Places Open Fund to open an Active Travel Hub on Arran. This happens once a week from the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodict and takes the format of an informal drop-in session where people can come along and access active/sustainable travel info, trial ebikes, sign up for longer ebike loans,



access bike servicing and repairs etc.

In September 2021 we organised a Climate Fringe event to run concurrently with the Active Travel Hub and raise awareness of COP26. We invited 9 other organisations to attend to promote other environmental work that is happening on the island, meaning we had an intersection of attendees with a variety of interests. The event attracted well over 70 attendees:

The success of this event prompted us to develop an EcoHub offering and from February to June we ran a series of events piloting the concept.

We did this by running a regular drop-in every week, with a bigger event once a month. We feel that the success of this can be seen in the attendee numbers:

- February "Valentines" Drop-in: 30 attendees
- March Drop-in: 50 attendees
- April Energy Drop-in: 48 attendees
- May Green Health Week Drop-in: 65
- June BikeFest Drop-in: 36

# ARRAN CLIMATE FRINGE

**Saturday 18th September: 12 - 3pm**  
**Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick**

- Trial an eBike on our special course (or try on your own bike)
- Take a led walk\* along Fisherman's Walk for a tour round Cladach Community Garden (\*email diana.ecosavvy@gmail.com to pre-book)
- Speak to the Pioneer Project about their work building local food resilience on Arran
- **1pm** - Bring along your own picnic to have at our "Low Carbon Lunch"
- **2pm** - join a beach clean & data collection of beach litter
- 'TAP (Think About Plastic - Arran), Scotland's first plastic 'free' community & island will be sharing ideas about how you can help reduce the plastic in the sea around Arran (or wherever you live)
- Info on reducing food waste & saving money whilst helping the environment
- Seed/seedling/pot swap & pop up shop!
- Learn about sustainable seafood & blue carbon from the experts at COAST
- Hear about how the Isle of Arran is on its way to becoming a UNESCO Global Geopark, a designation equivalent to a World Heritage Site or Biosphere Reserve
- Chat to some folks from the newly founded Arran Repair Cafe - they're looking for volunteers with the time & skills
- Get to grips with landscape scale carbon auditing with the local farmer led group Net Zero Arran as they take action for a greener, more sustainable island

**Elsewhere**

- 11am-12pm: Arran Pioneer Project's Community Garden at **Cladach** Open Session - pop in, see their work & buy some veg!



Join us for a day of celebration & to find out about some of the work happening on Arran to combat climate change & protect the environment.


















CHECK ONLINE FOR UPDATES & MORE INFO

### EcoHub DROP IN

Come along to a Valentines themed day at the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

**FREE - ALL WELCOME**

**TUES 15th FEB: 11am-3pm**



Free tea, coffee & baking!

Chat to Arran Repair Cafe

Meet Makerspace Arran & see their 3D printer

**NEW pop up shop**

Free ebike loans & tryouts

Dr Bike service

### EcoHub DROP IN

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

**FREE - ALL WELCOME**

**TUES 8th MARCH: 11am-3pm**



Kefir making workshop\*  
\*need to pre-register please!

Dr Bike service

Chat to Arran Repair Cafe

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Seed swap with the Pioneer Project!

Vintage pop up shop

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North Ayrshire Council

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### Going Forward

With the funding from the North Ayrshire Community Investment Fund we would like to formalise this EcoHub model and use it to expand, develop and cross-promote our work in the areas of energy, sustainable food, reuse and net zero and also deeper into the island's geography. This would also go hand in hand with the Active Travel Hub and associated travel and transport ambitions that we have which are already funded by Paths for All.

We have a wide variety of stakeholders and work with many other organisations on the island, which we would very much like to expand on:



### Sustainable Food

Since 2019 we have been providing sustainable food education through workshops, cooking demonstrations, resources, recipe books and household food waste audits. We have delivered the Food Share scheme in conjunction with the Co-op, to date diverting 38 tonnes of food with a value of over £248k.

We collaborate with many organisations locally and have supported local producers to revive Farmers Markets in conjunction with Arran's Food Journey and Bellevue Farm. Last year we



worked with Sustainable Food Places to deliver a Good Food Movement pilot on the island. More widely we are connected with the North Ayrshire Fairer Food network and recently attended the Food Forum meeting as we support the ambitions to be part of the Sustainable Food Places network.

Following consultation with the Arran community, and with support from NAC, Inspiring Scotland and the National Lottery, we developed a pilot project for a Zero Waste Cafe that 'pops-up' in villages across Arran, providing healthy fresh and ambient food to residents.

