North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Three Towns Locality Partnership

Wednesday 3 December 2025, 6.00 p.m. in the Castle Craigs Lounge, Ardrossan Civic Centre

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	**Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.**	-	-	Cllr Kerr	
2.	**Action Note** Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
3.	**Matters Arising** Community Investment Fund Applications	-	Verbal	Angela Morrell	Receive update on applications approved at June LP meeting
4.	**CIF Project Update – Three Towns Community Shed** Receive update on project funded by CIF.	-	Verbal	Three Towns Community Shed	Receive update on project funded by CIF
DECISION REQUIRED					**6.30– 7.00 pm**
5.	**Community Investment Fund** The Locality Partnership are asked to consider an expression of interest application made to the Community Investment Fund. **Expression of Interest** • North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club	Pg 9	Enclosed	Denise Fraser	LP to consider application made to the Community Investment Fund

6.	**Grants** The Locality Partnership are asked to consider the following grant applications: **Common Good Fund** • Saltcoats Christmas Carnival **Elderly Grants** • Saltcoats Old Peoples Welfare **Three Towns Community Benefit Fund** • Ardrossan Indoor Bowls • 1st Stevenston BB's • 3TFM Community Radio • ACDT - Santa on the Prom	 Pg 16 Pg 17 Pg 18	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	LP To consider Grant Applications made to the Community Benefit Fund and Elderly Grants
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					**7.00 – 7.10 pm**
7.	**Locality Update** The Locality Partnership will receive an update on the work of the Three Towns Team during the last quarter.	Pg 25	Enclosed	Denise Fraser	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
PARTNER REPORTS					**7.10 – 7.35 pm**
8.	The Locality Partnership will receive updates from Partners: • Police Scotland • Scottish Fire & Resue • KA Leisure • Active Schools	 Pg 33	Verbal /Enclosed	Partners	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
AOCB					**7.35 – 8.00 pm**
9.	**AOCB** • **Report For Information –** North Ayrshire Wide CLD Report	 Pg 36	Verbal Enclosed	Cllr Kerr	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.

2026 Meeting dates:

- 4 March 2026
- 3 June 2026
- 2 September 2026
- 2 December 2026

All meetings will be held from 6.00 – 8.00 pm in the Castle Craig's Lounge, Ardrossan Civic Centre

Distribution List

Elected Members
Councillor Amanda Kerr **(Chair)**
Councillor Stewart Ferguson
Councillor Anthony Gurney
Councillor Cameron Inglis
Councillor Jean McClung
Councillor Jim Montgomerie
Councillor Davina McTiernan
Councillor John Sweeney

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CPP and Council Representatives
Angela Morrell, Lead Officer
Susan Manson, Third Sector Interface
Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland
Chris Parker, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Susan Kelly, KA Leisure

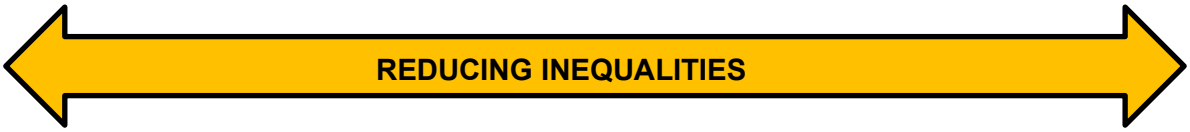
Three Town Locality Partnership Priorities

Promoting the local economy and tourism

Regenerating community facilities

Increasing civic pride and community engagement

Improving Community Wellbeing



Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	3 September 2025; Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:00pm
Present:	Councillor Cameron Inglis Councillor Anthony Gurney Councillor Davina McTiernan Councillor John Sweeney Pat Breen, Community Representative Scott Mould, Community Representative Julia Gray, Community Representative (Vice Chair) Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, NAC Leanne McPhail, Active Schools Jacqui Greenlees, Senior Manager, NAC PS Mark Semple Susan Manson, TACT
Also in Attendance	Sharon Fleming, NAC Michelle Sutherland, HSCP Kimberly O'Neil, NAC
Apologies:	Susan Kelly, KA Leisure 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 Councillor Jean McClung Denise Fraser, Locality Officer Jean Frew, Community Representative Glenn Turner, Community Representative

ACTIONS		
No.	**Action**	**Responsible**
1.	**Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest** As the Chair and Vice Chair have both given their 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>Declarations of Interest</u>** • Cllr Sweeney declared an interest in the CLASP application • J Gray declared an interest in Whitlees Community Centre	**Noted** **Noted**

