



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Three Towns Locality Partnership

Wednesday 5 June 2024, 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 6	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
3.	Three Towns Locality Team Introductions from the new Three Towns Locality Team.	-	Verbal	Three Towns Locality Team	Receive update and note changes within the Locality Team.
4.	Freedom Fighters Community Action Initiative The Locality Partnership will receive an update on the work of the Freedom Fighters Community Action Initiative.	-	Verbal	Derek Moir	Receive update, discuss and consider partnership opportunities.
DECISION REQUIRED					6.25– 7.20 pm
5.	Community Investment Fund The Locality Partnership are asked to consider three applications. Full Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association Three Towns and District Community Shed 	Pg 12 Pg 21	Enclosed	Denise Fraser	LP to consider CIF Applications.
6.	Grants – Three Towns & Arran Community Benefit Fund The Locality Partnership are asked to consider grant reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ardrossan & Largs Sea Cadets Ardeer Bowling Club Ardrossan Indoor Bowling 	Pg 26	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	LP to consider grant report.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents of Stanley Primary School 				
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					7.20 – 7.55 pm
7.	Education Overview The Locality Partnership will receive updates linking in with the Locality Priorities from Head Teachers.	-	Verbal	David Faulds	Receive update, discuss and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
8.	Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships Officers to discuss with the Locality Partnership the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by SFRS and Police Scotland in the Three Towns.	-	Verbal	Stuart Dougan David Murray	Discuss progress, learning and partnership opportunities
9.	KA Leisure The Locality Partnership will receive an update of work undertaken in the Three Towns Locality.	-	Verbal	Susan Kelly	Receive update, discuss and consider partnership opportunities.
10.	Locality Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update on the work of the Three Towns Team during the last quarter.	Pg 35	Enclosed	Denise Fraser	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
AOCB					7.55 – 8.00 pm
11.	AOCB			Cllr Kerr	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
REPORTS FOR INFORMATION					
12.	Roads Maintenance Programme	Pg 46		Cllr Kerr	Locality Partnership are asked to note the report and share as appropriate.
	Quarterly CLD update	Pg 62			
Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 4 September 2024 at 6pm in 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 (**Vice Chair**)
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
Barrie McCutcheon, Scottish Fire and Rescue

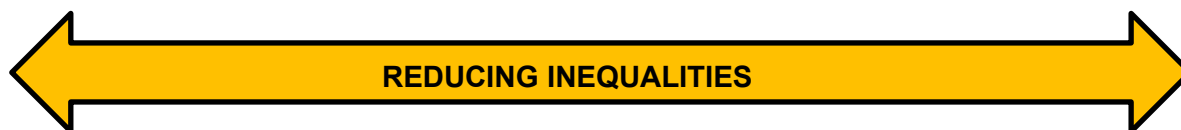
Three Town Locality Partnership Priorities

**Promoting the
local economy
and tourism**

**Regenerating
community
facilities**

**Increasing
civic pride and
community
engagement**

**Improving
Community
Wellbeing**



Three Towns Locality Partnership – Community Investment Fund	
The Three Towns Locality Partnership CIF allocation to date:	£1,318,000
Funded Projects	Total Funding Awarded
Ardrossan Community Development Trust	£25,000
Three Towns Growers	£100,000
The Training Station	£50,000
Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society	£17,912
Raise Your Voice For Ardeer	£100,000
Ardrossan Community Sports Hub	£43,320
Winton Circus Playpark	£48,288
Ardrossan Community Development Trust - Development Officer	£53,100
Raise Your Voice For Ardeer – increased cost for multipurpose hub)	£130,000
Ardrossan Community Association (Whitlees)	£48,586
Ardrossan Community Sport - Winton Park 3G	£100,000
CHAP – Advice Outreach	£45,767
Ardrossan Scouts	£100,000
Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Group (SALT)	£45,600
Stevenston Community Council – Street Signage	£29,988
Remaining CIF Balance	£380,439

Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	6 March 2024; Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:30pm
Present:	<p>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</p>
Also in Attendance	<p>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</p>
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Tony Gurney Barrie McCutcheon, Station Manager (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service) Scott Mould, Community Representative</p>

ACTIONS		
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.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were noted.</p>	

	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Action Note from meeting on 14 December 2023</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 14 December 2023 was submitted for approval as a correct record.</p> <p>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)).</p> <p>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 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.</p>	<p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Place Frameworks</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Senior Manager – Regeneration provided a short verbal report, highlighting the key elements of the draft Place Framework and the process itself.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>	

<p>4.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p><u>Expressions of Interest</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Grants – Community Benefit Fund</p> <p><u>Community Benefit Fund</u></p> <p>The Partnership noted that the Community Benefit Fund had a balance of £57,107.34 and agreed (a) to award the following:</p> <p>Stevenston Community Council - £7,344</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p> <p><u>Ardrossan Community Good Fund</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p> <p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p> <p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p>

	<p><u>Stevenston Common Good Fund</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Street Naming</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Councillor S Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Montgomerie moved that the street be named after the last Provost of Ardrossan, John (Jack) Henry Fitzsimmons.</p> <p>As an amendment, Community Representative Julia Gray, seconded by Community Representative Jean Frew, moved that the street be named after James McFarlane.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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”.</p>	<p><i>Kirsty Gee, Planning</i></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Impact of Community Investment Funding</p> <p>Glenn Turner delivered a presentation to the Partnership highlighting the positive impact of CIF funding received by Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team (SALT)</p> <p>The Partnership thanked Mr Turner for the presentation, which drew attention to the benefit this funding had in the community.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

<p>8.</p>	<p>Education Overview</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from David Faulds, Head Teacher at Mayfield Primary School, Saltcoats on a number of areas, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>The Partnership discussed the potential availability of Royal Society grant funding.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>KA Leisure</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Susan Kelly, General Manager based at Auchenharvie Leisure Centre on various work being undertaken by KA Leisure, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	

	<p>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.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Councillors Montgomerie and McTiernan left the meeting at this point.</p>	
11.	<p>Locality Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from the Locality Officer highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Noted.</p>	
	<p>AOBC</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 5 June 2024, 6pm at Ardrossan Civic Centre.</p>	

The Meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.



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1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation

Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association (HTARA)

Postal Address for Correspondence

Name of Contact Person Robert McMillan

Position in Organisation Chairperson

Telephone Number

Email Address

Total amount of funding requested:	100,000.00
Match funding (if any):	

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.

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Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association was set up by members of the Hayocks area in August 2012. It is a voluntary constituted group.

HTARA's aim is to safeguard and promote the interests of residents in the area on matters concerning housing, the environment, and the social and community life in the Hayocks area.

Our objectives are:

To bring the residents together to ascertain their views on a wide range of issues affecting the area.



To advocate those expressed views to various agencies/bodies delivering the services in the area.

To give residents a voice in the decision-making processes which affect them.

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.

Working together with Hayocks Parent Council, Hayocks Primary School and Stevenston North Community Association we would like to extend the existing play park sited next to the Hayocks Community Hall. We have consulted with the community through paper and online questionnaires and spoken to people to get their views. The children also draw their ideas of what they would like in the swing park. The project has the full support of the Hayocks community as well as the schools, parent council and the community association.

The existing park is aimed at toddlers with the equipment needing replaced and excludes children with disabilities. Upgrades to the park would include renewing the existing equipment and installing new play equipment and extending the footprint of the play area into a much-needed larger play space to become a play park suitable for children of all ages and abilities.

The renewal of the playpark will benefit all children in the community and also the wider community by providing a safe space to play and socialise with friends.

We are working in partnership with Hayocks Parent Council and Stevenston North Community Association. We are very aware that any improvements we may make may encourage anti-social behaviour as it will be seen as something new and exciting to kids, so we have also consulted with North Ayrshire Council's Streetscene Facilities Maintenance Officer to advise on what equipment is vandal proof. The Community Centre next to the play area has CCTV installed which overlooks the existing play park and the area we are looking to expand into at present. Estates have agreed to allow us to expand further into the park and Streetscene have agreed to maintain the play area with any repairs being paid for by the HTARA group, a contingency has been included into the funding.

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 outcomes we hope to achieve is to provide a safe and stimulating outdoor play park for children of all ages and abilities. Improving the play park will ensure that children have the right to play, which has been proved to be beneficial in their cognitive, social, physical, imaginative, and emotional development, so we want to encourage children to play outdoors more. We hope families will be able to get together and enjoy a no cost day out as there is plenty of greenspace around for family games as well as play equipment. We hope that the new playpark will also attract families from other areas and be a focal point for the community we live in.

We have carefully selected equipment that will ensure any child regardless of age and abilities can use the playground by provide things, like sensory boards, roundabout suitable or wheelchairs and swings suitable for children with little or no muscle control. We have tried to be inclusive as much as we can.

The play park we believe, will support the local priorities for the Three Towns by hopefully increasing the number of people out with the community who will use the playpark and provide a boost to local businesses and community assets (priority 1 - Promoting the local economy and tourism). The existing play park is only suitable for toddlers and not accessible for children with disabilities the play park hasn't had any real investment over the years and now needs replaced, extended, and upgraded. Upgrading the existing play park will meet priority 2 (Regenerating community facilities). We have engaged with the local community through consultations and face to face discussions, the community has also reached out to support us to raise funds for the project therefore meeting priority 3 (Increasing civic pride and community engagement). By providing newer play equipment for all children that will be accessible and inclusive for children regardless of age and any additional support needs, they will be able to engage in outdoor activities which has a number of mental and physical benefits. We have also selected a piece of equipment that studies have shown improve teenage girls mental health and social skills (priority 4 - improving community wellbeing).

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.

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HTARA have a Facebook page with over 600 followers, we posted an online questionnaire and this was shared by our followers. The local Primary School also shared paper copies of the questionnaires with their pupils which they completed and returned to us. The children drew pictures of what types of equipment and their ideas of what they would like to see the new play park look like. Stevenston North Association also shared the questionnaire at one of their family events that was attended by over 1000 people from the area and out with the area. There were also paper copies left in the local community centre for people to complete. We have been actively talking to people in the community as well to get their views on a new play park and everyone's views has been positive.

The questionnaire has been completed by children from age 5 years up, so we could get a wide range of views.

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 Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association group currently has eight volunteer members and will continue to look for additional voluntary support as the project develops. The Hayocks Parent Council currently have 3 active parents and Stevenston North Community Association have 15 volunteers' members. There are no staffing requirements at this time.

It was decided that the Residents Association would take lead on the project with the other organisations support. Any funding received will be held by Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association will be held in a bank account in the group's name. All income and expenditure will be accounted for, and these accounts will be independently audited.

Streetscene have agreed to maintain the playpark with any broken equipment that needs replaced being funded through the Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association.

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 (£) **100,000.00**

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

Item	Cost	Quotation Supplied (Y/N)
Play Equipment	124,811.39	yes
Fencing	£20,160.00 (inc VAT)	yes
Benches x 4	£6,729.60	yes

Please give a breakdown of details of match funding (if any)

Funder	Amount	Funding Secured (Y/N)
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	£65,000	Awaiting decision

The total cost of the project will be around £151,700.99. We have started fundraising and have a total of £200 so far. The fundraising is in the early stages and our first big fundraiser will be August 24. We will continue to fundraise to continue to support any repairs that are needed or any new equipment we feel that may be beneficial to the kids.

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

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

Through the consultation process we know that the playpark is very rarely used due to the lack of equipment for older kids and by providing better play equipment we are confident that it will become busier. After a few months we will do a short questionnaire to consult with the children at the local schools and in the area to see how they like the new playpark and to make sure it is being used regularly. We are also planning to do an official opening of the park if we are successful and will use this as an opportunity to get feedback. We will also get some case studies from children, young people and adults to find out how the new playpark has made a difference to them and also take before and after pictures to show the difference.



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Name of Organisation

Three Towns and District Community Shed

Postal Address for Correspondence

Name of Contact Person Scott Jamieson

Position in Organisation Chairperson

Telephone Number

Email Address

Total amount of funding requested:	£56,850
Match funding (if any):	N/A

2. Brief description of your organisation

We are a community organisation offering a safe place for all over 18's to meet and either partake in vocational activities of their choice or simply sit and make friends over a cup of tea or coffee. Current activities include:- wood working, bicycle repairs, 3D printing, CNC wood cutting, model making, knitting/crochet group, music group but we are open to new activities as dictated by our members. The men's shed

joined forces with the recently started She shed to create the Community shed, open to ALL over 18 years of age.

