



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership
Tuesday 6 December 2022 at 5.00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams
Business

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Timings
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Councillor Hill	5.00 – 5.05
2.	Action Note Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 3	Enclosed	Russell McCutcheon	5.05 – 5.10
3.	Health and Social Care Partnership Overview Receive update.	Pg 7	Enclosed	Michael McLennan	5.10 – 5.25
4.	Cost of Living Receive update.	-	Verbal	Rhona Arthur Louise Riddex	5.25 – 5.45
5.	Learning Overview Receive update.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers	5.45 – 6.00
6.	Islands Plan Receive update from Councillor Alan Hill	-	Verbal	Councillor Hill	6.00 – 6.20
DECISION REQUIRED					
7.	Grants Receive report from Rhona Arthur.	Pg 9	Enclosed	Rhona Arthur	6.20– 6.35
STANDING ITEMS					
8.	Locality Officer Report and Youth Forum Update Receive reports from Louise Riddex	Pg 11	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	6.35 – 6.45
9.	AOCB <ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Planning Inquiry	-		Councillor Hill Rhona Arthur	6.45 – 7.00
10.	Report for Information TACT Update Report	Pg 19	-	-	-
The Community & Locality Planning Conference will be held on Saturday 28 January 2023 at Saltcoats Town Hall from 9.30 am. To register you place please email: communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk					
Date of Next Meeting: 2023 dates will be confirmed in due course.					

Distribution List

Elected Members

Councillor Alan Hill **(Chair)**
Councillor Eleanor Collier
Councillor Todd Ferguson
Councillor Tom Marshall
Councillor Ian Murdoch

Community Representatives

John Lamb **(Vice Chair)**, West Kilbride Community Council
Helen Boyle, Skelmorlie Community Council
Alex Harvie, Cumbrae Community Council
Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council
Jamie Black, Largs Community Council
Frank Alexander, Community Rep *(Co-opted)*
Lizzy Barbour, Community Rep *(Co-opted)*
Carol Campbell, Community Rep *(Co-opted)*
Nick Hobson, Community Rep *(Co-opted)*

CPP/Council Representatives

Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer
Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer
Louise Riddex, Locality Officer
Louise McDaid, North Coast LPF Chair
Stuart Dougan Police Scotland

Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	6 September 2022 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Present/ In Attendance:	Councillor Alan Hill (Chair); Councillor Tom Marshall; Councillor Ian Murdoch; Councillor Todd Ferguson; Carol Campbell, Community Representative (Co-opted); Kay Hall, West Kilbride Community Council; Nick Hobson, Community Representative (Co-opted); Jamie Black, Largs Community Council; Frank Alexander, Community Representative (Co-opted); Katie Trotter, North Coast Youth Forum, NAC; Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer, NAC; Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer, NAC; Sarah Baird, Islands Officer (NAC); Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland; Kirsty Cameron, Head Teacher, Largs Primary School; and Craig Stewart, Committee Services Officer, NAC
Also in Attendance:	Graeme Ross, Austin Smith-Lord Architects
Apologies:	Councillor Eleanor Collier John Lamb Rita Holmes Louise Riddex Ewan Grant

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome and Apologies The Chair extended a welcome to those present. Apologies for absence were recorded. There were no declarations of interest.	
2.	Action Note The Action Note from the meeting held on 28 June 2022 was approved as a correct record. The Senior Lead Officer invited questions. There followed a short discussion and update on matters arising from the action note. A note of the verbal update on the Cost of Living Crisis support measures will be circulated Noted.	Rhona Arthur
3.	Place Framework Update	

	<p>A presentation on the current position with regard to place frameworks and action plans for Largs, Saltcoats and Kilwinning was given by Graham Ross of consultants Austin Smith Lord, who had been appointed to lead on the project alongside officers of the Council. Discussion took place on the proposed pedestrianisation of Tron Place and possible impact on businesses trading at that location.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
4.	<p>Youth Forum Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal report by the Katie Trotter, North Coast Youth Forum, on the Youth Forum Update which had been circulated as part of the Agenda, on a range of current topics including mental health and climate change.</p> <p>The Partnership commended the Youth Forum on the quality and range of work being done.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
5.	<p>Learning Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Kirsty Carson, Head Teacher of Largs Primary School. The update included settling pupils from Ukraine, allowing parents and carers into school buildings following the pandemic and traffic issues, in the vicinity of the school particularly during peak times and how this could be managed more effectively.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
6.	<p>Working Groups and Action Planning</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Rhona Arthur on Locality Partnership's priorities including an update on CIF (Community Investment Fund) projects which were working well and were also aligned with Island Plans to avoid duplication. The Locality Partnership will be invited to workshop to look at the priorities and develop actions.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur/ Louise Riddex</i></p>
7.	<p>Island Plans</p> <p>The Partnership received a written update on the Island Plans.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Locality Priorities Officer Post</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update by Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer, on the above.</p> <p>It was noted that funding for the current post was coming to an end, and there was consensus and general agreement for the desirability of the</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur</i></p>