With the use of our new e-van we take zero waste dispensers, bulk dry goods ethically sourced from Greencity, tinned goods, free frozen food from the Eco Savvy/Co-op Food Share initiative, distributing locally grown vegetables and produce from Clachaig Farm, Pioneer Project and Holy Isle as well as offering refreshments, home baking and a healthy soup in Shiskine and Lochranza where the cafe alternates on Wednesdays on a weekly basis. All of these take the service to the people, and so supporting those without transport.



We would use the cafe to cross promote ours and other local organisation's work on the island, for example, to date we have held collaborations with Arran Repair Cafe, Arran Milk and Savvy Vintage, hosting these groups at the Zero Waste Cafe. We aim to make the cafe an inviting space with different activities on offer, providing access to these services and activities in the outlying villages on the island where we are running the pilot.

Over time and with more resources we would like to incorporate workshops focusing on sustainable food into the cafe, for example fermentation workshops, low-waste recipes and beginners guide to composting. We would like to collaborate with the Pioneer Project for outdoor cooking workshops and apple pressing and hope to work with other groups such as the Arran Wellbeing Cafe CIC to reach more people in the community.

We would also seek to broaden scope at the cafes, for example, by making available other services that address different issues. We would like to promote active/sustainable travel by having our ebike coordinators attend the cafes regularly with ebikes and etrikes for people to try, we have also held two foraging walks to date to gauge community interest. These were very popular with one session being oversubscribed.

The Zero Waste Cafe is based around Nourish Scotland's Dignity in Practice framework and operates on a donate-as-you-feel basis to ensure accessibility. Attendance at the moment is between 10 and 40 individuals each week.

We are actively working to destigmatize access to the food at the Zero Waste Cafe by focusing on food waste and packaging reduction. Of course, the cafe supports people experiencing food insecurity but by focusing on the environmental benefits of shopping locally and zero waste we are providing an open and dignified setting in which to access food.

We are also working with Independent Food Aid Network UK to develop a 'worrying about money' leaflet for Arran to make the community aware of available cash-first interventions and to embed this into our work.

Cafes create spaces for people to explore healthy, zero-waste food whilst providing a social meeting point. In time more workshops which promote low-carbon healthy eating would be incorporated, enhancing environmental sustainability in the community. The cafes operate in areas where cars would usually be needed to access food and so promote active travel and reduce food miles. We use our e-van to transport the cafe infrastructure so the cafe itself has a low carbon footprint. We've recruited 8 volunteers for the cafe who are actively involved and passionate about sustainable, zero waste food.

Here is a testimonial from one of our ZWC volunteers: *"I recently retired as an allied health care worker, which was hastened by the recent pandemic and finally decided to make the permanent move to the Isle of Arran. I have always been interested in environmental matters, especially reducing food waste. I thought that going to the Zero Waste Cafe would be an ideal opportunity/venue to meet other people in the community, have a cup of tea and sample some lovely home baking. And also the chance to pick up some food staples e.g rice. I saw the opportunity to give some of my time to volunteer at the Zero Waste Cafe, to help in the overall scheme of reducing food waste, a cause which I want to encourage. (The Zero Waste Cafe) is a real focal point for the community. It's (The Food Share is) redistribution of food that can be still utilised by the community, otherwise this food may have gone to landfill. It's giving the community the chance to socialise, exchange ideas, e.g recipes, that make use of food from Food Share. In these times of the rising cost of living, especially living on this island, the Food Share may help to reduce the weekly food bill. And (provide) value for money. The Zero Waste Cafe is also a social venue, especially as we are no longer in the restrictions of the pandemic, and the community is coming together again."*

The cafe's flexible model allows us to support local producers, businesses and community gardens when they have gluts and produce available. We are a distribution point and give donations back to the growers. We have had donations from food businesses and private individuals too. One example of this is our soup bread is donated by a local cafe who would otherwise bin their bread ends.

The Zero Waste Cafe tackles food insecurity in a dignified model while reducing food waste, packaging and travel. We have been running the pilot since March 2022 alternating weekly between two locations; Shiskine and Lochranza. We hope to expand the pilot to further locations around the island and have been approached by three other villages; Kilmory, Pirnmill and Corrie to do so.

