Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	6 March 2024; Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:30pm
Present:	Councillor Amanda Kerr (Chair) Julia Gray, Community Representative (Vice-Chair) Councillor Cameron Inglis Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor Jean McClung Councillor John Sweeney Councillor Stewart Ferguson Councillor Jim Montgomerie Jean Frew, Community Representative Pat Breen, Community Representative Craig Mochan, Community Representative Glenn Turner, Community Representative Ian Winton, Stevenston Community Council Chair Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, NAC Sergeants Mark Semple & Will Hutchinson, Police Scotland Claire Fitzsimmons, Senior Manager – Regeneration, NAC David Faulds, Head Teacher, Mayfield Primary School Gordon Cowan, Community Development Worker, NAC Denise Fraser, Capacity & Empowerment Officer, NAC Christopher Hays, Active Schools Co-Ordinator, NAC Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager (Committee & Member Services), NAC
Also in Attendance	Heather Fraser, NHS Ayrshire and Arran Susan Kelly, General Manager, KA Leisure Janet Dick, Three Towns She Shed Karen Frew & June Maguire, Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association Jim Inglis & Scott Jamieson, Three Towns & District Community Shed
Apologies:	Councillor Tony Gurney Barrie McCutcheon, Station Manager (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service) Scott Mould, Community Representative

	ACTIONS	
No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed those present to the Three Towns Locality Partnership meeting. Apologies for absence were noted.	

	Declarations of Interest Jean Frew and Ian Winton, as members of Stevenston Community Council, declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Grants – Community Benefit Fund), taking no part in the determination of the grant application by Stevenston Community Council.	
2.	Action Note from meeting on 14 December 2023The action note from the meeting held on 14 December 2023 was submitted for approval as a correct record.The Lead Officer provided a short update on the outcome of two	
	 meetings in respect of the Ardrossan Winton Rovers (Item 3 - (Community Investment Fund). The Partnership agreed (a) to approve the action note as a correct record; (b) to note the implementation of decisions; and (c) that (i) further information with regard to Ardrossan Winton Rovers be shared confidentially with Elected Members, (ii) thereafter, it be 	Angela Morrell
	remitted to the Lead Officer, in consultation with relevant voting members of the Partnership, to determine the application and (iii) the outcome be reported to the next meeting of the Partnership for information.	

3.	Place Frameworks
	The Partnership received a copy of the draft Place Framework for Saltcoats, which identified priority issues and brought together and co-ordinated place-based actions and initiatives to improve the quality of life in the coastal town of Saltcoats.
	The Senior Manager – Regeneration provided a short verbal report, highlighting the key elements of the draft Place Framework and the process itself.
	The Partnership discussed:
	 any time restrictions around availability funding; whether officers were able to be proactive in encouraging applications for funding; and the forthcoming deadline for funding applications to the Communities and Place Fund.
	The Partnership noted (i) the draft Place Framework for Saltcoats and (ii) that any feedback on the draft could be submitted to the Senior Manager – Regeneration.

4.	Community Investment Fund	
	Expressions of Interest	
	The Partnership received short presentations from representatives of the Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association and from the Three Towns and District Community Shed, setting out their respective projects and expressions of interest in making application to the Community Investment Fund.	
	The Partnership discussed:	
	 the success of the Saltcoats playpark project and opportunities for the Hayocks project to be informed by this; the exact location of the Hayocks playpark project; the lease arrangements for the new Community Shed; and further detail around the works to the Community Shed premises. 	
	The Partnership agreed to support (i) the Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association project and (ii) the Three Towns and District Community Shed project proceeding to full Community Investment Fund application stage.	
5.	Grants – Community Benefit Fund	
	Community Benefit Fund	
	The Partnership noted that the Community Benefit Fund had a balance of £57,107.34 and agreed (a) to award the following:	
	Stevenston Community Council - £7,344	Angela Morrell
	(b) that (i) consideration of the application from the Scottish Centre for Personal Safety be deferred for further information, including with regard to the proposed equipment and layout of the premises and (ii) it be remitted to the Lead Officer, in consultation with relevant voting members of the Partnership, to determine the application thereafter and (iii) the outcome be reported to the next meeting of the Partnership for information; and	Angela Morrell
	(c) that (i) representatives of Freedom Fighters (Community Action Initiative) be invited to attend the next meeting to provide further information on the group and (ii) consideration of the application be deferred to the next meeting.	
	Ardrossan Community Good Fund	
	The Partnership noted that the Ardrossan Common Good Fund had a balance of £18,614 and agreed to refuse the application by the Scottish Centre for Personal Safety on the grounds that it did not meet the criteria for Common Good Funding, as set out by the Council's Legal Service in their assessment of the application.	Angela Morrell