3. Title and summary of proposal

RE-PURPOSING OF NEW PREMISES IN HILL STREET

After 2.5 years in “temporary” premises that are way too small for us, that leak every time it rains heavy and are in desperate need of updating to modern electrical and functional standards we have finally found something eminently more suitable in Hill Street, Ardrossan. These newer premises, however, require some upgrading in terms of accessibility, female toilet provision, disabled toilet provision, insulation and the creation of suitable administrative office space. Without these we will not be able to appeal to those with mobility issues and more importantly we will not be able to bring the She shed members from Glasgow Street due to a lack of toilet provision. It will also be necessary to fit the new premises with a state of the art fire alarm system. Where possible we would also like to add insulated plasterboard and general insulation to allow us to keep the place warm whilst also minimising our power bills as much as we possibly can.

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

Increasing the footprint of the Community shed, allowing us to consider additional activities, in conjunction with ensuring ease of accessibility will allow us to remove the “hold” we currently have on admitting new members. Currently our membership is closed due to the premises simply being unable to accommodate any more members. The men’s shed currently have 7-8 waiting to join. From the outset of the She shed their trustees had interest from over 100, which bodes well for the future size of our membership and therefore our community impact. But not only does it bring more people it brings more people with new skills and talents that will, hopefully, enhance the appeal of the Community shed to all.

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

With the above mentioned people waiting to join we have not been actively promoting the shed as we should because we cannot accommodate new members until we actually move to Hill Street. Our intention at the point of entry is to have a “grand opening” where everyone will be welcome. This will kick start our plan to recruit a minimum of 10% new members during the remainder of 2024 and an additional 10% during each of 2025 & 2026. We will utilise all media outlets – the Ardrossan & Saltcoats Herald, 3TFM radio to broadcast the open day, and we will

print flyers and ask shops/offices if they could display to let people know. We want as many people as possible to attend this day and see exactly what we have to offer.

6. How will the project be managed?

The physical project of getting any work done will be managed by our Treasurer, not only is he the person overseeing the groups funds and spending he is also a civil engineer to trade (retired), with many site management roles to his name – an excellent choice to ensure things remain on track and, more importantly, within budget. As far as ongoing management is concerned we will tack the volume of additional members from our grand opening as we go forward. This will allow us to gauge whether we are on track to meet our new members target and if not will give us an opportunity to increase the intensity of our messaging to the local community to allow us to reach our target.

7. Amount of funding being requested

Amount of funding requested (£) **£56,850**

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

Item	Cost	Quotation Supplied (Y/N)
Disabled Toilet Block/ General Toilet Block/ Sanitary Wear	£14,400	Y
Insulation And Heating	£12,100	Y
Stair Lift	£10,100	Y (More detail to follow)
Steel Stair Railing Fabrication and Install	£1250	Y
Kitchen Appliance/ Fridge, microwave	£500	Y
Fire Alarm System	£4000	Y
Removal of existing toilets	£7000	Y
Plumbers/ Electrician	£5000	Y
Flooring	£2,500	Y

Please give a breakdown of details of match funding (if any)

Funder	Amount	Funding Secured (Y/N)

Men's Shed Contribution	£16,000 to date	Y
Howdens	New Kitchen	Y
Crown Decorating Centre	Paint Discount	Y
Neon Flooring	Kitchen Flooring	Y

We are requesting **£56,850**. This is to fund an architect to draw up plans, build a toilet block complete with toilet bowls, sinks, hand dryers and all plumbing, install a fire alarm across the whole unit with smoke and heat detectors, install an accessible lift, rip out the old toilets and create either usable administration space or usable activities space, insulate as much as we can, particularly any outside walls, floor coverings, some small kitchen units in our "social" space and all the necessary waste disposal costs

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

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

As detailed in Item 6, we will monitor the success of any increase in membership once we have moved to Hill Street in line with the targets we have set and will adjust our public messaging should we feel it necessary. We will publish any increase in membership in the minutes of our monthly trustees meeting (we agree to admit the new members as part of this). This will allow reporting back to the locality partnership as a member of N.A.C. connected communities regularly attends our Trustees meetings. If the locality partnership would like to see some other method of reporting this we will be happy to have a discussion on the best way to achieve this.



Locality Partnership: Three Towns Locality

Date: 5th June 2024

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the Three Towns & Arran Community Benefit Fund.

Purpose: To consider the applications as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

Background:

- The Three Towns & Arran Community Benefit Fund has a balance of **£89,585.40** available for disbursement.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

- Consideration to be given to the applications at Appendix 1.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

- To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

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Completed by: *Rosemary Ramsay, Funding Officer (rosemaryramsay@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)*

Date: 30.5.24

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

Applicant: Ardrossan & Largs Sea Cadets

Description of Applicant Organisation:

Number of Members: 24	Established: Established for 31 years and in current location since 2002.
Meeting Place: 15 North Harbour Road, Ardrossan, KA22 8BZ	Date of Visit: 23.4.24

Description of the Project: Project Refit

Background:

The charitable purpose of the Unit is to promote the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual and social potential as individuals and as responsible citizens by the provision of education and leisure time activities using a nautical theme and in accordance with the principles, ethos and practices of the Marine Society & Sea Cadets (MSSC).

Ardrossan & Largs Sea Cadets prides itself in being an inclusive, non-discriminatory youth organisation which provides real opportunities to local young people (aged 10 -18 years) through access to activities which are normally out with the affordable reach of many families. Through adopting the values, ethos and traditions of the Royal Navy, they provide nautical adventure and fun in a structured, disciplined and ultimately safe environment, all of which allows the young people to thrive and develop into good citizens and positive role models amongst their peers.

Project for Funding:

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 upgrade project is being delivered in the following phases.

- Part 1 – Repair the brick building with replacement windows, light and heating, with full electrical work carried out with safety certificates.
- Part 2 - Expand the toilet facilities to cater for both boys and girls, widen the doors and build a ramp for mobility access.
- Part 3 - Dismantle damaged porta cabins and dispose of them.
- Part 4 - Resurface the area ready for new cabins to be installed.
- Part 5 - Source/locate and purchase replacement steel cabins.

The organisation is seeking £4,000 towards the cost of skip hire and clearing the site ready for resurfacing.

Funding

Amount requested: £4,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Skip Hire x 16 @ £288 = £4,608Clearing site £120 Total cost of project:£4,728	Contribution by Group: £728
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Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>			
1. Charitable	X	2. Educational	X
3. Community	X	4. Environmental	
5. Renewable Energy		6. Energy Efficiency	
7. Sustainable Development		8. General Community Amenity	
Level of environmental enhancement: The environment will be enhanced through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The removal of the damaged Porta cabins, thereby reducing the organisation's carbon footprint.The removal of old and antiquated heating and lighting and replacing it with the best and most efficient alternatives			
Level of community involvement: As well as encouraging and supporting local young people, Ardrossan & Largs Sea Cadets support a range of community groups who use their facilities which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Children & Young PeopleUkrainian Refugee GroupsThe Royal British LegionPhotographic GroupChess Club & Scrabble Club			
Level of funding secured or available: Ardrossan & Largs Sea Cadets are contributing £728 towards project costs.			
Experience of group to deliver project: Ardrossan & Largs Sea Cadets have been running for 31 years and has a number of experienced volunteers as well as an established management committee with the necessary skills and experience to support the project.			
Future sustainability of project: The current upgrade programme forms part of the organisations future sustainability plans as it will enable the Sea Cadets to expand the services they offer and increase the use of their facility. Also, as highlighted above it is well support by and experienced management committee and volunteers.			
Location of Project: 15 North Harbour Street Ardrossan.			

Officer Details

Name:	Rosemary Ramsay	Position:	Funding Officer
Date:	30.5.24		

**COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND
OFFICER REPORT**

Applicant: Ardeer Recreation Bowling Club

Description of Applicant Organisation:

Number of Members: 40	Established: 1931
Meeting Place: Ardeer Rec Bowls Club, 2 Townhead, Stevenston	Date of Visit: 2.5.24

Description of the Project: Maintenance of Bowling Green

Background:

Ardeer Bowls Club is an outdoor bowling club open to all who wish to become members. The object of the club is to provide facilities for and promote participation for the whole community in the sport of bowls. The Club holds competitions over the season, hosts ties and matches and provides tuition to local school children as part of their activity schedule.

The club offers recreational facilities to the local community and hosts functions and events such as bingo, phase 10, funerals, christenings, birthdays, social events and entertainment evenings. There is no charge for these hires and these events are supported by the Club's voluntary members.

Project for Funding:

Ardeer Recreation Bowling Club sits in area of social deprivation and it is trying to encourage as many people to join as possible. Bowling encourages physical activity and aids mental health and wellbeing. The Club also offers a range of social activities and are hoping to expand these to include bingo afternoons and quiz nights.

The club is keen to encourage more people to join and need to maintain their green to achieve this. Consequently they are seeking £6,000 to support green maintenance.

Funding

Amount requested: £6,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green maintenance £500pm (July '24 – June '25) Total cost of project including utilities and running costs: £13,500	Contribution by Group: £7,500
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Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>			
1. Charitable		2. Educational	
3. Community	X	4. Environmental	
5. Renewable Energy		6. Energy Efficiency	
7. Sustainable Development		8. General Community Amenity	X
Level of environmental enhancement: This will enable the Club to keep a well maintained green,			
Level of community involvement: Ardeer Rec Bowling Club offers the opportunity to local residents to take part in recreational activities. The club house is used by the local community to hold funerals, christenings, parties and entertainment events and is involved with local children and youths through supporting a school's programme to introduce them to bowling.			
Level of funding secured or available: The Club is contributing £7,500 towards overall running costs of the club including utilities and green maintenance.			
Experience of group to deliver project: The club has been running since 1931 and is run by a well-established management committee that is supported by experience volunteers			
Future sustainability of project: The club has been running for over 93 years and, if awarded, this grant will contribute towards future sustainability as a well maintained green will enable them to encourage more visitors and people to come along and join the club.			
Location of Project: 2 Town Head, Stevenston			

Officer Details

Name:	Rosemary Ramsay	Position:	Funding Officer
Date:	30.5.24		

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

Applicant: Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club

Description of Applicant Organisation:

Number of Members: 525	Established: Running for 50 years
Meeting Place: 150 Glasgow	Date of Visit: 24.5.24

Description of the Project: Safety & Security

Background:

Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club (AIBC) is primarily an indoor bowling facility. It also incorporates a Cafe to service the needs of both full and social members or visitors to the facility. Additionally there is a Function Suite with a Licensed Bar which can be hired by members of the local community, free of charge.

The Club is accessible to players of all ages, over 7 years, and is open to everyone regardless of gender, sexuality, ethnicity or ability. The the main aim is providing a place where people can meet, engage and enjoy.

The area is socially deprived and AIBC allows many people, especially those in their older years to come to a safe, friendly and welcoming environment, therefore, preventing social isolation and improving mental health. The Club is also currently trying to develop a Hub, where people can enjoy companionship, read, play board games and do arts and crafts.

As stated, AIBC also has a function suite which is regularly used for funerals, wedding receptions, parties, etc There are 5 members of staff: 3 full time employees and 2 seasonal staff, however, a lot of jobs are carried out by the Committee Members.

The building is also used by a Whist and Bridge Club, meetings of the local Fishing Group and the local Royal British Legion.

Project for Funding:

ABIC is applying for funding to purchase a new CCTV system as the Club values the safety of the members and anyone else who attends the building and also the security of the building itself. The Club was recently subject to a housebreaking which highlighted that their CCTV system was obsolete and poorly positioned.

The Club recognises that the safety and security of every person who comes through the doors and as this is a community facility and they are hoping to expand on their current activities they are keen to demonstrate that they are serious about personal and collective safety within their premises.

Funding

Amount requested: £2,378 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCTV - £2,378• Door Security System/Bodycams for staff - £232 Total cost of project: £2,610	Contribution by Group: £232
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Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>		
1. Charitable		2. Educational
3. Community	X	4. Environmental
5. Renewable Energy		6. Energy Efficiency
7. Sustainable Development		8. General Community Amenity X
Level of environmental enhancement: None		
Level of community involvement: The club aims to be a community hub and is keen to expand its use. As highlighted above, the Club also has a function suite which is regularly used for funerals, wedding receptions, birthday parties, etc. A range of community groups also use the facility including a Whist and Bridge Club, meetings of the local Fishing Group and the local Royal British Legion.		
Level of funding secured or available: The Club is contributing £232 towards project costs.		
Experience of group to deliver project: ABIC celebrates 50 years of existence this year, however, due to COVID and the Cost of Living Crisis the number of members has greatly reduced which resulted in a period of financial hardship for the Club. However, the Club has now attracted sponsors/investors and through early fee payments as well as reviewing their operating model they have addressed their financial situation. With regards to the CCTV project, the Club are aware of compliance requirements and their Child Welfare Protection Officer has expertise in this area.		
Future sustainability of project: The Club has recently reviewed it's operating model and are working to ensure that the club is sustainable for the future. It is well supported by an experienced management committee and volunteers.		
Location of Project: 150 Glasgow Street, Ardrossan		

Officer Details

Name:	Rosemary Ramsay	Position:	Funding Officer
Date:	30.5.24		

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

Applicant: Parents for Stanley P.S.