### **Reuse**

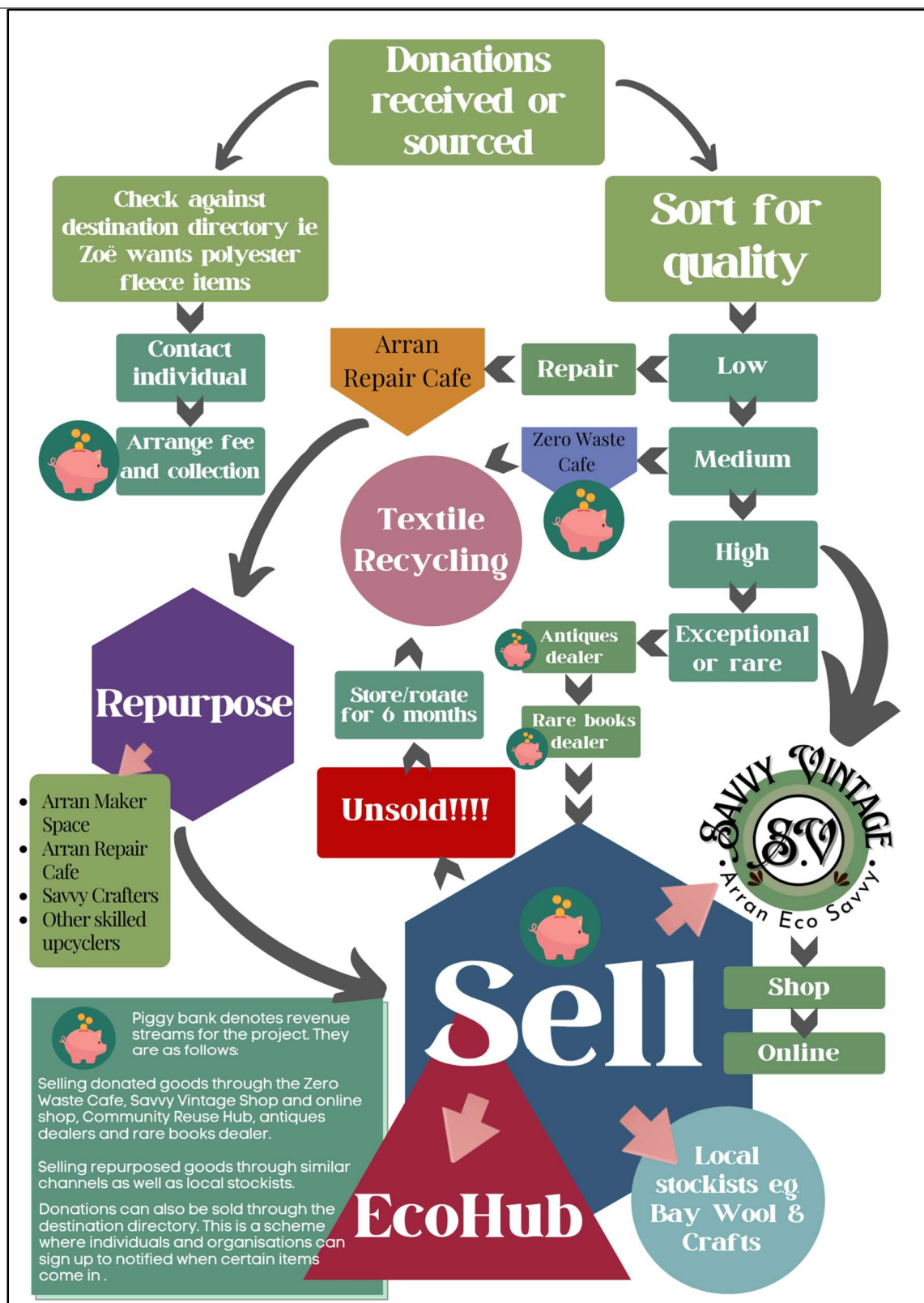
Our community shop in Whiting Bay does a fantastic job of taking in donations and selling them to the community and showcasing and selling products that offer environmentally friendly alternatives to the mainstream. There is demand for this both as a retail concern, the circular economy solutions it presents but also as an opportunity for people to volunteer and access all the associated social and employability benefits of this.

The shop is well positioned within the island community to receive donations, which we do in huge quantities and are currently struggling to process these due to lack of storage space.

We have several ideas that we would like to trial around our shop and reuse initiatives including:

- Promote Lifelong Learning and increase the capacity of our volunteers through learning to use new technology, software applications, smart devices, etc. helping our volunteers to adapt and thrive in today's world (POS system/online shop)
- Further consultation with the volunteers and wider community on how best to use the shop going forward, including holding pop up events at the EcoHub and Zero Waste Cafe
- Tap into the vast array of creative, upcycling skills that our current team of volunteers have by setting up regular crafting/repair workshops using materials and unsold items from the shop, turning them into sellable products which contribute to increased shop revenue. Develop an evaluation plan to reflect on the impact to inform future workshops
- Setting up a swap system whereby the volunteers collect items for upcycling by individuals in the community
- Reduce isolation and promote inclusion through establishing a resilient community group that gains confidence about the future through action
- Set up an online shop to broaden the appeal of the shop to a younger audience
- Establish partnerships with Arran High School and Arran Youth Foundation by offering regular work experience opportunities and accreditation through the Duke of Edinburgh Awards or Youth Achievement Awards
- Further develop our pop up shop "Savvy Vintage" which has been very well received both on the island and by other community groups – our Shop Development Manager was asked to present on this at the recent Circular Communities Scotland Seminar

The flow chart on the next page details the potential channels that could be explored, in a visual format:



### Energy and Net Zero

Initial insights from the Green Islands Programme indicate that we need to build upon the successes of the Sustainable Island Life and Green Islands project. In order to fully understand the issues, opportunities and collective needs facing our community AES requires a part time Carbon Project Manager to deliver the next vital phase to support organisations on Arran to implement their Net Zero Action Plans and to roll out carbon auditing.

