

Kilwinning Locality Partnership

Wednesday 11 June 2024, 7.00 p.m. in Kilwinning Library

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg	Ref	Officer	Ask of the
		No			Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Davidson	
2.	Action Note Review the action note and action log and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Stephen McGovern	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
DECI	SION REQUIRED	,	•		7.10 – 7.55 pm
3.	GrantsThe Locality Partnership are asked to consider two grant reportsKilwinning Town Charitable Trust Fund• Kilwinning Sports Club	Pg 9	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	LP to consider grant report for Kilwinning Town Charitable Trust.
	 Corsehill Parent Council 19th Ayrshire Scout Group <u>Elderly Grants</u> Landward Old People's Welfare Committee Kilwinning Burgh Old People's Welfare Committee 	Pg 38			
4.	Street Naming The Locality Partnership are asked to consider a Street Naming report from Planning for the new housing development at the Mossculloch Farm. Street name guidance -	Pg 41	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	LP to approve one street name for new housing development.
5.	Locality Action Plan The Local Partnership are asked to consider the draft Locality Action Plan for 2024/25.	Pg 45	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	LP to consider draft Locality Action Plan for 2024/25.

6.	Community Rep Application The Locality Partnership are asked to	Pg 48	Enclosed	Louise	LP are asked to consider application
	consider one Community Rep application.			Riddex	for Community Rep vacancy.
LOCA	AL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES				7.55 – 8.55 pm
7.	Youth and Education Overview The Locality Partnership will receive an overview from Head Teachers and the Community Development Team.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers Active Schools	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
8.	Working Groups for Locality Priorities and CIF Workshops The Locality Partnership will receive an update from the Locality Officer on Working Groups and plans to host CIF Workshops in the Locality.	-	Verbal	Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities
9.	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 Kilwinning.	-	Verbal	Stephen McGovern Neil Shearer	Discuss progress, learning and partnership opportunities
10.	KA Leisure The Locality Partnership will receive an update on work in Kilwinning.	-	Verbal	Fiona Comrie	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
11.	Locality Officer and Action Plan Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer.	Pg 50	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
AOC	B				8.55 – 9.00 pm
12.	AOCB			Cllr Davidson	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
REPO	ORTS FOR INFORMATION		1	-	
	CLD Strategic Quarterly Update TACT Update	Pg Pg		Cllr Davidson	Locality Partnership are asked to note the reports and share as appropriate.

Elected Members

Community Representative

Councillor Scott Davidson (**Chair**) Councillor Joe Cullinane Councillor Mary Hume Councillor Donald Reid Colin Hedley, Kilwinning Community Council (Vice Chair) Peter Marshall, Community Representative Alison Stell, Community Representative

CPP/Council Representatives

Stephen McGovern, Senior Lead Officer Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer Louise Riddex, Locality Officer Ann Wilson, Third Sector Interface Craig McFie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service David Cameron, Police Scotland

Kilwinning Locality Partnership

Supporting Skills and Work Improving our Local Environment Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities Improving Community Wellbeing

REDUCING INEQUALITIES

Meeting:		Kilwinning Locality Partnership		
Date	/Venue:	24 June 2024 at 7.00 pm via Microsoft Teams		
Present:		Councillor Scott Davidson (Chair) Councillor Donald Reid Councillor Joe Cullinane Councillor Mary Hume Stephen McGovern -Senior Lead Officer (Police Scotland) Rhonda Leith –Lead Officer (North Ayrshire Council) Louise Riddex – Locality Officer (North Ayrshire Council) Donna Morrison – Manager (North Ayrshire Council) Fiona Comrie – Health & Wellbeing Manager (KA Leisure) Lynn Robertson – Education (North Ayrshire Council)		
Apol	logies:	Neil Shearer – (Scottish Fire and Rescue) Gary Moore – Active Schools (North Ayrshire Council) Peter Marshall – Community Representative		
		ACTIONS		
<u>No.</u> 1.	Action	jies/Declarations of Interest	Responsible	
2.	 The Chair welcomed all present to the Kilwinning Locality Partnership Meeting and apologies for absence were recorded. A special welcome was extended to Councillor Mary Hume. There were no declarations of interest. The Chair advised that the agenda has been modified to prioritise the Locality Officer's items due to their other work commitments. These items will now be addressed earlier in the meeting. Action Note The Action note from the meeting held on 13 March 2024 was approved. The Lead Officer confirmed there was no outstanding actions. 			
3.	Grants The Lead Officer advised the Partnership that two applications had been made to the Kilwinning Town Charitable Trust. The Lead Officer also highlighted the purpose of the fund: Purpose A: Prevention/relief of poverty Purpose B: Provision of recreational facilities Purpose C: Relief of those in need The Lead Officer clarified that grants for Purpose B may be awarded if surplus funds remain from Categories A and C. The Lead Officer corrected the error on meeting papers (p10) to read fund balance: £37,867. The Lead Officer proceeded to present the the funding applications. The Lead Officer proceeded to present the the funding applications.			

	cation request for £30,000 for the refurbishment of a changing Pavilion.	
•	Total project cost: £95,000 Benefit: Provide changing facilities	
	Secured match funding: £20,000 (UK Shared Prosperity Fund)	
•	Additional match funding: Pending successful applications	
	Previous Town Charitable Awards: £30,000 (18/19)	
The	Partnership discussed concerns around:	
•	Lack of itemised total project costs	
	Unclear benefits of the project/investment	
	Partnership agreed to:	
	Seek a detailed breakdown of project costs	Rhonda Leith
	Request information on community benefits of the proposed award Defer a decision pending additional information	
PRY		
Appl	cation requested £3425 for the creation of a mural.	
	Total project costs: £3,425	
	Benefit: bring the community together to create a mural celebrating	
	Pennyburn.	
•	Previous Town Charitable Awards: £15,000 (18/19)	
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The Partnership decided to postpone the decision until their next meeting. They requested that clarification on the process and criteria be provided at that time to inform their discussion.	Rhonda Leith
Locality Officer Update	
The Locality Officer referred to the quarterly update report contained within the meeting papers and proceeded to update the Partnership on some additional key highlights:	
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The Chair thanked the Locality Officer for the detailed update and acknowledged the progress and impact of the CLD work.	
Councillor Reid provided feedback from recent discussions with PRYDE around CLD support and provision of Holiday Meals. The Locality Officer agreed to look into this further.	Louise Riddex
The Locality Officer left the meeting at 19.40hours.	Noted
Youth and Education Overview	
Lynn Robertson provided a verbal update on developments within the Youth and Education Kilwinning Cluster schools areas which included an overview on:	
Leavers' days Bunk up days	
Bunk up days Trips	
Work with churchesTimetable of professional learning	
The partnership was informed of evaluation demonstrating ongoing positive measurements of success.	
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	New key themes and areas of focus in development.	
	 Specific work within Whitehirst Park Primary School include: Challenge, engagement and feedback Reading 	
	 Resilience – coping regimes Gaelic provision Social media 	
	Councillor Reid asked how many pupils were engaged in Gaelic Provision. It was confirmed 18 pupils between P1-P6.	
	The Chair thanked L Robertson for the report and progress.	
7.	KA Leisure Update	
	Fiona Comrie provided an update on behalf of KA Leisure which included:	
	 Details on new adult classes Summer programmes at the Campuses Activator activities Walking Programme Mental Health Support programmes 5-26 age 	
	Councillor Reid made comment on the usage at Kilwinning Campus looking positive and asked for an insight into the summer programme including swimming and skating. F Comrie confirmed free swimming and skating will continue over the summer and this is detailed on the KA website and social media.	
8.	Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue – Wellbeing Partnerships	
	Stephen McGovern presented an update and insights from report provided to the Partnership outlining the work of Police Scotland.	
	Aspects included:	
	 Locality Team shift changes Work with NAC – quad offroad usage to deter use Kilwinning academy school-based work such as internet safety, social media, drugs, no knives better lives, vaping impacts, hate crime Work around NA Safer Shores Road Safety for new drivers Women's Aid work 	
	 'Pitching in' delivered to S3. Partnership working around rural crime Joint work with Trading Standards on scam prevention 	
	The Chair invited questions to the Partnership on the report.	
	Councillor Reid raised a concern around the closure of Kilwinning Police Station and the level of vandalism, posing a risk to the public. A further concern was raised by Councillor Reid around parked vehicles and traffic management in the town.	

	Councillor Reid also flagged potential traffic disruption on and around Kilwinning Sports Club on Festival Weekend and in particular flagged potential disruption to nearby residents. S McGovern acknowledged the concerns and agreed to raise with the Police Inspector.	S McGovern
	Scottish Fire and Rescue Apologies were received from Scottish Fire and Rescue. The Community Planning Team will circulate a written update to the Partnership.	J McGee
9.	AOCB No further items of business were presented for discussion. The Chair closed the meeting by thanking all for attendance and participation.	
10.	 Report for information Road Structure and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme 24/25 TACT – May 2024 Update 	

The Meeting ended at 20.00hours.

KILWINNING CHARITABLE TRUST APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2024/25

Kilwinning Charitable Trust Criteria - In terms of the trust deed there are 3 purposes for which assistance may be given: Purpose A - the prevention or relief of poverty; Purpose B - the provision of recreational facilities or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended; and Purpose C - the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Town Charitable Trust Awards
Kilwinning Community Sports Club	 Contribution towards Pavilion Refurbishment. Pavilion Refurbishment - £54,184 Total Project Costs - £95,000 Match funding Barclays Community Football Fund - £5,000 Scottish Football Association - £30,000 UK Shared Prosperity Fund Community & Place Grant - £20,000 Kilwinning Community Sports Club - £10,000 	£30,000	2018/19 - £30,000

Connected Communities, Finance and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

Finance: A quote has been provided for the total cost of the grant. There is £36,311 available for disbursement.

Legal: I note the application is for funding to assist with the cost of Pavilion Refurbishment. This includes but not limited to Builders work, Joinery, Plumbing, Heating, Thermal insulation, Electrical work, Professional Fees Architect and Project management costs however for the purposes of this application, it is specifically relating to the upgrading and modernisation of the changing facilities to provide better facilities and be more inclusive etc.

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The funds held in this Trust are primarily for Purpose A, with a small amount held for Purpose C. The Trustees may award grants for Purpose B if more applications have been made for that purpose and the Trustees consider granting funds for that purpose will most effectively relieve need amongst the persons who have applied for or are eligible for financial support.

The applicants refer to Purpose B and this application appears to meet the criteria of Purpose B. It will provide improved recreational facilities for the community and the application makes particular reference to the improvement the works will provide to their facilities for all genders, which will make the club more attractive to them. This area will provide a less intimidating environment and promote inclusion to all aspects of sport including the ability to engage in physical activity. Involvement in sport and physical activity can hugely benefit our mental and physical health and social wellbeing.

The application can therefore be granted as it meets one of the Trust Purposes. Note that in addition, the Trustees should also be satisfied that granting the application will be a beneficial use of the trust funds. In addition, as noted above, a grant for Purpose B should only be made if there is a surplus of funds held for Purposes A and C due to insufficient eligible applications meeting those Trust purposes to exhaust the annual total amount available.

Connected Communities

This application is seeking funding towards modernisation and refurbishment of changing facilities to provide an area where everyone regardless of gender has access, and the opportunity, to participate in sport. KCSC aims to provide a less intimidating environment which will promote inclusion to all aspects of sport and offer the ability to engage in physical activity. It will enable the club to accommodate all members of the community and make the changes needed to support gender equality. The application is made under Trust Purpose B and Connected Communities is satisfied that it meets the criteria of the fund.

Additional Information:

Kilwinning Sports Club Grant Application from the Kilwinning Town Charitable Trust

Action Note from LPP Meeting held 12 June 2024

10 July - email received advising:

KCSC - Defer a decision pending additional information

The Partnership discussed concerns around:

- Lack of itemised total project costs
- Unclear benefits of the project/investment

The Partnership agreed to:

- Seek a detailed breakdown of project costs
- Request information on community benefits of the proposed award

10 July - Jim responded:

See below responses to your queries. Please let me know if you need anything else. Do you know when the application is likely to be reassessed?

Cost Breakdown.

Demolition and Removal (including skip hire)- £7,000.00 External Refurbishment of Building- £7,000.00 Roofing Repairs - £5000 Plumbing Materials & Labour- £14,000.00 Water Heating System Upgrade - £11,000 Electrical Works - £11,600 Vinyl Safety Flooring Materials and Labour- £10,400.00 Internal Finishings- £9,000.00 General Building Materials- £20,000.00

Attachment included: Kilwinning Pavilion Ex and Prop draft layouts (A4) (1)

Community Benefits

Moving forward alongside our changing society and with inclusion coming to the fore KCSC would like to provide an area where everyone regardless of gender has access and the opportunity to participate in sport. This grant would allow us to accommodate all members of our community, and the changes needed to support gender equality.