Description of Applicant Organisation:

Number of Members: 62	Established: Running for 22 years
Meeting Place: Stanley Primary School	Date of Visit: Teams Meeting 28.5.24

Description of the Project: P7 Residential Trip

Background:

Stanley Parent Council helps to create an environment where all parents know that their views matter, and where they feel confident and comfortable putting them forward. They work on behalf of all parents to discuss educational matters that are of importance to all. They also provide a platform for fundraising and all money raised goes back to benefit the school.

They do the following

- Work in partnership with Stanley School to decide on the key priorities to take forward;
- Provide a voice for parents in schools and in their local authority, NAC on issues that are important to them;
- Organise fundraising opportunities in the form of Christmas Fayres, Valentine and Hallowe'en discos. Providing regular payments to the school to help them with different expenses such as Christmas Parties, Pantomimes etc
- Provide P7 leavers with a hoodie and a gift for S1.
- Help make links with the wider community;
- Capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents can offer and use these in different ways.

Project for Funding:

Parents for Stanley are seeking funding towards reducing parental costs of their residential stay for Stanley PS P7 residential week - 62 kids. Due to budget costs to the AOEC and cost of living crisis the parents are faced with a huge amount of money to pay towards the trip. Also, due to constraints towards the cost to the school day for parents Stanley PS is unable to allow the P7s to fundraise themselves to subsidise this.

If successful, the grant award would hugely benefit the P7 aged community as these children missed out on so much during covid. The residential trip enables pupils to enjoy fantastic scenery and activities such as sailing, kayaking, gorge walking, cycling, climbing and offers the following benefits.

- Enhanced personal and social communication skills. They will develop reflective and inquisitive thinking along with problem solving approaches in 'real' situations.
- Holistic development of children.
- Develop resilience and adaptability in occasionally adverse circumstances.
- Allow children to become more able to identify hazards and risks .
- Develop a love, appreciation and respect for nature and all living things.
- Develop an understanding of how we can look after our environment and contribute to Arrans environmental projects.
- Develop self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem.

- Provide positive health benefits both physically and mentally and assist gross and fine motor development.
- Develop a lifelong love of the outdoors and Arran and foster existing friendships.

Funding

Amount requested: £4,000	Contribution by Group: £3,000
Total cost of project: £12,136.20	

Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>		
1. Charitable	2. Educational	x
3. Community	4. Environmental	x
5. Renewable Energy	6. Energy Efficiency	
7. Sustainable Development	8. General Community Amenity	
Level of environmental enhancement:		
During the P7 residential the kids will be involved in The John Muir Award , this is four Challenges - Discover, Explore, Conserve, Share . The children will visit a range of wild places and carry out activities that can contribute to achieving a John Muir Award. They will be involved in protecting wild places from development. They will enhance, repair, rewild, and plant within different ecosystems and landscapes. They will work closely with the National Trust to rhododendron bash at Brodick and remove roots that are causing damage to other plants. Part of the award is to 'share' and they will be sharing their experience with their community on return.		
Level of community involvement:		
The aim is to try and reduce costs for parents to ensure that pupils are not excluded from taking part in the residential trip and to promote financial inclusion within the community. Also as highlighted above, on their return pupils will share their experience with their community		
Level of funding secured or available:		
Parents for Stanley PS are contributing £3,000		
Experience of group to deliver project:		
This is an annual activity and those involved in the residential are very experienced in delivering this project.		
Future sustainability of project:		
As stated above, this is an ongoing annual activity.		
Location of Project:		
Arran Outdoor Centre, Isle of Arran		

Officer Details

Name:	Rosemary Ramsay	Position:	Funding Officer
Date:	30.5.24		

THREE TOWNS LOCALITY PROGRESS REPORT Q1 JUNE 2024



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership



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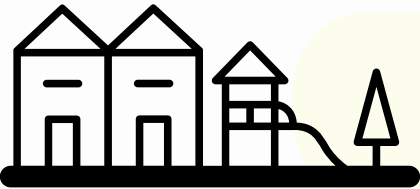
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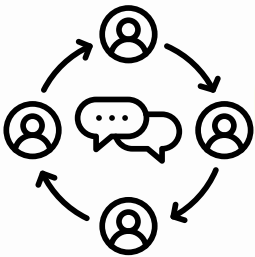
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Three Towns Locality KPi Stats

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504 adults engaged in CLD activity this quarter

81 adults with improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes in CLD activity.

27 children (under 12) engaged in CLD activity this quarter

27 children and young people with improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes in CLD activity


85 young people (12 and over) engaged in CLD activity

19 community groups receiving capacity building support through CLD activity this quarter

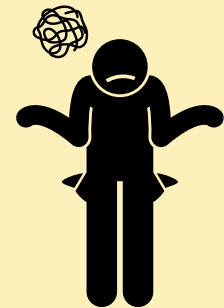
There have been 47 volunteering opportunities participated in within CLD this quarter

355 adults and young people reached and engaged with through one off promotional events /drop ins/community events/engagements.

Promoting the local economy and tourism



Three Towns Growers held their annual potato day with over 355 people attending the event from far and wide. The event was a sell out and many varieties of potatoes grown and sold on the day with advice from local growers. The Development Worker post has now been filled, which will be a part time post over 2.5 years.




Partnership with Architecture and Design Scotland (Climate Action Town) project. As this project reached its completion in March 2024 the focus has moved to working with the NAC sustainability team biodiversity officer and planning to host public sessions informing climate change Adoption and mitigation choices for NAC. Planning is in hand for a final project report launch with a conversation on plans for those involved.





SPLASH consultation and harbourside development plan - the Architect from Studio Octipi has compiled and drawn up plans on ideas for the harbourside area and will be at Saltcoats library to provide feedback on 1st June 1-5pm. This priority aligns with promoting the economy and local tourism as well.



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 them fit for purpose and currently continue to have the use of the Glasgow Street location for now.





Three Towns Discovery Group is going really well with 10 members receiving their bronze award and working towards Silver. The members are all volunteering locally, are increasing their skill sets and have improved wellbeing. The group meet up every Thursday at the David White hub, Saltcoats and welcome anyone over 50 to come along.



**Ardrossan Youth Association
Duke of Edinburgh group -
6 Young people received their
bronze award and are working
towards their silver**



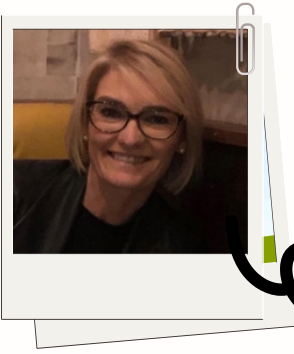
Increasing Civic Pride and Community engagement



Upcoming community event in June supported by Three Towns Team:

- **SALT Sandcastle Event - Swingpark @ Oscars
15th June from 11am-4pm**





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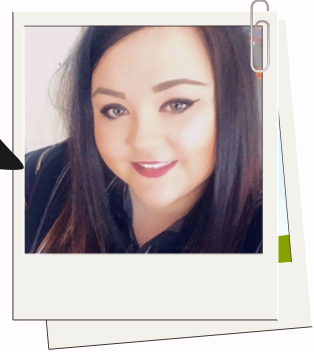
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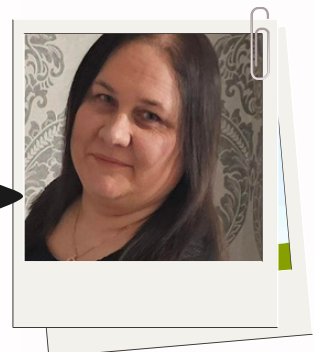
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Building relationships, and supporting our community within the Three Towns including, capacity building, sourcing funding and sending out a needs analysis through our social media platforms to identify areas for development.

Locality Network Event:

Hayocks CC, 30th May, 2-4pm

Chit Chats:

Saltcoats Town Hall, 12th June, 6-8pm



Youth Work

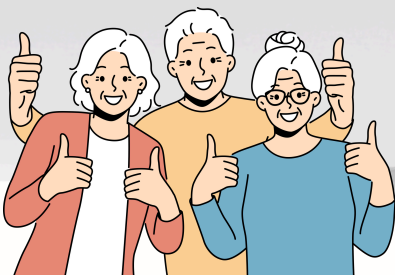
Continuing to build on the youth work programmes across the Three Towns, including:

- **Newly formed youth group at the Argyle Centre**
- **Formation of a Three Towns Youth Forum**



Older People

Working with Older People's groups and networks across the Three Towns and preparing for our Older Peoples network event that will identify issues to feed into the Older Peoples Executive meeting on 27th June.



Summer Programme

Creating a summer programme calendar of 'what's on in the Three Towns' Free activities and events for families and young people to attend.

Summer Holiday Packed lunch Provision pick up points will also be identified

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Locality Partnership: Three Towns

Date: 05 June 2024

Subject: Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme 2024/25

Purpose: To advise the Locality Partnership of the proposed Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2024/25.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 North Ayrshire Council has a statutory obligation under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to manage and maintain its public road network. The adopted road network within North Ayrshire has a total length of 1045km. The core roads assets are currently estimated at a value of approximately £1.7billion.
- 1.2 North Ayrshire Council is responsible for the maintenance of the adopted local road network including lighting and structures assets as well as its other non-adopted road assets. However, the Council has no responsibility for the maintenance of the Trunk Road Network which falls to Transport Scotland and their management contractor, Amey. The Trunk Road network includes the A78, the A737 from Kilwinning to the Renfrewshire Boundary and A738 from the Pennyburn Roundabout to the A737 Dalry Road Kilwinning.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The Council's Roads Service has adopted an asset management approach to road maintenance to allocate available road maintenance funds to locations that will offer the most beneficial return on the investment.
- 2.2 The Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) and the roads assets maintenance strategy follows the recommendations contained within the 'Well Maintained Highway's Code of Practice, ensuring that the Council's statutory obligations as delegated Roads Authority are met.
- 2.3 In complying with the Code of Practice, an effective regime of inspection, assessment and condition recording is well established which assists in not only providing a road network for the future but one that promotes social inclusion and contributes to economic growth within the area. This approach also ensures the Council is providing value for money on any investment attributed to road maintenance.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 North Ayrshire Council's roads are the Council's largest community asset and play a vital role in supporting the local and wider economy by facilitating the movement of people, goods and services and connecting people with economic and social opportunities.
- 3.2 The proposed Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2024/25 has been developed in accordance with the strategy contained within the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) to deliver the maximum return on investment and ensures the provision of an effective road network throughout North Ayrshire.
- 3.3 Road Condition is measured nationally through the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS). The measure in place, the Road Condition Index (RCI), records the percentage of the Council's roads which should be considered for maintenance. North Ayrshire's RCI has been improving in recent years but there was a 0.9% reduction last year with an RCI of 34.8% published in 2023. Our position in the RCI tables also changed from 20th out of 32 authorities to 21st. It should be noted that due to the method employed to calculate road condition, overall RCI is based on the previous 2 to 4 years survey information, as such, improvement from additional investment may not be immediately apparent.
- 3.4 The estimated carriageway maintenance backlog figure for North Ayrshire is currently £38.5 million. The 'steady state' figure for maintaining our roads at present condition has increased to £5.5m per year. The capital budget supported by revenue funding is £4.3m for 2024/25. An additional £0.75 has been identified from approved capital infrastructure investment, taking the total investment in the road network to £5.05m for 24/24. This level of investment is outpaced by the 'steady state' figure and may therefore contribute to a deterioration of the road network condition over time.
- 3.5 Road lighting condition is measured through programmes of structural and electrical assessment and testing and is complemented through the ongoing review of age profile and material type life expectancy. The results are categorised and recorded in the lighting asset management database to inform a prioritised list of replacement schemes. Lighting is allocated an annual Capital budget of £1m to address a 'steady state' position of maintaining our lighting at present annualised depreciation rate.
- 3.6 Bridge and retaining wall condition is also evaluated through a robust inspection programme. General inspections are undertaken every 2 years, while an in-depth 'principal inspection' is carried out every 6 years and the results of the inspections are used to inform work programmes. The results of the inspections are input into a Structures database which is then used to calculate an average Bridge Structure Condition Index (BSClav). The BSClav is currently 86.36 (2022/23 figure) which is within the 'good' classification of 85 to 94. This figure is a slight fall on the previous year. The allocated capital budget of £560,000 is supported by a small carryover from 2023/24 giving a total of £695,000.