	<p>post being extended for a further 2 years. In terms of the normal process, Rhona advised that there would be a report to the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council, most likely to the 1 November meeting of Cabinet to enable a decision to be made.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
9.	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer on an application received in respect of the Largs Common Good Fund.</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To approve the elderly grants budget set out at Appendix 1 to the report; and (b) To approve the applications for grant funding set out at Appendix 2 to the report, as follows:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Cumbrae Forum (£949) (ii) Age Concern Largs (£7,339) (iii) Fairlie Old Folks Welfare Committee/Semple Centre (£1,366) (iv) Skelmorlie Senior Citizens (£1,488) (v) Community Roots (formerly West Kilbride Community Support Group) (£2,623) 	<p>Rhona Arthur</p> <p>Rhona Arthur</p>
10.	<p>Building Name Report</p> <p>The Partnership received a written report from Planning requesting that a Building Name be allocated to the new flatted development, comprising of 12 flats at Court Street, Largs.</p> <p>It was agreed that the street name John Stewart House be used for the development.</p>	<p>Planning Service</p>
11.	<p>Any Other Business - Reports for Information</p>	
11.1	<p>Locality Officer Report</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
11.2	<p>Locality Priorities Officer Report</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
11.3	<p>North Coast & Cumbraes LP Action Tracker</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The Partnership was invited to note that the next meeting would take place at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 6 December 2022.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<i>Jennifer McGee</i>
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Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.

Developing our Engagement Approach

North Ayrshire HSCP has many areas of strength in relation to engagement and participation. However, it has many areas where improvement can be made.

In 2023, we will implement a new approach to locality engagement, aiming to increase levels of participation from communities and representation from HSCP service areas.

Why change our approach?

- The current guidance for locality engagement has not been reviewed since 2015.
- LPFs have experienced many challenges including difficulties in recruiting to core member roles, undertaking effective engagement with communities, and forums being unclear how their activity leads to overall change in the HSCP.
- LPFs have never fully been considered as a resource for Community Engagement by HSCP services.



What does it look like?

Locality Conversations
Frequency: 2 per year in each locality

These will be larger stakeholder events and will be facilitated in **community settings** in each locality in North Ayrshire. Staff members from across services in the Partnership, Council, NHS, 3rd and Independent Sector will be encouraged to attend alongside the community members in each locality.

The events will be facilitated by the Partnership Engagement Officer team with staff teams being encouraged to help share possible topic discussions based on what is going on in services at that time. These events will be structured but relaxed to enable people to have conversations, ask questions and share ideas around health and social care services in their locality.

Locality Planning Review Groups
Frequency: 2 per year between Locality Conversations

The purpose of the review groups is to explore the themes and ideas shared from the Locality Conversation events.

The role of the review group will be to scrutinise the available information and provide updates, feedback and recommendations through the Partnership's governance structures at Strategic Planning Group, PSMT and IJB. Each Locality Planning Review Group will have a nominated Chair who will have the responsibility of providing feedback on the Locality Conversations and take forward any actions to relevant services.

The membership of the Locality Planning Review Groups will consist of:

- Chairperson (IJB member)
- Senior Manager from Partnership Services
- Locality Officer from Connected Communities
 - Community Link Worker
 - Practice Manager
- Representative from the Partnership Performance Team
- Representative from the Strategic Planning Team
- Other relevant officers, co-opted on an ad-hoc basis based on expertise to subject matter.

Engagement Structure

Locality Engagement: Locality Conversations

Facilitating sessions with the community who live and work in the locality about health and social care.

Strategic Engagement: Locality Planning Review Groups

Strategic review groups responsible for scrutinising the information from the Locality Conversations and reporting through HSCP governance structures.

