

# Action Note

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Three Towns Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	28 September 2022: Whitlees Community Centre, Ardrossan at 6.00 p.m.
<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Cameron Inglis Councillor Jean McClung Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor John Sweeney Pat Breen, Community Representative Jean Frew, Community Representative Julia Gray Community Representative Craig Mochan, Community Representative Glenn Turner, Community Representative Ian Winton, Stevenston Community Council Chair Karen Yeomans, Senior Lead Officer Rhona Arthur, Head of Connected Communities (for Lead Officer) Susan Manson, Third Sector Interface Gordon Cowan, Community Development Worker Colin Ferris, Locality Officer Gavin Ferguson, Community Development Worker Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services)
<b>Also in Attendance</b>	David Faulds, Head Teacher (Mayfield Primary School) Debbie Alexander, Community Housing Advocacy Project (CHAP (CIF expression of interest)) Elizabeth Sweeney, CCTV (CIF expression of interest) Eddie Gibb, Sports Hub (CIF application) Donna McGregor (Safer Shores) Alison Montgomery & Amanda Simpson (Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society) Graham Ross, Austin Smith Lord (via MS Teams)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Councillor Amanda Kerr (Chair) Councillor Tony Gurney Councillor Jim Montgomerie Councillor Stewart Ferguson Inspector Stuart Dougan (Police Scotland) Karen McAllister (St John's)

## ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>In the absence of Councillor Kerr, Councillor Inglis assumed the Chair.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, invited introductions to be made and noted apologies.</p>	

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	<p>Declarations of interest were made by the following as members of the respective groups and they took no part in the determination of the related items of business:</p> <p>(a) Agenda Item 5 (Community Investment Fund):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ardrossan Community Sports Hub - Pat Breen</li> <li>(ii) Three Towns Safer Shores – Cllr McClung and Glenn Turner</li> </ul> <p>(b) Agenda Item 6 (Grants):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Stevenston Christmas Lights – Councillor Sweeney and Craig Mochan</li> <li>(ii) Saltcoats Community Action Group – Councillors Inglis and McClung</li> <li>(iii) British Legion – Councillor Sweeney and Pat Breen</li> <li>(iv) CLASPS – Councillor Sweeney</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed that, in view of timescales, it be remitted to officers, in consultation with members of the Locality Partnership, to determine a funding application by Ardrossan Christmas Lights once it had been received and assessed, rather than the application awaiting consideration at the next meeting of the Partnership.</p>	<p><b>Rosemary Ramsay</b></p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Action Note from meeting on 20 June 2022</b></p> <p>The Partnership considered the action note from the last meeting, which took place on 20 June 2022.</p> <p>The Senior Lead advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all actions were being progressed; and</li> <li>• that some strimming work, referred to at Item 7 (AOCB) had now been undertaken and that an offer had been made to attend the next meeting for further discussion on the service’s priorities.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed (a) to approve the Action Note as a correct record and (b) that Streetscene be invited to attend the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>Jennifer McGee</b></p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Place Frameworks</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Graham Ross of Austin Smith Lord which provided an update on work currently underway in terms of the Place Frameworks.</p> <p>The presentation provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a reminder of the Place Framework approach,</li> <li>• information on the key themes emerging from the work in relation to Saltcoats;</li> <li>• the wider context and overlapping objectives which would be taken into account;</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a summary of events and activities which had taken place and the emerging issues/themes; and</li> <li>• next steps.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked Mr Ross for his presentation.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed (a) to note that any questions could be submitted following the meeting, if required; and (b) that the Lead Officer convene a separate meeting to allow fuller discussion of the Saltcoats Place Framework work.</p>	<p><b>Angela Morrell</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society</b></p> <p>A paper was circulated at the meeting to summarise the progress which had been made by Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society in realising its vision for the Castle.</p> <p>The Partnership also received a presentation from Alison Montgomery and Amanda Simpson of Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society, on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some of the key achievements of the society since its establishment in 2012, including work with community groups and schools, a number of landmark events, archaeological digs and the inclusion of the site as one of the six official ‘hidden gems’ in Scotland;</li> <li>• the design concept and vision, which had been informed by the Dundonald Castle approach and visits to other sites, including the castle at Tarbert; and</li> <li>• next steps in terms of exploring practical considerations and cost.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the group’s tenacity in maintaining its original vision; and</li> <li>• opportunities to work with other groups on ideas such as using the site as a wedding location</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked the society’s representatives for their presentation and, on behalf of the Partnership, commended them for their work.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Community Investment Fund – Expressions of Interest</b></p> <p>The Partnership received expressions of interest forms in respect of the following projects and presentations were also provided by representatives of the groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHAP – Community Housing Advocacy Project</li> <li>• Three Towns Safer Shores</li> <li>• Ardrossan Community Sports Hub</li> </ul>	