### Working with Organisations

This will involve supporting 20 Arran based organisations across all sectors to develop and deliver their Net Zero Action Plans e.g. through additional audits, events and shared commissioning processes for services and products that build the wealth of the community and enable essential changes on the route to Net Zero. Support organisations in collective net zero purchases/funding applications Provide help and support to fellow charities and CIC's to

develop their strategies for net zero.

#### *Working with the community*

Eco Savvy are painfully aware of the very valid public concerns surrounding energy price rises. We are frequently being approached by many island residents looking for advice on renewables and how to insulate and heat their homes.

From 2018 until 2021 we ran an Arran wide energy project where we delivered 146 home energy audits and EPCs, offered advice on renewables including supporting 12 households with the installation of solar PV, and held energy events. We still have much of this information and connections.

We feel that the community needs impartial support as a priority in energy matters and would like to learn from the impact of previous home energy audits undertaken by AES and offer an updated service in line with the current energy market. This will include:

- developing an action learning domestic energy network to reduce energy use and carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency and increase the use of renewables
- developing the use of citizen accounting methods with community members and domestic homes
- offering information, signposting and organising events such as the recent energy focused drop in that we held in April.
- supporting joint working with other community organisations to install small home energy efficiency improvements e.g.- making door draught excluders, installing foil backing for radiators etc.

#### *Project Lead*

Gather information from audits as to community need as a collective whole, any gaps in technology/funding/knowledge identified and flagged to relevant organisations for consideration. Provide a designated service for interested parties, and funders, and being the central point to provide funding/support information signposting to fellow charities, CIC's, island citizens and business community to help them achieve net zero

#### **Inclusive and intersectional working**

The Isle of Arran has a population of 4562 (2017). According to pre-pandemic figures, Arran welcomes 420,000 visitors annually.

We aim to reach as much of the community here as possible as we understand that often people experience isolation or reduced service provision in some of the more remote locations on the island due to issues such as inadequate public transport, lack of technical devices/knowledge, physical limitations, financial barriers etc.

We are aware of many social and economic issues on the island. In terms of our demographics we have pros and cons:

- High life expectancy
- Low unemployment
- Low crime rates
- Higher than average levels of household income

However:

- Over 65s currently make up one third of the population and by 2026 this will rise to over half of the Arran population
- Residents of 16 to 64 are expected to fall to less than 4 in 10 of the local population by 2026
- Access to services - approx 44% of Arran's population live in datazones that are in the top 15% most access deprived in Scotland (access measures private vehicle and public transport drive times to GP surgeries, POs, retail centres, schools and petrol stations)
- Highest Dependency Ratio: Arran has the highest dependency ratio of all six localities at 0.81 compared with a North Ayrshire rate of 0.60. This means for every 10 workers there are over eight residents not economically active, compared with a rate of six residents across North Ayrshire.

Whilst many on Arran enjoy a decent standard of living and there are higher levels of wealth and affluence than many other areas in Ayrshire and Scotland, there are certainly individuals and households on the island for whom this is not the case. During the pandemic some social issues



were highlighted and exacerbated such as:

- “Hidden” poverty
- Inequalities in different forms
- Social isolation

Whilst we are primarily an environmental organisation, we also strive to address these issues in our service provision. We have had success in many areas due to the fact that our focus and messaging is environment based and non-stigmatising.

THE Poverty Truth  
Commission

We adhere to the Dignity in Practice Framework which was developed by Nourish Scotland and the Poverty Truth Commission. The framework is a set of principles aimed at promoting dignity and human rights. Whilst this is primarily aimed at organisations working within food insecurity and access issues we try to apply the ethos of these principles to other areas of our work.

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### **CiF eligibility criteria**

Please see below for how AES aligns with the Community Investment Fund eligibility criteria.

- **Connect with the North Ayrshire Fair for All Inequalities Strategy:**

We note the five key themes that North Ayrshire CPP considers integral to tackling and reducing inequalities to create Fair for All and we briefly outline below how we feel our proposed work addresses these:

#### *Children*

Although we do not work directly with children, much of our work indirectly supports families, for example, free food availability through the Food Share scheme, low cost, nutritious food available via the Zero Waste Cafe on a donation basis, energy advice to help families save money and heat their homes more efficiently.