3.7 Details of how condition assessments are carried out and how roads, structures and lighting locations are prioritised for inclusion in our maintenance programme are provided in Appendix 2. The assessment matrix used for scoring and ranking structures for inclusion in the Structures Maintenance Programme is attached in Appendix 3.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The Roads Maintenance Programme 2024/25, which was approved by North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet on 19 March 2024, is attached in Appendix 1a, 1b and 1c. The Programme is based on approved Revenue and Capital budgets including additional £0.75m which will be funded from approved capital infrastructure investment.

4.2 Details of how condition assessments are carried out and how roads, structures and lighting locations are prioritised for inclusion in our Maintenance Programme are provided at Appendix 2.

4.3 A copy of the assessment matrixes used for scoring and ranking carriageway and footways for inclusion in our resurfacing programmes is attached in Appendix 3.

4.4 The assessment matrix used for scoring and ranking structures for inclusion in structures maintenance programme is attached in Appendix 4.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That the Locality Planning Partnership are asked to note the approach taken to determining the Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme.

5.2 That Locality Planning Partnership are asked to note the Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Programme for 2024/24, as shown at Appendix 1a, 1b and 1c.

Name: Susan Macfadyen

Designation: Senior Manager (Roads Network), Neighbourhood Services

Date: 19 April 2024

<i>Carriageway Resurfacing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
A71	Irvine	Warrix Interchange to Greenwood Interchange	£250,000
A737 Marress Road	Irvine	Southbound Carriageway	£200,000
A738 Glencairn St/High Road	Stevenston	Tesco to Mayfield Road	£145,000
B780 Manse Street	Saltcoats	Memorial Roundabout to existing joints	£60,000
B7048 Portencross	West Kilbride	Car park to cottage, from Ardneil cottage for approx 800m, plus patching	£165,000
B781 Yerton Brae	West Kilbride	Full length	£82,000
B777	Beith	From Surface Dressing joint at anti skid on a section starting from Baelochside to Lochend	£115,000
B777 near school	Glengarnock	From Kersland across front of school to bend sign	£100,000
B780 Sharon St/West Kilbride Road	Dalry	Full Length Sharon St to just past Wingfaulds Avenue	£135,000
B780 Roche Way	Dalry	South of James Street towards Townend Street	£63,000
Glebe Road	Beith	Full Length	£122,000
Paddockholm Road	Kilbirnie	Holmhead to Mill Road	£82,000
South road	Glengarnock	Full Length	£56,000
Sycamore Court	Beith	Full length	£37,000
Morrishill Drive	Beith	Dalry Road to Cuff Crescent	£17,000
St Inans	Beith	Full length	£57,000
Garnock Street	Dalry	To No entry signs	£94,000
Lynn Avenue	Dalry	Full Length	£63,000
Finlay Avenue	Dalry	Full Length	£28,000
Newhouse Drive	Kilbirnie	no.73 to Place View	£45,000
New Street	Irvine	Friars Croft to Fullarton Roundabout - include Roundabouts at Greggs and McDs	£186,000
Shewalton Rd	Irvine	Roundabout to Murdoch Place + contribution to Murdoch Place	£126,000
Smithstone Way/Smithstone Court	Irvine	Auchenharvie Place to Kersland Foot	£30,000
Paterson Avenue	Irvine	no. 46 to Stewart Drive	£42,000
Castlepark Road	Irvine	Castlepark Crescent to Castlepark Circle	£74,000
West Doura Way	Kilwinning	A738 to shops	£39,000
Glenbervie Drive	Kilwinning	Part Length	£83,000
Longford Avenue	Kilwinning	From junction of Dubbs Road	£29,000
Love Street	Kilwinning	no. 15 to Moncur Road	£15,000
Cambusdoon Place	Kilwinning	Main access road only	£62,000
B785 Fergushill Road	Kilwinning	A737 to Parkhead Avenue	£78,000
The Roundel	Largs	Full Length	£49,000

Auchenmaid Crescent	Largs	Full Length to Joint on Scotlaw Drive	£37,000
Seamore Street	Largs	Full Length	£95,000
Montgomerie Crescent	Saltcoats	Melbourne Park towards South Beach to include Traffic Calming	£99,000
Dockhead Street	Saltcoats	Contribution to improvements	£109,000
West Doura Avenue	Saltcoats	Full Length	£55,000
St Andrews Road	Ardrossan	Full Length	£47,000
Moorpark Rd East and West	Stevenston	Include Island crossing point at Moorpark West	£115,000
Golf Road	Millport	Part Length	£94,000
Ritchie Street	Millport	Full Length	£15,000
			£3,395,000

<i>Carriageway Screeding</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Oakwood Drive	Beith	Full Length	£23,000
Windyedge Rd	Dalry	272m section prior to Brodoclea (approx 83m north of Millour Burn)	£30,000
C5 From railway bridge to B706	Dalry	From Jct C68 to railway bridge at Giffen cottage (Multi hog patching required from there to B706)	£49,000
Castlepark Drive	Fairlie	Glen Road to Fairlie castle jct	£15,000
Knoxville Road south	Kilbirnie	Resurface Cway, kerb & surface gravel path including associated lighting works.	£70,000
Kenilworth	Saltcoats	Half width	£10,000
Long Hill	Skelmorlie	Full Length	£73,000
Annetyard Road	Skelmorlie	from Fosterland jct to Eglinton Terrace, include Fosterland jct	£20,000
Misk Knowes	Stevenston	Small section from Ardoch Crescent	£13,000
U35	West Kilbride		£92,000
Lindsay Crescent	Largs	Full Length - high kerb upstand, patch and screed	£55,000
			£450,000

<i>Footway Resurfacing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Thorntree Avenue	Beith	Full Length - Odd Nos, 38-56 Even Nos	£26,000
St Margarets Avenue	Dalry	Kittyshaw to Houston Crescent	£50,000
North St/Braehead	Dalry	Regal Court to Braehead Place	£43,000
Raise Street	Saltcoats	Footway one side only (Argyle road to Station)	£31,000
Canal Street	Saltcoats	Robertson Crescent to old railway bridge	£4,000
Manse Street	Saltcoats	Sainsbury car park exit to bus stop at memorial roundabout	£8,000
Braeside	Irvine	Braefoot to Parking Bays	£16,500
Castlepark Footpaths	Irvine	Various Sections	£60,000
Remote Footpath	Millport	Howard Street to Bute Terrace	£18,000
Pennyburn Footpaths	Kilwinning	Various Sections	£40,000
Manse Crescent	Largs	Full Length	£33,500
			£330,000

Lighting Deteriorated Infrastructure Replacements			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>		<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Anderson Drive Merryvale Road Lamont Drive Rubie Crescent Broomlands Drive Whitehope Green Braehead Lammermuir Court Moorfoot Way Earncraig Green Pentland Place Windlestraw Court	Irvine		£554,150
West Kilbride Road Lynn Avenue	Dalry		£82,850
Lindsay Avenue Plan View School Wynd	Kilbirnie		£55,010
Montgomery Terrace	Skelmorlie		£74,590
			£766,600

Lighting Deteriorated Column Replacements			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Various Unplanned Locations			£179,000

Lighting Deteriorated Column Inspections			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Various Locations			£54,400

Structures Projects			
<i>Structure</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Seven Acres Mill Bridge	U54	Bridge Replacement	£350,000
Bungle Burn Bridge	A736	General Repairs	£40,000
Threadmill Bridge	C99	Replacement / Strengthening	£160,000
Carsehead Bridge	B714	General Repairs	£35,000
			£585,000

Carriageway Resurfacing:	<i>£3,395,000</i>
Carriageway Screeding:	<i>£450,000</i>
Footway Resurfacing:	<i>£330,000</i>
Lighting Infrastructure Replacements:	<i>£766,600</i>
Deteriorated Column Replacements:	<i>£179,000</i>
Deteriorated Column Inspections:	<i>£54,400</i>
Structures Projects:	<i>£585,000</i>
<i>Overall Mainland Total:</i>	<i>£5,760,000</i>

<i>Carriageway Resurfacing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
C3 Ross Road	Slidery	Approx 600m from C147 Junction.	£30,000
C147 Slidery	Slidery	Just north of Slidery heading to Corriecravie	£70,000
C147 Kilpatrick	Kilpatrick	South of previous resurfacing heading to Corriecravie	£150,000
Auchrannie Road	Brodick	Willowdale to Peddar	£25,000
U87 & B880	Machrie	Timber Transport Match Funding	£75,000
C147 Tormore	Machrie	Tormore to Machrie Bridge	£75,000
U86 Levenacoroch	Kilmory	Full Length	£30,000
			£455,000

<i>Structures Projects</i>			
<i>Structure</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Dougarie Bridge	C147	Temporary Strengthening/ Scour repairs	£50,000
Catacol Bridge	C147	Temporary Strengthening/ Scour repairs	£60,000
			£110,000

Carriageway Resurfacing: £455,000

Structures Projects: £110,000

Overall Arran Total: £565,000

Additional Budget £750,000**CARRIAGEWAYS**

<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Smith Street	Dalry	New Street to Car Park	£40,000
West Kirklands Place	Dalry	Full Length	£38,000
A737 Merryvale Roundabout	Irvine	Including A737 North & South Approach	£93,000
A737 Marress Roundabout	Irvine	Various Sections	£60,000
Stockbridge Crescent	Kilbirnie	Various Sections	£52,000
Milton Road	Kilbirnie	Milton Quad to Herriot Avenue	£92,000
A760 Cochrane Street	Kilbirnie	Patching	£15,000
B779 Almswall Road	Kilwinning	Car Park to Nethermains Roundabout, including roundabout	£150,000
A737 Lauchlan Way	Kilwinning	Woodwynd to Church Street	£15,000
Holehouse Court	Largs	Full Length	£45,000
B780 Stevenston Cross	Stevenston	Glebe Street to Post Office	£100,000
C147 Machrie	Machrie	Machrie Tea Room to Machrie Moor Road	£50,000
			£750,000

Condition Assessment and Prioritisation Process

- 1.1 The Audit Scotland Follow-up report, Maintaining Scotlands Roads published in August 2016 stated that Councils should use their RAMPs to establish long term investment plans for maintaining the road network taking into account whole-life costing and treatment options.
- 1.2 As part of the Roads Asset Management process, annual condition assessments are carried out on the public road network as part of the inspection regime. All locations are assessed using a risk based approach.
- 1.3 Condition assessments are carried out simultaneously with the Safety Inspections in accordance with the pre-determined timescales contained within our Safety Inspection Manual. All faults noted during these inspections are logged within our electronic Routine Maintenance System (RMS).
- 1.4 For carriageways, to take account of whole-life and different treatment options the carriageway maintenance programme is developed using road asset management principles. Lifecycle planning is at the core of this approach and takes into account, hierarchies, condition and local community priorities. Preventative treatments are used to prolong the life of carriageway surfaces before their condition deteriorates and requires extensive resurfacing.
- 1.5 The main factors considered are:-
 - Road Condition – based on detailed visual inspection and the Scottish Road Maintenance Conditions Survey (SRMCS).
 - Road Hierarchy – this takes account of the strategic importance of the road and is determined from our Local Transport Plan.
 - Assistance to Council and Community Priorities – this takes account of other priorities such as economic development, access to shops, amenity housing or schools.
- 1.6 Carriageways and footways are both condition assessed and scored in accordance with the assessment table below. These condition scores, RCI data, road hierarchy information and priorities information as above are utilised through our electronic WDM Scheme Manager to target locations for improvement works in order to optimise investment.

Assessment Table

Extent	CONDITION			
	1 (Acceptable)	2 (Safe but poor appearance)	3 (Minor deterioration)	4 (Major deterioration)
1 - Up to 25%		5	9	13
2 – 25% to 50%		6	10	14
3 – 50% to 75%		7	11	15
4 – 75% to 100%	4	8	12	16

Each location is also reviewed at least once a year depending on its location within the Roads Hierarchy as part of the routine inspection process.

- 1.7 There are various types of surfacing materials and processes available depending on the particular road type, location and level of existing deterioration. Options available for treatment include preventative measures such as surface dressing and resurfacing options such as screeding, resurfacing (inlay and overlay), depending on the severity of deterioration full reconstruction may be the most effective option.
- 1.8 The level of investment associated with the varying treatment types identified in the table below was established using the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland's cost projection model, developed as part of the Roads Asset Management Planning project. The model assists with identifying the effect of various treatments on the on-going condition of the carriageway. This enables a more accurate design life for the treatments currently available to be developed and ensuring value for money on their use. Costs for works at any location further vary from the figures below depending on restricted working arrangements, traffic management required and the extent of preparatory works necessary to enable resurfacing. There is also an additional uplift for island working of up to 50% for works on Arran and Cumbrae.