With 90+ girls as future users' consultation and engagement with the u14s on changing rooms received positive comments in that they love the experience of getting together as a group in a social space. This new development would demonstrate our commitment to the girls and equally demonstrate that this is being developed to meet their needs. This will be more of the look, feel

and moveable things as opposed to the structure. Our project addresses local needs and priorities by providing a safe environment for all ages to be active and involved in community activity whereby improving their physical, mental and social health. Local needs and priorities addressed include Active and Strong communities, Children and Young people have the best start in life and people enjoy lifelong health and wellbeing. KSC have approximately 850 regular team football players and coaches. There are 30 youth teams aged 5-17 years old and about 15 people in a team (players plus manager plus coaching staff). KSC also has a youth academy which has 300 children, 150 girls and 150 boys all benefiting from regular training, skills practice, coaching and matches. At a base level, the project will provide increased revenue for the Club. As a charity, However, this revenue is planned to support and sustain the employment roles within the organisation. Therefore, an increase to the number of positions required within the charity will be required. Ongoing administration costs of operating a sports facility is already in place at the Club so the new facilities will not require incremental costs to deliver. Also, existing infrastructure with respect of parking, changing rooms, etc are already in place and therefore the cost of delivering access to sports, leisure and arts space is reduced relative to a new building where such infrastructure isn't in place. As the revenue streams of the Club become more diverse, greater efficiencies of scale will crystallise helping to suppress the cost of membership and participation of users. Given the SIMD category Kilwinning is classed within, affordable health and wellbeing activity access is critical. As also noted above, many kids from the local area just 'turn-up-andplay' when the sports areas are not booked. Given staff are in place to oversee such use, we can support this whilst protecting indiscriminate access. KCSC already acts as the foremost hub for positive youth participation in the town. Increasing access to broader groups will only enhance the social impact the club offers. By providing a gender-neutral changing facility, we also provide access to a wider variety of sports. These include football, tennis, and fitness. Recreationally in Kilwinning the enhancement of the facility will in turn enhance the opportunities available within our area for all genders to participate.

in a variety of sports.

8 August - A further Elected Members Query was sent to Jim

Following further review with our Elected Members the following queries have arisen. Would you be as kind to respond to these. We are aiming to resubmit your application for the next LPP pre agenda meeting on 27 August. Therefore a response would be appreciated by 16 August 2024.

- A breakdown of support over the last three years from all funding.
- The other people who have quoted as being asked for money, have they all confirmed.
- The general building materials cost is too wide and the quotes given leave gaps in funding.

13 August - Response from Jim received along with 4 PDF attachments, (which have been included)

- 1. SPF Signed Offer
- 2. Phase 3 Rd 2 Grant Offer Letter Kilwinning Community SC
- 3. KSC Letter of Support
- 4. Grant Update 2024

See attached information as request.

I'm not sure I understand question 3. If you can give me more detail I will try and answer or I can discuss with the elected members on the evening of the 27thAugust.

14 August - Cllr Reid emailed

The query raised was that the 20k materials costing was given but contractors had stated their costs and materials for the jobs they were doing.

Was the club intending to do works separately with the £20k which hadn't been summarised or itemised. At the last meeting this amount was the rough missing amount so the fact it had just been put in without breakdown led to the further information request.

Happy the info gets circulated and it's up to sports club to provide full information or the trustees will be obliged to decline application.

14 August – Jim Hodge replied:

Our application detailed Projects costs of £95k. The breakdown I supplied totalled £95k. The builder hasn't detailed exactly what the £20k general building material costs covers however my experience with this type of project would lead me to believe it's for stuff like Plasterboard, wallboard, timber, screws, nails, silicon, adhesives, etc. It's difficult to itemise costs for this type of stuff as prices change frequently and, in some instances, quotes are only valid for between 7 and 30 days. It's not realistic to go back to suppliers on a weekly basis asking for updated quotes.

14 August – Cllr Reid:

The problem was we could not get it to add up as the estimates given did not add up to 90k The sports club breakdown did but not the estimates. Just send it around the others to feed back.

14 August Locality Officer, Louise Riddex:

I think we will take more info to the LP meeting for a decision, along with the other applications we have for Town Charitable Trust. If the elected members agree to this can you go back to Jim please and tell him he will get a decision after the LP meeting on 11 Sept.

Or if elected members want to decide on it before then that's fine, but if this is the case, it will also be required to be sent to the Community reps for their input.

Completed by: Sharon Fleming Grants & performance Officer 18 August 2024

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Your Ref: Our Ref: UKSPF/002AGR

If telephoning please call: 01294 310000

By email only:

07/06/2024

The North Ayrshire UKSPF Communities and Place Grant Agreement

between The North Ayrshire Council and Kilwinning Community Sports Club ("the Applicant") in respect of Inclusion 2024 ("the Project")

THIS AGREEMENT consisting of this Offer and the Acceptance located on page 3 is made between The North Ayrshire Council, a local authority incorporated under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, having its principal office at Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE ("the Council") and Kilwinning Community Sports Club having its registered office at Pennyburn Road, Kilwinning KA13 6LF ("the Applicant"), being the Applicant in terms of the UKSPF Communities and Place Grant Application dated 06/03/2024, ("the Application").

OFFER

The Council hereby offers you, the Applicant, a grant of Twenty Thousand Pounds (£20,000) ("the Grant") towards the eligible costs of Inclusion 2024 described in your Application ("the Project") on the following terms and conditions, your acceptance of which will bind you, the Applicant, to the following terms and conditions, as follows:

- 1. You read and understood the guidance contained in the Council's UKSPF Communities and Place Grant Application Guidance prior to submitting your Application;
- This offer of Grant is open for acceptance by the Applicant by the 28 June 2024. You will complete, sign and date the Acceptance on page 3 of this Agreement and return this Agreement to Calum Couston via email at <u>spf@north-ayrshire.gov.uk</u>
- 3. You accept that the Grant is not transferrable;
- 4. You will apply the Grant to effect the Project detailed your Application;
- 5. You confirmed your VAT position in your Application and will account for VAT correctly;
- 6. Your Project will commence by 01 August 2024 and be completed by 31 March 2025;

- 7. No approval of any plans, specifications, drawings, consents, permissions or other documents by the Council will impose or be deemed to impose any liability whatsoever on the Council as to their accuracy or otherwise and this Offer is made purely in the Council's capacity as Grant funder, under the Council's UKSPF Communities and Place Grant.
- 8. You will:
 - keep all records and invoices for the Project and exhibit such to the Council, on demand;
 - b. provide the Council on demand with such financial and other information as the Council may require.
- 9. You will permit the Council to take photographs reflecting:
 - a. before the Project commences;
 - b. key stages reflecting progress of the Project; and
 - c. completion of the Project;

Copyright of such photographs will belong to the Council, who may utilise such images in any future publicity material relating to the Grant;

- 10. You will contact the Council immediately upon any additional matters arising during the Project. If additional matters constitute a departure from the provisions contained in your Application, you will obtain prior approval, in writing, from the Council for such a departure. You will report all cost variations to the Council, as soon as prospective variations become known. Additional costs arising in the course of the Project are not eligible for the Grant.
- 11. The Council will pay the Grant only on delivery to the Council of your Acceptance, completed, signed and witnessed.
- 12. You will comply with the monitoring and reporting requirements of the UKSPF Communities and Place Grant.
- 13. Following completion of the Project, you will acknowledge UKSPF Communities and Place funding, using the branding in accordance with relevant brand guidelines;
- 14. You acknowledge that the Council is entitled to suspend or terminate the Grant and/or require you to repay all or any of the Grant in any of the following situations;

14.1. You use the Grant in any way other than as approved by the Council or fail to comply with any of these Terms and Conditions;

14.2. You fail to make good progress with your Project or are unlikely in the Council's opinion to complete the Project or achieve the objectives agreed with the Council;

14.3. Match funding for the Project is withdrawn or you receive or fail to declare any duplicate funding for the same project costs as funded by the Grant;

14.4. You provide the Council with false or misleading information either on application or after award of the Grant, act dishonestly or fall under investigation by the Council, a regulatory body or the police, or if the Council considers for any other reason that public funds are at risk or you do anything to bring the Council or the UKSPF into disrepute.

You must let us know at the earliest opportunity if any of these situations have occurred or are likely to occur.

- 15. If a disagreement arises as to the interpretation of any provision of the Application Form, the Council's Offer or this Agreement or in respect of the Project, the Applicant and the Council will use best endeavours to resolve the matter within ten days of the matter being raised in writing, failing which the matter will be referred to the decision of a single arbiter, mutually agreed for that purpose, failing which, to be appointed at the request of either party by the President of the Law Society of Scotland;
- 16. You, for and on behalf of the Applicant, acknowledge that by signing this Agreement, you are committed to a binding, enforceable contract with the Council. You, for and on behalf of the Applicant have been advised by the Council to seek independent legal advice on the terms and implications of this Agreement and in signing this Agreement, you acknowledge that such advice has been recommended.

These presents contained on this and the two preceding pages are signed for and on behalf of the Council at Irvine on the 7th day of June 2024 by

1. Ch

Clair for

[CALUM COUSTON] Programme Manager, Economic Development & Regeneration The North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE

Witness: ...

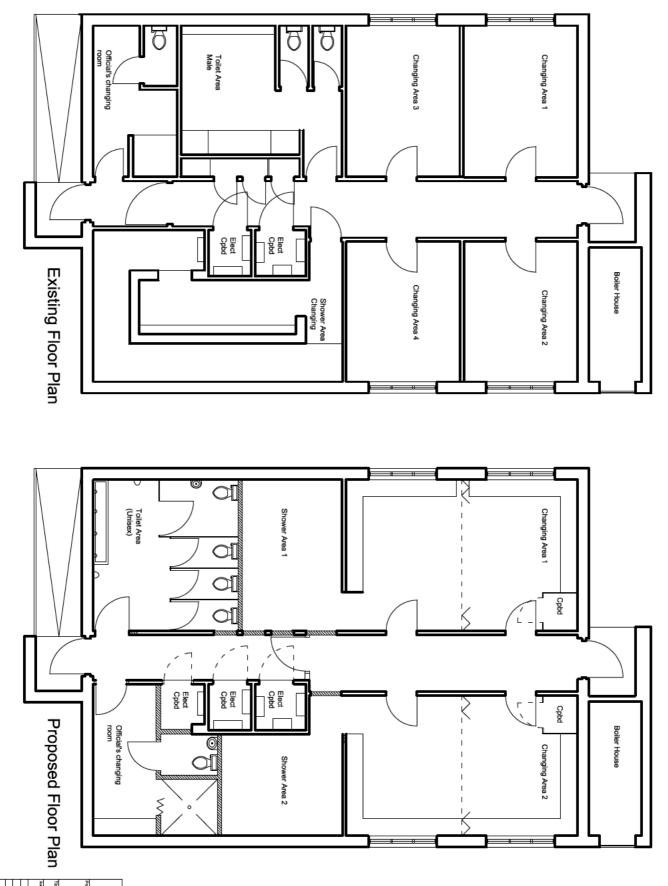
[CLAIRE FITZSIMMONS], Senior Manager, Economic Development & Regeneration The North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE

ACCEPTANCE

I, $[J_{\ell_a}, J_{\ell_a}]$ [designation of office bearer] for and on behalf of the Applicant hereby accept the terms and conditions of the foregoing Offer by the Council dated $[11]_{\ell_a}[\ell_a]$ of a UKSPF Grant and in signing this Acceptance confirm that I have the required authority to act for and on behalf of the Applicant, who will comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement in applying the Grant for the purposes of the Project

LEST-ICIC Place of Date of Signing 11/00/24 Signing Signature Witness Signature Full name Full name of witness Designation Occupation of ADMINISTARD witness Address of witness

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Tuesday 14th November

Dear Lead Applicant,

Department of Culture, Media & Sport - Grassroots Football Facilities Fund

GRANT OFFER LETTER

The Scottish FA, as part of the Grassroots Football Facilities Fund provided by Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport offers *Kilwinning Community Sports Club*, a "Grant" subject to your agreement to, and compliance with, the terms and conditions set out in this letter and its Annexes.

The maximum amount of Grant offered is up to *£30,000*. The full Grant amount will be committed in financial year 2023/24.

50% of the Grant will be paid on formal commencement of the project. The remaining 50% will be paid on completion of the Project. However, given overall project value if you envisage there being any cash flow concerns during the construction phase, please contact us to discuss potential for any interim payments which may address any such concerns.

The Grant is offered to you to contribute to certain expenditure ("**Eligible Expenditure**" as defined in Annex 2) as detailed in the terms and conditions where those costs are reasonably incurred by you in undertaking Department of Culture, Media & Sport - Grassroots Football Facilities Fund provision ("**the Project**") as described in the **Project Description** in Annex 1.

The specific conditions of award related to your project follow below and must be met by **Monday 11th December 2023** in order to allow initial payment of award to be processed.

• Subject to Scottish FA input into changing facility design elements to ensure full consideration of all requirements across the game - e.g. Girls' & Women's game.

The offer of Grant is conditional on you providing us with the following information and evidence:

• Demonstrable capital expenditure on the project, no later than **14th March 2025**

Company limited by guarantee / Registered in Scotland No. 5453 / VAT Reg No. 435 118 470





This **Grant Agreement** includes and incorporates this Offer Letter, all appendices and all the Annexes to it, namely:

- Core Terms and Conditions
- the Project Description set out in Annex 1 this includes a review of key criteria
- Eligible Expenditure set out in Annex 2

If you wish to accept this offer, you must sign and date the duplicate copy of this letter as indicated below and return to <u>clubservices@scottishfa.co.uk</u> by 12noon on *Friday 1st December*. It must be signed by someone who is authorised to sign on behalf of your organisation.

Yours sincerely,

lan Maxwell Chief Executive



I confirm, for and on behalf of *Kilwinning Community Sports Club* the agreement of *Kilwinning Community Sports Club* to the terms and conditions in this letter and its Appendices and Annexes.

Signed.....

Printed Name.....

Position.....

Date.....

Payment Request Form

Bank Account Name.....