We have also been exploring ways we can support young people in our community and have been talking to the team at Arran Youth Foundation about providing led rides and environmental collaborations and are actively seeking one or more young people to take on work experience placements within Eco Savvy.

#### *Health*

Much of our work provides health benefits to the community for example, ebike loans and trials are a good entry point for people looking to increase their fitness or people with mobility issues, we have been working with the Trinity Active Travel Hub in supporting their health walks and promoting them on Arran, we have trialled foraging walks and plan to offer more supported walks and rides. Our food work has a health function in that we promote healthy, seasonal eating and provide a meal at each of our Zero Waste Cafes, as well as offering a social space for the community in under-served areas.

We also understand the importance of mental health and wellbeing and the benefits that can be offered via our projects. We strive to offer a supportive and welcoming experience for volunteers and people using our services. With the cost-of-living crisis we expect that many issues will be exacerbated and are keen to offer support to the community in energy, travel, food, and environmental anxiety.

#### *Economy*

The economic needs of the community are undeniable in the importance and success of our work. All our services are offered on a free or by voluntary donation basis. We are very aware of the barriers that stigma can result in and we work very hard to overcome these. By offering services and framing them around an environmental message we can often avoid the stigma associated with things like free food or second hand clothes. Being an island we are also very conscious of the way our systems work and how our island economy is driven and are mindful of this in designing our services, for example, in the Zero Waste Cafe a big focus is put on making local veg available which has multiple economic benefits - cheaper for households to buy, shortens the food chain, supports the local agricultural economy etc.

We are very aware of the impending cost of living crisis. We want to actively support island residents and island businesses to work together to everyone's benefit. Much of our work is in keeping with Community Wealth Building principles.



## Environment

Arran Eco Savvy has been tackling issues of climate change since 2013 and we are very much embedded in the Arran community and understand people's needs and concerns.

As an example of what can be achieved, our 2 year island-wide sustainability project which focused on sustainable travel/transport, food, energy efficiency and carbon literacy that ended in March 2021 achieved the following environmental outcomes:

- 827 tonnes CO2e saved
- 3,374 people actively engaged in project
- 19,496 volunteer hours clocked
- 17,557 eBike miles cycled
- 146 energy audits/EPCs delivered
- All 8 island schools participated in project

## Food

The issues around fair food systems are central to our sustainable food work. The Zero Waste Cafe and Food Share initiative tackle food insecurity in a dignified model while reducing food waste, packaging and travel. We adhere to the Dignity in Practice Framework which was developed by Nourish Scotland and the Poverty Truth Commission and we regularly attend events and training from Nourish Scotland to keep up to date with best practice and emerging actions that can be taken to support the movement to a fairer food system, such as organising consultations for the Arran community to feed back to wider policy.

We understand that many people cannot afford good food and this is exacerbated on Arran where we experience higher food prices. We aim to address this in our food work, as well as supporting local growers, businesses and organisations and linking all these issues in with environmental concerns.

- **Connect with the Community Planning Partnership and Locality priorities;**

We note the priorities of the North Ayrshire Plan and believe our proposed work impacts all three:

### WELLBEING



**Health and Wellbeing - We will reduce inequalities by targeted support to improve individual, family and community health and wellbeing.**

There is a great deal of crossover in our work between encouraging behaviour change to respond to the climate emergency and positive health/wellbeing outcomes. This is very evident in active travel and fair and healthy food initiatives but has also been a factor in the development of our priorities in terms of energy, for example in the pursuit of warmer and safer homes via energy efficiencies, damp reduction workshops etc, our shop, for example in offering supportive volunteering opportunities and the associated mental health benefits of socialising, as well as the benefits of supporting people to take action to address the climate crisis and offer an outlet for discussing concerns such as environmental anxiety and eco grief.

### WORK



**Economy and Skills - We will address the causes and effects of poverty through a strong local economy and skills base.**

Many of the behaviour change services we provide can also have financial benefits. This is inherent with using/consuming less or switching to local products and services and also has the benefit of supporting local businesses and economies.

We devise our offerings in consideration to the local landscape and make sure that we are not duplicating any existing work and that our actions are non-competitive or detrimental to any existing businesses on the island.

AES are also extremely keen to offer learning opportunities to young people and have signed up to the Developing the Young Workforce Programme with Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce in the hope of providing (and benefitting from!) work experience opportunities to one or more young people this year.

## WORLD



**Climate Change - We will work more closely and effectively together to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change.**

Everything that we do as an organisation centres around the environment and responding to the climate emergency. We understand the urgency of the situation and how it relates to Arran, North Ayrshire, Scotland and globally. We are steadfast in supporting people to take action in the ways that they feel they can.