Digital Engagement: Care Improvement Network

A platform for people to engage digitally with the HSCP via newsletters, online meetings etc

Links to Community Planning Partnership

The chair of the Locality Planning Review Groups will be a representative at the Locality Partnership Meetings

"Engagement that takes place routinely helps to develop trust between communities and public bodies, fosters mutual understanding, and makes it easier to identify sustainable service improvements"
(Planning with People, 2021).

"In order to be effective, community engagement must be relevant, meaningful and have a clearly defined focus"
(Planning with People, 2021).



Locality Partnership: North Coast Locality

Date: 6th December 2022

Subject: To advise the meeting of an application received in respect of the Largs Common Good Fund.

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

Background

An application has been received in respect of the Largs Common Good Fund.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

The balance available for disbursement is bullet pointed below:

- The Largs Common Good Fund has a balance of £5,000.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

For more information please contact: *Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Connected Communities*

Email – amorrell@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

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

Date: 21/11/22

**LARGS COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2022/23**

Common Good Criteria -

The application should benefit all or a significant group of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Common Good Awards
Douglas Park Project	Funding to support tree works in Douglas Park. Tree works - £720	£720	None
<p>Connected Communities, Finance & Corporate Support, and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:</p> <p>Finance & Corporate Support: A quote for the work totalling £720 has been included, Finance has no objections.</p> <p>Legal: The view can be taken that the proper maintenance of the park will benefit all sections of the community the application can be legally justified.</p> <p>Connected Communities: The Douglas Park Project has identified the need to use a professional tree surgeon to cut back bushes and overhanging trees that are affecting the safety of the park users and volunteers. The current volunteers are doing great work, but this is a skilled task which they need help to complete.</p> <p>Since volunteers have taken on looking after Douglas Park, there has been a huge upsurge in the number of families using the park. Groups use it to meet in and older people feel safe within the park. Flower beds have been adopted by individuals, community groups and local businesses and pupils from Largs Academy have participated in activities within the park such a planting, cleaning and weeding. The local nursery school has also been involved in planting sessions and local inhabitants donate plants, shrubs and trees in memorial events.</p> <p>The Douglas Park Project application meets the Common Good Fund criteria of benefitting all, or a significant group of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good Fund relates.</p>			



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General

A lot of work has been going on around Douglas Park. Groups that have an interest in the tennis courts submitted proposals and we held a community engagement around the communities preferences for the park. This was carried out by two drop ins at Douglas Park Bowling Pavilion, via Online Forms, Email and telephone calls. Around 400 responses were received, the team are currently working through responses and collating them to inform the report that will go to the next full Council meeting in December 2022. The decision on the park will be made by North Ayrshire Council Elected Members at this meeting.

Douglas Park Nursery still has work happening in background re their CAT (Community Asset Transfer).

Detached Youth Work due to restarted in September. Numbers of young people who have been engaged with has dropped this session. The team have amended the sessions times from 7-9pm to 6-8pm to see if any more young people can be engaged with.

Still attending meetings with Friends of Kirktonhall Glen group and providing support where required. Lots of interesting suggestions on how to improve the glen. The group are looking at funding to bring the smaller football pitch back to useable surface.

This quarterly Locality Network Meeting was cancelled due to low response for attendance.

The report from Largs Place Framework sessions is now due. Update will be given when available.

Bowencraigs – Single Point of Contact has made contact with group to progress final paperwork. The group have enquired about the demolition of the pavilion and this will probably take place early 2023.

Advert for Locality Priorities Worker is now live and closes on 6 December. Shortleeting for the post will take place on 7 December, with interviews pencilled in for 14 December. Once this position is filled, the worker will look at moving the work around locality priorities forward.

Joint Cabinet took place with 110 young people from across North Ayrshire.



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Topics that were looked at included:

- Police Scotland and Wellbeing Support for Young People
- Supporting the Needs of Young People Disengaging from Education
- Young People and Families Affected by the Cost of Living
- Public Health and Young People
- Young Peoples Voice – Communities and Schools

As part of National Youth Work Week 140 young people from across all localities from primary 7 came together for a day of interactive workshops covering the following topics:

- Cost of Living
- Young Peoples Voice
- Raising Attainment and PEF
- Recovering from COVID
- Mental Health and Wellbeing.



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Update

Meeting of Locality Partnership members and other community group reps was held to discuss poverty/the cost of living crisis in West Kilbride Community Centre. A lot of good discussion took place and an outline of a plan for moving forward with it. As part of this I have been exploring options for a Larder in Largs. Discussions are still underway but its looking positive that we should be able to accommodate a larder in Largs.

