



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Three Towns Locality Partnership

**Wednesday 8 March 2023, 6.00 p.m. in the Castle Craigs Lounge,
Ardrossan Civic Centre**

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Kerr	
2.	Action Note Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
DECISION REQUIRED					6.10 – 7.00 pm
3.	Vice Chair The Locality Partnership are asked to consider three applications for the Vice Chair vacancy.	Pg 8	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	To consider and agree new Vice Chair of the Locality Partnership.
4.	Community Investment Fund The Locality Partnership are asked to consider two Community Investment Fund full applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardrossan Scouts • SALT – CCTV Bid 	Pg 12 Pg 25	Enclosed	Colin Ferris	LP to consider two CIF Applications.
5.	Grants – Ardrossan Common Good Fund The Locality Partnership are asked to consider one grant report for the Ardrossan Common Good Fund.	Pg 32	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	LP to consider grant report for the Ardrossan Common Good Fund.
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					7.00 – 7.50 pm
6.	Memorials and Plaques The Locality Partnership will receive a report from the Head of Neighbourhood Services on the proposed options in terms of memorials and plaques.	Pg 34	Enclosed	Jim Heaney	LP are asked to provide feedback on the report proposals.

7.	Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People The Locality Partnership will receive an update from the Youth Participation Officer on Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People. This update links in with the Locality Partnerships priority of Improving Community Wellbeing.	-	Verbal/ Presentation	Donna Anderson	Consider ways LP can support this work.
8.	Education Overview The Locality Partnership will receive updates linking in with the Locality Priorities from Phillip Gosnay.	-	Verbal	Phillip Gosnay	Receive update, discuss and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
9.	Police Scotland - Wellbeing and Partnerships Receive update from Locality Inspector on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Police Scotland in the Three Towns. Locality Partnership to consider opportunities to support this.	-	Verbal	Stuart Dougan	Receive update, discuss and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
10.	Locality Officer Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update on the work of the Three Towns Team during the last quarter.	Pg 39	Enclosed	Colin Ferris	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
AOCB					7.50 – 8.00 pm
12.	AOCB			Cllr Kerr	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 14 June 2023 at 6pm in the Lounge Area, Ardrossan Civic Centre.					

Distribution List

Elected Members

Councillor Amanda Kerr (**Chair**)
Councillor Stewart Ferguson
Councillor Anthony Gurney
Councillor Cameron Inglis
Councillor Jean McClung
Councillor Jim Montgomerie
Councillor Davina McTiernan
Councillor John Sweeney

Community Representatives

Pat Breen
Jean Frew
Julia Gray
Craig Mochan
Scott Mould
Glenn Turner
Ian Winton (**Stevenston CC**)

CPP and Council Representatives

Angela Morrell, Lead Officer
Susan Manson, Third Sector Interface
Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland
Neil Shearer, Scottish Fire and Rescue

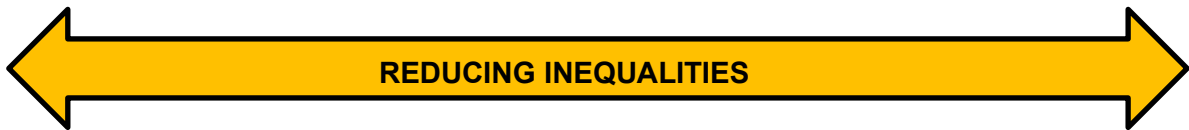
Three Town Locality Partnership Priorities

Promoting the
local economy
and tourism

Regenerating
community
facilities

Increasing
civic pride and
community
engagement

Improving
Community
Wellbeing



Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	7 December 2022 at 6pm in Saltcoats Town Hall
Present:	Councillor Amanda Kerr (Chair) Councillor Tony Gurney Councillor Stewart Ferguson Councillor Cameron Inglis Councillor Jean McClung 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 Angela Morrell, Lead Officer Susan Manson, Third Sector Interface Gordon Cowan, Community Development Worker Colin Ferris, Locality Officer
Also in Attendance	Louise Kirk, North Ayrshire Council (Item 3) Claire Fitzsimmons, North Ayrshire Council (Item 3) Jim Heaney, North Ayrshire Council (Item 4) Phillip Gosney, North Ayrshire Council (Item 7) Debbie Alexander, CHAP (CIF application) Eddie Gibb, Sports Hub (CIF application) Donna McGregor, SALT (CIF application) Sandra Bale, Ardrossan Scouts (CIF application) Alan Donaldson, Ardrossan Scouts (CIF application) Donna Anderson, North Ayrshire Council Darren Young
Apologies:	Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor Jim Montgomerie.

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.</p> <p>A note of thanks was recorded for the support and participation of Karen Yeomans who has moved on to progress Academic pursuits.</p>	

	<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> <p>(i) Ardrossan Community Sports Hub – Cllr Kerr and Pat Breen (ii) Three Towns Safer Shores – Cllr McClung and Glenn Turner.</p>	<i>Noted</i>
2.	<p>Action Note from meeting on 22 September 2022</p> <p>The Partnership considered the action note from the last meeting, which took place on 22 September 2022.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to approve the Action Note as a correct record.</p>	<i>Noted</i>
3.	<p>B714 Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Louise Kirk and Claire Fitzsimons on the B714 engagement, which is currently underway. This project will upgrade the current route between Dalry and Saltcoats and will provide a better link between the Three Towns and the Garnock Valley, while also creating a safe active travel route. This project is part of the strategic link to the central belt, which also includes Dalry By-pass and the planned Beith By-pass.</p> <p>The Chair thanked L Kirk and C Fitzsimmons for their update.</p>	
4.	<p>Streetscene Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Jim Heaney on the work of Streetscene in the Three Towns.</p> <p>J Heaney advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscene are currently undergoing a regeneration programme of bins, benches and play facilities, in addition, the strategy team are working to identify areas of open space that are in need of improvements and are keen to hear from community groups that may have some ideas for consideration. • The team continue to work in partnership with colleagues in Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue to deliver annual seasonal initiatives and also with the local volunteer network in relation to environmental improvements. • The enforcement team remain focused on environmental crime and abandoned cars. • Grounds maintenance squads continue to meet both street cleansing and grass cutting targets as often as possible. <p>Cllr McClung conveyed her thanks to the Streetscene team for their involvement and continued support to SALT in regard to the new Saltcoats Beach swing park.</p>	

