

Action Note

Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	6 September 2023; Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:00pm
Present:	Councillor Anthony Gurney (Chair) Councillor Cameron Inglis Councillor Jean McClung Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor John Sweeney Councillor Stewart Ferguson Jean Frew, Community Representative Ian Winton, Stevenston Community Council Chair Gordon Cowan, Community Development Worker, NAC Angela Morrell, Senior Manager (Community Learning and Development), NAC Inspector Stuart Dougan (Police Scotland) CI Fraser Normansell (Police Scotland) Shannon Wilson, Committee Services Officer, NAC
Also in Attendance	Colin Glencorse, KA Leisure Elizabeth Sweeney, Raise Your Voice at Ardeer Gillian Jennings, NHS
Apologies:	Councillor Amanda Kerr Councillor Jim Montgomerie Lindsay Murphy, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Julia Gray, Community Representative Glenn Turner, Community Representative Craig Mochan, Community Representative Pat Breen, Community Representative

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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><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor John Sweeney declared an interest in the Elderly Grants Fund item and did not take part in the decision taken on this application.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note from meeting on 14 June 2023</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 14 June 2023 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions confirmed.</p>	

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3.	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p><u>Expression of Interest - Stevenston Community Council Road Signage Improvements</u></p> <p>Jean Frew delivered a statement to the Partnership outlining the work undertaken to identify key areas within the town that required signage and the public consultation which took place during the summer period. Positive feedback and suggestions were received and taken into consideration.</p> <p>The Partnership supported the expression of interest and requested that a full application be submitted.</p> <p><u>Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIC</u></p> <p>Angela Morrell advised that this application would be deferred to the next meeting of the Locality Partnership in December 2023.</p>	<p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p>
4.	<p>Grants – Community Benefit Fund</p> <p><u>Stevenston Common Good Fund</u></p> <p>The Partnership noted that the Stevenston Common Good Fund had a balance of £17,728 and agreed to award the following: -</p> <p>Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association - £3,400</p> <p><u>Elderly Grants Fund</u></p> <p>The Partnership noted that the 2023/24 Elderly Grants Fund had a balance of £12,980 and agreed to award the following: -</p> <p>CLASPS Stevenston (HOPE Project) - £3,697 Saltcoats Old People's Welfare - £4,373 Three Towns OIR - £4,910</p> <p><u>Community Benefit Fund</u></p> <p>The Partnership noted that the Community Benefit Fund had a balance of £59,627.39 and agreed to award the following: -</p> <p>Inspire Motivate Celebrate SCIO - £2,520</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to support this application on the basis that feedback is provided to organisers on the effects of fireworks and that this may not be approved going forward.</p>	

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5.	Raise Your Voice for Ardeer The Partnership received an update from Elizabeth Sweeney, Raise Your Voice for Ardeer on 'Doon The Beach' Café which opened in February 2023 with the help of funding received. On behalf of the Partnership, Councillor Gurney, Chair, put forward thanks for the update provided and congratulations to all involved on the success of the café.	
6.	Education Overview The Partnership received a verbal update from Elizabeth Gribben, HT at Dykesmains Primary School, on school activity including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the new Head Teacher at West Kilbride PS, Gemma Carson;• Dykesmains PS and West Kilbride PS pupils visited Arran Outdoor Centre;• ZooLab visited the library and local primary school pupils were invited along;• the Irvine Maritime Museum provided a free trip for pupils and covered the cost of the bus;• Ardrossan Academy had a 5% increase in exam results for 4th years and a 10% increase for 5th years; and• partnership working across the cluster to ensure all pupils have the same experiences that are provided at the new Ardrossan Campus.	
7.	Police Scotland - Wellbeing and Partnerships The Partnership received a verbal update from Police Scotland on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Police Scotland in the Three Towns, highlighting the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the slight increase in referrals to the Community Wellbeing Unit over the summer. Police Scotland liaised with TACT and Turning Point;• partnership working with community ladders amidst the cost of living crisis to provide assistance and prevent vulnerable people committing crimes such as shoplifting;• ongoing work around retail crime and working with local retailers;• work undertaken with Streetscene to address vandalism and co-operating with private companies to have vandalism in the area cleaned up;• Campus Officers returned to schools and have undertaken a litter pick with pupils from Ardrossan Academy at the Plantation park;• Officer attendance at various galas, fairs and fetes over the summer period and the use of the new quads which had a positive effect on public engagement; and	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fraud and scam prevention workshops were ongoing and encouraged the Partnership to promote this locally to ensure the information reached as many people as possible. <p>The Partnership discussed and raised questions in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • derelict buildings within the Three Towns with non-local owners and what action can be taken when the owners refuse to co-operate; • the assistance Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service could provide when a derelict building becomes a safety concern; • work undertaken by the Campus Officers to encourage pupils to take part in local litter picking and whether this would be rolled out across all schools; and • ongoing work by Campus Officers in relation to vapes. Officers delivered a presentation to pupils on the negative health and environmental impacts. <p>Inspector Stuart Dougan introduced CI Fraser Normansell, Area commander who then introduced his new role and previous experience noting that he was keen to understand how the Partnership works and ways to assist in making a positive impact at a local level.</p>	
8.	<p>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>This item not discussed as there was no representative from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in attendance.</p>	
9.	<p>Locality Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a written and verbal update from the Locality Officer highlighting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new Saltcoats based group, Ripple Effect. A survey was issued over the summer period which received over 100 positive responses for further feedback. The group have secured £25K of UK Prosperity Funding so far; • the Discovery Award, which is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh, and supports achievement for adults over 50; and • the recommencement of youth groups working in partnership with Link Up to encourage youth engagement. 	
14.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 14 December 2023, 6pm at Ardrossan Civic Centre.</p>	

The Meeting ended at 7.40p.m.