Our work can provide measurable carbon savings and provide a place for the community to come together to address climate change issues whilst also offering social, economic and health benefits via a number of means.

- **Connect with North Ayrshire Council's values, priorities and business objectives**

We believe AES can contribute to North Ayrshire Council's values and priorities:

### Aspiring Communities

- ▶ Active and strong communities
- ▶ Children and young people experience the best start in life
- ▶ Inclusive, growing and enterprising local economy
- ▶ People enjoy good life-long health and well-being
- ▶ People and communities are safe

### Inspiring Place

- ▶ Effective infrastructure and digital connectivity
- ▶ Affordable, modern and well-designed homes that meets residents' needs
- ▶ Vibrant, welcoming and attractive places
- ▶ A sustainable environment

- Our organisation already has an active membership and following and has proven success in engaging the community on Arran on a variety of issues
- We are actively working on engaging young people on Arran and would like to increase our capacity to do this. There is a growing concern among young people about the climate emergency and their voices need to be heard and amplified. Young people need to be given access to support in how they wish to address the climate crisis
- We actively support local growers, producers and organisations on the island. Our focus is on working where there are gaps in current service provision on the island, linking up other relevant work and signposting people to support whilst avoiding duplication
- AES understands that the environment and health and wellbeing are intrinsically linked
- Through our active travel work we wish to increase and expand our island infrastructure, for example by consulting on existing and potential off road path access, increasing bike and ebike infrastructure etc
- Contributing to people's needs in their homes by offering access to support for the energy crisis
- Advocating for and protecting Arran's incredible natural environment

- **Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities**

All of our proposed work has been developed in consultation with our community, much of it coming from identified need via previous projects:

- Sustainable/active travel: a key priority for the Scottish Government who have committed to reducing car kilometres travelled by 20% by 2030. Our ebike loan scheme is unique to our organisation on the island, therefore non-competitive and we are not duplicating any existing services. Will actively work with other organisations to improve, increase and promote active travel infrastructure.
- Energy: increased levels of fuel poverty are going to be unavoidable and catastrophic for many households this winter. AES plan to offer energy saving advice, signpost to existing impartial organisations, such as Home Energy Scotland. We will not promote any one supplier of services and will work with a variety of stakeholders to connect our community with support on energy matters and not duplicate existing services.
- Net Zero: The Climate Change Act 2019 commits Scotland to net-zero emissions of all greenhouse gases by 2045. Arran Eco Savvy is working on the Green Islands Project in partnership with North Ayrshire Council, funded by the UK Community Renewal Fund.
- Food: Being an island, Arran, is arguably subject to a more precarious food situation

than the mainland. We have far higher food costs and greater supply issues, particularly in winter when the ferry service is disrupted. We are one of only two organisations registered with the Co-op to deliver the Food Share scheme redistributing into the community food that would be going to waste. Following Covid we were approached by NAC to see how we could work together to address the food issues and inequalities they witnessed delivering the community support during the pandemic, which kick started the development of the Zero Waste Cafe pilot. We also work with Arran's food bank to ensure their needs are met and that we are not duplicating services.

- Reuse: There are only two charity shops on Arran - ArCaS Cancer Support in Brodick and our charity shop in Whiting Bay. These have a variety of benefits for the community such as offering a low-cost retail function for islanders, supporting circular economy principles, reducing the burden of "waste" to be shipped off Arran from the Household Waste Recycling Centre, mental health/social wellbeing/employability benefits through volunteering and also being a draw for tourists. We work closely with the shop manager at ArCaS and often swap stock and other donated items.

- **Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;**

All work will be designed to encourage long-term behavioural change and we include carbon literacy when appropriate.

We believe that long term behaviour change can be achieved and have already witnessed this in the "ebike revolution" that we are seeing on Arran. Often people try an ebike and are amazed at the difference it makes to their life, they then become advocates and refer others to take an ebike trial or loan.

The EcoHub model would also seek to cross refer people to different actions and services they can get involved in that can impact their lives environmentally, socially and economically. We would also work with other on and off island organisations to promote their work.

Whilst we anticipate engagement would primarily be with Arran residents we would also engage with some of Arran's many visitors and tourists. We have also developed a large network of on and off island organisations that we consult and share knowledge with.

- **Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;**

As a small charity AES often has to work within the confines of a very tight budget. Additionally, being located on an island can present unique challenges such as a limited recruitment pool, cancelled ferries, huge variations in on-island residents between seasons etc. Over the years this has instilled a culture of problem solving and persistence within our organisation and we work hard to think creatively to overcome barriers to delivery.

