

Action Note

Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	8 March 2023; Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:00pm
Present:	<p>Councillor Amanda Kerr (Chair) Councillor Cameron Inglis Councillor Jean McClung Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor John Sweeney Councillor Stewart Ferguson Councillor Tony Gurney Pat Breen, Community Representative Jean Frew, Community Representative Julia Gray Community Representative Craig Mochan, Community Representative Scott Mould, Community Representative Ian Winton, Stevenston Community Council Chair Susan Manson, Third Sector Interface Gordon Cowan, Community Development Worker, NAC Colin Ferris, Locality Officer, NAC Angela Morrell, Senior Manager (Community Learning and Development), NAC Inspector Stuart Dougan (Police Scotland) Dionne Griffiths, Project Delivery Officer, NAC Donna Anderson, Participation Officer, NAC Jim Heaney, Strategy Manager, NAC Philip Gosnay, Senior Manager (Education), NAC Shannon Wilson, Committee Services Officer, NAC</p>
Also in Attendance	<p>Alan Donaldson, Ardrossan Scout Group Jim Hair, Ardrossan Scout Group Sandra Bale, Ardrossan Scout Group</p>
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Jim Montgomerie Glenn Turner, Community Representative Paul Timmons, Scottish Fire and Rescue</p>

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the Three Towns Locality Partnership meeting. Apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note from meeting on 7 December 2022</p>	

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	<p>The Partnership considered the action note from the last meeting, which took place on 7 December 2022. The Lead Officer advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scott Mould's attendance at the last meeting had been omitted in error; and• with reference to item 5 (Community Investment Fund), consideration of the SALT application would be postponed to a future meeting to allow an opportunity for relevant officers to attend and respond to questions. <p>The Partnership agreed (a) to approve the Action Note as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Scott Mould in the sederunt; and (b) to note that the CIF funding application by SALT would be considered at a future meeting.</p>	<p><i>Jennifer McGee</i></p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Vice Chair</p> <p>The Chair advised that three applications (from Scott Mould, Julia Gray and Ian Winton) had been received for the position of Vice Chair and excused the candidates from the room to allow the remaining members of the Partnership to consider their supporting statements.</p> <p>Following consideration of the nominations and voting by a show of hands, Julia Gray was appointed to the role of Vice Chair</p>	<p><i>Jennifer McGee</i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>The Partnership received a summary of the application submitted by the Ardrossan Scouts for £100K of funding for the first stage of refurbishment to replace the Scout hut's roof. It was noted that separate funding had also been sought to replace the heating system, but the initial priority was to ensure the building was wind and watertight.</p> <p>Representatives provided further information on the scope of the projects, expected costs and plans for achieving the total required funding.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the representatives for their presentation and, on behalf of the Partnership, commended them for their work.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• savings and funds that the Ardrossan Scouts have available to ensure the total cost was met;• the need for community spaces and the importance of restoring the Scout hut as a valuable asset;• how the building would be used once refurbished and the value of the investment;	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the options available to the applicants in terms of removing the asbestos and whether it would be more cost effective to re-sheet the interior, which would also provide insulation; the sustainability of this project and how it met the Partnership's identified priorities for the Three Towns; and the remaining balance of £556,027 in the Community Investment Fund <p>S Mould extended an offer to (i) work with the applicants to develop and implement a business plan, (ii) link with Ardrossan Community Development Trust and provide support in applying for other grants, and (iii) liaise with the applicants to appoint a Quantity Surveyor and carry out feasibility studies.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to (a) note the offer of support which had been intimated by a community representative; and (b) support application at this stage, subject to the applicants (i) developing and presenting a business plan and (ii) submitting three written quotes to ensure best value.</p>	<p><i>Scott Mould</i></p> <p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Grants – Ardrossan Common Good Fund</p> <p>The Partnership received an application from St Peter in Chains Church in respect of a £3000 grant towards the refurbishment of its accessible toilet. The Church intimated that it would fund the remaining cost of £900.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to support this application, subject to the applicant submitting three written quotes to ensure best value.</p>	<p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Memorials and Plaques</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update on the proposed options in terms of memorials and plaques and discussed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the shortage of space, specifically in coastal areas, for memorial benches and alternative options, including metal memorial trees, sponsored flower beds, engraved pebbles and digital remembrance pages; providing options that would suit the needs and budgets of families; the pressure on NAC budget and resources to carry out maintenance on existing memorial benches; and the possibility of utilising the available space on the 'Talking Wall' in Saltcoats. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Mental Health & Wellbeing for Young People</p> <p>The Partnership received a summary of the Three Towns Mental Health and Wellbeing Community Mapping from the Youth Participation Officer.</p>	

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	<p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Mural Project and the ongoing work with young people, concentrating on positive mental health support; • the success in gaining an LGBT silver charter mark and changes made to ensure groups and venues were inclusive; • ongoing work with Climate Change Ambassadors in the Three Towns to link in with clean-up crews and carry out work locally. • linking in with community groups to recruit local young people; and • upcoming consultation events and key dates which would be circulated to the group. <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Colin Ferris</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Education Overview</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update on the Cost of School Day funds, how this was being utilised in schools, and improvements made to enhance the learning experience. Further details of work undertaken by a number of local schools were provided following the meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Jennifer McGee</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Police Scotland – Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Inspector Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland on the Community Wellbeing Unit recently established in the Three Towns. The programme was created to reflect and reinforce the shift within Police Scotland to adopt a public health, whole system approach to tackling a number of the complex issues faced by many of the people officers encounter.</p> <p>The priority focus was on prevention and intervention opportunities in situations which could drastically improve the life chances of the individuals. Creating positive interactions of these sorts could often result in individuals being less likely to face adverse experiences which could cause long term trauma and harm, or ongoing involvement in the justice system.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the increase in fraud/scam cases and the work Police Scotland being undertaken to educate people on the warning signs and the help available; • ongoing enforcement work being carried out in partnership with Trading Standards to remove illegal vapes and cigarettes; • education and prevention sessions delivered in schools aimed at reducing antisocial behaviour, false calls and wilful fire raising; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• funding secured through North Ayrshire Council to purchase two quadbikes, to be deployed in areas requiring focussed control as well as enabling officers to engage with the community; and• the Herbert Protocol, an information gathering tool used to assist the Police in finding a person living with dementia who had been reported missing. <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	Locality Officer Update The Partnership received a summary of the report submitted by Colin Ferris, Locality Officer, which highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the recent Saltcoats Place Framework event including photographs of work undertaken in the community and highlighting the huge efforts from everyone involved; and• £90K of available funding for Saltcoats area. <p>Noted.</p>	
11.	AOCB Reference was made to concerns that the group Lemon Aid had not received funding in the current financial year, putting it at future risk in the event that Cunninghame Housing Association could not identify funds to support it. Noted.	
12.	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 14 June 2023.	

The Meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.