

# Action Note

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Three Towns Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	4 June 2025; Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:00pm
<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Cameron Inglis Councillor Anthony Gurney Councillor Jean McClung Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor John Sweeney Julia Gray, Community Representative (Vice Chair) Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, NAC Denise Fraser, Locality Officer Jean Frew, Community Representative Pat Breen, Community Representative Scott Mould, Community Representative Christopher Hays, Active Schools Jacqui Greenlees, Senior Manager, NAC Susan Kelly, KA Leisure
<b>Also in Attendance</b>	Sharon Fleming, NAC David Morrison, Ardrossan Bowling Club Peter Kean, Saltcoats Victoria FC Frank Alexander, Spectator
<b>Apologies:</b>  <b>(None Rec'd)</b>	Councillor Jim Montgomerie Craig Mochan, Community Representative David Murray, Station Manager (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service) Ian Winton, Stevenston Community Council Chair Councillor Amanda Kerr (Chair) Councillor Stewart Ferguson Susan Manson, TACT Glenn Turner, Community Representative

<b>ACTIONS</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>  As Cllr Kerr submitted apologies it was agreed that Cllr Gurney would chair this meeting.  The Chair welcomed those present to the Three Towns Locality Partnership meeting, introductions were made and apologies for absence were noted.  <u><b>Declarations of Interest</b></u>	<b>Noted</b>          <b>Noted</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott Mould declared an interest in the grant application from West Coast Furniture Bank</li> <li>• Pat Breen and Cllr Inglis declared an interest in Saltcoats Vics application made to the CIF.</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b>Action Note from meeting in March 2025</b></p> <p>The action note from the meeting held in March 2025 was submitted for approval as a correct record with the following updates provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All actions completed.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>The Locality Partnership are asked to consider four grant applications made to the Three Towns Community Benefit Fund. The fund has a balance of £44,000 for disbursement.</p> <p>Ardrossan Youth Association - £4,000 requested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Partnership agreed to award this amount.</li> </ul> <p>Stevenston Community Association - £3,100 requested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Partnership agreed to award this amount.</li> </ul> <p>St Peter's Flying Start - £5,000 requested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Partnership agreed to award this amount.</li> </ul> <p>West Coast Furniture Bank - £6,000 requested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Partnership agreed to award this amount.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Angela Morrell</b></p> <p><b>Sharon Fleming</b></p>
	<p><b>Community Investment Fund</b></p> <p>The Locality Partnership were asked to consider two CIF applications.</p> <p>Cllr Gurney outlined that the remaining funds left for the CIF in Three Towns are £74,349. The two applications below would total more than this balance with a gap of £4,679.</p> <p>Before the current decisions, Denise Fraser provided an update on the Hayocks T.A.R.A. project previously approved CIF application, which will proceed for Cabinet approval through Three Towns CIF. The group are now a SCIO and have a completed business plan. They have applied for match funding and are being supported by the locality team towards their Community Asset Transfer, the group continue to work in partnership with North Ayrshire Streetscene, which reflects the progress in terms of conditions.</p> <p><b>ACTION-</b> Angela Morrell will circulate an update to the partnership in July.</p>	<p><b>Angela Morrell</b></p>

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Angela Morrell reminded the Partnership of the CIF guidance, CIF Officer's checklist and the purpose of CIF to support discussions.

## Full Applications

### **Ardrossan Bowling Club- £28,600 requested.**

- The group are now putting in a contribution of £2,000 and they have applied for match funding from the Weir Trust for solar panels.
- It was highlighted that the group have taken on board comments from the EOI stage and altered their application accordingly.
- The group have strengthened their partnership with the Three Towns Growers to put in raised beds and have gained new members because of this.

### Questions

- It was highlighted that Bowls Scotland are looking for increased membership from young people aged 8 years and above.
- The funding for solar panels is dependent on the new roof being successfully funded.
- The organisation highlighted they are not VAT registered.
- The group were asked to expand on their engagement with the community. They engaged with attendees at functions and have gone out into the community with their questionnaire. They took the decision to promote public activities more thoroughly and have booked three more activity days before the end of the year.
- The group were asked to expand on their innovation in addressing community challenges. They highlighted the challenge of losing the 180-year-old bowling club roof, and the services and functions for the community would be lost. They took on board comments at EOI stage and are moving to expand community involvement.
- The group highlighted many their members are on state pensions and they would have to ask donations from club members if they were not successful at securing funding.

At this point representatives from Ardrossan Bowling Club left the meeting.

### Discussion

- Some reservations around whether the club approach is innovative or not, or that there were any measurable outcomes highlighted,
- Multiple reservations were voiced around the proportion of the community that would benefit from the new roof, or whether it would mainly be the benefit of the members of the club.
- Ardrossan Bowling Club have increased community involvement in recent years and work well with other local groups. The events they hold support income generation as well as community benefits.

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- It was highlighted that each group should be treated the same as groups that have previously received funding.
- The steps made by the group to expand into the community and become more community focused were noted.
- The building is the oldest establishment in the town and if the building shuts this will influence the community as another derelict building.
- Despite members being mainly pensioners, the question was asked why members have not been asked for a contribution.
- Are there any other options aside from this funding application to stop the building from closing, for example mortgaging or community shares?
- It was highlighted that other fundraising measures have not been outlined.
- It was highlighted that perhaps a middle ground could be reached where a lesser amount of CIF would be awarded on the proviso that match funding was raised from members/ alternative methods.
- The group have sought advice from the North Ayrshire Funding Officer and will be supported in other applications if required.
- It was highlighted that the group would not be treated any differently than any other previous groups applying for funding.