	<p>The Chair thanked J Heaney for his update.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>Community Investment Fund: Expressions of Interest</p> <p>The Partnership were advised that the application from the Three Town Growers has been paused and would not be received at this meeting.</p> <p>Expressions of interest applications were received in respect of the following projects and presentations were also provided by representatives of the groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardrossan Scouts – seeking £100,000 of funding to refurbish the Scout Hut at Kilmeny Terrace, Ardrossan. • SALT – seeking £36,000 of funding to acquire CCTV at the Winton Circus site <p>The Partnership 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>Ardrossan Scouts also provided the Partnership with design documentation.</p> <p>In relation to SALT’s application, discussion took place in relation to the following main points which will need to be clarified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of equipment • Written Clarification and agreement of NAC commitment and support to this application. <p>The Partnership agreed (a) to invite CIF applications in respect of the projects to proceed to full applications (b) noted that Councillor Gurney emphasised the need for the SALT’s application to address the points raised.</p> <p>Community Investment Fund : Full applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHAP – seeking £45, 767 for a CHAP Advice Worker. • Ardrossan Community Sports Hub – seeking £100,000 for the installation of a 3G pitch at Winton Park. <p>The partnership agreed to support both applications, to the next stage of the CIF process.</p> <p>Councillor Gurney raised concerns around the sustainability of the CHAP application in terms of the principles of CIF. CHAP noted the concerns raised and the work and evidence created during the work will inform funding from other sources.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p> <p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p> <p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p> <p><i>Noted</i></p>

	<p>It was noted that Ardrossan Community Sports Hub application is a match funding request and funds will only be released on receipt of full funding package being secured.</p> <p>The Chair thanked attendees for their applications.</p>	<p>Noted</p>						
<p>6.</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership received reports on available funding and applications in respect of Ardrossan Common Good Fund, Stevenston Common Food Fund and the Community Benefit Fund.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to (a) note the balance of funding available in the Common Good Funds and Community Benefit Fund; (b) make the following awards: (c) Ardrossan Community Development Trust confirmed the issue raised by legal in terms of cost has been answered, nominal or free access for Ardrossan Community.</p> <p><u>Ardrossan Common Good Fund</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Ardrossan Community Development Trust</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,000</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Stevenston Common Good Fund</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Ardeer Community Association</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 1,585</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Community Benefit Fund</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Ardrossan Scouts</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,700</td> </tr> </table>	Ardrossan Community Development Trust	£4,000	Ardeer Community Association	£ 1,585	Ardrossan Scouts	£2,700	<p>Rosemary Ramsay</p>
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<p>7.</p>	<p>Learning Overview</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Philip Gosney, Senior Manager (Education). The update highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key principles of Learning and Teaching. • The recovery themes for Education • The focus of learning outside the classroom and the increase in such awards such as Duke of Edinburgh Awards and the benefit for pupils' involvement in this learning. • Cost of the School Day actions across all the schools in the Three Towns. <p>The Partnership also discussed the encouraging participation numbers in the Duke of Edinburgh awards.</p> <p>The Chair thanked P Gosney for his update.</p>	<p>Noted</p>						
<p>8.</p>	<p>Three Towns Locality Team Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a progress report on the work of the Three Towns Locality Team in the period September to December June-September 2022.</p>	<p>Noted</p>						

	A written report was also provided by the Three Towns Locality Officer, Colin Ferris.	
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Community Budget Consultation Three Towns NAC budget consultation will take place on 19 January 2023. An invite has been circulated to the Partnership. The Partnership were also advised of the Consultation Mandate and the various options for participation.</p> <p>Community Planning Inquiry Link to consultation embed into papers and partnership advised of ways in which to participate</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p> <p><i>Noted</i></p>
10.	Date of Next Meeting: To be confirmed	<i>Jennifer McGee</i>

Three Towns Locality Partnership

Date: 8 March 2023

Subject: Vice Chair of Three Towns Locality Partnership

Purpose: To appoint a new Vice Chair of the Three Towns Locality Partnership.

1. Overview

Since the refresh of Locality Partnership Community Representatives in summer 2022, the post of Vice Chair of the Three Towns Locality Partnership has been vacant.

As per the Locality Partnership Standing Orders, the Locality Partnership can appoint its own Vice Chair. Community Representatives of the Three Towns Locality Partnership were asked to note their interest in becoming Vice Chair in February 2023. Three Community Representatives noted their interest. Details of each are noted within appendix 1 of the report.

It is expected that the Vice Chair will have:

- Good knowledge and understanding of their Locality and its place within North Ayrshire.
- Experience or skills of advocating for and representing the views of the community they represent.
- Good communication and networking skills.
- Understanding of community structures and activity

2. Ask of the Locality Partnership

The Locality Partnership are asked to agree the appointment of a new Vice Chair of the Three Towns Locality Partnership.

Name: Jennifer McGee

Title: Policy & Community Planning Officer

Appendix 1

Community Representatives who noted their interest in the role of Vice Chair were asked *'Outline your current/previous experience you have within your community that will help you take on the role of Vice Chair of the Three Towns Locality Partnership?'*

Noted below is the response from each of the Community Representatives who noted their interest:

1 - Julia Gray

I held the position of Chairperson at the Ardrossan Whitlees Community Association from 2014 until 2020, previous to this I was a volunteer and still on the committee today. We are going from strength to strength with the centre and providing events, warm hubs, and our larder for the community. With the world changing so often we communicate with the public on what they need help with or how they think the centre can best support the community. I am also a Director of the Ardrossan Development Trust, I work closely with the community with both of these organisations.

I help support local groups and Community Centres who may need help and advice on funding available them and how best to maximise their group/centre.

I am fair, honest, and confident and feel this has helped build my relationships with the community and partners. If there is anything I am unsure of, I am not shy to ask for help and guidance.

2 – Scott Mould

I've played an active role in Ardrossan since 2005 and involved with several community groups, recently playing an integral role as Trustee and 'Director of Gym' raising funds and setting up Ardrossan Community Sports Hub (ACSH), a new charitable gym which opened in the grounds of Seafield School. With 400+ members it serves as a major community asset being the only deliverer of sports within Ardrossan. I am also Chair of the Ardrossan Community Development Trust (ACDT) and have been since incorporation which followed a community engagement exercise – ACDT is now a registered charity with a mission to develop Ardrossan making it a better place to live, work, volunteer, and visit and reinstating civic pride in this amazing Town. ACDT have raised over £1.1 million to develop South Beach via CAT and will introduce a hub, café, crazy golf, toilets, free deckchairs, disability wheelers and retail beach huts as well as extend the existing playpark with inclusive play items. Having a wealth of knowledge in community engagement and partnership working I also hold the position of Head of Social & Economic Development with Cunninghame Housing Association and have wider aspirations to encourage better partnership delivery and working for the Three Towns.