Treatment Option Table

Treatment Option	Cost per Sqm 2022/23	Cost per Sqm 2023/24	% Change	Extension to life
Surface Dressing	£3.60	£4.00	+11%	Up to 10 years
Screeding	£11.50	£14.40	+25%	5 – 10 years
Inlay HRA	£22.00	£26.00	+18%	Up to 20 years
Overlay <100mm	£26.50	£33.00	+25%	Up to 20 years
Inlay 100mm	£32.30	£38.00	+18%	Up to 20 years
Reconstruction 300mm	£140.00	£165.00	+18%	Up to 20 years

- 1.9 Street Lighting column replacement is prioritised through non-destructive strength testing to determine the level of deterioration associated with the columns. Following testing, columns are categorised within the Asset Management database for road lighting.
- 1.10 Testing is carried out in accordance with the Institute of Lighting Engineer's Technical Report No.22 Managing a Vital Asset: Lighting Supports as well as UK Lighting Board Code of Practice: Well-lit Highways.
- 1.11 Once results are input, the database then compares these results against the more general age profile to determine a final list of priority repairs. This produces recommendations in order of priority for both individual units and whole streets or areas.
- 1.12 Recommendations are generally categorised as Category A through K as follows:
- A: Immediate replacement
 - B: Replace urgently or reinspect within 6 months
 - C1: Column Material failure, replace as soon as possible or reinspect within 1 year
 - C2: Bracket failure, sleeve where possible or replace unit within 1 year
 - D: Foundation failure, realign, reinstate and reinspect within 6 months
 - E: Material approaching failure, replace as part of planned maintenance programme or reinspect within 2 years
 - F: Material approaching failure, replace as part of planned maintenance programme or reinspect within 5 years

- G: Condition reasonable, but age expired and certified insured for 2 year periods until replaced
- H: Condition reasonable, but age expired and certified insured for 5 year periods until replaced
- I: Acceptable condition but age expired and insured for 5 years periods until replaced.
- J: Sound condition but age expired & visually poor (evidence of concrete cracking etc.)
- K: Sound condition and not age expired – no current requirement for strength structural inspection, visual only at planned maintenance cycle.

1.13 Where non-urgent replacement recommendations (Category F through to J) are on an individual column basis, the data is further analysed to determine a percentage value for recommended replacement numbers against the balance of units in a street. If this figure exceeds 30% then the entire street will be considered for higher prioritisation which will address the design class standard of the street beyond individual replacement for safety reasons only.

1.14 The structures programme is identified based on the structures prioritisation matrix which ranks assets based on a number of factors including its condition, safety, and usage.

Structure Name:
Date when the scoring is carried out:






Enter score based on the description in the following coloured cells

Priority Ranking for structure capital programme

No.	Factors	Maximum Score			Structure Name:	Structure Score Input	Net score	% of total Score	Additional commentry
1	Type of Bridge	1	Score 1 if road bridge and 0 if foot bridge	Culverts, Subways which carry road shall be considered as road bridge as per this scoring system. Structures which carry only pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians shall be considered as footbridge.			NA		
2	Route Factor	40	Score based on NAC route hierachy	Route hierachy Cat 2 - SPT/ NAC strategic routes - 40 Cat 3a - Main distributor routes - 30 Cat 3b - secondary distributor routes - 20 Any other category - 10 Routes serving fewer than 5 properties - 5			0	0%	
3	HGV Restriction factor	60	Score based on weight capacity	Weight restriction 3 tonnes - 60 7.5 to 13 tonnes tonnes - 50 18 tonnes - 40 26 tonnes - 30 No weight restriction - 0			0	0%	
4	Condition factor	10	Score based on the condition of the bridge	Sliding score based on 0 for very good condition to 10 for poor condition. (10 - (BCI crit/ 10))			0	0%	
5	Deterioration factor	10	Score based on the rate of deterioration of the structure	Sliding score based on 0 for very slow deterioration to 10 for rapid deterioration			0	0%	
6	Pedestrian factor	20	Score based on pedestrian usage. Bridges with footways of heavy pedestrian usage shall score a maximum of 30.	Structures with footways in heavily used urban areas score 20. Score 20 if route is access to a school or railway station. Apply a sliding scale going down to 0 for rural structures without footways.			0	0%	
7	Flooding factor	40	Score based on the potential for the existing structure to contribute to flooding	A structure that makes no contribution to flooding risk will score 0. Structures that are know to increase the risk of flooding due to restrictions in width or soffit height will score 30.			0	0%	
8	Scour factor	60	Score based on risk of collapse due to expose to scour in heavy flow conditions	Risk of collapse of structure due to scouring. Structures which have been deterioted severely because of inadequate scour protection and on verge of collapse score maximum. Scour risk based on a sliding scale.			0	0%	
9	Parapet Condition Factor	15	Score based on the condition of the parapets	Structures with substandard Parapets with poor conditon will score 15 . Structures with substandard parapets with a 'monitor only' recommendation will score 10. Structures which have parapets to current standards will score 0.			0	0%	
10	Parapet Risk Factor	10	Score based on risk in the event of a parapet collapse leading to high risk injuries and human casualties.	What is the likelihood of severe injury or even death while the parapet is open to use considering the condition of the structure. Risk based on a sliding scale.			-5	100%	

11	Delay factor	10	Score based on whether existing restrictions such as limited width cause delays at the structure	Structures where delays are caused by width, weight, height or other restrictions such as traffic lights will be given a score higher than zero. Delays less than 2 minutes at peak times will score 5 and longer than 2 minutes will score 10. Score maximum if fire station, railway station or hospital affected by delay.		0	0%
12	Structure Risk factor	10	Score based on risk in the event of a Structure collapse leading to high risk injuries and human casualties.	What is the likelihood of someone getting a high risk injury or even death while the structure is open to use considering the condition of the structure. Risk based on a sliding scale.		0	0%
13	Maintenance factor	20	Score based on maintenance required to keep the existing structure open.	Score based on known maintenance history and requirement. No maintenance requirement will score 0. Listed structures score 15.		0	0%
14	Diversion factor	10	Score based on the length of the diversion route if the structure is closed in an unplanned manner with no finite time limit.	Score based on diversion length. Any diversion equal to or more than 20 miles scores 20. Score 1 for each 2 miles of diversion up to 20. Score 10 if a road closure adversely affects a fire or railway station or hospital. Score 10 if there is no alternative diversion.		0	0%
						-5	

Note maximum score that can be achieved for road bridge= 500

Priority level Chart		Structure Name:							
		Date of Scoring: 00-Jan-00							
Priority Level Indicator		Overall works (500)		Structure works (100)		Parapet works (70)		Scour Protection (60)	
		Level	Score	Level	Score	Level	Score	Level	Score
No Action Rquired									
Low Priority									
Medium Priority									
High Priority									
Immediate action required									

Note : Works are divided above into three sub categories as each work can be independent and each has its own significance in terms of attention required.



COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

NORTH AYRSHIRE

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NORTH AYRSHIRE YOUTH WORK, ADULT LEARNING
AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY**

STRATEGIC QUARTERLY UPDATE

MAY 2024 - DONNA ANDERSON, ANNE-MARIE HUNTER & DENISE FRASER



An Introduction to the CLD Strategic Themes

This quarterly report focusses on the CLD strategic priorities outlined in our North Ayrshire CLD Strategic Plan that ties into North Ayrshire locality priorities.

The full plan can be viewed here: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/CorporateServices/ChiefExecutive/CommunityPlanning/community-learning-development-plan.pdf>

YOUTH WORK

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Youth Work is an educational practice contributing to young people's learning and development. Youth work engages with young people within their communities; it acknowledges the wider networks of peers, community and culture; it supports the young person to realise their potential and to address life's challenges critically and creatively and it takes account of all strands of diversity.

ADULT LEARNING

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Community based adult learning covers a wide variety of learning opportunities which target learners who have multiple barriers to opportunity, focusing on disadvantaged individuals and communities. Using a Social Practice Model, learning is built around the experience and needs of the learners and is underpinned by the three core principles of the Adult Learning Statement of Ambition - Learning is Lifelong, Life-wide and Learner-centred.

CAPACITY BUILDING

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Community Capacity Building is the support that community groups access to help them address issues which are important to them. 'Capacity' describes the range of resources that people have – knowledge about their area or common interest, skills and ideas, shared experiences, and material resources like funding and community spaces.

Joint Cabinet

Young people met at Saltcoats Town Hall on the 19th March to tackle a host of hard-hitting issues at the latest Youth Joint Cabinet meeting.

The morning session was the latest in a series of joint meetings involving North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet and Senior Officers alongside Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and the Youth Council Executive.

Representing all of North Ayrshire's secondary schools, over 100 young people attended from Irvine Royal, Greenwood, St Matthews, Kilwinning, Largs, Auchendarvie, Ardrossan, Garnock Community Campus, Arran High and Lockhart Campus.

With Youth Executive, school youth forums and pupil parliaments featuring representation from across North Ayrshire, already underway, The Joint Cabinet meeting was the latest youth participation milestone in 2024.

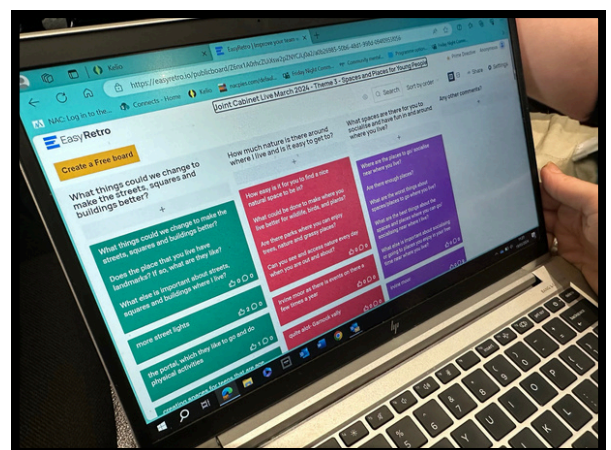
Joint Cabinet is a vital part of the Council's Youth Participation Strategy, it allows pupils to learn more about how their local authority operates, while forming an important part of the Council's approach to give young people a voice.

During the round-table discussions, the format included a combination of listening to the experience of young people directly and encouraging attendees to scan a QR code and contribute online via the Council's Youth Participation digital platform.

The discussions of the latest Youth Joint Cabinet centred around:

- Budget Engagement – Closing the Engagement Loop
- Employability and Next Steps
- Space and Places for Young People
- Bullying
- The Cost of Living

Emma Burns, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament for Cunninghame South, was a panel member at the event. She said:



“North Ayrshire was the first - and is one of only two local authorities - in Scotland to host an annual Joint Cabinet meeting with young people. Youth Joint Cabinet is such a brilliant opportunity to bring young people together and put them in front of policy makers and decision makers who can demonstrate to our peers that we remain at the heart of the Council's decision making on all policies and strategies affecting young people. If you have something you want to say on an issue important to you, please let us know. Your voice will be listened to and actioned upon.”



The bi-annual meeting was one in a series organised by the Council's Youth Services team as part of their ongoing work to encourage participation and citizenship.

Council Leader Marie Burns said:

"As a child and youth-centred Council, young people are at the heart of the Council's decision-making, and we care deeply about their point of view. This is a fantastic example of how the Council is championing North Ayrshire's Youth Participation Strategy to meet with young people in-person to hear their views."

Following the announcement of the Council's Budget 2024/25, this week's meeting was an important opportunity for our young attendees to challenge us on some of the decisions being made. We do not underestimate just how important these joint meetings are."

The feedback is now being collated and will give the Council's Cabinet and Leadership team a clear demonstration of how vital it is to involve our young people in Council business and what actions we need to take forward. It can be daunting standing up for what you believe in, but our young people showed strength and courage as they made their voices heard this week, thank you. Every one should be really proud of themselves."

The Council Leader also recognised the area's local members of Scottish Youth Parliament in attendance:

"Thank to our new MSYPs – Adam, Rhyan, Freya and Emma – for attending their first Joint Cabinet meeting as Members of Scottish Youth Parliament. I have no doubt that secondary pupils and those attending youth clubs and events will be seeing a lot more of them. As a Council we look forward to working our new MSYPs and the Executive Youth Forum to take forward as many actions as we can from today's Joint Youth Cabinet meeting."



All data is in the process of being collated to be shared with relevant partners to help shape policy, plans and future plans that involve our young people here in North Ayrshire.



Primary Seven Youth Council

North Ayrshire Council hosted its latest Primary Seven Youth Council in March 2024.

Taking place at Ardeer Community Centre, Primary 7 pupils from St Bridgets, St John's, Ardeer, West Kilbride, Elderbank, Corsehill, and Blacklands Primary School took the chance to meet with their peers and take part in a series of interactive workshops.

120 pupils were in attendance to learn new skills ahead of their transition to secondary school and find out more about youth participation in North Ayrshire.

