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<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Three Towns Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	5 June 2024; Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:00pm
<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Amanda Kerr (Chair) Julia Gray, Community Representative (Vice-Chair) Councillor Cameron Inglis Councillor Anthony Gurney Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor Jean McClung Councillor Stewart Ferguson Councillor Jim Montgomerie Pat Breen, Community Representative Jean Frew, Community Representative Scott Mould, Community Representative Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, NAC Inspector Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland Denise Fraser, Locality Officer Jordan Stewart, Active Schools Co-Ordinator, NAC Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer, NAC (notes)
<b>Also in Attendance</b>	Susan Kelly, General Manager, KA Leisure Derek Moir, Freedom Fighters CAI June Maguire, Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association Jim Inglis & Scott Jamieson, Three Towns Community Shed Graham Hunter, Community Development Worker Kimberly O'Neill, Community Development Worker Richard Caig, Locality Worker Karen Frew, Locality Worker
<b>Apologies:</b>	Councillor John Sweeney David Murray, Station Manager (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service) Craig Mochan, Community Representative Glenn Turner, Community Representative Ian Winton, Stevenston Community Council Chair

## 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, introductions were made and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p>	<b>Noted</b>

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	<p>Cllr Gurney advised that he would not participate in the grant decision pertaining to Ardrossan and Largs Sea Cadets due to immediate family previously being members of the group.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Action Note from meeting on 6 March 2024</b></p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 6 March 2024 was submitted for approval as a correct record.</p> <p>The Lead Officer provided the Locality Partnership with the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application from Ardrossan Winton Rovers will not be heard tonight as a full application, there is further diligence required by NAC. The Lead Officer proposed that if this can be clarified before recess, that an extra online meeting to hear the full application could be arranged, this would stop any further delays the organisation was has been awarded £48,500 from the Regeneration, for funding towards the flood lighting and application will be updated to reflect this.</li> <li>• At the March LP Meeting no award was made to Scottish Centre of personal safety, support was offered after meeting, and they were successful in obtaining £34,125 funding from the Regeneration grant to support improvements. Similarly, there was no award made to West Coast Furniture Bank, again they secured £28,200 from a Regeneration Grant to support the project manager and the employment of the van driver.</li> </ul> <p>The Locality Partnership (a) noted the update and (b) agreed to hold an additional online meeting for the Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIF application to be heard if information is received prior to recess.</p>	<p><b>Angela Morrell</b></p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Three Towns Locality Team</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed the newly formed Three Towns Locality Team to the meeting. The team is made up of the following Officers, those in attendance introduced themselves individually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denise Fraser, Locality Officer</li> <li>• Graham Hunter, Community Development Worker</li> <li>• Kimberly O'Neill, Community Development Worker</li> <li>• James Weatherston, Community Development Worker</li> <li>• Richard Caig, Locality Worker</li> <li>• Karen Frew, Locality Worker</li> </ul> <p>D Fraser advised the Locality Partnership that the team are currently building relationships, and supporting the community within the Three Towns with capacity building, sourcing funding. They have also sent out a needs analysis through their social media platforms to identify areas for development.</p> <p>The Team have hosted their first Locality Network Event last week with their first Chit Chat event taking place on 12 June.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

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4.	<p><b>Locality Officer Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update from the Locality Officer highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Towns Community Shed have now successfully moved into their new premises on Hill Street with assistance from the Facilities management team. The group are upgrading the Hill Street premises to make it fit for purpose and currently continue to have the use of the Glasgow Street location for now.</li> <li>• Three Towns Growers Development Worker Post has now been filled. This is a part time post over two and a half years.</li> <li>• SPLASH consultation and Harbourside Development Plan has been compiled by the architect and was in Saltcoats Library on 1st June for public feedback.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>
5	<p><b>Freedom Fighters Community Action Initiative</b></p> <p>The Lead Officer highlighted that at the last LP Meeting, there was a request for the Group to be invited to a future meeting and update the Partnership on the offer in premises in Ardrossan.</p> <p>Derek Moir advised the Partnership that he started a support group for those suffering mentally from the effects of substance misuse back in December of 2008 committing to help others break free from the same problems he battled. In 2018 the group became a charity and since then have secured funding to provide one to one support, group work, counselling, workshops, and men’s and women’s groups and retreats.</p> <p>In February 2024, they acquired a new office space in Ardrossan, which they are in the process of turning into a trauma- recovery hub, a place of refuge and healing, where individuals can find professional therapeutic help and recovery support. D Moir also highlighted that local businesses have supported the groups with the refurbishment of the office by donating materials/time/labour.</p> <p>The Chair thanked D Moir for attending and providing a n update on the work of the group.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
6.	<p><b>Community Investment Fund – Full Applications</b></p> <p>The Partnership were asked to consider two Community Investment Fund Full Applications:</p> <p><b>Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association</b></p>	

