

# Action Note

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Three Towns Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	14 December 2023, Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:00pm
<b>Present:</b>	<p>Councillor Amanda Kerr  Councillor Cameron Inglis  Councillor John Sweeney  Councillor Stewart Ferguson  Councillor Jim Montgomerie  Julia Gray, Community Representative  Scott Mould, Community Representative  Jean Frew, Community Representative  Pat Breen, Community Representative  Ian Winton, Stevenston Community Council Chair  Gordon Cowan, Community Development Worker, NAC  Angela Morrell, Senior Manager (Community Learning and Development), NAC  Claire Fitzsimmons, Interim Senior Manager – Regeneration, NAC  Inspector Stuart Dougan (Police Scotland)  Barrie McCutcheon, Station Manager (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service)  Shannon Wilson, Committee Services Officer, NAC</p>
<b>Also in Attendance</b>	<p>Gordon McNeil, Three Towns Growers  Susan Kelly, KA Leisure  Donna Cullinane, Member of the Public  John Sheehan, Member of the Public</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Councillor Anthony Gurney  Councillor Jean McClung  Councillor Davina McTiernan  Lindsay Murphy, NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran  Glenn Turner, Community Representative  Craig Mochan, Community Representative  Susan Manson, TSI</p>

## ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the Three Towns Locality Partnership meeting. Apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>Councillor John Sweeney declared an interest in the Community Investment Fund item as a non-voting member of the Stevenston Community Council and did not take part in the decision taken on this application.</p>	

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2.	<b>Action Note from meeting on 6 September 2023</b>  The Lead Officer advised that Gordon Cowan's name had been omitted from the previous sederunt in error. This was noted and the action note from the meeting held on 6 September 2023 was otherwise approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions confirmed.	
3.	<b>Community Investment Fund</b>  <b><u>Ardrossan Winton Rovers</u></b>  The Lead Officer confirmed that the Winton Rovers CIF application would not be considered at the 14 December 2023 meeting however a further meeting would be scheduled with the Organisation, and Connected Communities Head of Service. The standing orders will advise on what is possible ahead of the March meeting and all of the partnership will be updated.  Noted that the partnership fully supported this application at EOI stage and that the elected members, empathised need to be updated.  <b><u>Stevenston Community Council – Full Application</u></b>  The Partnership received an overview of the application submitted by Stevenston Community Council requesting £29,988 for the installation of street signage within Stevenston Town.  The Partnership discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the liaison work that had taken place with Streetscene prior to the application being submitted; and</li><li>• the number of signs required and where these were placed throughout the town.</li></ul> The application was approved.	<b>Angela Morrell</b>
4.	<b>Grants – Community Benefit Fund</b>  <b><u>Three Towns and Arran Community Benefit Fund</u></b>  The Partnership noted that the Three Towns and Arran Community Benefit Fund had a balance of <b>£57,107.34</b> and agreed to award the following: -  Ardrossan Outdoor Bowling Club - £4,000	
5.	<b>Street Naming</b>  The Partnership received a written report to consider naming one street within the Residential Development at Former Ardeer Primary	

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	School Site, Stevenston. The Partnership considered the suggestions submitted by Planning and agreed that Old School Court or Place would be the most appropriate of the suggestions made.	
6.	<p><b>Three Towns Growers</b></p> <p>Gordon McNeil delivered a presentation to the Partnership highlighting the positive impact of CIF funding received by the Three Towns Growers. The Partnership thanked Mr McNeil for the presentation which drew attention to the benefit this funding had in the community.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
7.	<p><b>B714 Upgrade / Beat the Street Update</b></p> <p><b><u>B714 Upgrade</u></b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Claire Fitzsimmons regarding the B714 upgrade, including information on the revised phased approach approved by the Cabinet on 29 August 2023. Public exhibitions were scheduled to take place in late January to update on the adjusted phased approach.</p> <p>The Partnership asked questions and received clarification in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the overall project budget and how this was used across each phase;</li><li>• the active travel corridor plans included in Phase 2 and whether land had been purchased for this; and</li><li>• projected completion dates for each phase.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Beat the Street Update</u></b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Claire Fitzsimmons regarding the Active Travel initiative called 'Beat the Street'. Funding was received from Paths For All to roll out the project to selected schools in North Ayrshire and Argyll &amp; Bute. The schools were selected for being in rural and island communities and/or based on their socioeconomic status. For North Ayrshire, the areas included were the Garnock Valley, Three Towns and Arran.</p> <p>The update noted that Beat the Street was a free, walking, cycling and wheeling game aimed at getting staff, pupils, and their families out and about in the local area, having fun and keeping healthy. It was designed to help people make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school, to improve physical and mental health and help embed physical activity into everyday life. A leaderboard would allow the top schools to win prizes, including sport and book vouchers.</p> <p>Primary school age children would be issued with a card to tap on the beat boxes registering the distance travelled, while older children and adults would be encouraged to download an app to play. Additional</p>	