4 interactive workshops took place to learn young people new skills and meet other young people from across North Ayrshire.

Workshop 1 - A Practical Approach to Wellbeing

Wellbeing can be defined as “feeling good and functioning well” We know that when individuals have a sense of wellbeing then they perform better and have happier lives. In keeping with this theme, we held a circuit theme workshop using the 5 ways to wellbeing:

The 5 Ways to Wellbeing are:

- Connect
- Be Active
- Take Notice
- Learn
- Give

Workshop 2 - Outdoor Learning Experiences

We held an introduction to outdoor learning exploring some of the vital resources used during expeditions for cooking and sleeping. The Duke of Edinburgh programme was fully explained including the various sections of the award and information about how to get involved was shared



Workshop 3 - Spaces and Places for Young People

Engagement activities were shared to discover young people’s views on where they live, focussing on areas they feel are positive while identifying the areas most in need of improvement. The Place Standard toolkit was used to gather young people views on local play facilities in an interactive and fun manner.



Workshop 4 – My Say, My Way - Youth Forums – How to have your say?

Pupils learnt about the range of projects Youth Forums are involved in and currently deliver in North Ayrshire. There was an opportunity for young people to tell us how best to have their voice heard and how they engage with other young people. Details and contact information for our local Youth Forums were shared to allow young people to get involved as well as some of our North Ayrshire youth voice opportunities.

While the Executive Youth council is North Ayrshire’s representative voice for young people aged 12 and over, the Primary Youth Council was formed in 2022 to amplify the voice of younger children across the area.

The pupil’s lived experience gathered from the workshops was a good opportunity for the young people to meet with peers from other schools and have the chance to share what they liked about school life and the local facilities near them but also focus on the areas of improvement required and the obstacles them and their families.

This information will now be reported back the Council’s leadership team so that the knowledge gained can contribute towards and shape specific policies and strategies related to children and young people and take any necessary actions required.

So while the Executive Youth council (for those age 12-18) is North Ayrshire’s representative voice for young people, the Primary Youth Council was formed last year to amplify the voice of primary school aged pupils.



Joint Youth Forum

The views of young people were in focus as our youth voice groups came together in March to make their voices heard and work collaboratively.

All part of the Joint Youth Forum young people aged between 12-25 had the opportunity to raise issues that were important to them and took part in a day of mental health training and resilience planning.



Supported by Community Learning and Development workers representing each locality in North Ayrshire, North Ayrshire's network of youth forums are a great way for those aged 12-25 to get involved in youth participation. Put simply, a youth forum is a place where young people have the chance to make their voices heard, where opinions will be taken on board and then used to inform local decision-making.

North Ayrshire Council has six youth forums, and specific youth voice groups for young carers, care experienced young people, New Scots, ASN, Mental Health and Climate Change operating weekly across each of our localities. The forums are the sounding board to the Council's Administration and Chief Executive on issues that matter most to young people.

The agenda of the day focussed on mental health and wellbeing:

An introduction to mental Health - SAMH

This workshop session provided members with an awareness of stress and anxiety. It encouraged them to consider the worries and stress that we all experience, and how they can sometimes develop into anxiety. The forum were introduced to coping strategies, breathing exercises, and grounding techniques.

Positive Mindset and Resilience

Our mental health and wellbeing workers took young people through some resilience techniques including a positive hands exercise, letter to your future self, gratitude and how to protect your wellbeing.

The interactive day also gave opportunity for forum members to sign up as a Bee You Ambassadors and Mural Project in localities, focussing on how we normalise mental wellbeing and gave an insight into the the mural project that Youth Forums can get involved in, including training opportunities and consultations.



Members of Scottish Youth Parliament

Our newly elected MSYPs came together with their counterparts from East Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway to form the south west collaborative and work jointly on Scottish Youth Parliament business and local issues in February 2024.

Hosted in Redburn Community Centre the members shared their reasons on why they stood for in election and what they hoped to achieve in their term

Sharing what our participation structures in North Ayrshire looked like and how youth voice works locally.

Ahead of their sitting in June they took time to learn more about:

- Choosing a committee
- How to consult effectively
- Choosing the SYP Campaign
- Members Motions



The new national campaigns (2024-2026) have been consulted on with constituents across Scotland and here in North Ayrshire and will focus on:

Increase mental health training and education

“There should be mandatory training for those working in education and health care settings on how to identify mental health problems and provide support for all young people, especially those most at risk.”

Invest in and protect youth work services

“Local youth work should be invested in by national and local government and protected by law from budget cuts.”

End gender-based violence

“The Scottish Youth Parliament recognises many girls and women feel unsafe in public spaces and calls on decision makers and communities to raise awareness and work together to eliminate gender-based violence in public areas.”

The MSYPs will work locally to consult and engage with their peers to gather data that will be shared with the Scottish Government over the coming 18 months.



LIAM Programme

We have now started rolling out the LIAM programme in a community setting, support young people through learning and delivering the NHS and Professor Paul Stallard LIAM (Lets introduce Anxiety Management) programme.

The programme ensures correct delivery of a clear current programme of information that is integrated into an hour-long workshops that is easily understood with 'by young people, for young people' premise being kept.

The programme allows support for young people individually or in groups whilst working with other partners, community groups and schools to ensure young people are supported.

This programme is made up of a 9 week 1-hour sessions, it is delivered by trained practitioners across North Ayrshire based within schools and the community.

The topics covered in these sessions are:

- Understanding Anxiety
- Understanding My Anxiety
- Traps and Anxiety Tools
- Anxiety Tools - Body and Thinking
- Facing Anxiety
- Planning Ahead



This programme has most recently been delivered on a one to one basis.

This young person is 18 years old and needed support to manage their understanding of their anxiety and the expectation of their job role. In starting the programme, they established 3 goals that they wanted to use the LIAM programme support to work towards, these were:

1. Learn and understand social cues
2. To confidently speak in public
3. To comfortably stay in events

In doing this programme there has been a widely noticed increase in this person's confidence, approach and understanding of themselves and the job expectation. Although the programme is complete it has been agreed that a informal weekly check in.



The participant stated:

"From the start of the Liam sessions to now I am feeling so much better thanks to Vicki I can say that I am more comfortable and able to stay calm when going into different new situations. Throughout these sessions I have learned what anxiety actually is and what to do if I feel like I wanted to get out of a situation, this is things like relaxations, coping mechanisms, and many more. I would totally recommend this program for anyone who has got or struggles with anxiety as there are many different coping strategies that you learn about when doing this programme. One thing that I really enjoyed was talking about how I felt and what I can do to get from maybe a 3 in my goal progress chart (start of programme) to coming to a 9 or maybe a 10. I also really liked the fact that it was 1-1 and also when the weather got better we were able to go a walk to talk about what my worries and stresses of the week were but also getting some fresh air and getting vitamin D. Personally, for me, I did LAIM to learn why I get anxious and what I can do to reduce the urge to flee a situation, this can be things like not knowing anyone that you are going to a meeting with or maybe its presenting in front of loads of people from work that you have not worked with before or you don't work with them on a regular basis. I now can do this with much more control than before."

Young Person Age 18



Me and My Money

Me & Money is a new workshop MHUK have developed that Change Mental Health are currently piloting. Much like the Your Resilience, it is aimed at 14-18 year olds and is delivered through a one-hour session supported by a facilitator guidebook and young person's toolkit that explores the interconnection between money and mental health.

The programme was designed in response to the rise in money anxiety amongst young people and the cost-of-living crisis that is fuelling valid fears about personal and household finances.

The programme is co-produced with young people and has been designed to reflect and respond to young people's lived experience of money, how young people said they wished to be supported with challenges around money and what young people told us they would like to learn about money.

A trainer came along to our group and facilitated the Me and My Money workshop to a group of 8 young people consisting of 5 modern apprentices and 3 of Irvine Royal Academy's Mental Health Ambassadors and staff. The trainer ran the session with plenty of input and discussion from the young people in attendance.

After attending the session staff and the young people were invited to attend an external evaluation on the workshop with Glade Insights team to give our feedback, from this the group attending will be asked to attend future focus group meetings to support the progression of the programme to get it to roll out stage for young people across the UK.



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This programme has so much potential to create support for young people across North Ayrshire. The objective of this workshop is to:

- Provide young people with an understanding of the interconnection between money and mental health
- Empower young people by supporting them to understand how our attitudes towards money can influence our thoughts and behaviours
- Equip young people with a suite of resilience-building skills and tools related to money which they can use to support themselves, now and in the future.

From delivering The Mental Health UK Your Resilience programme across North Ayrshire and seeing the benefits of this we can see how the Me and My Money Programme can and will be beneficial in supporting young people. In supporting this programme at pilot stage it helps gain insight and have understanding of what my future delivery of this programme might look like and who might benefit from this type of workshop



Trindlemoss Wellbeing Project

Our new Programme at Trindlemoss is running weekly up until the 24th of June, providing information, videos, activities and arts and crafts surrounding Mental Health and Wellbeing for their 18-25 years young adults.

Trindlemoss day opportunities centre has so much to offer, and we have been given use of all available resources and suites to suit that days delivery. This is done with a light approach, with multiple resources at hand to keep the sessions person led and to suit specific need.

Creating workshops surrounding mental health and wellbeing for young people with additional support needs in context of the Trindlemoss Day opportunities premise 'to create a community resource that enables people to create, participate in and design meaningful and genuine opportunities for their own benefit and the benefit of others'.

The topics covered in these sessions are:

- 1: What is Mental Health
- 2: Resilience
- 3: Social Networks
- 4: Outdoors activities
- 5: Mindfulness
- 6: Self Care

The Programme has 5 consistent young people that have attended group however during a Lockhart Campus visit we were joined by a additional 5 young people who will be using the Trindlemoss facility after the summer.



Sessions have been very successful, the group look forward to our visits and our staff team have a great time with lots of engagement, interaction and a particular fondness to mindfulness activities. In the coming weeks we will be doing some arts and crafts and taking the group outdoors keeping with the theme of mental health and wellbeing.

Activities at Trindlemoss are led by the hopes, dreams and aspirations of those that attend and in creating a partnership with this amazing facility we hope to support 'changing the focus from support needs to life aspirations'.



Our hope is the mental health and wellbeing activities with the young adults will help them feel enriched and empowered in gaining knowledge to better understand themselves and their, hopes, worries, anxieties and relationships.

"Thank you so much for your workshop yesterday the group had great fun and they found the session most enjoyable. You have a great wee team with you and we are looking forward to your next visit."

"Today was great, we all enjoyed it. They are not happy that you are away for 2 weeks...lol....that tells me that you and your team are a hit. It would be great if you could deliver to others in Trindlemoss as they would love such a workshop, but I totally understand your remit. We can't wait to see you again. Thanks, from all of us involved and see you soon."

Jamie Menzies Development Worker MHS – Learning Disabilities



Garnock Valley Kindness Mural

Working with the Bee You Ambassadors group, the Mental Health Project Delivery Officer had many discussions around what issues young people faced in their local communities and how they could use their mental health training to benefit these young people.

Through these discussions it was recognised that some work around suicide prevention should be prioritised. Throughout North Ayrshire the statistics for youth suicides were particularly alongside feelings of low mood, anxiety and depression. The young people felt a project highlighting positive mental health messages that would also give young people local signposting/ support services would support their peers in a proactive way.

Following on from the Kindness Mural Consultation across the Garnock Valley, the Project Delivery Officer developed the mural initiative, co designed and produced with input from young Bee You Ambassadors, Community Partners and Locality Staff.

Working with Garnock Valley Youth Forum, supporting group meeting and facilitating session around the creation of the Mural in the Garnock Valley, the young people collaborated with a local graffiti artist and volunteers from Dalry Community Gardens.

This was the first draft of the design was created by the artist and young people.



The young people and Graffiti Artist would work on creating this design in November 2023 with the reveal and open day in December 2023. The vibrant and eye-catching mural is located at the community garden where young people can not only see the message of positivity but provided links through QR codes to support services and mental health and wellbeing mapping for young people.



Bee You Ambassador Finley said: "We were all really passionate about building a lasting legacy for young people in North Ayrshire. The reason for this is because we understand that mental health and the stark rise of young people impacted by suicide are both serious issues having a real, detrimental impact on the wellbeing of local young people today. So, over the last few months we have been speaking directly to our peers in both classroom and youth settings to hear more about their lived-experiences. This has given us an understanding of what is working well and if they need it, we've shared what support is out there locally. One key theme we have identified through this work is that there's so many young people out there who are unsure about where they can turn to outside of school."

The Bee You Ambassadors have incorporated a vital design element – the inclusion of a QR code that people can scan when visiting the mural to find out what mental health support is out there for them.