Crucially, we have benefited greatly from enthusiastic and knowledgeable members of the community committed to a shared cause. We are very much embedded in the Arran community and all previous projects have exceeded their engagement targets by some distance due to demand.

A lot of our previous project successes have been built on positive word of mouth and we are very conscious to foster community support. We believe a just transition is possible and seek to normalise climate action, make it do-able and show not only that change is possible, but that it can have multiple benefits to individuals' lives.

We very much like to work with other organisations as we recognise that there is greater impact to be had by co-working and sharing resources and knowledge. We have built up a good network of individuals, businesses and organisations that we work with and would like to expand on this going forward.

- **Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;**


AES is financially viable and we would be happy to share accounts and other documentation as required.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible;</b></li> </ul> <p>AES would be keen to work collaboratively with NAC and support employee engagement and volunteering.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis:</b></li> </ul> <p>AES would provide measurable outcomes and reporting. In addition to regular updates from the project leads, some of the measures we would provide:</p> <p>Sustainable/active travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of events held</li> <li>• Number of participants</li> <li>• Number of ebike loans</li> <li>• Number of ebike miles cycled</li> </ul> <p>Net Zero &amp; Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of organisations supported to develop and deliver their net zero plans</li> <li>• Number of individuals supported to reduce energy use and carbon emissions and increase use of renewables</li> <li>• Number of events held</li> <li>• Number of participants</li> </ul> <p>Sustainable food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of people attending the Zero Waste Cafe</li> <li>• Number of workshops to support healthier lifestyle held as part of the cafe and attendee numbers</li> <li>• Number of collaborative events with other organisations</li> <li>• Volunteers recruited to support the cafe</li> <li>• Approximate weight of food diverted from incineration via the Food Share</li> <li>• Approximate value of food diverted from incineration via the Food Share</li> </ul> <p>Reuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of events held</li> <li>• Number of participants</li> <li>• Number of active volunteers</li> </ul>
<b>Timescale</b>	1st October 2022 to 31st December 2023
<b>Contact details</b>	<p>Ruth McLaren - Project &amp; Communications Development Officer</p> <p><u>Helen Ross – Chair</u></p> <p><u></u></p>


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



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

# EcoHub DROP IN




## ENERGY SPECIAL!








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**Locality Partnership:** Arran Locality

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Subject:** To advise the meeting of an application received in respect of the Community Benefit Fund.

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

**Background:** An application has been received in respect of the Community Benefit Fund

**Key Points for Locality Partnership:**

- The Community Benefit Fund has a balance of **£4,344.90** available for disbursement to Arran projects

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

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**Date:** 7.9.22

## COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

### OFFICER REPORT

<b>Name of Organisation:</b> Arran Civic Trust (ACT)	<b>Contact Person:</b> John Inglis (Chairperson)
<b>Address for Correspondence:</b> Available	<b>Telephone Number:</b> Available

#### Description of Applicant Organisation

<b>Number of Members:</b> 20 300 will benefit from funding	<b>Established:</b> 11 December 1993
<b>Meeting Place:</b> Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick/Online	<b>Date of Visit:</b> Phone call 22.8.22

#### Description of the Project:

##### Background:

Arran Civic Trust (ACT) is affiliated to the Scottish Civic Trust and is a registered charity. The aims and of ACT are:

1. To stimulate public interest in, and care for, the beauty, history and character of the island and its surroundings.
2. To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of public amenity or historic interest.
3. To encourage high standards of architecture and planning on Arran.
4. To pursue these ends by means of public meetings, exhibitions, lectures, publications, conferences and publicity and the promotion of schemes of a charitable nature.

All residents and visitors to Arran are welcome to ACT's meetings.

ACT published the 'Buildings of Arran' book in 2010, which continues to sell well and proceeds from the sale of this book support their charitable activities.

##### Project for Funding:

ACT are planning to publish a new book on interiors of properties of Arran which will provide community benefit for people interested in Arran's history and development.

This second book will complement the first book and will make an important contribution to ACT's first two aims. It has been developed with contributions from a wide range of Arran residents and will help people to understand the history and culture of Arran through time.

Through the publication of this book ACT aims to encourage restoration and preservation of historic houses and interiors for the future, as well as the preservation of old artifacts, equipment and unique design features which record previous ways of life.

ACT also hope that the publication of this book will encourage involvement in Arran's built landscape and sense of place, and to encourage participation in Arran Civic Trust's activities.

Funding is being sought towards the cost of publishing this new book.