3 – Ian Winton

I was elected to Stevenston Community Council as a Councillor in 2018. I also held the posts of Secretary and Treasurer until I was elected Chair in 2019, and I have continued in this post until present.

During my tenure the following improvement were made to the Town Centre. The three flower beds in New Street were partially dug out to dispose of what had been allowed to grow wild over a number of years. New soil was added and topped with pea gravel. Various flowers and shrubs were then added enhancing this area. The library beds front, and back were similarly treated raising the ambience of the whole area from the dismal depressing sight to one of relaxing pleasure for the public in an area of poverty and high unemployment.

The circular area at the cross and the Champion Shell car park were also weeded, dug over and brightly coloured flowers planted creating a space where people sit down and relax.



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- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- 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;
- 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;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

When to apply and how?

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities, and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round'.
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Colin Ferris
Locality Officer (Three Towns Locality)

North Ayrshire Council
Base: St John's
Email: colinferris@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation
Ardrossan Scout Group

Postal Address for Correspondence



Name of Contact Person Sandra Bale

Position in Organisation Trustee/ Executive Group Member

Telephone Number [Redacted]

Email Address [Redacted]

2. Brief description of your organisation

Please include its legal status, aims and objectives, activities or services provided and how long it has been in existence.

Ardrossan Scout Group has been in existence for over 100 years.

It is a registered charity. It is an autonomous organisation holding its own property and equipment. It is subject to the policies of the Scout Association, including Equal Opportunities Policy and Health and Safety Policy.

The aim of Scouting is to actively engage young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. We also offer personal development opportunities to young and older adults through volunteering as leaders, assistants and trustees.



The objectives are for young people and adults to work together, based on the values of scouting and :-

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility and make choices
- Undertake new and challenging activities
- Make and live by their promise

They take part in activities such as nature studies, creative arts, cooking ,games, camping, first aid, outdoor activities and survival skills, all of which give them skills for life and include personal development such as teamwork, leadership, communication, and time management.

The Scout Group comprises 4 age group sections:-

- Beavers 6-8 years
- Cubs 8-10 years
- Scouts 10.5 -14 years
- Three Towns Explorers Unit 14 to 18 years

Currently we have 70 young people and support a voluntary adult leadership of 13 and 11 committee members.

As well as the various sections of the Scout Group using our premises at Kilmeny Terrace, Ardrossan, our premises are also open to community groups to let. Currently the following groups are using the premises to meet in and to store equipment:-

- Table Tennis Club
- Akaido Club
- Mother and Toddler Group
- Drum4UrLife Group
- Canoe Club
- Woodland Wake Up
- Attainment Training
- RamH College

This amounts to approximately another 60 users.

3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for.

Please include:

- where it will be held / delivered
- who is your target audience
- who will benefit from it and how
- any partners that are involved.

ARDROSSAN SCOUT HUT REFURBISHMENT

The Scout Hut was built in 1967. We have to refurbish it to bring it up to modern day building standards, make it fit for purpose and more importantly sustainable with reduced running costs and maintenance. The fabric of the building is now failing and beyond designed lifespan. The most pressing requirements are:-

Remove the roof, including removal of asbestos, and replace with an insulated alternative

Remove all ceiling panels

Install an effective and efficient heating system

Reconfigure the internal layout to make a more flexible and usable space.

The roof is in poor condition, has been extensively patched and is progressively leaking. It has reached the end of its lifespan and to make the building sustainable for the future requires to be replaced.

The replacement of the roof would then allow us to upgrade the heating system, which is currently in the form of electric heaters suspended from the ceilings. These are inefficient and costly to run.

An energy efficiency assessment has been completed by Business Energy Scotland, which includes financial savings and reduction in carbon emissions which would result from replacing the roof.

We already have planning permission and have engaged an architect and a quantity surveyor. The plans have been drawn up in such a way that the refurbishment can be done on a phased basis, as and when funding allows.



As well as the current users, the target audience is new users. We recognise that the Scout Hut has not been fully utilised in the past and we want to open it up further to community use and make it a local community centre, particularly as there is no community centre in this part of Ardrossan.

Community groups and Scout groups will benefit from it, along with individual users who may wish to let the premises. They will benefit from a modern facility, which is comfortable and warm. We believe that we can offer affordable lets for a range of groups. It can also be open to individual lets for events. We believe there is a demand for a modern, well appointed and affordable community facility in this area.

We have been liaising closely with Ardrossan Community Development Trust, who have plans in place for development of the South Beach area of Ardrossan to regenerate it and to bring more community use into that area and we consider that our plans would complement theirs. We have also been liaising with Ardrossan Community Sports Hub regarding possible joint activities and with North Ayrshire Council's community development officers.

4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?

Please include:

- The outcomes you aim to achieve
- How you will approach reducing inequality
- How this proposal fits with the Locality Partnership priorities of 1. Promoting the Local Economy and Tourism 2. Regenerating Community Facilities 3. Increasing Civic Pride and Community Engagement, Improving Community Wellbeing.

OUTCOMES

Provision of affordable, comfortable and highly practical accommodation for as many community groups and individuals as possible.

Compliance with modern day building regulations and health and safety standards.

Reduction in energy costs and carbon emissions.

Increased income to the Scout Group to make its premises sustainable for the future.

Increased income to allow the Scout Group to invest in its young people.

REDUCING INEQUALITY

Make the premises fully accessible.

Increased income will allow the Scout Group to subsidise membership costs when required, to ensure that no one is unable to join the Scout Group because of finance.

The premises are open to all.

LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES

Meets the following priorities: -

Regenerating Community Facilities - A refurbished Scout Hut to a high standard will allow increased community usage.



Increasing Civic Pride and Community Engagement - Will fit with the plans to regenerate this area of Ardrossan. Will give the community a facility that can be widely used and open to all.

Improving Community Wellbeing - Will allow more community activities to be held in this area of Ardrossan.