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June McGuire of Hayocks Residents Association provided the Partnership with a presentation. The Group have been working together with Hayocks Parent Council, Hayocks Primary School and Stevenston North Community Association and would like to extend the existing play park sited next to the Hayocks Community Hall as the current play park is suitable for children of pre-school age. The Group are seeking £100,000 of funding from the Community Investment Fund.

A proposed design was also shared with the Partnership which included accessible play equipment along with the associated costs for the entire project which will be around £151,700.99. J McGuire highlighted that young people from the area designed how they would like the playpark to look.

The Partnership discussed:

- How the playpark would likely bring money into community centre also and having young people involved in process, means they are less likely to vandalise.
- Whether ground works were included in the overall cost and who would be responsible for maintenance.

J McGuire thanked the Partnership for their comments and confirmed that groundworks were included in the overall costs for the project and Streetscene have confirmed they will assist with the maintenance and the Group will be responsible for any repair costs

Cllr Gurney highlighted the importance of ensuring Streetscene are fully sighted with regards to maintenance.

The Locality Partnership agreed the award £100,000 for the project subject to written confirmation from Streetscene regarding assisting with the maintenance of the playpark.

The Lead Officer undertook to ask the Council's Funding Officer to work with the group to look at options to obtain the remaining funding required for the project.

## Three Towns Community Shed

Scott Jamieson from the Three Towns Community Shed provided the Partnership with an overview of their application to the Community Investment Fund. The Group are seeking £56,850 funding from the Community Investment Fund to repurpose their new premises in Hill Street, Ardrossan. Funding would fund an architect to draw up plans, build a toilet block complete and all plumbing, installation a fire alarm system across the whole unit with smoke and heat detectors, installation an accessible lift, removal of the old toilets and create either usable administration space or usable activities space, insulate as much of the building and all the necessary waste disposal costs.

Without these renovations, the group will not be able to appeal to those with mobility issues and more importantly they will not be able to bring

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	<p>the She Shed members from Glasgow Street due to a lack of toilet provisions. Having two locations are incurring the group higher running costs.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current membership of the Community Shed and the capacity they would like to get to:</li> <li>• How long the group had the lease to Hill Street</li> <li>• Any works the Landlord is carrying out</li> </ul> <p>S Jamieson advised that there are currently there are 58 members in total. 46 are members of the Mens Shed and 12 are members of the She Shed. In terms of capacity, they foresee the membership not being much higher than 70 members. Men currently meet three times per week during the day and women three times per week in the evening. They are also looking at opening on a Saturday morning to give the opportunity to people who are work during these times to come along. He also advised that the Group currently have a 10-year lease of the premises and the Landlord is carrying out repairs to the roof within the building.</p> <p>Cllr Gurney highlighted that previously there have been issues raised around spending public money on a building not owned by the group, that 10-year lease was particularly short and it would be worth seeking legal guidance.</p> <p>Cllr McTiernan asked whether the Landlord would be open to extending the lease. S Jamieson advised that she did not foresee this being an issue and queried how long the lease should be extended to. The Lead Officer advised 25 years.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed the award £56,850 for the project subject to the Group exploring extending their lease to 25 years and advise from NAC Legal team.</p>	<p><b>Angela Morrell</b></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>The Lead Officer advised that four applications had been made to the Three Towns &amp; Arran Community Benefit Fund. The Fund has a balance of £89,585.40 available for disbursement.</p> <p><b>Ardrossan and Largs Sea Cadets</b></p> <p>The Ardrossan and Largs Sea Cadets unit, which is sited in cabins, requires upgrade and replacement of their facilities which include classrooms and canteen facilities for their cadets. The organisation is seeking £4,000 towards the cost of skip hire and clearing the site ready for resurfacing.</p> <p>The Partnership approved the application to award £4,000 to Ardrossan and Largs Sea Cadets.</p> <p><b>Ardeer Recreation Bowling Club</b></p>	<p><b>Rosemary Ramsay</b></p>