Bank Address	
Sort-Code	
Account Numb	er



Department of Culture, Media & Sport - Grassroots Football Facilities Fund

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Applicant

1. The Grant is to *Kilwinning Community Sports Club* (who and whose successors are now on referred to as 'you').

Offer of Grant

- 2. The Scottish FA offers you a Grant of up to a maximum of £30,000.
- 3. The Grant will support the actual expenditure only on the items identified in the approved application and will not be increased above *£30,000* in any circumstances.
- 4. The Grant is non-transferable. Any amendment or variation to the project must be with our prior written agreement.
- 5. The Grant is not guaranteed by your acceptance of this offer letter alone, it is wholly dependent on your compliance with **ALL** of the conditions contained in this offer. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the funds being reduced or withdrawn.

Project

6. The Grant must be used for the purposes set out in your approved Application Form for the project as described at *Kilwinning Community Sports Club* (from now on referred to as the 'project').

Start/Completion Date

7. The offer of Grant is based on the following key dates being met:

Project Completion by 31st March 2025

- 8. You will inform **Scottish FA** should you be unable to meet the above timescales and obtain our written agreement to any changes (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- 9. This Offer of Grant may fall if the set timescales or any agreed changes to them are not met.
- 10. If the Grant remains undrawn on **31**st **March 2025** the undrawn amount of the Grant will be withdrawn and funds de-committed from the project.



Conditions

- 11. Payment of Grant is strictly conditional on your compliance with our Conditions of Grant.
- 12. The following additional/project specific conditions apply:
- 13. Provide a copy of the approved planning permission notice and associated plans where applicable.
- 14. Liaise with **Scottish FA** as the design, tendering and construction phases of the project progress.
- 15. Provide a copy of the tender documents where applicable. The final specification for the pitch must be approved by **Scottish FA**, prior to the issue of tender documents.

For Football Pitch Projects - 3G Replacement and Natural Grass Improvement

- 16. The pitch must be designed to comply with an appropriate performance standard for both football and multi-sport use. The pitch must continue to meet these standards throughout the duration of this Grant.
- 17. You must obtain from the main contractor or the specialist sports surfacing contractor (as appropriate) an appropriate insurance backed warranty covering the synthetic grass pitch, or the necessary guarantees for all-natural grass pitch-related works.

For 3G Replacement Projects only

- 18. You must enter into a maintenance agreement with a specialist sub-contractor(s), who will be responsible for maintaining the synthetic grass pitch fully in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure that the specified performance standards for the pitch continue to be met. Tenderers must provide proposed maintenance programmes with their tenders.
- 19. The synthetic grass pitch must be inspected and tested by an independent specialisttesting consultant at regular intervals to ensure that the specified performance standards for the pitch continue to be met.
- 20. The contractor list to be approved by us prior to the issue of tender documents.

For Natural Grass Pitch Improvement Projects only

- 21. You must enter into a maintenance agreement with a specialist sub-contractor(s), who will be responsible for maintaining the natural grass pitch fully in accordance with recognised natural grass performance standards. Tenderers must provide proposed maintenance programmes with their tenders.
- 22. The synthetic grass pitch must be inspected and tested by an independent specialisttesting consultant at regular intervals to ensure that the specified performance standards for the pitch continue to be met.
- 23. The contractor list to be approved by us prior to the issue of tender documents.



For all SUSTAIN Projects - LED Floodlighting Conversions and Solar Panel (PV) Installation

- 24. You must enter into a maintenance agreement with a specialist sub-contractor(s), who will be responsible for maintaining the system fully in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure the ongoing efficiency of the system over the longer term. Tenderers must provide proposed maintenance programmes with their tenders.
- 25. The system(s) must be inspected and tested by an independent specialist consultant at regular intervals (no less than every 12 months as per standard electrical system testing) to ensure that the safety and operational standards and efficiency of the system(s) installed continue to be met.
- 26. The contractor list to be approved by us prior to the issue of tender documents.

For all ATTAIN Projects – Installation of New Building Infrastructure, New LED Floodlighting and/or New 3G/Natural Grass Pitch

- 27. You must establish a project design and delivery team comprising appropriately qualified individuals with evidence-able levels of professional expertise required to progress/ deliver a project of the scale as outlined in your application.
- 28. You must enter into a maintenance agreement with specialist sub-contractor(s), who will be responsible for maintaining building system fully in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure the ongoing efficiency of the system over the longer term. Tenderers must provide proposed maintenance programmes for all associated mechanical systems with their tenders.
- 29. Any system(s) must be inspected and tested by an independent specialist consultant at regular intervals (no less than every 12 months as per standard electrical system testing) to ensure that the safety and operational standards and efficiency of the system(s) installed continue to be met.
- 30. The contractor list to be approved by us prior to the issue of tender documents.
- 31. All relevant planning permissions and project-specific statutory consents must be approved before commencement of works.
- 32. All necessary building completion certifications and that for all associated systems must be provided at project completion, these being included in all associated handover documentation (e.g. O&M manuals and such like)

Operational

- 33. At the request of the Scottish FA, provide a business plan including profit and loss account, balance sheet and cashflow forecast.
- 34. At the request of the Scottish FA, provide operational model including staffing structure and booking procedures and policies, which includes details of booking priority for partner clubs.
- 35. At the request of the Scottish FA, provide a programme of use for Scottish FA approval. This must show which Clubs will use the pitches, when and for what purposes.
- 36. You must ensure that the use requirements of the key Partner Clubs referred to in the approved application are met as a priority, overuse by others.
- 37. Provide confirmation that all sources of funding are in place for the project.
- 38. Provide a copy of the Titles Deeds including coloured plan and Solicitor's letter confirming security of tenure of the area and that there are no burdens or covenants over the project site that may affect the proposed development.
- 39. Provide confirmation that you will ensure that all of the governance documents of the named key Partner Club comply with Scottish FA requirements.



- 40. You must ensure that you appoint a Business Development/Operations Manager or similar, who will have, among other duties, operational responsibility for ensuring the facility delivers against the project objectives. The postholder will be responsible for co-ordinating the week-to-week programming of the facility, the marketing and promotion of the facility, establishing links with other clubs and potential users/partners, developing community programmes and other related duties, with an emphasis on ensuring that the facility benefits not only the named key Partner Clubs, but also the local and wider community.
- 41. You must commit to work with the Scottish FA and others to develop your organisation in areas such as the strategic planning, business planning, governance, and other key business areas. A strategic plan and an action plan must be developed by you in consultation with the named key Partner Clubs and other stakeholders to our satisfaction, which you must implement within an agreed timescale.
- 42. You must confirm what Community Benefits will be delivered as part of the development, to our satisfaction. This relates to the wider social benefit that will be delivered in addition to the core purpose of the project.

Duration of Conditions

- 43. The terms and conditions of this Offer of Grant will, once accepted, apply for 25 years from the Date of Completion of the Project (from now on referred to as the 'Duration of this Grant'). Your security of tenure at the facility should be for a minimum 25 years from the Date of Completion of the Project to **Scottish FA** satisfaction.
- 44. The permanent attribution at the facility will be as follows:

Scottish FA & DCMS will supply attribution including a plaque and display boards carrying our logo to be displayed permanently at the completed facility.

45. The exact numbers and locations of the attribution will be agreed as the project proceeds and you must install this within one month of completion of the project, or prior to opening, whichever is sooner.

Monitoring

- 46. In your application you provided us with information on the expected pattern and extent of use of your facilities and the stated aims and objectives of the project. As we need to satisfy ourselves that the project is operating in accordance with our Grant, you must report annually to us on, among other things, the extent to which the project aims, and objectives and usage targets have been met. Therefore, you should take steps to monitor the impact and success of the project so that you can provide us with the relevant information. This must be provided every year on the anniversary of the completion date of your project for the duration of this Grant. In addition, dependent on your project, you may be asked to provide further information about the management and operation of the project.
- 47. Our representatives and/or nominees have the right to visit the completed facilities at any reasonable time by prior arrangement with you.



Acceptance

- 48. The closing date for acceptance of this offer is no later than *Friday 1st December at 12 Noon*.
- 49. Please read carefully the terms and conditions of this Offer of Grant. If you wish to accept this Offer of Grant, please arrange for an authorised signatories to sign the acceptance clause below and return the principal copy of this formal Offer of Grant letter to us. Keep a signed second copy for your own records.
- 50. Please note that when you sign accepting this Offer of Grant and the conditions attached to it, you are entering into a contractual agreement with **Scottish FA**. Failure to comply with these conditions will lead to the Grant being withdrawn.
- 51. Once we have received a valid acceptance from your organisation and you have met the conditions contained in this Offer of Grant to our satisfaction, we will issue you with a letter authorising you to commence the project. Unless we advise otherwise, you should not commence the project by way of tender letting, on-site start or in any other way before you receive our letter. If you do, your application will become ineligible, and the Grant will be withdrawn.

Annex 1 - Project Description

This project will invest a total of £6m capital funding across Scotland in Financial Year 2023/24.

The project objectives and outcomes for the investment in Scotland to which this grant agreement relates, are:

- To increase participation in sport across Scotland, improving the mental and physical health of participants.
- To increase the number of multi-sport facilities in the country (30% of project value) to boost participation in non-football sports.
- To reduce the postcode lottery for quality facilities by directing at least 50% of investment into Levelling up Category 1 and 2 areas as defined in the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund prospectus (or equivalent in NI) and boost participation in these areas.
- To deliver improved access to sport facilities for women and girls (100% equal access), and other under-represented groups, to increase participation in these groups.

This capital funding will deliver improvements and upgrades to existing grassroots facilities, as well as new build projects, to be identified by the Scottish FA and agreed with DCMS. This is likely to include improvements to grass pitches (e.g. drainage); artificial grass pitches (e.g. resurfacing); changing rooms and pavilions (e.g. to improve toilets or changing provision for women); goalposts and floodlights.

Funding will be awarded by the Scottish FA in each geographical area, onto local authorities and/or clubs in most cases, to deliver the works. By accepting this award, you commit to meeting the core Terms and Conditions as outlined on pages 3-6 above, and the following criteria specific to this funding award;

i) Scottish FA Football Facility Development

- to protect both current and future football participation levels:
- to continue to offer football development opportunities in a safe, attractive venue
- to actively and demonstrably promote the benefits of adopting football, and therefore healthy physical activity, as a positive lifestyle choice.
- clearly identifiable Scottish FA Member or Quality Mark accredited club(s) as 'anchor.'
- the identified facility must currently support significant levels of football development activity



 anchor club(s) development and match activity to be prioritised over recreational and/or commercial activity

ii) Facility Maintenance & Sustainability

- For 3G Replacement meeting the full cost of future surface replacement (from circa Yr 8 subject to surface quality/condition)
- For Natural Grass Pitch Improvements and all SUSTAIN projects meeting all associated improvement/replacement costs identified as part of the project e.g., floodlighting, security etc. ensuring/maximising both the use and protection of the asset.
- For 3G & Natural Grass Pitch Projects evidence of procurement of the requisite pitch maintenance equipment
- For all projects evidence of the associated staffing and specialist maintenance support contract to maintain the facilities targeted by the investment target to the highest possible standard.

Annex 2

i) Eligible Expenditure

Costs that are covered

This funding must be used for investment in capital assets that support grassroots or community sport in Scotland. Grassroots or community sport is considered to be non-professional play, which is local or community-based and sometimes dependent on volunteers. It is not necessarily competitive. It is accessible to the public and does not usually require a certain level of ability or skill to access. It can be delivered via professional club but the activity itself should meet these criteria.

Capital assets means tangible infrastructure, permanent assets, or fixtures and/or upgrades/improvements to the same. This includes pitches (grass, artificial grass (3G/4G) and small sided facilities); pitch upgrades (to any type of pitch surface, or to improve drainage or change markings); facilities including changing rooms, pavilions, toilets, and specific provision for people with disabilities e.g., ramps; goalposts; and floodlights.

The following list of costs is an example of costs that would be covered:

- Any Professional Fees which have either already been or will be incurred by 31 March 2023, for example
 - pitch quality or condition survey(s)
 - indicative cost report(s)
 - o initial project design work
 - pitch specification development
 - floodlighting survey, illuminance report or indicative costing(s)
 - specialist pitch consultant
- Any enabling works costs. These may include work related to floodlighting, prospective and/or exploratory civil works (floodlight base works, drainage works)
- Any capital expenditure for works carried out or invoices for materials ordered for your project.
- Equipment purchases related to your project e.g., goals equipment, pitch maintenance equipment (plant equip, grooming mats, drag brushes etc) or any other capital equipment purchase



Costs that are excluded

Costs which are excluded are those which are clearly resource - such as administrative staff - or those which relate to temporary items or services such as bibs, cones, balls, other sporting equipment or equipment for changing rooms/club houses such as tables, chairs, bar furniture. Some resource costs may be classified as capital if those staff members are directly involved in the delivery of a capital asset e.g. construction resource to resurface a pitch.

Definition of payment

A payment is defined as taking place at the moment when money passes out of your control. This may take place when:

- Legal tender is passed to a supplier (or, for wages, to an employee);
- A letter is posted to a supplier or employee containing a cheque; or
- An electronic instruction is sent to a bank/building society to make a payment to a supplier or employee by direct credit or bank transfer.