5. What engagement has taken place in relation to the project?

Please include the number of people who have been engaged with or consulted as well as the range of people.

A consultation was undertaken some years ago with members of the Scout Group, their parents, other users of the premises, community associations and children from local schools. They were asked about the current provision of facilities, their views of Scouting and what changes needed to be made going forward. In relation to the building itself, the most common concern was that, although well loved, it was not fit for purpose and should be upgraded. They considered that there was a need to upgrade the facilities to create a safe and comfortable environment in which to work and learn.

It also took account of a piece of research compiled by Community Education in 2014 involving 103 teenagers, which examined gaps in community provision in the area. Scouting was seen by them as closely linked to the outdoors and associated with adventure. 94% of the teenagers said they would like to take part in an adventurous activity. 79% said they would like to do some sort of outdoor activity.

The number of people engaged with across the more recent forms of consultation amounts to over 100.

A face to face consultation was held at our Christmas Fayre in November 2022, which was open to any member of the public. The results showed that 100% agreed that the Scout Hut was in need of refurbishment. 75% thought that their community group would use it. Of the remainder, some were not a member of a community group. Some were involved in groups in their local church. Members of St Peter's Church and of Park Church in Ardrossan have indicated that their lets are at capacity, so we believe that there would be an overspill demand to use our premises. 80% said that they as an individual would be interested in using it for a family event.

A number of adults who were former members of the Scout Group commented that the Scout Hut had not changed since their day.

A consultation was also held recently with user groups. Comments included:-

- "How cold it is."
- "Heating is not great, Sessions would be more relaxed and enjoyable with improved heating".

- “Improve the heating.”
- “Toilets are a bit iffy” .
- “The fabric of the building is rather tired. Any improvements would be welcome” .
- “ Disabled access - portable ramps are ok, but better access would be a bonus, both internally and externally. Improved access would allow us to widen the attraction of our drum circles”.

Things that user groups like about the building include the location and the size of the rooms. As well as having two large halls, meeting rooms, a kitchen and ample storage space, the Scout Hut is on a main bus route, close to two railway stations and has ample parking making it ideal for community use.

A further consultation was held online in February 2023. The responses came from Scout Group members, Adult Not for Profit Community Groups, Small Businesses, Other Groups and Local Residents with the majority of responses, 55% coming from those who classified themselves as local residents and the remainder split across the other categories. 85% responded that they would be interested in using the scout community hub if it was value for money and comfortably refurbished. Over 40% indicated that there would be up to 30 participants using the premises. Almost 40% indicated they would wish to use the entire facility. In terms of features which would be necessary for them as a group or individual, the top feature required by 78% of respondents was “warm and comfortable”. This fits in with our priority in the phasing of the works, which is to replace the roof and insulate it in order to minimise heat loss.

6. How will the project be managed?

Please include:

- How the finances will be managed
- Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in Three Towns? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities
- If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans

FINANCES

The finances will be managed by the Group Treasurer, with regular reports to the Executive Group, who will have overall control of the finances and the project. There is a project plan which breaks down the overall refurbishment into phases, as and when income allows. An architect and a quantity surveyor have been engaged to manage the project.

VOLUNTEERING

The Scout Group wishes to attract more volunteers to help run their own sections and allow them to increase their membership numbers. They also wish to attract more community users. They believe that a refurbished Scout Hut will attract more users generally and therefore will attract more volunteers

7. Amount of funding being requested.

Please supply details of funding being requested and any other funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and “in kind”.

Amount of funding requested (£) **£100,000**

Please give a breakdown of cost and recent quotations where appropriate.

OTHER FUNDING OVER PAST 5 YEARS

- Hugh Fraser Foundation £4,000
- Robertson Trust Wee Grants £2,000
- Robert Barr Trust £10,000
- Community Benefit Fund £2,700

BREAKDOWN OF COSTS

- Option 1 £127,280.27
- Option 2 £128,827.15

These options are based on recent quotations and include: -

Roof Replacement, Asbestos Removal, Scaffolding and VAT

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on the monitoring and evaluation processes planned or in place.

The Executive Group will use the following outputs to monitor and evaluate the refurbishment:-

- Number of community groups using the premises.
- Number of hours per week when the premises are being used.
- Footfall per week.
- Number of Scout Group members.
- Number of community group members.
- Number of volunteers.
- Feedback from users.
- Reduction in energy and maintenance costs.



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Colin Ferris, Locality Officer (Three Towns)

North Ayrshire Council
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1. Details of your organisation

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Position in Organisation Chairperson

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2. Brief description of your organisation

Please include its legal status, aims and objectives, activities or services provided and how long it has been in existence.

SALT is a constituted voluntary community organisation which was established in August 2021.

Our aims and objectives are to advance the emotional and physical wellbeing of the inhabitants of Saltcoats through the provision and regeneration of such facilities which enable this

We have recently successfully completed the upgrade and regeneration of the local playpark and secured the total funding package of over £100,000. This has led to a safe space for the provision and development of play for the children and young people of the town.

3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for.

Please include:

- where it will be held / delivered
- who is your target audience
- who will benefit from it and how
- any partners that are involved.

We are looking to install CCTV adjacent to the playpark to safeguard the facilities and create a safe space where children, young people and adults come together to enjoy the playpark.

Our recent survey analysis has concluded that the installation of CCTV would create a greater sense of community safety and lead to increase use of the park.

The project will be delivered in partnership with NAC and the SALT group. Once the camera is in place NAC will add this to their existing network and monitor the area.

4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?

Please include:

- The outcomes you aim to achieve
- How you will approach reducing inequality
- How this proposal fits with the Locality Partnership priorities of 1. Promoting the Local Economy and Tourism 2. Regenerating Community Facilities 3. Increasing Civic Pride and Community Engagement, Improving Community Wellbeing.

The installation of a CCTV camera adjacent to the park will have the following benefits:

- Reduction in crime i.e vandalism and anti-social behaviour
- Protect and safeguard community assets which would otherwise be expensive to repair/replace.
- Greater use of the playpark as sense of community safety increases
- NAC are a key partner in the delivery of this project.

The 3 Towns locality partnership priorities which will be met are as follows:

- Promoting the local economy and tourism
- Regenerating Community Facilities
- Increasing civic pride and community engagement
- Improving community wellbeing

The successful development of the playpark has had a positive impact on all of the above and this will be further enhanced with the addition of CCTV.