Largs Community Council have an access to food sub group which I now attend. They have supported the Largs Church of Nazarene's food/heat initiatives with some funding. They are also looking at a working agreement for the Largs Larder, although other volunteers/partners will also be involved.

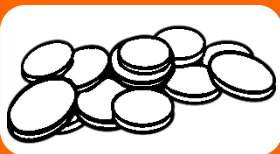
West Kilbride 'The Village Larder' is continuing to go well. Membership remains high and they have received good donations from within the community. The Larder are involved in Yuletide and will be providing free hot chocolate and mince pies on the night.

Yuletide event is taking place in West Kilbride on Friday 2 December. The majority of activities will be free to access, with others having only a small cost. There will be no fairground rides at the event to help keep the pressure off families. Activities include a parade, Santa's grotto, The Christmas Chronicles movie, Facepainting, critters zoo, arts & crafts, enchanted garden, live music, children's games, late night shopping, food stalls and lots more. Attendees are encouraged to gather for the parade from 5.45pm with parade leaving the train station at 6pm. The event will finish at 9pm.

Discussions took place with community partners and volunteers to look at the idea of warm places for people to go. A number of drop-ins are happening across the locality. Each are giving free tea/coffee/biscuits and some are also providing free soup. The venues are:

- The Garrison Café in Cumbrae
- Skelmorlie Community Centre
- The Cameron Centre
- Fairlie Community Centre.

There are other venues such as churches etc that are also offering a service across the locality.



Financial Inclusion



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Update

Continuing to support Men's Shed group. They have now secured premises in The Brisbane Centre. They have a let for a period of time while they go through the Community Asset Transfer process. They are making minor alterations at the minute and getting work benches etc built before they open the shed fully. They have big plans moving forward and are looking at funding options. They will have a stall at Largs Yuletide on 7 December.

Cycling without age – still working away on this. Now had feedback from them regarding size of container. Will pick this piece of work up again in the new year.

Crauford/Simson Avenue Swingpark (WK) – Group are considering the options of CAT or funding to cover the cost of the value of the land and swingpark to own outright. However, looks as if CAT will be pursued. The land still sits within the Housing Revenue Account and this issue may require legal approval as a separate process.

Continue to support the West Kilbride Adult Education group where required.

Continue to support all Community Associations and Community Councils in the North Coast area. Working through some issues within some of the associations at the minute.

The team are working with Graham Hunter to engage with elderly throughout the North Coast with the view to creating an Elderly forum for the North Coast. Graham has attended the Age Scotland meetings and the group are keen to collaborate with other groups in the area and hold an information day for the elderly in West Kilbride.

In conversation with Skelmorlie Community Association to facilitate another digital literacy event, this time will be on a 'drop-in' basis to support when necessary.

Continue to support the Dementia Friendly Largs group.



Social Inclusion



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**Stress
and anxiety**

Update

Skelmorlie & West Kilbride Youth groups will continue to have a session on mental health in each of their terms.

Skelmorlie Environmental Group - Working with group to create green space area within Skelmorlie. Group are working on constitution and looking at whether to become a SCIO or not.

North Coast youth Forum - Weekly general meetings. Have been discussing issues that relate to young people in the North Coast. Some of the older members have now left the forum. They have been working on a project with Largs Community Council centred around a litter campaign.

The young people in the group are promoting the project to their peers within the school community. The project is to reward litter pickers with discounts from local businesses. Everyone who takes part within the school will get issued with a tie pin and will get a discount from certain shops and café's within the Largs locality if they display the badge.

The forum have applied for funding through the Youth PB to fund the project and have successfully made it through the voting stage. Voting closes on 1 December. The young people continue to provide feedback to the LPP on a quarterly basis.



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Work & Skills

Continue to look at options for employability work to happen within the locality.

Team will continue to look at having an employability drop in within Largs library once Locality Priorities Officer is in post.

PDA (Personal Development Award) in Youth work is being delivered in school. Core group of 5 or 6 but early indications are that 3 or 4 of them will gain the full qualification.