You <u>must not</u> deliberately incur liabilities for Eligible Expenditure in advance of need; nor pay for Eligible Expenditure sooner than the due date for payment. **ii) Ineligible Expenditure**

The following costs are not Eligible Expenditure:

- 1. Payment that supports lobbying or activity intended to influence or attempt to influence Parliament, Government, or political parties, or attempting to influence the awarding or renewal of contracts and grants, or attempting to influence legislative or regulatory action;
- 2. Using grant funding to petition for additional funding;
- 3. Input VAT reclaimable by you from HMRC;
- 4. Payments for activities of a political or exclusively religious nature;
- 5. Goods or services that You have a statutory duty to provide;
- 6. Payments reimbursed or to be reimbursed by other public or private sector grants;
- 7. Contributions in kind (i.e. a contribution in goods or services, as opposed to money);
- 8. Depreciation, amortisation, or impairment of fixed assets owned by You;
- The acquisition or improvement of Fixed Assets (with "Fixed Asset" defined as an asset that would be capitalised under DCMS's own capitalisation policy, as set out in DCMS's annual accounts) by You (unless the grant is explicitly for capital use – this will be stipulated in the Grant Offer Letter);
- 10. Interest payments (including service charge payments for finance leases);
- 11. Gifts to individuals or organisations;
- 12. Entertaining (entertaining for this purpose means anything that would be a taxable benefit to the person being entertained, according to current UK tax regulations);
- 13. Statutory fines, criminal fines, or penalties;



- 14. Liabilities incurred before the issue of this funding agreement unless agreed in writing by us;
- 15. Use in respect of costs reimbursed or to be reimbursed by funding from any other source;
- 16. Use to purchase buildings or land.

Connected Communities Head of Service: Rhona Arthur Economy & Communities (Active Schools) 2nd Floor West Cunninghame House Irvine North Ayrshire KA12 8EE



Your Ref: KSCLoS Our Ref: MR/ LHF

Wednesday 30th August 2023.

Letter of Support

Dear Kilwinning Sports Club and Scottish Football Association,

We, North Ayrshire Active Schools, are writing this Letter of Support to encourage that the Kilwinning Sports Club sports and meals programme be considered for funding through the SFA Extra-Time Grant.

The Kilwinning Sports Club project will make a vast improvement in helping provide after-school and community sport, physical activity and healthy eating education. The proposed plan would see a much-needed integration of the local primary schools, and aid in the development of good friendships and working relationships between the school pupils of the town. A programme of this magnitude would help aid in the transition to the shared secondary school, as well as help break down potential divisions between schools/areas.

Furthermore, Just under 60% of Kilwinning is in the top 20% most deprived in Scotland and the opportunity for free sport in the local community, as well as a free meal, will help break down barriers to participation in the area, as well as help individuals get a healthy, nutritious meal, whilst also getting the knowledge and education to make smart food choices. Finally, this programme would help football thrive in the community, and make use of the incredible facility that is Kilwinning Sports Club, where grassroots level football has the recipe to flourish and climb the performance pathway.

Should this programme be accepted, North Ayrshire Active Schools would help with the promotion of, and facilitation of the programme, liaising with the local schools to ensure uptake and participation was as high as effectively possible. Active Schools and Kilwinning Sports Club would look to provide paid employment to local coaches, encouraging a high-level of coaching and engagement at the sessions.

To conclude, North Ayrshire Active Schools whole-heartly support the Kilwinning Sports Clubs sport and meals programme and see it having a massive benefit to the young people and community of Kilwinning.

Sincerely,

Martyn Rae, Active Schools Coordinator.



Grant Body	Fund	Date Submitted	Grant Request	Grant Amount
Scottish Football Partnership	Gofitba Project	Jan-21	Summer Holiday Program	2327
North Ayrshire Council	Youth PB	Oct-21	Free Fitness Class for Girls S1-S6	1000
CVS Arran	Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund	Oct-21	Suicide Prevention Peer Support Group	9214
Scottish Government	Investing in Communities	Jun-22	Employability Project	330,299
North Ayrshire Council	CIF Kilwinning Locality	Jun-22	Tennis Court Installation	55000
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CVS Arran	Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund	Oct-22	Suicide Prevention Peer Support Group	18126
North Ayrshire Council	Place Based Investment Programme	Mar-23	Tennis Court Installation Gap Funding	31208
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Barclays Bank	Barclays Community Football Fund	Apr-23	to help you make football more accessible for underrepresented young people in your community.	500
UK Government	UKSPV Levelling Up	Jul-23	Pavilion Refurbishment	20,000

North Ayrshire Council	Youth PB	Sep-23	Tennis Equipment	1000
Scottish Football Association	Grassroots Facilities Fund	Sep-23	Pavilion Refurbishment	30
Scottish Football Association	Grassroots Facilities Fund	Sep-23	Floodlight & Clubhouse LED Replacement	37,125
Energy Saving Trust	Energy Reduction Initiative	Sep-23	Floodlight & Clubhouse LED Replacement	20,000 + £14882 Loan
CVS Arran	Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund	Oct-23	Suicide Prevention Peer Support Group	19626
Tescos	Tescos Stronger Start Grant	Nov-23	Equipment for Mini Kickers	500
SFA	Grassroot Community Football	Feb-24	McDonalds Project - £2000 - Free Football every Saturday for 5–12-	2000
SFA	Scottish Gas 2024 - Pan Football Festivals	Feb-24	– This was to run and deliver a programme for children in the	2000
SFA	Network Rail Programme	Feb-24	CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAMME	2000
SFA	Cashback Programme	Feb-24	CashBack 4 communites- £3000- This was to deliver 3 weeks of football	3000
SFA	UEFA REFUGEE PROGRAMME	Apr-24	We have been working with a group of Syrian girls, delivering football	1000
SFA	SR10	Feb-24	This was a contribution towards an excellent	1000
Barclays Bank	Barclays Community Football Fund	Apr-24	Pavilion Refurbishment	5000

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Time Period	Decision Outcome
1 Year	Successful
1 Year	Successful
1 Year	Successful
3 Years	Successful
1 Year	Successful
TBC December 2024	Successful

1 Year	Successful	
TBC December 2024	Successful	
TBC March 2023	Successful	
TBC March 2023	Successful	
1 Year	Successful	
N/A	Successful	
1 year	Successful	
N/A	Unsuccessful	

TOWN CHARITABLE TRUST APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2024/25

Town Charitable Trust Criteria - In terms of the trust deed there are 3 purposes for which assistance may be given:

Purpose A - the prevention or relief of poverty;

Purpose B - the provision of recreational facilities or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended; and

Purpose C - the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Town Charitable Trust
Corsehill PS Parent Council	The grant application from Corsehill Primary Parent Council aims to secure funding for the construction of a new playpark. The total cost of the project is £75,000, and they are requesting £25,000 from the Town Charitable Trust. The groups have already sourced £50,000. The park will be DDA compliant and be open to all.	£25,000	n/a

Communities & Housing, Finance and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

Finance: There is £34,437 available for disbursement but please note there is currently £31,000 in applications awaiting approval. £30,000 for Kilwinning Pavilion and £1,000 for Kilwinning Scout Group. If previous applications are approved there would be insufficient funds available for this grant. Also, the quote attached is from 2021 with no indication of what the current costs would be.

Legal:

The funds held in this Trust are primarily for Purpose A, with a small amount held for Purpose C. The Trustees may award grants for Purpose B if more applications have been made for that purpose and the Trustees consider granting funds for that purpose will most effectively relieve need amongst the persons who have applied for or are eligible for financial support.

It is my view that this application would fit the criteria of Purpose B in that recreational activities are being provided to improve conditions of life, however as previously stated, a grant for Purpose B should only be made if there is a surplus of funds held for Purposes A and C due to insufficient eligible applications meeting those Trust purposes to exhaust the annual total amount available.

Communities & Housing:

If funding was available for this application the primary purpose of the grant aligns with Purpose B of the Town Charitable Trust criteria, which focuses on providing recreational facilities or activities to enhance the quality of life for the intended beneficiaries. In this case, the new playpark will serve as a recreational facility, directly benefiting the children attending Corsehill Primary School and the wider community. **Caution:** This is an external email and could be malicious. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi Sharon

Further to your request for an updated quote, I am unfortunately unable to provide this. The quote only lasts for 1 month, so it would be out of date again by the time the locality partnership meet, and its also our last free quote so would incur future costs to the group when we require the final quote just before the work is carried out. Prices will not have gone down since this quote, if anything they will only have risen, therefore the amount we requested will definitely be required for the equipment. I hope this information helps with the decision for you to proceed with the quotes we have given you.

Thank you

Wendy crighton

Sent from my iPhone

TOWN CHARITABLE TRUST APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2024/25

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Purpose A - the prevention or relief of poverty;

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Purpose C - the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Town Charitable Trust
19 th Ayrshire Scout Group	Looking for a small contribution towards supporting the 19 th Ayrshire Kilwinning Group weekend annual camp held in Lapwing Lodge, Paisley	£1,000	n/a

Communities & Housing, Finance and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

Finance:

There is £4,437 available for disbursement.

Legal:

The funds held in this Trust are primarily for Purpose A, with a small amount held for Purpose C. The Trustees may award grants for Purpose B if more applications have been made for that purpose and the Trustees consider granting funds for that purpose will most effectively relieve need amongst the persons who have applied for or are eligible for financial support.

I am on the fence as to whether the application would be deemed as fitting the criteria for purposes A&C as I am not sure it directly alleviates poverty, albeit providing free meals and activities. The trustees may consider it to fit the criteria if the children/their families are from deprived/disadvantaged backgrounds and would not be able to partake in the event without this being funded and it think it is ultimately up to the trustees to satisfy themselves that granting the application will be a beneficial use of the trust funds and it is at the discretion of the Trustees as to whether this would meet the trust conditions.

It is my view that this application is more likely to fit the criteria of Purpose B in that recreational activities are being provided to improve conditions of life, however as previously stated, a grant for Purpose B should only be made if there is a surplus of funds held for Purposes A and C due to insufficient eligible applications meeting those Trust purposes to exhaust the annual total amount available.

Communities & Housing:

Currently there is £34,437 (£30k pending with another funding application). This application meets the criteria under Purpose B.



Locality Partnership: Kilwinning Locality

Date: 11 September 2024

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2024/25 Elderly Grants Fund.

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

Background

Applications have been received in respect of the 2024/25 Elderly Grants Fund.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

The balance available for disbursement are bullet pointed below:

• The 2024/25 Elderly Grants Fund has a balance of £6,463.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

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

For more information please contact: Angela Morell, Senior Manager, Connected Communities, 2nd Floor Cunninghame House, Irvine. Email - amorrell@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Completed by: Sharon Fleming Grants & Performance Officer Email: sharonfleming@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Date: 12 August 2024

APPENDIX 1

ELDERLY GRANTS FUND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2024/25

Grant Allocation for Kilwinning LPP Area £ 6,463

Group	Purpose of Grant		ant Allocated to oup	Amou	nt Requested
Landward Old Folks Welfare Committee	Contribution to over 65's for day trips and Christmas Dinner. Pay for coach hire to and from Christmas Dinner and day trips. Afternoon Tea and home-made dinner at Blacklands Bowling Club.	£	3,447	£	3,447
Kilwinning Burgh Old Peoples Welfare Committee	No application received – reminder issued	£	3,016	£	3,016
		TO	TAL	£	6,463



Locality Partnership: Kilwinning Locality Partnership

Date: 19th June 2024

Subject: Residential Development on site to south west of Mossculloch Farm, Kilwinning, Ayrshire

Purpose: Decide 3 street names for the new development.

Background

Keepmoat Homes Ltd has contacted Planning Services requesting street names for the development of 85 houses on the site to south west of Mossculloch Farm, located off Old Glasgow Road in Kilwinning.

The Council has a statutory obligation under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to give a name to each new street built within the Council area. The chosen names, along with house numbers, would become the official postal addresses, with postcodes provided by Royal Mail.

An outline plan of the development is available as an appendix showing the proposed three streets. There would be one long street through the development from west to east (street 1). Two other streets (streets 2 and 3) would branch off street 1 and connect back into the street forming 2 loops.

The development requires 3 new street names. The houses facing onto Old Glasgow Road (B778) to the east of the site would have Old Glasgow Road as their address.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

A proposed street naming and numbering plan is available along with a list of proposed name suggestions.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

Choose 3 new street names for the development.

For more information please contact: *Lisa Dempster or Kirsty Gee, Planning Technicians,* 01294 324319, <u>snn@north-ayrshire.gov.uk</u>

Completed by: Lisa Dempster and Kirsty Gee

Date: June 2024

Street Name Suggestions	Background
Threadmill Place	BackgroundThreadmill Burn is located to the north of the site and flows into the River Garnock to the west. Threadmill Bridge which passes over the Threadmill Burn is location to the north-west of the site on Blair Road. A footpath connection from the new development would be formed to the west of the site and would provide access to Blair Road and Threadmill Bridge.
Ardoch Crescent	Ardoch Farm is located to the north-east of the site and is accessible from the site via both Old Glasgow Road (B778) to the east and Blair Road to the west.
Castleton Crescent	Castleton Farm is located to the north-east of the site and is accessible from the site via both Old Glasgow Road (B778) to the east and Blair Road to the west.
Cousland Place	James Cousland was one of the architects for the Former Mansefield Church of Scotland that was built in 1859 and is located at Howgate in Kilwinning.
Boucher Crescent	James Boucher was the other architect that worked on the Former Mansefield Church of Scotland.
Cordiner Crescent	Thomas Smith Cordiner was the architect for the new St. Winning's R.C. Church that was built in 1937 and is located on St Winning's Lane in Kilwinning.