5. What engagement has taken place in relation to the project?

Please include the number of people who have been engaged with or consulted as well as the range of people.

We have successfully delivered a community consultation event at Winton Circus playpark with 600 residents. There was overwhelming support for our CCTV initiative with almost no negative responses.

In addition, online surveys with local residents have also been carried out which further support the need for CCTV.

6. How will the project be managed?

Please include:

- How the finances will be managed
- Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in Three Towns? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities
- If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans

The finances for the project will be managed by our voluntary management committee. Our financial procedures ensure the efficient and safe management of funds.

Whilst this project does not directly create any specific paid employment opportunities there is the opportunity to volunteer and join the voluntary management committee and get involved in future projects.

There is also the opportunity for local young people and children's organisation who are more likely to use the facilities as their concerns around safety will be somewhat be alleviated with the installation of CCTV.



7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details of funding being requested and any other funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and “in kind”.

Amount of funding requested (£) **£38,000**

Please give a breakdown of cost and recent quotations where appropriate.

To date in excess of £100,000 has been secured for the successful development of the playpark.

These are the costs to purchase and install a CCTV camera adjacent to the playpark provided by Graham Emans (Home Security NAC).

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on the monitoring and evaluation processes planned or in place.

Monitoring will be carried out by NAC as the new CCTV camera will be added to their existing network and be monitored directly by trained staff who understand the legislative and legal requirements around the use of CCTV

The data from crime stats will provide evidence on the impact of the camera and its success.

The SALT group will carry out further community consultation after the installation of the camera to look at the impact of the camera on user numbers of the parky and the sense of security and safety which has resulted.

Locality Partnership: Three Towns Locality

Date: 8th March 2023

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

Key Points for Locality Partnership:

- Ardrossan Common Good Fund has a balance of **£6,195**

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: 21.2.23

**ARDROSSAN 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
St Peter in Chains Church	Contribution towards refurbishment of St Peter in Chains Church Hall disabled toilet. 1 x Doc M Pack 1 x Hand Dryer 1 x Overhead Heater Fully install Kerradecco Non-slip flooring Remove tiles before installation Silicone, adhesive, plywood & plumbing materials Remove all waste material from site TOTAL COST - £3, 900 St Peter in Chains Church are paying £900 towards costs.	£3,000	None
<p>Connected Communities, Finance, and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:</p> <p>Finance: Only one quote has been provided, Finance would recommend three to ensure value for money is achieved. The accounts show that funds are held for maintenance which has an adequate balance to fund the cost of this refurbishment.</p> <p>Legal: It is my opinion that this application could be justified from a legal perspective that the grant application meets the criteria in terms of s15(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994.</p> <p>Usage of churches over the years has evolved to become more multipurpose rather than solely serving the congregation/parishioners, and the groups that currently use the hall cover a wide demographic of varying age groups. The church is open 7 days a week from morning until evening and is generally open to the public.</p> <p>If it is decided to grant the application, the benefit to the community, as a whole, should be clearly minuted in case the auditor requires this information in future. The trustees ultimately have discretion as to whether Common good funds should be awarded to the applicant, however from a legal perspective I think the awarding of funds could be justified in terms of the Act.</p> <p>Connected Communities: The funding requested is to refurbish the disabled toilet which is located within St Peter in Chains Church Hall.</p> <p>The Church Hall is accessible to the whole community and provides a safe, accessible and affordable venue to help improve the quality of life and social cohesion within the community. It is used by a wide range of community groups as well as for private funerals, weddings, christening teas, birthday and Christmas parties and Burns Suppers. The Hall staff, volunteers and beneficiaries are embedded within the local community and, consequently, well placed to bring positive change and be highly responsive to local needs.</p> <p>Connected Communities are satisfied that this project meets the criteria of the Common Good Fund.</p>			



Locality Partnership: Three Towns

Date: 8 March 2023

Subject: Memorial benches, plaques, memorial trees and other options for bereaved families

Purpose: To note the proposed options in terms of memorials and to provide feedback on this.

Background

North Ayrshire Council has a longstanding history of providing memorial benches and plaques to offer bereaved families the opportunity to remember their loved ones in a lasting and meaningful way. Over time, the large accumulation of benches and plaques, challenges with suitable locations, maintenance, and sensitivities of removing tributes, led to the temporary suspension of the service and the investigation of alternative approaches.

North Ayrshire Council recognises and acknowledges the desire of many members of the public to remember loved ones with a memorial in the surroundings with which they were familiar. These requests are agreed and accommodated wherever possible, but any decision must recognise the needs of the wider public. The Council will therefore ensure that the memorial process is managed and implemented for the mutual benefit of all. This can also be to the benefit of the community if the memorial enhances or makes the location more attractive by helping to maintain the character of the area. The principles will ensure that requests for memorials are responded to in a consistent, efficient and sympathetic manner.

The objectives of a memorial offer are to ensure that:

- Unique remembrance spaces for local people are provided to celebrate and mark the lives of loved ones;
- The memorial offer and service is clear and easily understood;
- The response to contrasting needs is balanced and appropriate;
- Quality provision is offered at an affordable price without constraints by space or deterioration in inclement weather;
- The use of public spaces is not compromised and ensure the quality of attractiveness is maintained for the use of all residents and visitors;
- Any memorial is appropriate for the location in which it is placed;
- All memorials are cost-neutral and low maintenance for the Council;

- Costs of supply and installation are affordable and are covered by the applicant of the memorial.

The following responsibilities and requirements are proposed for the Memorials Policy. Following agreement, the Policy will be reviewed every five years:

- The location and types of memorials for individuals will be agreed with applicants.
- Priority will be given to applicants that are resident In North Ayrshire or have a direct connection with the area. Other applications will be considered on a case by case basis;
- Memorials should have some community benefit either as street furniture or by enhancing the appearance of the local area;
- The cost of supply and installation of any memorial will be covered by the applicant and paid for prior to installation;
- The responsibility for the maintenance of any memorial is clearly defined and communicated prior to installation;
- The Council will accept no responsibility if a memorial is damaged, vandalised or stolen;
- In the event of damage by accident, vandalism or it becomes unsafe and beyond economical repair, the Council reserves the right to remove and not replace the memorial;
- Once installed the memorial can only be repositioned with the agreement of the Council;
- Any plaques or wording must be a suitable size, colour and type face and agreed with the Council in advance;
- Once installed the memorial will become the property of the Council and any routine maintenance costs will be covered by the Council.
- Any plaques will remain the property of the applicant and must be maintained in good condition;
- No additional structures or mementoes e.g. fencing, wreaths, flowers, can be placed on or at the memorial at any time.