Bounceback with our Primaries



Each quarter we continue to deliver the Bounceback mental health programme with our primaries. This quarter we have been working with Dalry Primary, West Kilbride Primary and Dykesmains Primary creating a programme surrounding mental health and wellbeing. Delivered by our North Ayrshire Bee You mental health ambassadors they deliver to primary 6 school aged young people, to then become mini bee you ambassadors for their primary school.

This programme is 6, 1-hour sessions, it is delivered by Bee You Ambassadors who are a group of young people which have completed a Mental Health First Aid qualification. These young people and the programme is delivered to a group of P6/P7 with these young people becoming Bee You Ambassadors for the primary school.

The topics covered in these sessions are: What is Mental Health, Resilience, Social Networks, Friendships, Making Decisions and Self Care/Certificates

The programme allows the ambassadors who are all aged between 16 and 21 the chance to share valuable information with young people aged around 10-12. The programme is designed to support all of the young people involved with their resilience. The Ambassadors leading it have completed Mental Health First Aid and/or the Mental Health UKs Your Resilience programme, in delivering what they have learned only reaffirms the learning that these young people have already had further increasing their resilience and confidence.

‘We loved the Bee You Ambassadors coming in each week, they were so bright and confident about the subjects all the kids really enjoyed it and I can’t wait to see how they will use it in their school, we hope you will come back’ - Dykesmains Primary School

‘I look forward to this every week, Finley is my favourite Bee You Ambassador. I liked learning about my circle of control as I do get worried about a lot’ - Dalry Primary School young person age 10



New Scots

New Scots ESOL Hub

In partnership with Education we have been working with unaccompanied young asylum seekers and on 16th of February, 2024, the first group of young people were welcomed into the New Scots ESOL Hub. At present, there are 12 students attending between the ages of 16 and 18. They have just started a film project with the newly formed Next Take community group and we are looking forward to seeing how this progresses and the film that will be produced.

Nova Scotia Youth Group

This quarter we developed a partnership with Spike Wheat Scots & Killie in the Community, who now provide professional coaching for the Under 16s Nova Scotia's team.

Several members of Nova Scotia's Under 16s team had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the broader sports culture of Scotland during their visit as guests of Killie in The Community at the match between Kilmarnock FC and Celtic.

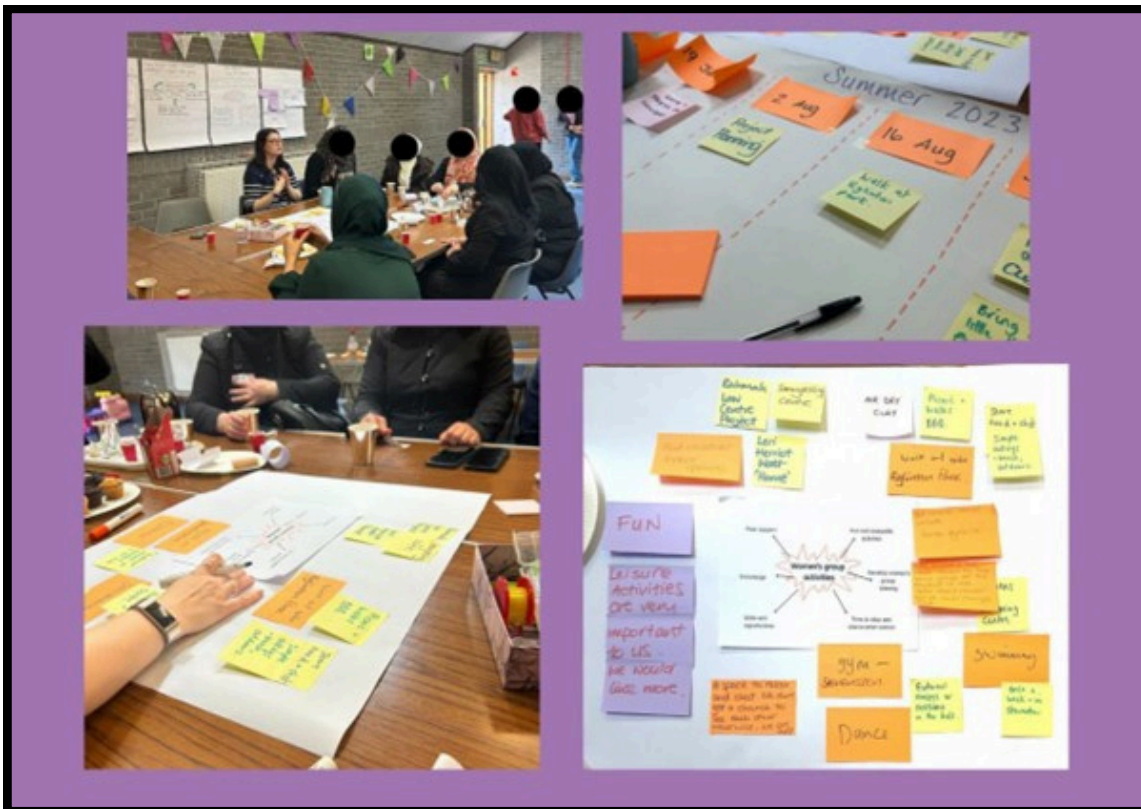
Their participation in this event not only offered them a glimpse into Scottish football but also allowed them to engage in the wider culture through the lens of sport.



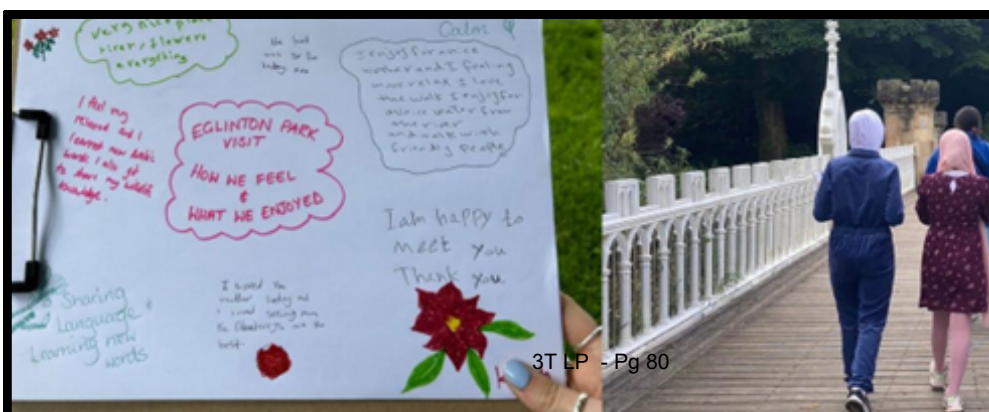
New Scots

Outside the Box Project

The outside the box project has now come to a conclusion and during the time of this project the women have established themselves as the Scots Syrian Roses. They were keen to engage with the discussions and began sharing ideas and suggestions – noting these down using mind maps. From these discussions we were able to plot out a plan for activities which was co-produced by the group.



Wellbeing Nature Walk – From the planning session the group expressed the importance of leisure activity and the impact it has on their physical and mental health. The women met in Eglinton Park, walked around the park showing the project staff their favourite spaces, they participated in some family nature activity and stopped at the end for a picnic. This session gave them time to talk about wellbeing and mental health in relaxed and informal way.



New Scots

The group, led by Khaldiya, hosted a BBQ at Eglinton Park. The event brought 30-35 Syrian and Afghan women together for an afternoon of food and talking. The session was also attended by a range of North Ayrshire Council support staff (approx. 5-8 staff).



Another activity was an exchange visit hosted by Scots Syrian Roses, to reciprocate their trip to the Community Gathering in Clydebank. 9 women travelled down from Clydebank to receive a warm welcome and amazing food from the group. The two groups shared stories, sang and danced together and have now set up a larger WhatsApp group to enable them to keep in touch and share information.



New Scots

Bourtree Belles

The Bourtree Belles Irvine women’s group has developed well, with new regular members and activities, and the women increasingly being encouraged to self-direct, making decisions about how their funding is spent and the programme of activities. Members have enjoyed group trips to Irvine and Kilmarnock and created crafts included candles and decorated boxes. We also had children’s activities during school holidays. The group is invited to take part in an International Food Festival at Tinder Moss/Towerlands in late May, showcasing their food, and is generally developing links with other local groups.

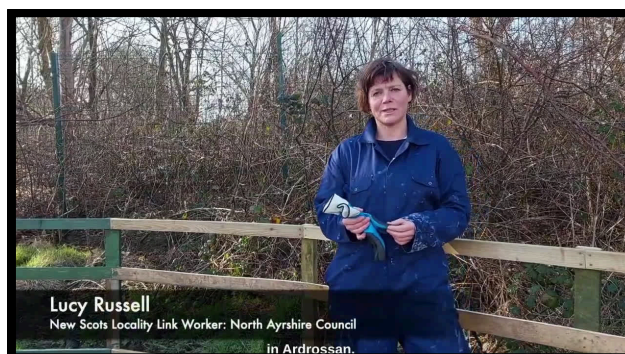


Allotments Project

Volunteers from the News Scots community have wrapped up a year-long allotments project by building a nature hide. The group has been using gardening and woodwork skills to help make improvements at the Three Towns Growers site in Ardrossan.

They previously did some painting, built planters and erected a greenhouse, and recently wrapped up the project by creating a nature hide that will allow visitors to enjoy local wildlife without causing any disturbance.

Volunteer Yuriy Yatsuta, from Ukraine, said he joined the project to improve his English, do some practical work with his hands and give himself some headspace.



Multiply Mid Week Meals

The midweek meals programme, in partnership with Link-up, started in February 2024 in the Argyle Centre Saltcoats. The programme is designed to address budgeting and food insecurities by teaching learners to cook and prep food that can be frozen and that will cost less to make from scratch. Due to the size of the kitchen the programme was limited to 7 learners at a time.

It was created to deliver numeracy and budgeting in an approachable way that focused on learning but with food dignity. That is why I named the programme mid-week meals and not anything relating cooking on budget etc.

The programme ran for 6 weeks with the learners receiving a recipe book and certificate upon completion.



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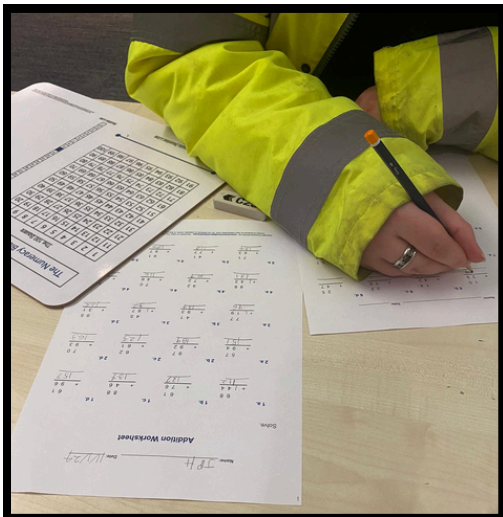


The Multiply Project

The Multiply project in North Ayrshire is working in collaboration with the third sector and further education with CHAP, Ayrshire college, University of Highland and Islands Arran and the delivery of the Multiply Community Fund with The Ayrshire Community Trust. In this quarter the project has worked with 545 numeracy learners and supported 65 people to secure accreditation in numeracy.

We have launched a podcast around the work we do and support we can offer here at Multiply, free to listen via Soundcloud, Click on the link for a listen and please get in touch if you'd like to know more - [Multiply Podcast Episode 1 by Multiply \(soundcloud.com\)](#).

Multiply provision is free and can be accessed via our referral form: <https://forms.office.com/e/MDXDeF1QUw?origin=lprLink> or by emailing multiplyinfo@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



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Gaelic

Coisir Ghaidhlig Arainn (Arran Gaelic Choir) was established November 2023. There are now about 13 members of the Coisir Ghaidhlig Arainn, ages range from 18 to nearly 80. They have performed on two occasions - "Christmas Celebrations " in the Brodick Hall in December 2023 and more recently at the Arran Music Festival in March 2024, singing a puirt (mouth music) and a song from a book called "Arainn nam Beann" a book about Arran Gaelic.

The choir meets on a Monday every fortnight in the Play Barn at Auchrannie, with increased weekly rehearsals for a month before a performance. The next planned gig will be during the Arran Folk Festival in early June. As well as singing throughout the island they have a busy schedule over the next 18 months, having agreed to do two lunchtime performances in the Ormidale Pavilion later this year and this year's Christmas Concert. They will also venture into more challenging harmony singing with "Sine Bhan" and "Athchuinge".