Street Name Suggestions	Background
McLaughlan	Footballer, Alexander better known by all as Sandy, Airnworks Born 1936. Legendary Goalie played Kilmarnock, Sunderland and Scotland died 1990
Lynch	Robert Lynch - Popular Kilwinning Doctor who lived in Kilwinning with strong community interests including Rotary. Died 2018
Forbes	Moira Forbes - Popular Kilwinning Doctor who lived in Kilwinning with strong community interests golf and badminton .
McCreadie	Stuart McCreadie - Popular Kilwinning Doctor who qualified in 1963 then moving to Kilwinning from the late 1960s to practice with strong community interests including Bridge where he was an Ayrshire master and the local Church.
Reid	Reverent Ian Reid MBE parish minister late 1970 to early 80s did a lot for the community.
Masons Wynd	Kilwinning Masonic Links and depth of history.
St Thomas Walk	Masonic Links to Kilwinning and historic links.
Fife Park	The Fife family-owned property close by and children referred to the fields as Fife park or fields.
Scaife	David Scaife well known bowler, Club secretary, singer and ambassador for Kilwinning highly regarded for his work to Bring Christmas back to Kilwinning.
Hazeldene Gardens, Close and Avenue etc	Suggestion due to the closeness of Hazeldene Park, carry on that preface



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Locality Partnership: Kilwinning Locality Partnership

Date: Wednesday 11 September 2024

Subject: Locality Action Plan 2024/25

Purpose: The Locality Partnership are asked to approve the content of the draft 2024/25 Locality Action Plan.

Background

In accordance with the Community Empowerment (2015) Act, each Locality Partnership is legally required to have an action plan.

Locality Action Plans should:

- Be focussed, prioritised, locally relevant and evidence based
- Tackle inequalities
- Be about working in partnership

Locality Action Plans will not:

- Contain everything that is relevant to the area
- Be a wish list
- Cover "business as usual"

Key Points for Locality Partnership

In December 2023 the Locality Partnership approved the 2023/24 action plan. The draft action plan for 2024/25 is attached at appendix 1 of this report.

The Locality Partnership should note that:

- Locality Action Plans will be updated annually. Actions that span multiple years can remain on the action plan with annual updates provided.
- The Action Plan will be a standing item on future meeting agendas.
- Moving forward, Action Plans will be reviewed and approved during the June round of Locality meetings to allow for thorough discussion and engagement with the Partnership and Community Planning Partners

Action Required by Locality Partnership

The Locality Partnership are asked to approve the draft 2024/25 Action Plan

Completed by: Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer

Action	Who?	When?	Locality Priority
Continue to work in partnership to carry out joint patrols in the locality to reduce antisocial	Police Scotland	Summer 2025	Improving community Wellbeing
behaviour.	Kilwinning Locality Team		
	Locality Partnership		
Support volunteering opportunities within the	Kilwinning Locality Team	Summer 2025	Supporting Skills and Work
Locality.	The Ayrshire Community Trust		Improving Community Wellbeing
	Police Scotland		Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equity of Access to Opportunities
	Active Schools		
Continue to engage and work in partnership with local agencies and community groups to address	Kilwinning Locality Team	Summer 2025	Supporting Skills and Work
each of the Kilwinning Priorities.	Locality Partnership		Improving Community Wellbeing Alleviating Poverty and Promoting
	Community Planning Partners		Equity of Access to Opportunities
	Local Community Groups		Improving our Local Environment
	Kilwinning Library Staff		
Explore and gather data on skills gaps and recruitment in Kilwinning, to understand the	Employability Team	Summer 2025	Supporting Skills and Work
current landscape.	Kilwinning Locality Team		Improving Community Wellbeing Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equity of Access to Opportunities



Nomination Form Locality Partnerships Community Representative

1. Personal Details

Title: Mr

Forename: Colin

Surname: Young

Address:

Postcode: T

Tel. No:

Email:

2. Please tell us which Locality Partnership you are applying to join (mark an X in the relevant box below)

Garnock Valley	Irvine
Kilwinning X	North Coast
Three Towns	

3. Please tell us about any current and previous experience of working in a group or committee.

Date or Year	Role or description of your involvement
May 2006- present	Aces development officer

4. Have you (or the person you are nominating) undertaken voluntary work in the last 5 years?

Yes X No

If you answered **yes** to the above question, please tell us provide the following information: Kilwinning LP -Pg 47

Date or Year	Volunteer Role/Title	Organisation/company name and aims
2005- 2020	Chairperson	Woodwynd community association

5. Please tell us about any other experience that you (or the person you are nominating) have that might be relevant to this nomination?

Currently supporting woodwynd community and Kilwinning community

6. Please tell us of any assistance you (or the person you are nominating) would need to help undertake the duties as a member of the Locality Partnership.*

N/A

7 . Why do you (or the person you are nominating) want to be a member of your Locality Partnership?

To help support /advise with decisions in Kilwinning

Proposer

Please give the name and contact details of one person who has known you (or the person you are nominating) in a personal or community capacity for at least two years and who would be prepared to support your nomination:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel. No:

Email:

Declaration

I confirm that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.

A Locality Partnership member appointment is a public appointment, which is of interest to individuals and services within North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership. I understand that if I am appointed my name will be released to the Locality for which this group was established to enable me to fulfil my duties as a member.

Signed: colin Young

If you are completing this form on behalf of a proposed nominee, please ask them to agree to this nomination by signing below:

Signed:

Date:

Date: 5/July

Please note this information (with the exception of your contact details within Q1 and information given at Q5 and your proposer's contact details) will be shared with all attendees at the Locality Partnership meeting. Your contact details will be held by the Community Planning Team within North Ayrshire Council and we will use these to contact you about Locality Partnership and Community Planning matters only.

Please return this completed form to the Community Planning Team at communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Self Evaluating Previous Year's Plan:

Team: Kilwinning LP	Lead Partner/Officer: Louise Riddex
Target: To evaluate the Kilwinning Locality Partnership Action Plan for April 23 – March 24.	

Action	Traffic Light Score	Impact
Work in partnership to carry out joint patrols in the locality to reduce antisocial behaviour.	Green	 Detached Streetwork sessions took place from April 21 until Sept 23. Partnership with Police Scotland Engagement took place with an average of 23 Young People each week.

Provide youthwork and adult learning opportunities to improve knowledge and wellbeing.	Green	 9 youth groups were available to Young People in Kilwinning each session (Apr-June '23, Sept-Dec '23 & Jan-March '24, Apr-June '24) Holiday Meals programme ran in the summer from 2 venues in Kilwinning, which included groupwork activities and learning such as 1st aid awareness. 7 Learning/Groupwork opportunities were available to adults within Kilwinning each session (Apr-June '23, Sept-Dec '23 & Jan-March '24, Apr-June '24) 12 adults have completed the bronze Discovery Award and have moved on to Silver level. Various training opportunities were offered to the community. These included book keeping, good governance, Naloxone, and FUnding workshops. Transition work with P7s from all Kilwinning Primary School shas been available. A total of 70 young people participated in the sessions throughout the course of the programme. 19 achieved Hi 5 Award. 47 young people between all youth work provision in Kilwinning achieved a Hi 5 or Dynamic award in Kilwinning which is an accredited award. System Changers Group became operational in Kilwinning which consisted of staff from various departments, as well as community volunteers/reps. They held successful cooking groups, Coffee & Chats and Afternoon Tea dance.
Continue locality hub approach in Kilwinning library to provide information and support to locality.	Green	 Various services are/have been based within the office at Kilwinning library. These include library staff, Aberlour, Corra, CRUSE, Carers service, Family Wellbeing. Support such as Mental Health and Cost of Living support/referrals has been provided to people coming into the library. Some of the support around Mental Health was quite intense for the team. Through the hub approach there has been various pieces of joint work that has taken place.

Increase access to information in relation to money advice, energy support and what is on in the local community. Including engaging with the relevant community groups around community notice boards.	Green	 Community Noticeboard is operational in Kilwinning Town Centre. Virtual Community Centre, and other online platforms have been used to promote youth and community groups and events. Community Larders provide access to advice/support around the Cost of Living. Advice/Support available from Credit Union. Advice/support given to Community Associations regarding community events. Information shared with contacts around the services that CAP (Christians Against Poverty) provide.
Increase access to emergency foodbank provision and community larders.	Green	 Foodbank referral slips are now available for staff to give out from the Hub in Kilwinning Library. 2 Food Larders are operational in the locality with an average of 82 people attending weekly (average figures taken between AprJune '24).
Improve the environment around Kilwinning Library. Green Health Partnership	Green	 TCV volunteers have been working on improving the area in front of the library. Library staff and volunteers have raised beds with a mix of veg and plants out the back of the library to help improve the look of the area. TCV have have now moved on from Kilwinning to another locality. CLD staff are looking to pick up some of the group gardening activities that were taking place in Kilwinning.
Improve the local environment with community litter picking.	Green	 Kilwinning Litter Pickers continue to carry out community litter picks. Community Groups also carry out occasional litter picks.

Engage and work in partnership with local agencies and community groups to address each of the Kilwinning priorities.	Amber	 Locality Network meetings have been taking place each quarter, looking at how services can work together to work on the Locality Priorities. More focus is to be given on this by different services. Locality Chit Chats were put on to engage with the Local Community to identify their needs around the Locality Priorities. Unfortunately these were very poorly/not attended by the community. Looking at returning to Working groups and inviting participants through participation by experience model to look at addressing the locality priorities. Working on the provision of CIF information Workshops to encourage communities to look at how they can help address the locality priorities, utilising CIF. Initial workshop will take place on 30th September at 6pm in Kilwinning Library.
Deliver accredited courses to young and older people.	Green	 15 over 50s are completing their Discovery Award Qualification. 12 are currently on silver and 3 are working on bronze. 47 Young People achieved Hi5 or Dynamic Youth Award.
Growing opportunities and developing lifelong learning strategies within the locality by increasing engagement with community members over the age of 50, i.e. Discovery Award.	Green	 Discovery Award group had 15 members attending. Stroll with it Kilwinning had 7 members attending. Friends Of North Ayrshire Group had 2 members over 50 attending. Me and My Wellbeing Group had 4 members over 50 attending. Older Peoples Voice Participation Structure has been developed. Work is taking place on the development of Kilwinning Older People's Voice Network.

COMMUNITY LEARNING & -DEVELOPMENT NORTH AYRSHIRE

NORTH AYRSHIRE CONNECTED COMMUNTIES NORTH AYRSHIRE YOUTH WORK, ADULT LEARNING AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY

STRATEGIC QUARTERLY UPDATE

AUGUST 2024 Donna Anderson, Anne-Marie Hunter, Denise Fraser & Leanne Hillan-Fowler



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/communit y-learning-development-plan.pdf

YOUTH WORK

Contact: youthwork@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

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.

YOUNG PEOPLES VOICE & RIGHTS

Members of Scottish Youth Parliament

Our MSYPs attended the national sitting of the Scottish Youth Parliament in July. Along with the Scotland wide membership they were involved in an anti sectarianism programme training.

MSYPs were working on the SYP manifesto consultation launch. The first step is to ask young people what issues they think need to be included in the manifesto. Then later this year, our MSYPs will work together to create policies that can tackle these issues if implemented.

At the last sitting the 3 campaign areas for the next 2 years were voted as:

- Increased mental health training and education
- Invest in and protect youth work services
- End gender-based violence



SYP recently announced the national campaigns publicly and have already received a large amount of support from organisations across Scotland, from third sector partners to Members of Scottish Parliament (MSPs). At the sitting, the campaign training sessions gave the opportunity to set the groundwork for what they know about these campaign topics, what other advocacy work is being done in Scotland and how they can work alongside it, and what they hope to achieve through these campaigns in the next two years. The campaigns could take a lot of different formats from creating resources and training, to hosting a public event to improve conversations, to writing to decision makers about new legislation.

Consultation workshops help shape national policy and as such our MSYPs took part in:

- CW 1 Transitions to Adulthood for Disabled Young People.
- CW 2 Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry Workshop 2 Mental Health and Digital Inclusion.
- CW 3 Artificial Intelligence in the Children's Hearings System.
- CW 4 Education Reform What Should Happen Next?
- CW 5 Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights): State of Children's Rights Report.
- CW 6 Learning for Sustainability Project Phase 2 Workshop.

Our MSYPs have also been meeting regularly including Executive Youth Council, attending summer events and programmes, volunteering and working on individual projects.



YOUNG PEOPLES VOICE & RIGHTS

Educational Visit to Houses of Parliament

In partnership with the UK Parliament Education Centre we secured spaces for a group of young people from North Ayrshire to attend an educational visit around Parliament, including watching some of the live House Of Commons. 23 young people including Executive Youth Council, MSYPs, Garnock Valley Youth Forum, North Coast Youth Forum and Greenwood Youth Forum travelled down with youth services staff for the event.

The event itself allowed the groups to meet up beforehand and get to know each other. We were guided round Parliament to learn more about how it works, took part in a debating class and were visited by MP Alan Gemmell who took time out of his day to meet with the young people for a Q&A and for him to share his own journey into politics. Even more so as Alan was one of our young people who was integral to the setting up of the Scottish Youth Parliament when it first started. The trip was a first for many of our young people who had never travelled without parents or carers or even out of the country.

Alan had quoted: "I was inspired meeting this brilliant group of young people from North Ayrshire yesterday. They asked great questions - and I hope to see some of them in politics. We are lucky to have such great youth workers in North Ayrshire - thank you for making this visit happen!"



One of our young people said of the trip: "I learned so much socially and culturally, I learned to be more receptive and understanding of the difference in those environments. I also learned about how Parliament works in a bit more detail and was able to engage with that learning physically. I could actually see parliament working while being told about its history, how it functions, what it looks like and how it operates so it definitely gave a new perspective.

I was also able to create and develop a lot of friendships. One area I really struggle with is being able to connect socially with people, making new friends can be challenging and I think that's maybe exacerbated here by the fact I'm no longer in school. I was worried that maybe I still wouldn't fit in during this trip and I was thinking of backing out but I stayed on and committed to enduring that discomfort, and I'm really glad that I did because I actually did develop and create some friendships - that was a massive thing for me.