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



Locality Partnership: North Coast

Date: December 2022

Subject: Youth Forums and Citizenship and Partnership work

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

Background

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

The Youth Forum are looking to start a new project. It is a litter campaign where we are trying to get all pupils at Largs academy to sign up to. We are looking to purchase tie pin badges and we have applied for funding to cover costs. All pupils will receive a badge which will give them discounts at their favourite shops, however, they will be encouraged to put all litter in the bins as well binning litter which is lying on the ground. This is off the back of a recent consultation on the Largs litter campaign in partnership with Streetscene and Largs Community Council and posters have been designed for shop windows and small businesses with an Emoji theme and are now displayed in various shops in the town and at the school. Streetscene have produced posters for bins in the area and these follow a previous campaign and theme that includes Largs landmarks.

The North Coast Youth Forum took part in the shortleeting for the Youth Participatory Budgeting. They scored all funding applications that were allocated to them which will decide who goes through to the next round of voting.

The proposed North Coast youth forum website was started by a web developer who was employed by North Ayrshire Council, but their contract has ended before the site was developed completely. We are currently looking for another website developer to assist the young people with this process. The North Coast youth forum website will promote and inform the community of what the group are doing as well as having a mental health section specifically for young people to access which would help with resourcing and signposting.

Mental health plays an important role on the youth forum's agenda. Three of our young people have completed 'See Me' training through Largs Academy and have links to the Largs Academy Clearer Minds project with input to their Instagram account. The young people, working in partnership with HSCP have designed the logo for 'the daily positive NA' Instagram account and one of the youth forum members sits on the steering group for regular input from a young person's perspective. This will be changing early next year with the three members leaving the forum, so we will be looking for other members to go through the same training.

We will also be looking for new climate change ambassadors in the new year.

The 'Wild Oyster Project' will continue but at present it is on hold due to paperwork required to allow young people to do their work down on the jetty.

Largs Place Frameworks events have been taking place throughout the year and the forum have contributed to this event and have recently delivered a presentation to the community representing the young people's voice in the area.

The youth forum is in a transition period where 3 of our older members will be leaving soon and have relaxed a little on their responsibilities due to course work at school. They will be leaving the forum to attend university and all remaining members wish them the best of luck in the future. The group will look to promote the youth forum to recruit new members.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

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

For more information please contact:

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Completed by: *Richard Caig*

Date: 28 November 2022

Locality Partnership The Ayrshire Community Trust Update – 9th November 2022

The Ayrshire Community Trust continues to support the Community and Voluntary Sector with a range of services. Below is a list of support / activities since the last Locality Meeting:

- www.tact.scot continues to be updated with a range of information.
- We have sent out various information bulletins highlighting useful resources, funding information and general advice.
- TACT social media continues to be used as a platform to promote safety messages from Police Scotland, Funding Information, Benefit Support, Energy Advice and vital local service provision. We would welcome any information from other service providers that we can share.
- TACT Staff have been organising and facilitating quarterly 'networking' Forums for all 3rd Sector groups and organisations that wish to attend. The next online Forum Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6th December 2022. If you are a 3rd Sector organisation and you are interested in attending, please email: info@tact.scot
- Staff continue to maintain regular dialogue with North Ayrshire Council to update on progress and identify additional ways we can work together.
- TACT still have a small supply of PPE for local volunteers / groups to access. This includes: gloves, sanitiser, aprons and face masks. If you know of any groups that could benefit from this, please telephone the office on: 01294 443044.
- TACT Digital are continuing to work on a digital reconstruction of Kilwinning Abbey. We hope this will enable a greater number of individuals to access the Abbey's history on a range of digital platforms. We are also creating Virtual Reality experiences for the Neurodevelopmental Empowerment & Strategy Team (NEST) to raise awareness of the challenges faced by neuro-divergent individuals. We are currently working on the final phase of development for the North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership website. Find out more about our digital services here: <https://www.tact.scot/digital>
- Positive Steps with Partners is our Pre-Employability Project focusing on Personal development activities supporting barrier removal in helping people become more ready for exploring employability options. The team have adapted the programme to a hybrid setting offering a variety of short fun and interactive zoom sessions covering topics such as, Personal Skills and Strength's, Comfort Zones, Goal Setting and Cooking on a Budget. The project is involved at the Eglinton Community Garden supporting volunteers to develop and enhance their skills in horticulture. If you have anyone that may be interested in finding out more, please contact Cheryl Newall via: cheryl@tact.scot
- North Ayrshire Third Sector Chief Officer Group – This is open to Senior Staff working with a 3rd Sector Organisation across North Ayrshire. This Group works together to tackle local issues collectively whilst providing great networking opportunities. The next meeting is scheduled to take place via Zoom on Thursday 1st December at 10am. If you are interested in getting involved, please email: kaileigh@tact.scot
- Eglinton Community Garden Collaboration - we are continuing to work with a range of organisations including North Ayrshire Council, Turning Point Scotland, The Conservation Volunteers, HSCP Learning Disability Team and North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership to deliver a successful Community Garden for local people to get involved and learn to grow their own produce. If you have any one who is interested in volunteering at the Community Garden, please contact Cheryl Newall by email at cheryl@tact.scot
- Organisational Support – continuing to work with groups and organisations delivering relevant training including Governance, Basic Bookkeeping, Constitution & Charity Registration, Funding, and Volunteer Management. We have again organised for