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	<p>The Partnership asked discussed the projects in turn, receiving further information from representatives on the scope of their projects, costs and plans for achieving the total required funding.</p> <p>With regard to the CHAP project, the Head of Service (Connected Communities) extended an offer to link the group with her wider Service including Employability and Skills and the wider plan for financial inclusion.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed (a) to invite CIF applications in respect of all three projects, taking into account the normal threshold of £100k for such funding; and (b) to invite Graham Emans, North Ayrshire Council Co-ordinator (Homeless and Community Safety) to attend the Partnership for his input in terms of CCTV in connection with the Safer Shores project.</p>	<p><b>Rhona Arthur</b></p> <p><b>Jennifer McGee</b></p>																						
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>The Partnership received reports on available funding and applications in respect of Elderly Grants, Ardrossan Common Good Fund, Saltcoats Common Good Fund, Stevenston Common Food Fund and the Community Benefit Fund.</p> <p>Due to a declaration of interest, Councillor Inglis withdrew from chairing in favour of the Senior Lead during consideration of the application by Saltcoats Community Action Group.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to (a) approve the Elderly Grants subject 2022/23 in the amount of £12,980; (b) note the balance of funding available in the Common Good Funds and Community Benefit Fund; (c) make the following awards:</p> <table data-bbox="199 1317 1053 1612"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Saltcoats Common Good Fund</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saltcoats Community Action Group</td> <td>£1,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Ardrossan Common Good Fund</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ardrossan Community Association</td> <td>£5,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Stevenston Common Good Fund</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stevenston Christmas Lights</td> <td>£3,930.00*</td> </tr> </table> <p>*subject to receive of favourable assessment by Legal and Finance.</p> <table data-bbox="199 1720 1053 1937"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Community Benefit Fund</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Royal British Legion Scotland (Saltcoats, Ardrossan and Stevenston Branch)</td> <td>£1,355.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saltcoats Community Action Group</td> <td>£4,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club</td> <td>£4,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ardrossan Community Development Trust</td> <td>£2,449.60</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Saltcoats Common Good Fund</u>		Saltcoats Community Action Group	£1,000.00	<u>Ardrossan Common Good Fund</u>		Ardrossan Community Association	£5,000.00	<u>Stevenston Common Good Fund</u>		Stevenston Christmas Lights	£3,930.00*	<u>Community Benefit Fund</u>		Royal British Legion Scotland (Saltcoats, Ardrossan and Stevenston Branch)	£1,355.00	Saltcoats Community Action Group	£4,000.00	North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club	£4,000.00	Ardrossan Community Development Trust	£2,449.60	<p><b>Rosemary Ramsay</b></p>
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<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Learning Overview</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Head Teacher of Mayfield Primary School which included information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the impact of the Cost of the School Day and Mayfield Primary School's use of £1,000 of funding to provide a one-off subsidy for school jumpers for every pupil;</li> <li>• the important role of CHAP in providing an advice and support resource;</li> <li>• the benefits brought by Mayfield Primary School's engagement with the charity Magic Breakfast; and</li> <li>• The Marcus Rashford Book Club;</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• encouraging other schools to look at working with the Magic Breakfast charity and the mechanisms for ensuring information was circulated;</li> <li>• the success of the recent Cost of the School Day Conference; and</li> <li>• Whitlees Community Centre's grab-a-bag work</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>							
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Three Towns Locality Team Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a progress report on the work of the Three Towns Locality Team in the period June-September 2022. A verbal report was also provided by the new Locality Worker, Colin Ferris.</p> <p>On behalf of the Partnership, the Chair took the opportunity to welcome Colin to his first meeting. The Partnership also recorded its appreciation of the considerable efforts of the wider team in supporting this work prior to the new officer's appointment.</p> <p>Noted.</p>							

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<b>9.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>  The Chair referred to the position of Vice Chair on the Locality Partnership.  The Partnership agreed (a) that the preference would be for the position of Vice Chair to be filled by a community representative; and (b) to invite nominations for consideration at the next meeting.	<b><i>Community Representatives</i></b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 6.00 p.m.	<b><i>Jennifer McGee</i></b>

The Meeting ended at 8.05 p.m.