## **Saltcoats Vics - £50,428 requested.**

- Now 11 people on the committee for Saltcoats Vics.
- Won the Scottish Junior Cup 110 years ago. High focus on community and community history for the club.
- Have carried out local fundraising to extend the away dressing room. The funding would support the group to expand youth football in Three Towns.
- Would like the cabins to eventually act as a hub for community and young people.
- Holding fun days for the community, every young person that comes along will get a season ticket.
- Also have aims of getting young people active to promote health and wellbeing.
- Not looking for full amount, the group have applied for match funding through national lottery and will also fundraise themselves.
- The club have recently suffered from break ins and are working with the local community and beyond for security.
- Local surveys highlighted from most respondents that the dressing rooms need to be improved.

## **Questions**

- The group confirmed that they will be keeping the old changing units and add wheelchair access for volunteering.
- A sponsor will be doing all the groundwork free of charge.
- The match funding application is currently in with national lottery, but this has not yet been approved. Around £3,500 will also come in from advertising boards in July.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work is underway to secure ownership of the park through CAT, work is underway to move this forward with KA Leisure and North Ayrshire Council. Expectation is that this will be completed in 2026.</li> </ul> <p>At this point representatives from Saltcoats Vics left the meeting.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Partnership highlighted that the application is very strong, with clear outcomes and links with the community and local partners.</li> <li>The current efforts to fundraise by the club were positively noted.</li> <li>The Community Asset Transfer was also positively noted as evidence of the group's expansion in the community.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decisions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ardrossan Bowling Club:</b> The Partnership decided to part fund this in principle for £20,000 towards the roof on the proviso that match funding is sought towards the full cost and there is increased fundraising by the Club themselves and increased community involvement. We will keep the partnership updated when full match funding has been secured and this will be reviewed by the end of the year.</li> <li><b>Saltcoats Vics:</b> The Partnership decided to fund this on the basis that lottery match funding and self-fund raising is secured, the group will have continued support from the locality team and should keep them informed. We will keep the partnership updated when full match funding has been secured and this will be reviewed by the end of the year.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION-</b> ACDT will also pursue whether VAT can be reduced for each project which will then be re-added to the CIF pot.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Education and Youth Overview</b></p> <p>The Locality Partnership received updates from Jordan Stewart from Active Schools as follows from the report including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extracurricular events- 55 free clubs at point of contact.</li> <li>Working with KA Leisure for free sports kits.</li> <li>Free opportunities for young people to access sport and activity in Three Towns.</li> <li>Move and Improve programme for Primary Seven young people.</li> <li>St Johns and St Peter awarded Sport Scotland Gold Awards.</li> <li>All Girls Football Festival with 100 girls taking part.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	Noted

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6.	<p><b>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships</b></p> <p>Lisa Thomson, new Locality Inspector, updated on behalf of Police Scotland including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police working with North Ayrshire Trading Standards to address scam behaviour.</li> <li>• Working with schools and ADP around vaping and addiction issues.</li> <li>• Campus officer continues to work in schools around several key themes for example addiction, hate crime and water safety.</li> <li>• Talks have also taken place with P7 pupils around online safety.</li> <li>• Police have attended suicide training and training around autism.</li> <li>• Engagement taken place with Three Towns Resource Centre around local issues.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
8.	<p><b>KA Leisure</b></p> <p>Susan Kelly from KA Leisure updated on recent updates including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pool roof at Auchenhavie update- extensive storm damage has meant increased more complex work is required. Work is taking place with North Ayrshire Council around this.</li> <li>• Update on evolution skate park- KA Leisure have inherited this site. Cabins have been moved with support from North Ayrshire Council. KA Leisure is now working on safely re-opening the site as soon as they can.</li> <li>• Community Sports events at St Matthews.</li> <li>• Question received around the Women's Open at Dundonald Links and what activity is taking place on this. KA Leisure is working with pros to develop more of a pathway for young people.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Locality Update</b></p> <p>The Locality Partnership received an update from Denise Fraser on the work of the Three Towns Locality Team during the last quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report included in papers.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	
	<p><b>Review of Locality Planning</b></p> <p>Jacqui Greenlees provided an overview of the recommendations in the recent review of Locality Planning in North Ayrshire which focus on the themes of supporting the Locality Partnership, making the most of the</p>	<b>J Greenlees</b>

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	<p>meetings, strengthening focus on the Locality Plan and the Community Investment Fund.</p> <p>Discussion took place around potential changes to the meeting format and any other changes members would like to see going forward. Points were made as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overall, the Partnership agreed that the current format is working well, but that a workshop style discussion could add value.</li><li>• It was agreed that the agenda for the next meeting would include a mixture of standing reports, decisions and a workshop style discussion relating to the Locality Priorities for Three Towns.</li></ul>	
11.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None highlighted</li></ul>	

The meeting ended at 20.34pm