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#### Funding

<b>Amount requested: £3,000</b>	<b>Contribution by Group: £2,135</b>
Total cost of project: £5,135 - Book printing (1000 copies) - £4,195 - Delivery to Arran - £40.00 - Graphic Design Costs - £900	

#### Supporting Information Provided

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

#### Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>			
1. Charitable	X	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> ACT aims to encourage the preservation of architectural interest in Arran's buildings and increase knowledge of old crafts as well as supporting young people in apprenticeships that will add value to restoration in Arran.			
<b>Level of community involvement:</b> ACT actively engages with local communities on Arran. The organisation aims to widen interest in sense of place and community and is building relationships with Arran High School.			
<b>Level of funding secured or available:</b> N/A			
<b>Experience of group to deliver project:</b> The group has delivered a similar project in the past and is well placed to delivery this current project.			
<b>Future sustainability of project:</b> ACT has been running since 1993 and is governed by a well-established and experienced committee. The proposed publication will also contribute to the sustainability of the organisation.			
<b>Location of Project:</b> Arran			

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**Locality Partnership:** Arran Locality

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Subject:** To update the Locality Partnership on the Elderly Grants Fund 2022/23 Budget and advise the meeting of an application received in respect of the 2022/23 Elderly Grants Fund.

**Purpose:** To approve the Elderly Grants 2022/23 Budget and consider the application as outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

**Background:** The Elderly Grants budget is set according to area elderly population and details are attached at Appendix 1.

The 2022/23 Elderly Grants budget for the Arran Locality is **£2,841**.

An application has been received in respect of the 2022/23 Elderly Grants Fund.

**Key Points for Locality Partnership**

- The Elderly Grants budget is attached at Appendix 1 of this report for information and approval.
- Consideration to be given to the application at Appendix 2.

**Action Required by Locality Partnership**

- To approve the 2022/23 Elderly Grants budget
- To consider the application for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

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**Date:** 7.9.22

## APPENDIX 1

### Elderly Grants Budgt 2022-23      £59,530

	Population Aged 65+ (MYE 2020)	Areas population aged >65 as % of North Ayrshire's Elderly Population (MYE 2019)	Grant Allocation (£) based on pro-rata allocation	Organisation
Broomlands/Bourtreehill	1,132	3.67	£2,185	BABCA
Lawthorn/Girdle Toll etc	1,574	5.10	£3,038	LBLB & Girdle Toll Age Concern
Dreghorn	886	2.87	£1,710	Dreghorn Old Peoples Welfare Committee
Drybridge	92	0.30	£178	Drybridge Hall Management Association
Springside	266	0.86	£513	Springside Community Association
Rest of Irvine	3,848	12.47	£7,426	Irvine Joint Wards Old Peoples Welfare Committee
<b>IRVINE</b>	<b>7,798</b>	<b>25.28</b>	<b>£15,049</b>	
Kilwinning Burgh	1,563	5.07	£3,016	Kilwinning Burgh Old Peoples Welfare Committee
Kilwinning Landward	1,786	5.79	£3,447	Kilwinning Landward Old Peoples Welfare Committee
<b>KILWINNING</b>	<b>3,349</b>	<b>10.86</b>	<b>£6,463</b>	
Arran	1,472	4.77	£2,841	Arran CVS (distributed to groups on Arran on our behalf)
Stevenston	1,916	6.21	£3,698	CLASPS Stevenston (HOPE Project)
Ardrossan	2,266	7.35	£4,373	Three Towns OIR
Saltcoats	2,544	8.25	£4,910	Saltcoats Old People's Welfare
<b>THREE TOWNS &amp; ARRAN</b>	<b>8,198</b>	<b>26.58</b>	<b>£15,821</b>	
Kilbimie/Glengarnock	1,536	4.98	£2,964	Kilbimie & Glengarnock Age Concern
Beith	1,582	5.13	£3,053	Beith Old People's Welfare Committee
Dalry	1,251	4.06	£2,414	Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee
<b>GARNOCK VALLEY</b>	<b>4,369</b>	<b>14.16</b>	<b>£8,432</b>	
Cumbræ	492	1.59	£949	Age Concern Cumbræ
Largs	3,803	12.33	£7,339	Age Concern Largs
Fairlie	708	2.30	£1,366	Fairlie Old Folks Welfare Committee
Skelmorlie	771	2.50	£1,488	Skelmorlie Senior Citizens Centre
West Kilbride	1,359	4.41	£2,623	West Kilbride Community Support Group
<b>NORTH COAST</b>	<b>7,133</b>	<b>23.12</b>	<b>£13,766</b>	
<b>NORTH AYRSHIRE</b>	<b>30,847</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>£59,530</b>	

**ELDERLY GRANTS FUND  
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2022/23**

### Grant Allocation for Arran LPP Area

**£ 2,841**

Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allocated to Group	Amount Requested
Arran CVS (distributed to groups on Arran on our behalf)	Distribution of grant money to Arran Groups for outings, meals and activities,	£ 2,841	£ 2,841