

Action Note

Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	5 March 2025; Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:00pm
Present:	Councillor Cameron Inglis Councillor Anthony Gurney Councillor Jean McClung Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor John Sweeney Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, NAC Denise Fraser, Locality Officer Jean Frew, Community Representative Glenn Turner, Community Representative Christopher Hays, Active Schools Jacqui Greenlees, Senior Manager, NAC Susan Manson, TACT Susan Kelly, KA Leisure
Also in Attendance	Sandra Bale, Ardrossan Scouts James Hair, Ardrossan Scouts Sharon Fleming, NAC Katherine Dickens, NAC Sustainability Gordon Cowan, 3TG John Gribben, 3TG Jim McCracken, 3TG David Morrison, Ardrossan Bowling Club Robert Latta, Saltcoats Victoria FC Robert Hay
Apologies:	Susan Kelly, KA Leisure Councillor Jim Montgomerie Pat Breen, Community Representative Craig Mochan, Community Representative David Murray, Station Manager (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service) Ian Winton, Stevenston Community Council Chair Scott Mould, Community Representative Julia Gray, Community Representative (Chair) Councillor Amanda Kerr (Chair) Councillor Stewart Ferguson Inspector David Cameron, Police Scotland

ACTIONS		
No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Noted

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	<p>As the Chair and Vice Chair have both given their apologies it was agreed that Cllr Gurney would Chair this meeting.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the Three Towns Locality Partnership meeting, introductions were made and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>None</p>	Noted
2.	<p>Action Note from meeting in September 2024</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 4 March 2024 was submitted for approval as a correct record with the following updates provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All actions completed • Item 3 – full application is at this meeting for 3T Growers <p>Noted.</p>	
3.	<p>Community Investment Fund Update- Ardrossan Scouts</p> <p>Sandra Bale and Jim Hair shared a presentation on the progress achieved using CIF funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of the Scout Hub including roof and removal of asbestos. • Bring up to modern standards and increase usage by community groups and make the venue a community hub and link in with the work of ACDT to regenerate Ardrossan. • CIF grant received for roof replacement, which has attracted over £200,000 of additional grant funding and hoping to increase this further. • Part of this match funding was secured towards reducing carbon emissions and increasing energy efficiency measures. • Publicity taken place in local press. • Only one of two halls operational currently as the project is taking place on a phased basis • A further two community groups using the hall as well as cubs and other youth groups. • Lessons are being learned from the refurbishment of the first hall that can be used during work on the second hall. • Once the work is complete there will be a relaunch of the venue as a community hub. 	
	<p>Sustainability Chit Chat Update</p> <p>Katherine Dickens updated on the sustainability chit chat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links To Council Plan priority around Climate Change 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking at council estate to make it more energy efficient but need also to look at the whole of North Ayrshire out with the council. Climate Action Plans for communities can be used to do this A number of chit chat s have taken place as well in one in Ardrossan in November Climate views of the community were identified using a participatory mapping approach. Want to link identified actions to priorities within the Three Towns locality action plan. Example given of climate action- increased tree planting in civic spaces. This links to protection of vulnerable groups through public shaded areas. This would then link to the 3T priority of increasing civic pride and community engagement. Would like to instil more climate actions in all 6 locality plans moving forward. Discussion arose around recycling of certain plastics at the recycling centres that can't be recycled. ACTION- Cllr Gurney will look into this and highlighted that some plastics can't be recycled. 	
	<p>Save Ardrossan Harbour Group</p> <p>No representative was present, and this input will be moved to a future meeting.</p>	
	<p>Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest</p> <p>The Lead Officer highlighted that an approval in principle for H Tara has not yet been to Cabinet. The current balance for CIF is £223,589 minus £100,000 in principle for H Tara. The group are adopting a SCIO and are receiving support from business advice and have an EOI in for a CAT. Therefore, the remainder is £123,589 left for disbursement.</p> <p>Ardrossan Bowling Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Morrisson provided an overview of the club which is 180 years old. They encourage community members to improve health and social access and has equal rights for both men and women. They are looking for CIF funding to replace the current clubhouse roof which is beyond repair and over 60 years old. They are looking also to add insulation and improve the roof structure. The group own the grounds for the hall. They also offer the function suite free of charge for the community They hold an open day on Thursday for the community to combat social isolation and increase community involvement. There is an open door where you are not required to be a bowler to be involved in thee club. Hold a 'Try Bowls'day for the community and provide bowls and shoes free of charge. Want to make it as easy and accessible for the community. 	<p>A Morrell/D Fraser</p>