various 3rd party experts to deliver a range of training this year including Business Planning and Measuring Impact and Social Investment this training appears on the Learning Collaborative brochure. We are also assisting with Charity Registrations, PVG Support, Funding Support and Support with compiling Constitutions. Continuing to support groups in achieving SCIO status in regards to their CAT applications.

- Community Wealth Building, North Ayrshire is the first Community Wealth Building Council in Scotland – this is fantastic news and something very positive for North Ayrshire. As the Third Sector Interface, TACT sits at the Community Wealth Commission. This commission supports the implementation of the CWB Strategy and will encourage involvement from local businesses, government agencies and local organisations on CWB initiatives.
- Virtual Reality Taster Sessions - TACT Digital have been delivering taster sessions to a wide range of organisations and groups including: Autism Support Ayrshire, YES (Your Entire Self), CAMEO Group (LinkUp Saltcoats), SENSE Scotland. We have future bookings for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, No-one Dies Alone Ayrshire and Ayrshire Cancer Support. These taster sessions are aimed at organisations interested in trying out VR as an aid to promote mental health and wellbeing for their service users and/or staff. Our aim is to explore collaborative opportunities and highlight the therapeutic benefits of immersive virtual reality environments and how they may be integrated into existing support frameworks. To book a free taster session contact: john@tact.scot
- SLACK – The Ayrshire Community Trust and Arran CVS as the Third Sector Interface are operating an engagement platform, known as SLACK, for the wider sector. This platform has a wide range of information and resources for 3rd Sector Organisations to access provided through 17 dedicated channels. If you know of any 3rd sector groups or organisation that could benefit from access to this platform please contact: info@tact.scot
- Staff are continuing to update and source a range of Volunteering Opportunities that are currently available. We are still receiving a high number of Volunteer Registrations and don't have enough placements for those interested. If you know of any groups or organisations that could assist with some additional volunteers please contact info@tact.scot
- TACT and Arran CVS are currently considering organising a 'Networking Conference' to take place in early 2023. This will be an opportunity for a range of groups, organisations and partners to showcase their own organisations and find out from others what great work is taking place across North Ayrshire. More details to follow.
- TACT Capacity Building Officers continue to promote Community Benefit opportunities to the 3rd sector, this also includes training and opportunities to learn topics such as first aid and tendering skills from successful NAC contractors.
- Organisation of the Month promotion still going strong. To date we have promoted 27 voluntary organisations. This promotion has been received favourably with the 3rd sector and it gives a chance to highlight and promote them. If you would like to nominate a voluntary organisation to be promoted, please contact Susan Manson on susan@tact.scot
- The Volunteer Friendly Award is available for community groups who engage with volunteers. This award shows the commitment of groups to embed volunteers at the heart of their work. If anyone is interested, please contact ann@tact.scot
- Adult Volunteer Recognition Award – This award was launched in June 2021 and is designed to recognise the hours of commitment that Volunteers give to organisations throughout North Ayrshire. To date 112 certificates have been issued with one person receiving our top award of completing over 200 hours and showing outstanding commitment. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Ann Wilson on ann@tact.scot

- Supporting our Third Sector Interface partners Arran CVS with the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund for the second year. Applications closed at 3pm on Friday 18th November 2022. Applications are currently being checked and will be sent to scoring panels shortly, we are hoping to communicate the outcome of all applications by mid-January, but we are aiming to have made all award decisions pre-Christmas
- If any Third Sector Organisations are supporting New Scots living in North Ayrshire and are in need of some small pockets of funds to offer support please get in touch on 01294 443044 or email: info@tact.scot