YOUTH WORK

YOUNG PEOPLES VOICE & RIGHTS

This was also my first time down in London, and it's the farthest south I've ever been - I've never even left the UK, and so my experience of going to places like London or even Orkney have came from being involved in youthwork. My family is very working class so if it wasn't for being involved in youthwork and the exec, I don't think I would have had this opportunity for many years. I'm really grateful for that."





HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Arran Pride

North Ayrshire Youth Services team were joined by 40 young people from MSYPs and exec Members, Garnock Valley Youth Forum, North Coast Youth Forum, Irvine Youth Legacy Hub, Young Carers, and key youth participation representatives from across our six localities, as the team journeyed to Arran in June to celebrate Arran Pride.

The community event is one of the biggest in Arran's events calendar and Youth Services climbed aboard the Youth Services Mobile Youth Centre to tour the island and be part of the action.





The equalities forum stayed the night before at Arran Outdoor Centre to take part in some cold water therapy, teambuilding and preparing their banner for the next day.

Youth Work Modern Apprentice, Rachel Allison said: "The atmosphere was incredible, and the island was beautifully decorated with Pride colours to show visitors how welcoming they are there of the LGBT community. We visited on Saturday to run mental health and mindfulness workshops, do some glitter festival style face painting and

help spread the word of the power of youth work and our Equalities Forum which focuses on creating a fairer and more equal North Ayrshire for all young people – particularly those in marginalised groups such as LGBT youth, New Scots and our peers who are from the care experienced community. Thanks to everyone who travelled over with us and to the event organisers Arran Pride for an incredible weekend to remember!"

For LGBT support available locally visit: <u>LGBT support (north-ayrshire.gov.uk)</u> Or give Youth Services a follow via Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/nayouthservices</u> or X: <u>https://x.com/NAYouthServices</u>



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Outdoors For Wellbeing

Our Outdoors for Wellbeing camp brought together 27 primary 4 -7 aged young people for a week of wellbeing activity, using indoor and outdoor activities to help our young people experience the power of nature through a range of different methods promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. Partners and professionals came along each day and held different activities with the young people.



This programme had such a diverse range of activities and different things for our young people to get involved with and learn.

- The MHWB Officer, along with our Modern Apprentices delivering arts, crafts and nature walks
- Scottish Sports Futures who delivered sports and wellbeing workshops.
- Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator delivered team building activities, camp fire building, fire lighting, hot chocolate and roasting marshmallows.
- North Ayrshire Countryside Rangers who delivered bird watching walks, Moth ID workshop and minibeast hunts
- North Ayrshire Councils Energy Awareness Officer and Biodiversity Officer came along and held sustainability scavenger hunt and an interactive timeline of biodegradability activities
- Hoots and Owls interactive bird display group came along with a variety of different owls and held a educational handling session with our group.
- North Ayrshire council Climate Change ambassadors and the Executive Youth Council helped facilitate the group with a park litter pick.
- The whole weeks activities were finished off with a outdoors Yoga session in the woods.

This programme opened young minds to nature, they learned new skills and found different ways to understand and spend time in nature away from devices.

CLIMATE CHANGE

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Vicki Andrew, the MHWB Project Delivery Officer said:

"Starting off with a series of outdoor adventure days with a mental health focus – the Outdoors for Wellbeing summer camp booked up within a matter of hours after the call-out went live on social media. Our hope was that by taking part, the young people would have the chance to explore the great outdoors, taking time in beautiful surroundings to learn about nature, biodiversity and most importantly have fun."

The week long event was a massive success with so much positive feedback from participants and their parents/carers.

"I enjoyed meeting new people, the fire building and the owl visits were my most favourite but I enjoyed all of it, Thank you for the chance to come! I made new friends I enjoyed finding and learning about bugs and mini beasts, I feel I learned a lot I wouldn't have handled a frog, a worm or a beetle before." - Young Person

"With regards to the last five days of your club, the boys have learned so much on many different and highly interesting and diverse subjects from art to outdoor activities and many more. A club can only be as good as those presenting all subject matters and I have to say from the feedback I have had from the boys the staff were of the highest quality. They showed



great patience, knowledge and understanding of the various needs and character of all the young people taking everything into consideration this was a wonderful five days and I would have no hesitation of recommending it to everyone I know and I hope something similar will be available in the future. Congratulations and thank you." - Parent

"I have been really struggling with my health at the moment which has impacted my ability to go outdoors and do activities with my daughter, this week has given her a break from her care giver role and allowed her to have fun with her peers. My daughter has been more chatty and had more energy due to this week she has made friends with new people and learned lots of new skills." -Parent

"This week has been fantastic for her she has come home every day excited to share her day, there has been such a variety of learning in the most fun and interactive ways. The outdoors has definitely increased her positivity and wellbeing. Well done all!!" - Parent



Drama for Wellbeing

Performers receive standing ovation at HAC drama showcase

Youth Services returned to the Harbour Arts Centre in August for a week-long drama workshop. This year, the North Ayrshire Drama for Wellbeing sessions were attended by over 35 young performers aged between 6 to 15 years old.

Following a series of workshops throughout the week with a mental health and wellbeing focus, the hard work of the children and young people was celebrated on Friday, August 9 with a show-stopping on-stage performance to the Provost, special guests and family members.

Some of the young performers have already been used to the stage, starring in amateur drama and local dance school productions. However, for others, this was their first time in the spotlight.

Youth Worker Vicki Andrew led the workshops throughout the week supported by drama facilitators working in the industry. She said: *"I am incredibly proud* of our talented performers. The free workshops were fully booked. We were really amazed how well received the uptake was as the aspiring performers were able to discover the power of youth work via confidence-building and



wellbeing sessions. It's been great to welcome performers who were with us last summer too, they've grown so much!

"In our performance we wanted to convey the power of confidence and resilience and demonstrate the power of drama in doing this through building a positive mindset, creative expression, self-esteem and encouraging self-belief levels - everything our students learned throughout the week. The transferable skills gained through this drama experience means that our young people can carry this with them through life supporting communication, teamwork and leadership, listening and responding, creativity, critical thinking and problem solving alongside time management and research. These skills can help with school, relationships and beyond. They surpassed our expectations and were absolute superstars, I'm delighted that their performance was so well-received, they couldn't believe that they got a standing ovation. I'm so proud of each and every one of them."



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One parent said: "The singing was incredible, and the drama was really moving, it was also brilliant to see Makaton being part of the performance too. I was deeply moved by the production and it's great to hear from my daughter and her friends that they've been able to learn some valuable performance skills and develop techniques to be more mentally resilient ahead of the new school term."

The programme is a brilliant example of how the Council continues to champion children and young people's rights – building their confidence and encouraging them to learn new skills beyond the classroom.

Drama for Wellbeing also centres around the Council's ongoing work around The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) - an important, legally binding agreement which outlines the fundamental rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities.

In this case, the workshop focusses on Article 13 – freedom of expression and Article 31 – the right to relax, play, learn and develop.



Rhonda Leith, Head of Information and Culture shared: "Well done to the colleagues across Youth Services who have been back on the road this summer to support our communities with a host of youth work activities over the school holidays. The youth work delivered at Drama for Wellbeing demonstrates how the Council is dedicated to providing safe and supportive environments for children and young people thrive, be themselves, have their say on what matters to them, and most importantly have fun across various local venues. It was incredible seeing everyone perform at the Harbour Arts Centre as they experienced what it is like to be on the stage at one of North Ayrshire's most prominent venues for arts and culture."



Dyke Of Edinbyrgh

North Ayrshire Youth Services have shared their congratulations to Ross Muir, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator – winner at in the national YouthLink Scotland Awards.

Nominated by his colleagues and young people for his work with the Duke of Edinburgh Award outdoors, the local 'Mountain Man' scooped the coveted Outdoor Learning and Environment Award at the annual YouthLink awards ceremony.

Held on Wednesday, June 12 at the Double Tree Hilton in Glasgow, the annual award ceremony is a celebration of the power of youth work across Scotland.



His colleague and nominator Donna Anderson, Youth Participation and Democracy lead said: "We are absolutely over the moon that Ross came out on top. Ross is North Ayrshire's very own mountain man and he is so driven and passionate about helping young people to conquer their barriers. Making connections outdoors is so important to him and is central to his work. His love for the outdoors really is contagious. I nominated him on behalf of Youth Services because his hard work and commitment to outdoor youth work opportunities and the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme has been unsurpassed."

Ross has over two decades of experience and has supported thousands of young people over the years to unlock their potential outdoors and make a lasting impact in their local communities.



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In the last year alone, he has supported over 400 young people in delivering over 5,000 voluntary hours locally, including foodbanks, charity shops and ASN sports support. He has also championed outdoor expeditions, identifying exciting outdoor activities like mountain-climbing and orienteering, and is always on the look-out for more ways that he can harness the power of youth work to give back to local communities.

Head of Service for Connected Communities Rhonda Leith, said: "Ross's passion for the great outdoors and youth development has earned him the coveted accolade. He continues to be a source of inspiration for to us all and we are delighted that he came out on top, being recognised at a national level. Through his leadership, young people have been able to discover the transformative power of nature, gaining essential life skills along the way. He is a true embodiment of the Council's values of focus, passion and inspiration and we are so grateful to have his expertise on board, leaving a lasting legacy across North Ayrshire's six localities."

Ross said, "I am still absolutely in shock to be nominated, so to have won the Outdoor Learning category is just unbelievable. Thank you so much to everyone for their support, what a brilliant start of the summer for me! There were so many inspirational people at the ceremony, it was amazing just to be sitting alongside them and listening to their stories. The focus for the Duke of Edinburgh over the coming year and beyond is to keep promoting and offering the Award to as many young people as possible. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with all of our school coordinators and youth workers locally to help young people across our six localities to realise their potential. They are the ones that keep the Award alive here in North Ayrshire and who continue to put us on the map in this important area of youth work."

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards offer a wealth of exciting development opportunities for young people to learn new skills and realise their full potential.

For more information about the Duke of Edinburgh programme and other youth work opportunities, visit the Youth Groups and Organisations Council webpage.



Active Schools have had an amazing quarter to finish off the Academic year!

Extra Cyrricylar Programmes

We have had a total of 9181 distinct participants take part in our extra curricular programmes across all primary, secondary and ASN schools. The team have worked hard to make sure our programmes are inclusive and open to all ages and stages.

Events

We have delivered 81 sport and physical activity events across the school year with 5300 participants attending. Again schools from across all sectors have attended. These range from netball, football, dance to boccia, basketball and rugby.

Volynteers

We currently have 98% of all our programmes being delivered by volunteers which include young people, teachers, parents and club representatives. We are delighted by the dedication shown by our volunteers to make sure they are providing high quality sport and physical activity sessions to our North Ayrshire young people.





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Leggership

This year seen 1003 P6/7 young people trained to deliver playground games using our Move and Improve resource. These young people have then went on and delivered multi sessions to their peers to keep them active at break and lunch times.

This year has seen 120 Young Ambassadors complete their Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond stages. Their role has been to promote, motivate and inspire other young people to get involved in sport in their schools, clubs and local communities. The young people involved have also supported the delivery of clubs and events.

185 young people from across 9 secondary schools and ASN school completed their North Ayrshire Sports Academy qualifications and volunteering with us in early July. The participating young people gained more than 15 national governing body qualifications and in house workshops. They also all received a saltire award for their volunteering and contribution to sport. Many of the young people also completed their level 6 SQA qualification in Leadership as part of their journey. This year's cohort reached over 3000 hours of volunteering within their own schools and community.





Sportscotland School Sport Awards

This year has been a record year for our schools. With support of their Active Schools Co-ordinator, schools have worked hard to gain these awards. The award looks at all aspects of school sport from curriculum PE, teacher training all the way to extra curricular provision and access to national events.

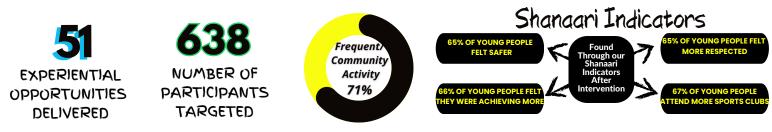


Those schools awaiting should be granted these no later than October.

Active Schools and Community Partnership Officers

The Aim of these roles:

Work with key partners/stakeholders to remove the barriers for young people within Care Experience and to access Sport and Physical Activity opportunities across North Ayrshire to lead a healthier lifestyle.



We are so looking forward to the next Academic year and making sure we provide even more sport and physical activity opportunities for our North Ayrshire young people.

If you would like more details on any of our work please contact naactiveschools@north-ayrshire.gov.uk







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NASA 2023/24 GRADUATION

- "I was nervous about taking part with all the different people that were there. I was also nervous about going to other schools. I really enjoyed it and it was good to get the certificates"
- Lockhart Staff Quote "Taking part in NASA boosted the participants confidence and self belief at a crucial time in their life. The course helped to break down barriers and has helped the leaders to thrive academically and socially."





OCEAN'S YOUTH TRUST BOAT TRIP

Q. Now that you're back on land, do you notice any changes in yourself?

A. "I have been a lot more open minded and a lot more helpful with my mum doing the dishes or cooking more. I feel I have been a lot happier since I have been home which is really good. I feel more confident all of the time now."

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- "It was good. I was so tired but good now. I didn't think I could manage going to the mainland for the night but I did and didn't even worry!"
- "I loved all of it. I especially liked meeting new people and i have a new bestie. I didn't realise I could do so many sports and be quite good at it!"
- "I was a bit nervous and anxious because I didn't know many people, but then I built up the courage to speak to people and I loved it"
- Staff Quote- "It is so exciting to see how a pupil can begin to realise their own potential through initiatives such as this and the effective partnership working between everyone. Thank you."









POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

Corporate Parenting Symmer Programme



The summer programme offered whole family support to mitigate the impacts of poverty and bringing young people together by offering Care Experienced young people a chance to try new things, get out the house and build relationships with others who may have similar experiences to them. It offered chances to connect with young people and build relationships so when working with schools and communities the staff became a friendly face and in turn allows for further engagement.

The Corporate parenting team now sits under the youth work banner within Connected Communities, this work is in line with North Ayrshire Promise priorities.

The programme worked well with young people to taking part in activities that they otherwise may have not gotten the chance to do as the cost can often be too high allowing friendships to blossom, which was great to see, particularly the older members who attended. Young people were able open up to one another about their experiences and chat about coping techniques and things that they enjoy with some activities for parents/carers to stay at the events or to do a drop off giving some families some respite, but it also gave others a chance to bond and to experience an outing together.

With one carer stating: "Being twins the girls have quickly learnt to rely on each other in their own small bubble. Attending events that can take them out of their comfort zone and help them interact with other young people is great for their own personal development. Both girls really enjoyed soft play and as a carer it gave us a couple of hours off knowing the children were safe and being looked after."

The programme made a difference to many of the young people in which all had stated that they wished they could stay at events all day. We had some great feedback in person from the parents/carers who loved watching their young person thrive and have fun in this environment. With one young person at our bowling event who was particularly scared around the noise and the potential dangers of bowling, but with the support from the other young people who attended he took part and came in second at the bowling which was a

great achievement for him as you could see the happiness just by his facial expressions.





Corporate Parenting - Finding Their Space

In my previous role as Youth Worker, staff took a group of young people to the first Promise Conference. Two young people, lets call them X and Y, in particular were magnificent on the day. Without realising what they were doing they took the lead in a group discussion and showed incredible bravery to tell their stories. They were shared in a very open way and without fear; real storytelling and connection in action.

What they both didn't realise was that by articulating their experiences, they opened up a safe and trusted space for others to do so. One young person, from another school, who was sat next to them and had not said a word in the previous couple of hours. As X and then Y started to speak, she made eye contact and was engaged. Then very quietly she found the courage to share her story with the group as well. As she spoke it was easy to sense that she was feeling every word and was visibly rising upwards in her posture.

At the end of the session, X and Y were thanked and congratulated, both of them blissfully unaware of how they had, with humility, opened up a space into which the other young person could step and flourish.

When it came to Joint Cabinet and deciding upon which young people to invite, we wanted to broaden the scope so that we took less of the 'usual' young people that would volunteer. X and Y attended, with a 100 other young people from different schools. With plenty of reassurance, even more persistence and encouragement, they agreed to go. And when at Joint Cabinet they were overawed, exercised, loud, shy, erudite and energised in equal measures!

Following this, both X and Y have been attending the Champions Board meetings and it has been a pleasure to see them turn up and really engage with the opportunity. They have both said yes to having an input in shaping future events and seeing the commitments they have made has been a joy.

Two things stand out from the Champions Board meetings: firstly X has been able to formulate and state her career goal of being a Cabin Crew member, *"making loads of money, seeing the world and then working with care experienced kids like me to make it better for them".* Secondly, towards the end of term Y was the only young person able to attend a Champions Board meeting. The vast majority of other young people would not have stayed on their own and certainly would not have spent 45 minutes with two members of the Corporate Parenting team chatting so freely. Y did.





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To bring the story up to date, the staff member is also volunteering as a MCR Pathways Coordinator, "I was lucky enough to have X and Y within my scope for enrolling on the Young Talent Programme. I knew from the very first day that both X and Y would benefit from having a mentor but also that X would be very anxious about who her mentor would be."

When it came time for that first introductory meeting, it was obvious instantly that the matching process had excelled. X and her mentor got on famously, with a second full period meeting arranged for the next week. Two things standout from that; due to an incident at home it was the only period of the week that X came into school and she was completely comfortable meeting with her mentor in a very public space.

Y's mentoring situation mirrored this. Again, an instant connection with her mentor was there and a full session followed swiftly. It really has been a privilege to see both X and Y develop and flourish, all of which started with The Promise Conference. The next chapters of their stories are awaited with enthusiasm.



POSITIVE DESTINATIONS FOR 16-19 YEAR OLDS

Modern Apprenticeship Programme

Staff training - L&D9DI and L&D11

This activity was planned to increase the bank of assessors to meet service needs and fully support the delivery and assessment of a range of qualifications. Qualifications include PDA, SVQ level 3 and level 4 youth work, L&D9DI assessor award, and the L&D11 Internal Verifier award.

This was essential due to movement of staff to different roles and taking on more responsibility, previous assessors and internal verifiers were unable to maintain their assessment roles. Resulting in having four assessors, two of which were also undertaking the responsibility of internal verification.



The process began with identifying potential staff who were keen to develop their skills and become part of the assessment team. Locality coordinators then chose the staff members to complete the appropriate qualifications based on workload and service need.

Completing this process has resulted in an increased pool of assessors and internal verifiers to share the responsibility and alleviate the time spent by individual staff members conducting assessment duties.

The assessment team has almost doubled in size where we now have eight assessors and three internal verifiers. This also allows for more tailored and individual support to be provided to candidates as most assessors will now be assessing one candidate instead of two or three.

Assessor and IV candidates were taken through their qualifications two at a time, this allowed for some peer support to take place and fully embed their learning regarding assessment decisions, processes, and procedures. The question bank group worked well and was identified as good practice during a recent L&D external verification visit. This gave new assessors an opportunity to look at a range of responses and discuss what is acceptable with experienced assessors, Through this group we have attempted to make assessment decisions as easy as possible by identifying a range of acceptable evidence for each point.

This training programme has allowed:

- Increased bank of assessors and verifiers has reduced the time required for individual assessors and verifiers are required to spend on these responsibilities.
- Improved standardisation due to an increased number of views and perspectives being considered.
- Staff have been upskilled and gained valuable qualifications.
- Increased awareness of national occupational standards for youth work.
- SVQ candidates are better supported with more individual guidance and training.

One of our IV assessor candidates had said: "Throughout my assessor and internal verifier qualification journey, I have felt immensely supported and valued. From the very beginning, my assessor and IV provided clear guidance and constructive feedback, ensuring I understood each concept thoroughly. Their encouragement fostered a positive learning environment, allowing me to ask questions and seek clarification without hesitation. The resources made available were comprehensive and tailored to meet my individual needs, reinforcing my confidence in applying the knowledge practically. Moreover, the structured support system, including regular check-ins and mentorship, made me feel like an integral part of the Assessor team. Craig acknowledged my progress, celebrating milestones along the way, which significantly boosted my motivation. This recognition not only affirmed my skills but also enhanced my belief in my ability to succeed in this field. Overall, the continuous support and recognition from Craig and the wider assessor team have been pivotal in my professional growth. I now feel equipped with the necessary skills and confidence to excel in my role as an assessor and internal verifier, knowing that I am valued and supported every step of the way."

Our commitment to workforce development continues in supporting staff members to complete this qualification as well as a fully comprehensive training programme across all areas of CLD practice.



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DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

cyber Resilience - cyber Explorers



We were delighted to receive funding from UK Government for this first of its kind Cyber Resilience programme. This is the first in the UK delivering this programme in a community setting whilst working alongside our education department.

Cyber Explorers is a programme designed to offer digital skills for children and young people. It is an accredited programme that young people aged 11-14 complete a set of challenges and missions. These tasks let you work through the 'cyber city' and learning all about different digital skills to enable service users to prepare for the world of work.

The significance of the programme is to learn about how digital and technology will play a part in certain career opportunities. It highlights safety online and gives chances to make better choices whilst online. It will fall in line with the curriculum. The programme offers lesson plans, resources and full guidance from me and other delivery staff. On completion of challenges, they will be awarded and SCQF Level 4 and SCQF Level 5.

With the academic year started we will be targeting primary 6 & 7 as well as S1 and S2 pupils. A letter of proposal will go out to specific academies to begin with and all cluster primary schools in those specific academies. Before the year had even started we have a number of primary schools on board.

Delivery in the community will be across council community centers and the remotely with the use of the Mobile Youth Centre.

With the post only starting four weeks ago we now have

- A full time staff in place, with support from sessional staff and Modern Apprentices to support delivery.
- Electronic equipment ready
- Cyber hub in place
- Mobile Youth Centre updated
- Wifi in place at our Cyber hub
- Mifi for remote delivery
- 2 primary schools ready for delivery
- Social media set up



cyber Resilience - Symmer Rogdshow

Youth Services teamed up with North Ayrshire Libraries to deliver a series of cyber sessions this summer.

Delivered by the youth work modern apprentices, the sessions focussed on cyber resilience and online safety, young people's rights online, digital technologies, inclusion and digital opportunities to learn online or take the next step in employment.

Youth Work Modern Apprentice Max said: "We were really looking forward to visiting libraries to deliver this vital cyber programme. As a young person, I know how important being digitally connected is to young people. But there can be a dark side too... We want to empower young people to know the dangers of online, how to protect themselves against cyber attacks but also how to utilise the power of online and apps to help overcome obstacles, look after their mental health build connections and help them to achieve their aspirations and goals."





New Scots Maritime Museum Project

The New Scots Maritime Museum Partnership was a project designed to increase engagement between New Scots communities and the Maritime Museum. Building on the work initiated by New Scots volunteers, who were introduced to the museum through Community Learning and Development (CLD), over the summer this partnership has been instrumental in developing bilingual resources. These resources aim to widen the museum's audience and improve inclusivity, making exhibits more accessible to non-native English speakers.

A significant part of the partnership is a project that engages both adults and young people in identifying and designing a new exhibition. This exhibition links their old and new communities, highlighting the rich cultural histories of the participants' countries of origin while connecting them with Scotland's maritime history.

The positive feedback from participants underscores the value of the project in enhancing their lives and contributing to a more inclusive and connected society.









ESOL Big Class Experiment

This quarter we delivered the "Big Class Experiment". This aimed to address the high number of ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) learners spread over large areas, each with diverse needs. Recognising the challenge of providing effective language education we sought an innovative approach to maximise our impact.



We reached out to the Glasgow ESOL Forum to learn about their strategies for managing classes with diverse needs. Inspired by their methods, we decided to pilot a similar approach, selecting a central location to bring together learners from different areas. We had different tutors and volunteers facilitating at different tables to meet specific needs based on language levels.

We organised six different tables for various language levels, ensuring that participants could learn effectively with content tailored to their current language proficiency. This structure helped in providing focused and relevant instruction to each learner.

The experiment successfully engaged a large number of people from various communities. By centralising the location and diversifying the classes, we were able to effectively meet the different needs of a substantial number of learners.



New Scots Book Writing Project

From August 5th to 9th, a group of four ESOL learners embarked on a unique and enriching book writing project, meeting daily to collaborate with a PhD student from the University of Glasgow. Over the course of five intensive days, the learners not only developed their English writing skills but also had the chance to express their creativity through storytelling. This project allowed them to build confidence in their language abilities while working together towards a shared goal.

The result of their hard work is the publication of Children and Angel Ankey, a book that delves into profound themes such as war, courage, friendship, and the power of dreams. The experience proved to be a rewarding journey for all involved, as the learners combined their personal insights and imaginations to create something truly meaningful. Supported by the CLD ESOL and New Scots team, this project showcases the powerful impact of community learning. The book is now proudly available on Amazon.



Taste of Home Cooking Group

The Taste of Home cooking group started through the Discovery Award, which is a fun and free personal challenge award for people aged over 50. The Discovery Award was undertaken by members of the Ukrainian community over the age of 50. 'Skills' were part of one of the sections, so they decided to start a cooking group to share dishes that are traditionally Ukrainian. The group meets at the Argyle Community Centre in Saltcoats.

We have a lot of Ukrainians living in North Ayrshire and it is great for them to be able to spend time with each other, share their recipes and improve their English at the same time. Groups like this also help Ukrainian people to integrate into the community by spending time with members of the Women's Group at the centre – and with other Scottish people they meet.

Recently, the New Scots women got a chance to put their feet up instead of putting aprons on when members of the Women's Group at the centre cooked for their Ukrainian friends and made cottage pie with ginger loaf, tablet and shortbread for dessert.





Spike Wheat Scots and Scots Syrian Roses Arabic Seran Events

In July, Spike Wheat Scots and Scots Syrian Roses organised two vibrant Arabic Seran events (loosely translated as picnic BBQs with music) in McGavin Park. These gatherings, supported by the CLD New Scots team and Kilwinning Community Council, brought together the Syrian community, asylum seekers, and other New Scots in a celebration of culture and connection.

The first event, hosted for men, and the second, organised by Syrian Roses, a community group for New Scots women, featured delicious Syrian food, including kebabs and other flavourful Middle Eastern dishes. Both events were family-friendly and saw a great turnout, offering a space for attendees to relax, socialise, and enjoy music.



In addition to providing a joyful experience, the events played a meaningful role in helping asylum seekers in the area build connections and feel more integrated into the local community.







New Scots/Multiply

Financial Literacy Game Group

Since June, Ukrainians in North Ayrshire have been meeting monthly to participate in a financial game designed to increase understanding of financial literacy, budgeting, and numeracy skills. This engaging activity not only helps participants improve their money management but also provides an opportunity for socialising and connection.



The sessions, which are part of the Multiply Project and supported by the CLD Multiply team, cater to learners with varying levels of literacy needs, from more advanced participants to those just starting out. The game offers an interactive and enjoyable way for everyone involved to deepen their understanding at their own pace, empowering them to manage their finances more effectively.

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These monthly gatherings have not only enhanced financial awareness but also helped participants build valuable community ties.