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	<p>Questions/ Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked about alternative modes of funding. The group have approached several alternative funds including asking members for donations- however most members are of pension age and have a small income. LP highlighted that energy funds could be sourced to link in with energy efficiency, for example SP energy. • Comments around the demographics of the bowlers- the group confirmed there is a mix of ages involved and they have also visited schools to encourage young people to get involved. The group also have fully trained coaches who give up their time for free. • 3T growers highlighted they would like to work in partnership around garden space, the group already have growing taking place on the grounds. There are other options around seeding roofs which could contribute to measurables around reduced energy usage. • The chair highlighted some of the requirements of the CIF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Does the project fulfil need and not duplicate? The group highlighted there are other bowling clubs across the Three Towns but not for Ardrossan. The group have around 120 members. Most of the engagement is from Ardrossan mainly but also some from the rest of the Three Towns and feel they go the extra mile for members. ○ Does it provide long term sustainable results for greatest number of people possible. The group highlighted they hold on average one community function a week which is free of charge, in addition to the groups open door policy. Seats 94 in the main hall and regularly take community groups. ○ Does the project show innovation in addressing community challenges? The group stated that they have spoken to 3 roofing companies and they are looking at innovation the build of the new roof to be more environmentally friendly. The club has been a community hub for 180 years. ○ What are the measurable outcomes that could be reported back- the group highlighted that funding for a new roof is essential for the clubs survival. <p>ACTION- The Locality Partnership agreed that the EOI meets the criteria and can move forward to a full application.</p> <p>Saltcoats Vics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Latta provided an overview of the Saltcoats Victoria Football Club. The group are looking for CIF funding to fund new dressing rooms that meet criteria. The group have been going since 1880 and were the first professional team in Ayrshire. 	
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- The club in recent times has seen a decline but have had a vibrant committee over the last two years. Dressing rooms were last repaired in 2010 after vandalism.
- Want to provide players under 20 an opportunity to play in a semi professional league.
- Want to develop women and girls football through the 4 phase business plan highlighted in the EOI
- Group have support from local business and have a go fund mee page with over £3000 and are active and engaging community and businesses through social media.
- The group are asking for £50,000 and commit to contributing £20,000 themselves.
- They are looking at alternative funding avenues through One for the Team, including energy efficient floodlights,
- Deliver walking football for older people in the community.

Questions/ Comments

- LP member commented that there is an increased buzz since new management took the club on. Having a facility for younger players would be welcome as well as keeping the grass pitch. The group highlighted that they would like to focus on women and girls football and statistically women receive less injuries on grass pitches.
- The LP recommended again looking for energy efficiency funding.
- A Morrell commented how well the EOI was set out against the LP priorities and CIF criteria.
- The chair highlighted the CIF criteria again for meeting.

ACTION- The Locality Partnership agreed that the EOI meets the criteria and can move forward to a full application.

Community Investment Fund Full Application

3T Growers

- Outlined increased costings of the project which is now £49,420 as opposed to £40,000. The funding would be to get the building over the line.
- The project is 26 weeks.
- Provided a brief history of 3T growers, 11 years old. Have always been quite innovative around links with the wider community and environmental advocacy. The site is in an area of high deprivation.
- Funding would go towards a building which would be a community education hub for the wider community of the Three Towns. The building will also have water storage to be used on the site as well as a toilet.
- Lockhart Campus has expressed an interest in using the site for certain classes.
- Alternative funding has also been sourced for raised beds and resources, the building will help grow on this.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of community survey with 315 people from across the Three Towns. • The group asked if the location change would free up extra space for allotments for which there is a waiting list. The group highlighted the new location is safer and could possibly free up more space for the outdoor kitchen. • The group confirmed that there will be 6 disabled space for parking but there is parking at the bottom of the hill. • The LP highlighted that an increase to £49,000 would reduce the amount left for EOIs moving forward. <p>ACTION- The Locality Partnership agreed to award to full £49,420.</p>	
5	<p>Education and Youth Overview</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received updates from Chris Hays from Active Schools as follows from the report including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of afterschool clubs • Been successful in funding for national shinty championship. • Support bases are very active across the three academies. • 64 pupils took part in Sports Academy, 49 continued on to phase two. • Move and Improve has over 250 participants across the Three Towns • Multiple schools moving forward to be gold schools by the end of the year. • 148 extracurricular opportunities available for young people in Three towns. 	Noted
6.	<p>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>No representatives present.</p>	
8.	<p>KA Leisure</p> <p>Susan Kelly from KA Leisure updated on recent updates including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pool roof at Auchenharvie- work continues to repair this damage from the recent storm. Internal works are planned to partition off the room to separate work can take place beside the pool. Communications are being prepared for customers and members. • World Wheelchair Championships are underway with participants from across the world. • Prince Edward has visited the site as well as the community café. • Working with Scottish Curling around the legacy of the event. • Developing community classes at St Matthews for 2 - 13 year olds including dancing and pickle ball. • North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club had their open competition at St Matthews. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A mobile hoist has been provided by NAC for use at St Matthews.• Activator bus continues to deliver health checks across venues. <p>Noted.</p>	
9.	Locality Update The Locality Partnership received an update from Denise Fraser on the work of the Three Towns Locality Team during the last quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A detailed locality report was provided in the papers.• The LP thanked the Three towns Locality Team for their partnership working at Hayocks alongside Police and SFRS. <p>Noted.</p>	
11.	AOCB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Locality Planning: A Morrell provided a short update on the ongoing review of Locality Planning in North Ayrshire including the feedback from the Locality Survey and emerging recommendations. Further updates will be brought back to a future meeting.	

The meeting ended at 20.15pm