	Stevenston Common Good Fund	
	The Partnership noted that the Stevenston Common Good Fund had a balance of £14,328 and agreed (a) to defer consideration of the application from West Coast Furniture Bank for further information; (b) that it be remitted to the Lead Officer, in consultation with relevant voting members of the Partnership, to determine the application thereafter and (c) the outcome be reported to the next meeting of the Partnership for information.	Angela Morrell
6.	Street Naming	
	The Partnership received a written report to consider naming one street within the Residential Development at the former James McFarlane site, Ardrossan. The street plan was attached as an appendix to the report.	
	Councillor S Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Montgomerie moved that the street be named after the last Provost of Ardrossan, John (Jack) Henry Fitzsimmons.	
	As an amendment, Community Representative Julia Gray, seconded by Community Representative Jean Frew, moved that the street be named after James McFarlane.	
	On a division and show of hands of voting members of the Locality Partnership, there voted for the amendment 5 and for the motion 8, and the motion was declared carried.	
	Having considered the suggestions submitted by Planning, the Partnership agreed (a) that the street be named "Fitzsimmons"; (b) that it be remitted to a relevant officer within the Council's Planning Service to select an appropriate descriptor for the street, e.g. "Wynd" or "Way".	Kirsty Gee, Planning
7.	Impact of Community Investment Funding	
	Glenn Turner delivered a presentation to the Partnership highlighting the positive impact of CIF funding received by Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team (SALT)	
	The Partnership thanked Mr Turner for the presentation, which drew attention to the benefit this funding had in the community.	
	Noted.	

8.	Education Overview	
	The Partnership received a verbal update from David Faulds, Head Teacher at Mayfield Primary School, Saltcoats on a number of areas, including the following:	
	 impact of budget constraints and the rising cost of supplies; the positive impact of Mayfield's breakfast club and work by other schools in the cluster to engage with Magic Breakfast; legacy issues around Covid and work being done to support young people; and the changing profile of learners, including rising numbers of young people with social and communication challenges, and measures to manage their integration. 	
	The Partnership discussed the potential availability of Royal Society grant funding.	
	Noted.	
10.	KA Leisure	
	 The Partnership received a verbal update from Susan Kelly, General Manager based at Auchenharvie Leisure Centre on various work being undertaking by KA Leisure, including the following: a series of cross-country events organisation in partnership with North Ayrshire Athletics Club; community classes at St Matthew's Campus; 	
	 the availability of Walk Leader training; the success of the "Beat the Street" and the incorporation of "Beat the Weight" with this initiative; works to Ardeer Golf Club; 	
	 involvement in tree-planting work and work towards KA Leisure being carbon neutral by 2030; 	
	 the future of the grass pitch at Lockhart Campus; work with Sportscotland and the SFA on the mapping of football pitches; 	
	 planned works to the ice risk at Auchenharvie; and the North Ayrshire Health and Wellbeing Alliance. 	
	The Partnership discussed:	
	 the Lockhart Campus grass pitch; the excellent work of the Activator team in responding to short- notice requests; the wider value of KA Leisure's work, beyond its core activities; the positive visual impact of tree-planting; the impact of rising energy costs; and 	
	 KA Leisure's anticipated role in the new Ardrossan Campus. 	

	The Active Schools Co-ordinator (NAC) provided some information on planned events associated with Euro 24 and on a recent National Lottery bid for funding for portable basketball hoops.
	Noted.
	Councillors Montgomerie and McTiernan left the meeting at this point.
11.	Locality Update
	The Partnership received an update from the Locality Officer highlighting:
	 the work undertaken by the Saltcoats based group, SPLASH, the Three Towns Community Shed and the Three Towns Growers (3TG);
	 the Three Towns Community Associations/Community Centres, which were undertaking their Annual General Meetings and committee elections, with support from Community Learning and Development; and
	 the potential for the Three Towns Growers worker post being changed from full-time to part-time in an effort to attract greater interest, noting that this would extend the period of the contract from 18 months to 3 years.
	Noted.
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	The Lead Officer referred to an ongoing redesign within her Service, advising that this would be Gordon Cowan's last meeting of the Locality Partnership and taking the opportunity to introduce Denise Fraser as the new locality officer for the Three Towns.
	The Partnership thanked Gordon Cowan for all his work and offered their best wishes to him for the future. The Partnership also took the opportunity to welcome Denise Fraser to her new role.
12.	Date of Next Meeting
	Wednesday 5 June 2024, 6pm at Ardrossan Civic Centre.
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The Meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.