Multiply

Multiply STEM visit to Whitelee Windfarm

A group of adult learners from across North Ayrshire recently attended an excursion to Whitelee Windfarm. This trip was arranged in partnership with The Learner Hub at the windfarm and it allowed the learners to experience various aspects of the renewable energy industry. The educators at the windfarm are specially trained educators with a specialist knowledge in science and engineering. They facilitated practical learning sessions for the Multiply group as well as conducted a question and answer session.

Each participant has been part of the ongoing Multiply project and has accessed 1:1 or group work numeracy lessons and supports. Multiply Project Delivery Officers, Jennifer Haining and Chloe Smith organised the trip in order to supplement the work which is ongoing in hubs throughout each locality. The learners on the trip have shown immense dedication and commitment to developing their skills, some which has resulted in completing SQA accredited units in Numeracy.

The trip was a unanimous success and a further trip to Glasgow Science Centre has already been planned. These fantastic visits are a great example of the opportunities for practical, meaningful adult learning which Multiply presents.



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The Multiply Project

Trindlemoss Number and Money Skills Group

The aim of this group is to build knowledge and support around numbers and money handling. We have covered a wide range of numeracy aspects such as coin recognition, addition, subtraction and making purchases using coins and notes.

Working alongside Ayrshire College we have been able to secure numeracy accreditations for learners across the Multiply Project. These qualifications allow learners to secure SQA units without the pressures of attending college and are achieved through community learning.



So far 20 learners attending the Trindlemoss Numeracy and Money Skills Groups have gained a numeracy qualification. The learners are now working towards their next level of money handling. They have recently received their SQA certificates through the post. Gaining their First level numeracy qualification gave the learners a sense of achievement and are keen to secure their next level.

Learners now feel more confident as they can recognise and identity monetary values. One learner used to carry a one-pound coin wherever she went however she now understands a one-pound coin amounts to the same as two fifty pence pieces. Learners have increased confidence and feel empowered so much so some are now making purchases themselves using coins at Trindlemoss café.

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Ggelic

Fèis Arainn

Fèis Arainn took place 23/07/24 – 26/07/24 and attracted higher numbers than ever, with 85 children attending the main fèis and a futher 12 attending Sgoil-Feasgair for more advance players. This year Fèis Arainn worked in conjunction with Arran Music School. Feis Arainn is a festival of traditional music, culture and language carried out in an easy, non-competitive way with fun and games included. We offer traditional music tuition and a Gaelic arts experience to young people from the age of eight. Participants have the opportunity to try out or improve their skills in a number of musical instruments, song and



drama as well as giving them experience of the Gaelic language which was of course the first language of Arran residents in earlier times. In this way they are reminded of the heritage of the island and, we hope, encouraged to keep the language and the spirit of Gaelic alive.

Another Gaelic Scrabble session was held on 06/06/24 under the auspices of Fèis Arainn, this time in the Garden Room of the Arran Heritage Museum in Brodick and attracted slightly increased numbers with sufficient players for three boards including visitors to the island. Those that came enjoyed the session and expressed a desire for more of them.

A further session will be held in early autumn, perhaps to coincide with the European Day of Languages.





Ggelic

Suas Leis A Ghaidhlig and Gaelic Medium Education Picnic

In this quarter North Ayrshire Suas Leis A Ghaidhlig group were invited to attend a picnic in McGavin park with the GME Whitehirst park Kilwinning children teachers and parents.

The Suas Leis a Ghaihlig group attended the picnic in the park with the children, teacher and family members. There was games which the children played with the help of the Suas members using the Gaelic language. There was a few different stations where the children and suas members rotated.

They then had a few songs and poems from the children in Gaelic. Also, happy birthday was sang in Gaelic as it was one of the children's birthday.





Current PB updates:

- PB 24/25 (locality and youth) has now been launched across all six localities, with launch events held in each locality, providing opportunities for groups to find support to apply and a chance to network with other local organisations.
- Applications are open and organisations are invited to apply via our Shaping North Ayrshire site or through local libraries from 26th August to 13th September for locality and youth PB.
- .PB training has been delivered across localities to staff and a community reviewer engagement session has taken place for this round of PB.
- Our Modern Apprentices are working on our Youth PB packs which will go out to all schools (primary, secondary and ASN) to include a session ahead of young people voting. The workshop will cover the importance of a rights based approach, incorporating UNCRC and how to use the digital voting platform to allow all young people to vote from aged 8-25

For further information please visit: https://northayrshire.communitychoices.scot/



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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 delivered training to staff who are interested in being the Single Point of Contact for Community groups exploring community asset ownership. This training will build on improved communications between departments to ensure groups feel fully supported through the CAT journey.

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

Three Towns

Whitlees Community Centre - Campbell Park, Saltcoats - Ardrossan Indoor Bowling club - Hayocks playpark and surrounding area

Kilwinning

Blacklands Hall - Auld Dirrans Centre

Irvine

Maress Road - Maress Playing fields - Ravenspark Golf Club - Clubhouse,

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 - Cameron Centre



CAPACITY BUILDING

Food Insecurities

The Fairer Food Network & Larder Updates

 Currently 16 food larders across North Ayrshire supporting over 3000 households with a dignified food provision.



- Millport Community Shop opened in July and has over 40 registered households to date. Cool boxes have been ordered to help keep food cool while transporting back to the island.
- Beith Larder has stopped responding to requests for information and figures. Despite several requests, there has been no success and as a result, they did not receive the latest payment. The FFDO will attempt a drop in visit to bring them back on board.

Update: figures have now been received and payment released.

• Cranberry Moss is needing support to recruit volunteers, look at keyholding, funding and general support. A meeting will be scheduled with FM, locality staff and the FFADO to support all aspects.

Mears Grant

 Four families have signed up through the Mears Foundation. Two for choices and two for The Tap End. Funds are in the process of being transferred to Choices. The Tap End are the holding account for the fund.

Development Day

- The Fairer Food Network had a development day on 9 May at Ardeer Centre. The group discussed sustainability, covered the breastfeeding toolkit and looked at funding. Working agreements were also reviewed and updated to align with the changes to community contracts.
- Due to the development session being close to the next network session, the group decided to postpone the next network meeting. They will now meet early in September.

Trussell Trust Community Campaigner

• The FFADO met with Rhion Mills who is the new Community Campaigner with North Ayrshire Foodbank. Rhion is looking for assisting in reaching out to people who have local issues that need support. The FFADO linked her to the larder network and the locality teams.



CAPACITY BUILDING

Food Insecurities

IMC Community Fridge

- The FFADO met with Cllr Montgomerie who oversees the IMC Community Fridge initiative in Saltcoats. He would like for the fridge to become part of the Fairer Food Network so steps have been taken to register it as a food provision with Environmental Health. There is now works to be undertaken to meet the registration criteria.
- Once the work has been completed, the project will go on to receive quarterly funding along with the larders.

Funding

- The 7th quarterly payment has been made to all larders with the exception of Beith (see above) 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.
- A new monitoring form has been issued to all larders to cover the period to March 2026.

Events

- The FFADO had a stall at the Cunninghame Housing Conference at Seamill Hydro in June. Approx 60 people interacted with the stall and it was good to see that many were aware of the larder network.
- The FFADO attended a morning session on Delivering place-based Regeneration initiatives: SURF Awards Shared Learning Workshops. The FFADO intends putting the network forward for the next round of awards
- The FFADO attended Glasgow Community Food Network's Regional Event. It was good to hear from other areas about current initiatives and challenges.

Other Updates

- Equal supported Employment Garden has consistently supplied fresh produce on a weekly basis all summer. These have gone mainly to Cranberry Moss and Argyle due to the days they have been harvested and the opening times of the larders.
- Many of the other growers and allotments have donated on an ad hoc basis throughout the summer.





Locality Partnership

The Ayrshire Community Trust Update – September 2024

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The Ayrshire Community Trust covers the whole of North Ayrshire, and we continue to support the Community and Voluntary Sector with a range of services. Below is a list of support / activities undertaken in which are relevant to the Locality Priorities above since the last Locality Meeting:

- <u>www.tact.scot</u> continues to be updated with a range of information.
- We have sent out various information bulletins highlighting useful resources, funding information and general advice.
- TACT social media continues to be used as a platform to promote safety messages from Police Scotland, Funding Information, Benefit Support, Energy Advice and vital local service provision. We would welcome any information from other service providers that we can share.
- TACT Staff have been organising and facilitating quarterly 'networking' Forums for all 3rd Sector groups and organisations that wish to attend. The next Forum meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 3rd September (online) and Tuesday 3rd December 2024 (in person). There are 4 per year and they are all themed, this year the themes are Cost of Living, Funding, Support to the Sector and Sector Updates, relevant speakers are booked for each forum. If you are working with or know of any 3rd Sector organisations and would be interested in attending, please email: info@tact.scot
- Staff continue to maintain regular dialogue with North Ayrshire Council to update on progress and identify additional ways we can work together.
- INFORM North Ayrshire Cost of Living Support. We have created an online guide to provide information on the range of services available across North Ayrshire who are able to offer support and advice on topics such as energy, food and money concerns. The directory can be accessed here: <u>https://issuu.com/tact-</u> na/docs/inform_north_ayrshire

- **Positive Steps with Partners** is our Pre-Employability Project funded by Your Next Move Working North Ayrshire. The team are focusing on Personal development activities supporting barrier removal in helping people become more ready for exploring employability options. The team are delivering face-to-face interactions and offering personal development sessions such as STEPS to Excellence, One to One sessions with the Confidence Coach focusing on personal goals to overcome barriers towards employment.
- Health in Mind is a new element to PSWP where individuals' work with our Personal Trainer Tommy Kelly focusing on improving physical and mental wellbeing. Our programme motivates individuals to explore volunteering that will support then to gain the practical experience they can transfer into the workplace.
- The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service also provide our participants who are ready to move into volunteering with a placement within the Community Action Team attending events promoting Fire Safety in the Community. If you have anyone that may be interested in finding out more, please contact Cheryl Newall via: cheryl@tact.scot
- **Employability** TACT continue to be a partner on the North Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership (LEP) and strive to keep the sector up-to-date with events, training, consultations and information relating to employability
- North Ayrshire Third Sector Chief Officer Group This is open to Senior Staff working with a 3rd Sector Organisation across North Ayrshire. This Group works together to tackle local issues collectively whilst providing great networking opportunities. A doodle poll has been circulated to agree a date for the next meeting. If you are interested in getting involved, please email: <u>kaileigh@tact.scot</u>
- Organisational Support continuing to work with groups and organisations delivering relevant training including Governance, Basic Bookkeeping, Constitution & Charity Registration, Funding and Volunteer Management. We are also assisting with Charity Registrations, PVG Support, Funding Support and Support with compiling Constitutions. Continuing to support groups in achieving SCIO status and supporting groups with their CAT applications.
- **Community Asset Transfer (CAT)** We are supporting ten community groups/organisations through the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) process. Each organisation is at various stages of the process, and we are liaising with and supporting them at each stage. We also provide advice to groups that are considering or want to know more about CAT. To date we have provided information and support to 28 different community groups and organisations, helping 4 community groups to take control to assets and we are currently supporting another 11 organisations through the asset transfer process. We have produced a CAT guidance document for North Ayrshire Council (NAC) to support and help their staff understand the CAT process, ensuring the CAT process is more user-friendly for those accessing it. We have provided training on the CAT guidance document to NAC Community Development and Active Schools staff. We continue to deal with regular queries from community groups and organisations about the CAT process as CAT becomes a viable option for many community groups throughout North Ayrshire.
- **Community Wealth Building**, the Third Sector Interface, TACT sits at the Community Wealth Commission. This commission supports the implementation of the CWB Strategy and will encourage involvement from local businesses, government agencies and local organisations on CWB initiatives.
- Staff are continuing to update and source a range of Volunteering Opportunities that are currently available. We are still receiving a high number of Volunteer Registrations and don't have enough placements for those interested. If you know of any groups or organisations that could assist with some additional volunteers, please contact ann@tact.scot
- TACT Capacity Building Officers continue to promote Community Benefit opportunities to the 3rd sector, this in the past has included training and opportunities to learn topics such as first aid and tendering skills from successful NAC contractors.

- Capacity Building staff also held two information sessions on the Scottish Government's desire to know if there should be further reviews Charity Regulations with one session being in-person and the other online. The feedback gained via these sessions has been passed to Scottish Government.
 - Committee Skills sessions continue to be delivered upon request.
- **Organisation of the Month** To date we have promoted 38 voluntary organisations. This promotion is on hold at the moment, but we are hoping to resurrect it at a later date.
- Adult Volunteer Recognition Award This award was launched in June 2021 and is designed to recognise the hours of commitment that Volunteers give to organisations throughout North Ayrshire. These awards can be given at any time. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Ann Wilson on <u>ann@tact.scot</u>
- Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund round 4 will be launched on September 25th with application available on 30th.
- Capacity Building staff have also administered and supported the delivery of NOLB and Multiply Funding. These are now closed, and all groups have received their funding.
- Independent Examinations (scrutiny of charity accounts for submitting to the charity regulator OSCR). Training is now complete, and the trainees are all busy carrying out examinations, Organisations have been really supportive of the trainees taking on the examination. We are currently working on the accrual accounts service, and this will be promoted when we have more information. If you are aware of any groups who are needing support with their accounts, please feel free to pass on my contact details susan@tact.scot
- **Kindness Krew** This is a new project which aims to link the most isolated people in our area with a volunteer who will be able to meet and have a cuppa and a chat or encourage people to go out. This is a pilot project, and we are working in the 3 Towns areas of Stevenston, Saltcoats and Ardrossan and also Kilwinning and Irvine areas. For further information please contact Michelle Trainer <u>michelle@tact.scot</u>