Note: Unauthorised memorials may be removed by the Council taking account of the sensitivities around this.

Options

Memorial Benches and Plaques

The existing memorial option of procuring a memorial bench and/or attaching plaques to benches is nearing saturation point in some areas and it is proving difficult to support the wishes of individuals in specific locations.

To provide this service in the future, consideration must also be given to the length of time a memorial stays in place and to consider potentially bringing assets back into circulation after a period of time.

Alternatively, the option to purchase a bench with a prefabricated memorial could remain. However, the asset would be placed in a location identified by the Council and agreed with the applicant, such as parks and open spaces rather than the already congested coastal areas.

North Ayrshire Council will be responsible for all installation work. If the bench is to be placed on grass it will usually be fitted to a concrete base. Memorial plaques will require to be made of brass, stainless steel or aluminium and will be a maximum agreed size. Any inscription on plaques will require approval by the Council prior to fitting. The engraved plaque will be fitted to the bench by the Council.

It is proposed that this would be cost neutral to the Council with actual costs paid by those requesting the bench and/or plaque. It should be acknowledged that the costs of a memorial bench could be significant as the bench will be placed in a public space and will need to be durable, hard wearing and be of a higher specification than a typical bench used in someone's garden.

Living Memorial Tree

Dedicating a tree provides a living, growing memorial to a loved one and a poignant way of remembering them.

The Woodland Trust offer this facility across the UK and can range from individual trees to whole areas of woodland and it is proposed that North Ayrshire consider a similar initiative.

This would not only provide a remembrance to a loved one but also contribute to the global climate challenge. This would also complement the Councils tree planting strategy and areas of woodland/open space could be set aside for memorial trees.

Metallic memorial trees

Metallic memorial trees positioned in high amenity areas would offer a unique opportunity to remember family members and loved ones.

Metallic memorial trees are able to provide up to 640 memorial leaves in one location, creating a focal point for visitors and a single point of focus for families. The assets could become an attraction to visitors, require little to no maintenance, have a reduced impact on resources and would be cost-neutral.

Officers have identified an opportunity to promote this as a memorial offering. Once installed, the tree then has anodised gold-effect aluminium 'leaves', engraved with a loved ones' details, affixed securely to its branches over time. Leaves would be attached by Streetscene maintenance operatives. Similar trees have been installed successfully in other locations including across the UK and internationally.

The tree is manufactured from laser cut steel, stands at 3.2m in height, and has 640 spaces for memorial leaves. The tree is fixed to the ground with a two-part concrete foundation. The materials and manufacturing process are designed to withstand all weather conditions including exposed locations. Having purchased a memorial leaf, people can arrange the engraving of names, dates of birth and death with the possibility of a personalised message on the reverse and return it to be attached to the memorial tree. The tree memorial acts as a striking piece of public art, large enough that most leaves remain out of reach but still providing legibility of the messages engraved.

As with any public realm asset, the risks from anti-social behaviour must be considered. If this is an offering that is considered, then potential locations for this will be discussed further as appropriate. The tree is exceptionally robust, and the leaves themselves are securely fixed to the tree with pop rivets.

It is estimated that the cost of implementing this initiative could be cost neutral over a 5-7 year period.

Memorial Rocks

Memorial rocks and stones offer a simple natural way to remember loved ones. Rocks can be placed on a beach or thrown into the sea, potentially being washed up for others to find. They can be placed in a park or open space where loved ones enjoyed or potentially into areas specifically created to house the memorials.

Sponsoring flower bed

Sponsoring a memorial flower bed and remembering loved ones by planting some of their favourite flowers offers an appropriate memorial. Flower beds would be available in coastal locations as well as parks and open spaces.

Digital Remembrance

Not all bereaved family and friends are local and may not be able to easily visit physical memorials.

A digital page of remembrance would offer people from all over the world the chance to log in and view memorials at any time.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

It is proposed that the North Ayrshire Council memorial offer provides a range of affordable options to bereaved families and friends to assist them to celebrate a life and remember a loved one. Choice and affordability will be key with responsibilities made clear from the outset.

It is proposed that North Ayrshire Council will limit prices to the actual cost of each memorial selected. Therefore, the Council will not generate any surplus from its memorial offer.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

It is proposed that the Locality Partnership consider and provides feedback on the range of memorial options for implementation including:

- Benches and Plaques
- Living Memorial Tree
- Metallic Memorial Trees
- Floral Beds
- Memorial rocks
- Digital remembrance
- Bespoke requests on a case by case basis

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The journey
so far

SALT

- The group are now investigating options regarding the monitoring and security of the shore front playpark. They are currently exploring options for security cameras to monitor the shorefront area.

Splash

- Received £20,000 from Community project fund, had publicity in The Times and Scotsman newspaper. A feasibility study is now almost complete and the group are looking to reengage with the community at an event in Saltcoats townhall (provisionally 5:30pm-9:00pm, 23 April)

Raise Your Voice with Ardeer

- All exterior & internal works completed.
- Equipment and fixings all bought and in place.
- Staff employed and started 2 (Kitchen staff, a hub development worker & a Cleaner/caretaker).
- Keys to hub have been officially handed over to the group.
- Staff training both on site and online.
- Organising a 'Soft opening' invitation only (dignitaries, etc event Saturday 18th Feb.
- Hub open for business Monday 20th February and the official opening was held Saturday 18 February

Network meeting

- This will be held in Saltcoats Town Hall on 16 March from 4-6pm.
- The focus being the response to the cost-of-living crises, what agencies did during the winter period, what were the gaps and what could we do together moving forward to address any gaps.
- We will look to focus on each of the 3 Towns Locality Priorities moving forward.

Chit Chat

- 3 Towns festive chit chat to be held on Tuesday 29th March, 5.00pm-7:00pm at the Argyle Centre, Saltcoats.
- The focus will be on the response to the cost-of-living crises.



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Older person information event

- Older persons marketplace event to be held in Saltcoats Town Hall on 24 March from 12:30 -15:00pm where groups and agencies will attend with stalls to promote their activities for older people

Sustainable food projects in Three towns.