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	<p>cards would be made available at libraries etc also to ensure the game was inclusive, recognising that not everyone had access to a smart phone to play via an app.</p> <p>The website went live in January and the game would run from 14 February for 6 weeks.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Locality Action Plan</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update on the Draft Locality Action Plan 2023/2024. The Lead Officer provided information on the context and rationale for the Action Plan and how it would operate as a dynamic document.</p> <p>The Partnership thanked colleagues for the work undertaken and agreed to (a) approve the Locality Action Plan 2023/24; and (b) note that a 2024/25 Plan would be prepared and presented in due course.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Education Overview</b></p> <p>There was no representation from the Education Service present at the meeting.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Wellbeing and Partnerships</b></p> <p><b><u>Police Scotland</u></b></p> <p>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 that referrals to the Community Wellbeing Unit had remained steady and the Police continued to work in partnership with the Ardrossan Hostel to provide support and intervention.</p> <p>The Partnership received further information on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• communications which were issued in regard to the closure of Police stations across Ayrshire, confirming Ayr Police Station was closed due to asbestos present in the building;</li> <li>• partnership working with community ladders amidst the cost-of-living crisis providing assistance and preventing vulnerable people committing crimes such as shoplifting;</li> <li>• ongoing work around retail crime and work undertaken with local retailers to improve security measures;</li> <li>• training undertaken by Officers focussing on suicide prevention tactics and mental health first aid;</li> <li>• engagement at Lockhart Campus which introduced pupils to the Emergency Services and provided further information on the work undertaken in the community;</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the return of Campus Officers in schools and the organised litter picks which took place with a number of secondary schools throughout North Ayrshire;</li> <li>• support provided to local bars throughout the festive period; and</li> <li>• ongoing fraud and scam prevention workshops including support on strengthening passwords to further protect accounts.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Wellbeing and Partnerships</u></b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on work undertaken in the Three Towns highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• partnership working with Police Scotland across Halloween and Bonfire night, giving thanks to colleagues for the support provided during Operation Moonbeam;</li> <li>• fire safety visits provided by the Service which include a mental and physical health review and referrals for care packages as appropriate;</li> <li>• the '16 Days of Action - Violence Against Women' workshop ran at Kilwinning Fire Station; and</li> <li>• opportunities to run information sessions in schools, in partnership with Police Scotland, which provided further information on the Services and the work undertaken in the community.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership noted the information present and commended both Services for the work undertaken, thanking Inspector Dougan and Station Manager McCutcheon for their contributions.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p><b>KA Leisure</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Susan Kelly, General Manager based at Auchenharvie Leisure Centre with KA Leisure, on work with the Health and Wellbeing Alliance to help people access services and activities, identify gaps in provision and apply for funding.</p> <p>The Partnership asked questions and received further information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the opening hours of the Auchenharvie Golf Course and Driving Range, including the planned review the service and promotion of the course; and</li> <li>• the impact of the KA Leisure gym planned as part of the Ardrossan Community Campus and possible partnership working with the Ardrossan Community Gym to effectively deliver both services.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p><b>Locality Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update from the Community Development Worker highlighting the work undertaken by the</p>	

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	<p>Saltcoats based group, Ripple Effect, including working with Architects and Consultants to progress their plans for Melbourne Park, Saltcoats.</p> <p>The Partnership provided suggestions for the group to consider, including, reinstating the putting green in this area and renovating the toilets/changing facilities.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  Wednesday 6 March 2024, 6pm at Ardrossan Civic Centre.	

The Meeting ended at 7.50p.m.