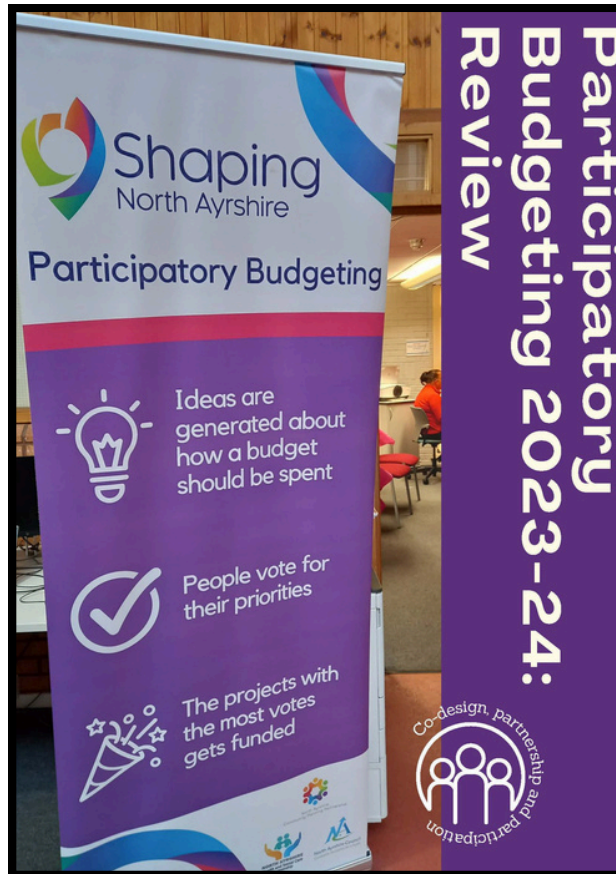
Coisir Ghaidhlig Arainn first night



Participatory Budgeting

Current PB updates:

- PB Evaluations are ongoing for youth and locality PB for 22/23 with a 75% return in evaluation returns. It is anticipated that we will utilise the Consul platform to follow the full PB applicants journey from start to finish, where applicant is able to share their updates through social media platforms.
- Participatory Budgeting Review has been compiled and planning for this year's PB funding round is underway.



- PB training is being delivered across localities. Following a service re design there is no longer a Capacity and Empowerment team and all PB processes will be filtered through localities. Training will cover these processes, including engagement via our Consul platform.



ParticipatoryBudgeting@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



Community Asset Transfer

We will support our community groups in their ambitions to own and lease assets via our Community Asset Transfer Policy.

The Community Asset team has been working on a Single Point of Contact training and guidance document. This training will build on improved communications between departments and will be delivered to all staff who will be responsible for working with Community groups interested in taking on a community asset.

Current CATs over 6 localities at different stages from initial enquiry to final stage:

Arran

Brodick Bowling Club

Three Towns

Ardeer Park changing rooms has now received cabinet approval - Whitlees Community Centre

Kilwinning

Blacklands Hall - Auld Dirrans Centre

Irvine

Maress Road - Maress Playing fields

Garnock Valley

Dalry Public Park Sports Pavilion, brick built and dis-used Pavilion (old pavilion adjacent to swing park and old tennis courts) - Knox Institute - The Shed, Ladysmith Road

North Coast

Douglas Park tennis courts - Douglas Park Nursery - Bowencraigs Playing fields (final stages) - Brisbane Centre - Simson/ Craufurd Avenue Swing Park - Holehouse Road



Food Insecurities

The Fairer Food Network & Larder Updates



- Currently 15 food larders across North Ayrshire supporting over 3000 households with a dignified food provision.
- Largs Food Hub, based in Largs Library, opened its doors on 27 Feb and have over 50 households registered and support approximately 20 households each week. Support is being given to develop a monitoring and financial system that suits their needs. Support is also being provided with their OSCR application.
- The sixth quarterly payment has been made to all larders under the revised funding model. Weekly footfall will be monitored and reported on quarterly, and that figure will dictate the payment for the next quarter. Larders with up to 30 households per week will receive £1000 per quarter. There after, it will be a cost per head calculation of the remaining funding pot. This model was reviewed and agreed at the NAFF meeting in May 2024.
- The quarterly NAFF meeting was held on March 24 and was hosted by Beith CA, The group heard from Thom Leddingham from Planning on the current survey that he is conducting. This will influence future plans around shopping and food retail needs. They also heard from Suzanne Scott at NHS Smoking Cessation on the support and pop up provision she can provide.
- Millport Larder is progressing with work towards opening. Shelving has arrived and is sitting at St Johns waiting to go across.
- The Tap End Larder has had a change of committee and roles within the association. The Treasurer now has responsibility for the larder and this will hopefully help with development moving forward.
- Argyle Community Association and Saltcoats Link Up are looking to have a working agreement drawn up in respect of the Community Shop. Link Up have relocated to the TACT office and therefore are no longer on site to provide support as and when, however the valued partnership between both will continue to support local residents.
- The FFADO visited Eco Savvy on Arran in April and visited the Waste Café that was operating in Corrie. The subsidised food model is well received and around 70 tins are purchased each session. In keeping with the ethos of Eco Savvy, no tinned meat or fish is offered and this has not been an issue or requested. It was noted that the demograph using the café, seemed, in the majority, to be older people. Staff acknowledged that their operational times is not perhaps family friendly and are looking at some additional offers.
- Asylum Seekers - £1500 has been awarded from the Mears Foundation to support asylum seeking households in Irvine and Stevenston with 6 months access to their larders.



Food Insecurities

Publicity and Promotion

Leeds University and the consumer group Which? looked at 363 councils across the UK, assessing neighbourhoods on measures such as distance to large supermarkets, the number of families on free school meals and households in food poverty.

The study found 29 councils where half the people were living in places considered at high risk of food insecurity.

Three were in Scotland - North Ayrshire where 65% of people lived in such neighbourhoods, East Ayrshire (59%) and West Dunbartonshire (50%).

The BBC filmed footage at North Ayrshire Foodbank, St Bridgets Primary, Kilbirnie, Café Solace, Kilbirnie and local residents.



This was then shown on both the lunchtime and 6pm news on Wednesday 24 April 24.

Comms Promotion

Our comms team continue to support the network with an ongoing roll out of information on social media.

A short video has also been prepared to highlight the work of the local growers who supported our larder network with fresh veg last summer. This will be promoted during Mental Health Week.

Scotland's Good Food Nation Plan

The consultation period for Scotland's Good Food Nation Plan closed on 22 April. The FFADO attended a Conference in Edinburgh in Feb which provided a good overview of the expectations of the plan. Our Comms teams promoted the consultation period and the online support sessions and the FFADO was involved in preparing and presenting to the relevant departments across NAC and Rhona Leith finalised and submitted the response to the Chief Exec on behalf of the council.

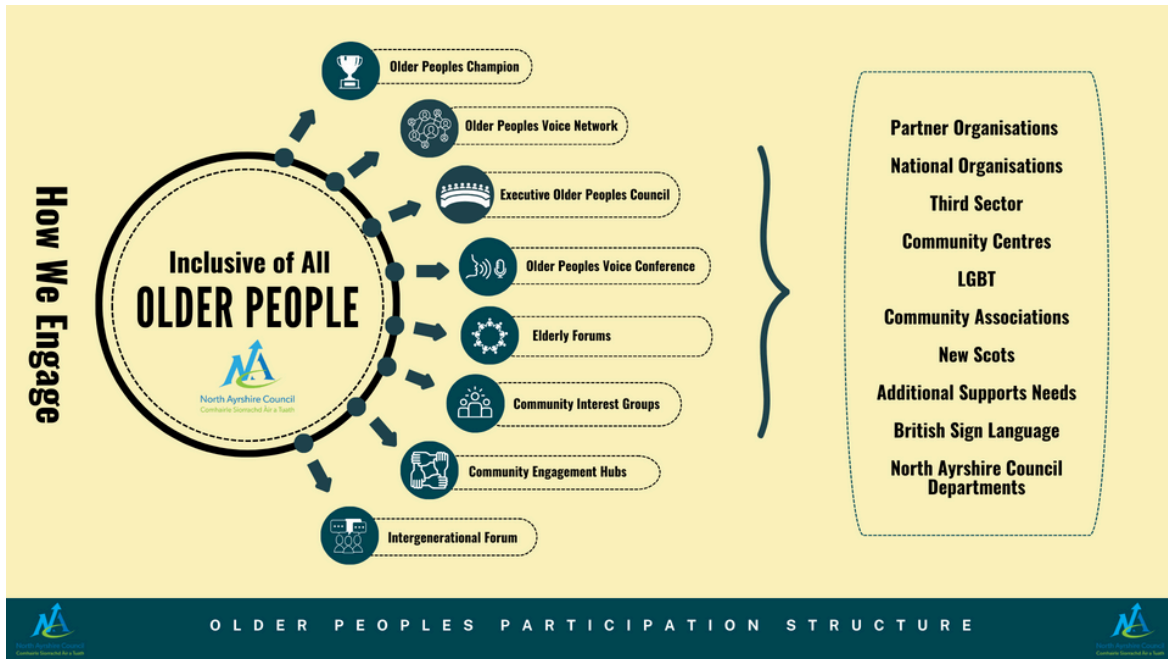
Moving forward, once the plan is approved and published, each Local Authority and Health Board will have one year to draft, consult and publish their own plan.

Six Outcomes represent what a sustainable food system in Scotland would be in a Good Food Nation.

A vision for Scotland to be a Good Food Nation, where people from every walk of life take pride and pleasure in, and benefit from, the food they produce, buy, cook, serve, and eat each day. The [Good Food Nation \(Scotland\) Act 2022](#) provides the legislative framework that enables us to take steps towards realising our vision.



The Older Peoples Voice & Engagement Hubs



The Older Peoples Voice

The Connected Communities Community Learning Development team have recently gone through a staffing restructure which in turn has impacted the Older Peoples Voice offer for 2024.

The original plan was to hold 2x Older Peoples Network meetings, 2x Executive Older Peoples meetings followed by another Conference.

This year, we will be holding 1x Older Peoples Network meeting in the second week of June which will be locality based and facilitated by each point of contact from the CLD team.

Agendas will be set by our older people, keeping in line with 'Your Voice, Your Agenda, You Decide!' All points raised and discussed will be collated and be used as the Agenda for the Executive Older Peoples Council with the Council Leader & Older Peoples Champion Marie Burns on June 27th.

After much success last year, we will be holding another Older Peoples Voice Conference in October 2024 bringing all localities together to discuss this year's impact & what 2025's offer will look like.



The Older Peoples Voice & Engagement Hubs



Engagement Hubs

The engagement hubs aim to provide a needs-based programme of activities which were set out by initial consultations with residents and community members.

The provision is aimed at decreasing social isolation as well as improved physical and mental health.

At present there are 28 activities running across 4 hubs weekly featuring:

Chair exercise classes, chair dance classes, bingo, quizzes, tai chi, MS support groups, seniors forums, mental wellness support groups, Community Councils, entertainment committees, digital support groups, lunch clubs, live entertainment, trips, ESOL groups, over 50s discovery award groups, coffee mornings, football reminiscence groups, tea and a blether sessions and sewing groups.

Recently the Hub Engagement Worker has been working in partnership with the Multiply team providing literacy and numerous based support and cooking introductions to using air fryers which has been very well received.



Networking and Funding

LPP Grant Awards

A total of £158,149 was awarded by the Locality Planning Partnerships in 2023/24.

External Funding Levered In

A total of £1,571,434 external funding has been levered in by third sector organisations in 2023/24.

Funding Support and Advice to Community Groups & Colleagues

- 12 funding workshops and drop-in sessions were delivered in 2023/24.
- 45 funding updates circulated to community organisations and colleagues in 2023/24
- 858 members have now joined North Ayrshire Virtual Funding Centre
- 929 log-ins to Grantfinder and 2,084 searches carried out in 2023/24.

Community Benefits Wish List

7 wishes have been delivered this quarter, with 40 wishes delivered in 2023. A total of 83 wishes have been delivered through the Community Benefits Wish List to date since it launched in October 2021.

Wishes delivered this quarter:

- Donation of £200 to Fairlie Growers to paint flowerbeds from RJ McLeod
- Donation of garden fencing works for West Kilbride Environmental Group (fencing a pond) by Munro External Works
- Donation of £500 to Ardrossan Winton Rovers for training kits (delivered in September but not confirmed until February) from AMP Clean Energy
- Donation of newborn equipment from Clark Contracts to Garnock Valley Helping Hands
- Donation of food to Beith Community Association food larder by Connect Modular
- Donation of 120 Easter Eggs to Friends of Redburn by Lowmac
- Donation of 120 Easter Eggs to Farm Basket Larder by Lowmac

A case study on the support for West Kilbride Environmental Group has been published on the CPP website.

Following feedback from the Third Sector, regular meetings have been scheduled with the Comms Team to better promote the Wish List and encourage groups to use it to access support.