- All larders are running well, everyone in the three towns working together to support each other. Community cafes are all open.
- Money Matters has a worker regularly based in the Argyle Community Centre on a Wednesday running alongside the Community Larder to offer support for welfare rights and income maximisation to assist households who need it.
- **Ardrossan Community Development Trust**
- The Trust has just received charitable status.
- The trust employees 2 full time members of staff.
- ACDT continue to proceed with plans for their project at Ardrossan South Beach that will see a fully accessible playpark, maze, crazy golf and a community hub with a café and servicing point for the crazy golf and already in place wheeler/deckchair project.
- The tendering phase for the Playpark phase is complete and a contractor selected, the contract is not yet signed as the Trust



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seek to cover a funding shortfall caused by the cost-of-living crisis which has meant an increase in material and labour. The Café and Servicing phase of the project is currently out to tender. The trust also needs to complete the CAT process before signing any contracts.

- The public notice period is complete and at present it is now with NAC and the Trust's legal representatives. The Trust require the lease to be in place before the end of the fiscal year, with time to sign contracts, this seems to be possible with the Trust recognising that NAC are doing everything within their power to achieve this timeline.
- ACDT look forward to having a community group manage the café and use the profit for further community activities and are at present agreeing terms for this.
- They intend to work with Streetscene to provide a modern apprenticeship, who will assist with maintenance of the green space and surrounding area.
- ACDT hope to have all the projects fully operational early August 2023.
- The Development Trust are also very active with other community organisations in assisting them to develop and be the best that they can be, we have been working closely with the Scouts and Men's shed in providing information and guidance that will assist both groups with having suitable premises in which to operate in.
- The Trust plan to gather all of the community groups in the town together on a regular basis and will use this as a steering group for future community planning.
- The Trust are working in partnership with NAC Active Travel Hub to put electric charging points in place at South Beach for bikes.
- The Trust also participate in the Ardrossan Connections project, they work along with other community groups with Sustrans to identify opportunities to design and implement high-quality public space and upgrades to the National Cycle Network through Ardrossan.

Ardrossan Community Sports Hub

- The Hub is a charity and employs 4 coaches on permanent contracts.
- The Sports Hub have been successful in regenerating the once defunct gym at the site on Seafield school turning it into a thriving community asset, in the last update it was stated there was 400 members, it is now closer to 500 members.



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- The gym runs many classes and workshops to promote health and well-being in the community, including satellite fitness sessions throughout the area and nutrition, mental well-being workshops which have all been well attended. During the Summer they will provide community workshop and fitness events at the Highland Games, The Winton Rovers Fete, The Whiteles Centre Fete, Park Church Fete and events held by the Ardrossan Community Development Trust to promote health and wellbeing.
- The Sports Hub have received funding from the local authority and the national lottery to help support the project and to allow the Hub to put in place Health and Fitness coaches. The gym is unique in that members can book a coach for their visit and that coach will inspire by providing 1:1 advice and fitness planning to assist the individual in meeting their goals. There is always a coach on the gym floor to support the members.
- At present the gym is providing 50 free gym places to community members who will benefit with being more active.
- The Hub plan to be actively involved in the planning and design of the sporting facilities at the new school campus. The Hub hope to be involved in the management and day to day running of these facilities, they see this as vitally important to not only their continued growth but to their gym's existence. They will not survive with competing against the school campus facilities on their doorstep. With Community Wealth and community empowerment at the heart of policy the Hub see a future partnership with the local campus as a massive part of their future.
- The hub is now a Duke of Edinburgh award centre and have currently 20 children participating in the award.
- The Sports Hub continues to develop and work towards providing the fitness and well-being infra structure within the town for all its inhabitants and with that in mind they recognised the need for additional sporting facilities in particular an AstroTurf surface that will allow the towns 17 football teams to train and play within their own town. Currently teams must travel all over north Ayrshire to find facilities and sometimes there are no facilities. A Business plan is in place and application has been made via the CIF fund for initial funding for the project with additional funding being sought from the SFA and additional funders.
- The hub has been successful with a funding application to the CIF fund and have received £100,000 towards the Astro turf project, they recognise the support of the locality planning team



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and the importance of the initial funding that will encourage others to come on board. They are at present in advance discussion with Sport Scotland and the SFA.

- The Hub have Entered into an agreement with Ardrossan Winton Rovers FC who have made a great gesture in agreeing to lease Winton Park to the charity for 25 years allowing regeneration to take place and allowing it to be used as a centre for sport within the Town and a place where many other community activities can take place. They will work with Ardrossan Winton Rovers Youth Academy in the management and use of the facility.

Whitlees Community Association.

- Additional funding has successfully been secured from The Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund to secure additional centre staffing/resources.
- An application has been submitted to get the Association SCIO status through OSCR (we are awaiting feedback)
- We are currently reviewing the centre business plan
- The fuel insecurities provision (funding allocated by NAC) is proving very popular and necessary. Activities are free at the point of entry and free food will be provided for community members. Provision includes: Family Film Nights, Bingo evenings, cooking classes (where participants keep the food they cook)
- Volunteers continue to work and gain experience in the centre and the café
- The Christmas period was very busy with the Pensioners Dinner, Toy Drive, Winter Wonderland Event all very successful.
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme is going well with 8 young people undertaking the accredited award
- The centre in welcoming some actional new lets including CHAP and AA
- The Whitlees Community Centre has been selected black start and resilience response structure. Staff are about to embark on the associated training for this.
- The Association's AGM will be held on 27 March 23

Stevenston North Community Association (Hayocks Hall)

- Submit PB Bid for £1000 for cinema equipment that can be used to support various community groups.



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- The Lottery bid for larger facility to improve access, storage space etc is ongoing.
- The Application to Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for circa £20k for part time poverty relief development worker has been successful.
- Implement new supports/templates for management committee including, finance, minutes. Agenda etc completed
- The fuel insecurities provision (funding allocated by NAC) is proving very popular and necessary. Activities are free at the point of entry and free food will be provided for community members. Provision includes Free Friday sessions at the café warm hub, and the Saturday Activity and Film sessions over 200 attending

Argyle Community Association (ACA) and Centre

- CLD continue to support ACA in its developmental work. They are currently looking to recruit more volunteers and are aiming to have their AGM at the end of March
- The Association held a very successful festive toy drive and warm hub cinema club provision.
- They are currently working to develop outreach/engagement strategies including Daffodil Tea, Pancake Activity and an Easter Egg Hunt these fuel insecurities provisions will be free at the point of entry and warm food will be provided for participants (funding allocated from NAC)

Stevenston South (Ardeer) Community Association

- Continue to support association meetings and continue to provide information regarding any possible funding streams.
- Plan and working agreement for 'Winter warmer' monies spend in association with NAC.
- The fuel insecurities provision (funding allocated by NAC) is proving very popular and necessary. Activities are free at the point of entry and free food will be provided for community members. Events already happening include 'Warm hub' free hot roll and hot drink. Free prize bingo with buffet.
- Events planned include free family movie night with free buffet. In partnership with the association the 6-week session family grub club.
- Details of training given locally, Food hygiene (REHIS) and first aid.
- A.G.M. has been organised and promoted for March.