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	<p>Ardeer Recreation Bowling Club are seeking £6,000 to support green maintenance.</p> <p>The Partnership queried the criteria for the fund as they were unsure this application fit within the scope. The Lead Officer undertook to circulate the criteria to the Elected Members and if suitable, seek approval of the grant via email.</p> <p><b>Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club</b></p> <p>Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club are seeking £2,378 funding to purchase a new CCTV system as it was recently subject to a break in which highlighted that their CCTV system was obsolete and poorly positioned.</p> <p>The Partnership approved the application to award £2,378 funding to Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club.</p> <p><b>Parents for Stanley Primary School</b></p> <p>Parents for Stanley Primary School are seeking £4,000 funding towards reducing parental costs of their children’s residential stay at Arran Outdoor Education Centre. This is for 62 children.</p> <p>The Partnership approved the application to award £4,000 funding to Parents for Stanley Primary School.</p>	<p><b>A Morrell</b></p> <p><b>Rosemary Ramsay</b></p> <p><b>Rosemary Ramsay</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Education Overview</b></p> <p>Apologies were submitted by the Auchenharvie Cluster Head Teachers. An overview will be provided at a future meeting.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Police Scotland – Partnerships and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Inspector Stuart Dougan, on various work being undertaken by Police Scotland, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Chief Constable appointed with a lot of reviews taking place.</li> <li>• In terms of Local policing, there is a change of shift pattern to be in the community at the best times.</li> <li>• Safer shores – due to Ayr station being closed people are coming to North Ayrshire. The Team meets every Monday to discuss plans for summer.</li> <li>• There has been an influx in organised crime groups heavily hitting supermarkets across the UK. Locality Teams are linking in with Asda, Sainsbury and Morrisons in the Three Towns and alerting any of the supermarket of any information they can share regarding the groups.</li> <li>• Continued national increase with online fraud, locally the Team are working with Post Office regarding banking protocols and encouraging them to challenge people lifting large sums on</li> </ul>	

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	<p>money as well as those buying large quantities of Amazon vouchers. This is not seen as an issue in the Three Towns, however there is a need to be on the front foot with this work .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With regards to Evolution Skate Park, Inspector Dougan will arrange for one of his Officers to meet with D Fraser to discuss security options for the site.</li> </ul>	<p><b>S Dougan</b></p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>KA Leisure Overview</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Susan Kelly, on various work being undertaken by KA Leisure, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer programme of events being finalised and will be available on KA Leisure’s website in due course.</li> <li>• Community Health Checks will be available at Auchenharvie on 5 July. The Activator bus will be at Ardrossan South Beach on 16 August – times to be confirmed.</li> <li>• 27 July they will be hosting a water safety event next to Winton Circus.</li> <li>• The ice rink at Auchenharvie has been closed for maintenance and it is hoped it will reopen at the end June.</li> <li>• KA Leisure have been in discussion with the World Curling Wheelchair Championship and the possibility of the event being hosted at Auchenharvie next year. This would be a great boost for centre, and the Three Towns.</li> <li>• Works are planned to commence at the Golf Club in the next few weeks following damage caused by sewerage works.</li> <li>• Athlete Programme being launched to help athletes competing nationally to reach their potential. This is available to young people aged 12 plus. S Kelly encouraged the Partnership to share programme with any individuals who qualify.</li> </ul> <p>S Mould highlighted that Ardrossan Community Sport Hub would like to discuss sport in Ardrossan in partnership with KA Leisure as well as having the Activator Bus visit at a free or reduced cost to the Sports Hub. S Kelly undertook to speak with colleagues and link in with the Ardrossan Community Sport Hub.</p>	<p><b>S Kelly</b></p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Ardrossan Community Campus – Community Benefits</b></p> <p>The Lead Officer advised the Partnership that the Contractor for the Campus is required to deliver a wide range of community benefits to support North Ayrshire. Part of this is the delivery of wishlist items. To ensure it is as fair as possible want to invite groups to submit their wishes for community support via the wish list:</p> <p><a href="https://northayrshire.community/community-empowerment/community-benefits-wishlist-application-form/">https://northayrshire.community/community-empowerment/community-benefits-wishlist-application-form/</a></p>	

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	<p>The Lead Officer encouraged the Partnership to share this information with community groups.</p> <p>Cllr Montgomerie advise the Partnership that there will be a Beacon lighting at Saltcoats Harbour at 9.15 pm on 6 June for D-Day.</p> <p>The Vice Chair advised that on 30 June it will be Whitlees 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Day. The parade will be leaving Stanley Primary at 11am and welcomed everyone to join in with the celebrations.</p> <p>The Chair reminded the Partnership of two reports attached the agenda for information.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
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The meeting ended at 7.45pm