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Café Solace

- Supporting Café Solace volunteers to re-open 3 towns café looking at options
- Activity drop in every Thursday in the Argyle Centre focusing on mental health and wellbeing for those in recovery. Just completed a 6 week arts and crafts project focusing on MHWB.
- PB funding application submitted focusing on developing a 'Recovery and Discovery' Programme providing a focused adult learning initiative in the Three Towns
- Collaborative working with wider organisations, including, ESOL Team, Adult Literacies, Corporate Parenting, NAFB, Justice Services
- Supporting individuals within 3 towns to access person centred support (Welfare rights, Woman's Aid, KA Leisure)
- Community members from the three towns attending the recovery hub accessing peer support and community learning opportunities.



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Community Regeneration



Skate Park

Supporting the group with a business plan, developing a funding plan to support the group moving forward in order to become more sustainable.

Three Towns Men's shed

- The premises at the shops on Glasgow Street, has unfortunately been rendered uninhabitable due to water damage.
- Currently supporting the group to find temporary premises until repairs completed at Glasgow Street (Ardrossan Youth Association)
- Moving forward we aim to support group with the development of an operational business plan to support the long-term success of group.
- Secure support from just enterprise.

Three Towns Growers (3TG)

- Board build proposal (education hub) is progressing now delayed until the start March.
- Currently the 3TG site in Ardrossan has a waiting list 40+ requests for a plot/raised bed.
- The Growers are planning a signed walkway from the Elmpark Allotment to Doon The Beach

Three Towns Clean-up crew

- Group members continue to collect litter and advise Streetscene on sighting of litter bins and hotspots around schools, community centres etc. They are currently promoting national litter events.

Make A Meal Of It (MAMOI)

- Combined Christmas event in December for all family's involved over the year at the MAMOI programme, food and Pantomime. Which also included a special visit from Santa. All children received presents as donated from 'Glasgow Spirit of Christmas' group.
- Each family were given a special Christmas foodbank hamper.

Environment (Civic pride and Community Engagement)





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- Both Ardeer and Ardrossan MAMOI groups are planned for the Easter holidays.
- Various activities will be planned for participants including Games, arts & crafts, cake & biscuit decorating.
- Meals provided by NAC school catering.

Adult Learning Opportunities:

- Digital devices drop in. Support for problems with phones, tablets and laptops, PC's, and internet safety. Continue to be offered at the Argyle Centre and Whitees Centre.
- This has now been extended and employability advice and workshops are now being offered at the warm hub on a Thursday at the foodbank in Ardrossan targeting those community members most in need of support.
- The Discovery Award Scotland (Accredited award for over 50s) was launched in January with great success (and an unexpected visit from the Provost. It was such a success that the accommodation at Saltcoats library had to be changed to the David White Centre to accommodate the number of participants.

Currently developing the following opportunities for an April 2023 start:

- Recruiting and engaging for the relaunch of the Stroll With It (Healthy Walking Group). This will start on Tuesday 18 April 09:30-11:30am
- Re-establishment of A New Hope Men's Health Group (MHWB)
- Wellbeing (re-engagement) Photography Group

Youth program

Have Developed/re-establish a range of youth participation opportunities across the Three Towns. For young people P6/7 – 25 years.

10 groups taking place across the Three Towns. Covering an age range 9 – 25 years of age.

Stevenston:

- The Gamers Group
- Hayocks Junior Club
- Scratch Group

Ardrossan:

- Duke of Edinburgh Award Group
- Ardrossan Junior Club



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- Ardrossan Art Group
- Ardrossan Youth Association
- Fun and Banter Group

Saltcoats:

- The Maker Space project for the Three Towns age range proposed will be 16 – 25 years. This is now underway on Wednesday evenings. More information about maker spaces here <https://www.makerspaces.com/what-is-a-makerspace/>
- Velotech Cycling Maintenance has been ran with Ardrossan Academy and Achenharvie Academy with 10 young people qualifying
- Photography WorkShop being ran with Achenharvie Academy participants will work through a High Five award as part of the programme (Possibly National 4 Intro to Photography)

Winter Warmer Provision:

- As part of the NAC drive to combat winter food insecurities, rising fuel prices and the cost-of-living crises, the CLD team in the three towns are organising a series of family fun time and grub club programmes.
- These initiatives will target vulnerable families and provide free, fun, family activities and warm food throughout the winter period.
- Six week blocks have ran in The Argyle Community Centre, Hayocks Community Centre and Ardeer Community Centre. These programmes are now complete with very good uptake and positive feedback from all participants.

Ardrossan Youth Association

- The Ardrossan Youth Association continue to meet on a weekly basis on a Thursday evening. They meet to maintain the running of the Ardrossan Youth Centre.
- There are currently on average about 10 young people attending on average.
- Supporting account management and additional lets and planning external visits / residentials

Active Citizenship Activities

- Climate Action Town, members of the community have been participating in climate awareness capacity building training and events in Stevenston the next community workshop is scheduled for 23 February and is potentially being held in the Raise Your Voice With Ardeer Beach hub

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- They continue to be active in Stevenston and are always looking to recruit additional members and volunteers. They are planning a 2023 recruitment drive for volunteers and are aiming to expand the number of flower beds that they maintain and are looking to make this area of work more sustainable moving forward.

Participatory Budgeting

- A steering group of local community members (including young people) from the Three Towns have been actively involved in the PB process assessing applications.
- PB Voting opened on Sunday 26 February at 12pm until 12th March 2023 use the link below to vote for your top three projects within your community!
- You can also vote in person at your local Library or Harbour Arts Centre, Irvine.
- <https://tinyurl.com/PB-Vote-NAC>
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