	• Cllr Inglis declared an interest in Saltcoats Vics	
2.	**Action Note from meeting in June 2025** The action note from the meeting held on 4 June 2025 was submitted for approval as a correct record with the following updates provided: • Item 3- Community Investment Fund- No Update was available in July but an update will be made at this meeting. • Item 10- Welcoming Michelle Sutherland to speak on CHES and discuss with the Partnership at this meeting. Matters Arising • Saltcoats Vics were awarded CIF on the basis that match funding was secured. The Locality team can confirm that £8,000 of the required £20,000 has been procured. • Ardrossan Bowling Club were also required to secure match funding. So far, they have secured £6,400 of the £10,000 match funding required. They have a Community Benefit Fund application at this meeting to secure the rest if possible. • Hayocks have now completed their business plan and have applied for UKSPF and Community Landfill Fund. An update on this can be provided at the next meeting. • These updates will be circulated by A Morrell. Noted.	***A Morrell***
3.	**Collaboration for Health Equity (CHES)** The Locality Partnership received a presentation on the CHES Programme by M Sutherland: • An overview of CHES was provided to the Partnership. The work is jointly between several community planning partners including Council, Public Health and NHS. • Looking at reducing inequality and closing health equity gap. • One of three 'Marmot Places' • Two questions- What has the most impact in closing health inequality gap and what actions can we take? • North Ayrshire selected due to having lowest female healthy life expectancy in Scotland, with healthy life expectancy for men also now also the worst in Scotland. A large part of the population is economically inactive, high levels of child poverty and high levels of drug deaths. • M Sutherland provided an overview of available related statistics and evidence. • Have carried out analysis of the challenges in North Ayrshire. A report will be circulated on this alongside the slides from the meeting. • Looking at areas of poorest health outcomes in North Ayrshire- Three Towns, Irvine and Garnock Valley localities.	

	• Provided overview of 8 Marmot principles mapped to areas of highest health inequalities. Next stage is developing tests of change across these areas and start to deliver interventions. Discussion • Questions posed: How can we best engage the LPP and other networks in Three Towns, what opportunities are there to progress engagement, and how can we best feedback on engagement? • The Partnership expressed surprise at the exceptionally low healthy life expectancy of women in North Ayrshire. • Highlighted the work taking place across North Ayrshire around reducing social isolation. The Partnership feel this is a key issue and highlighted reaching socially isolated people as an important aspect. • HSCP could work closer, more jointly with other departments across the council especially around digital access. Classes are available across North Ayrshire for support and access on this. • Highlighted generational low economic activity and the effects on North Ayrshire communities. • Appreciate the targeted nature of the CHES programme. • Highlighted the lack of skilled employment in North Ayrshire as another issue of focus. A legacy in North Ayrshire of losing these industries that are then not replaced. • Highlighted work by Whitlees during Covid to build links and encourage community out into the centre from the house. Catching the children early is key also, for example increasing breakfast club and clubs that start early enough, school breakfast club does not start till 8am. The young people then feel a sense of ownership over the centre and can gain skills and experience through helping and volunteering. Local community organisations are vital in this process. • Efficient communication would help with lower resources, for example with health and care waiting times. Building links between CLD and Community Link Workers are key here. Increased partnership working. • From a Police perspective, mental health cases are increasingly visible to Police in Three Towns as they cannot access the support they need and call 999. This then diverts police away from being able to focus on criminal behaviour. • Highlighted review of locality networks that sit around the Locality Partnership- local partners and council services sit on the networks and this is where the key partnership working and link could be taking place. • M Sutherland is currently pulling together an FAQ document. • Next steps will be to pull together ideas for change and test these with the Partnership and continue a dialogue over the next 16-18 months.	
4.	**Grants** The Locality Partnership are asked to consider grant applications: **Ardrossan Common Good Fund**	

	Balance of £30,347
	
	• Whitlees Community Centre
	  o The Partnership agreed to fund this application.
	
	Three Towns Community Benefit Fund
	Balance of £66,817
	
	• Saltcoats Carnival Funding £4,000 requested
	  o The Partnership agreed to fund this application.
	
	• Dad's Rock £1,237.56 requested
	  o The Partnership agreed to fund this application.
	
	• Ardrossan Outdoor Bowling Club £3,600 requested
	  o The Partnership agreed to fund this application.
	
	• Saltcoats Victorica FC £4,200 requested
	  o The Partnership agreed to fund this application.
	
	• Ardeer Community Association £1,850 requested
	  o Community centres across Three Towns meet regularly and have plans to work together moving forward on joint festive events.
	  o On this basis the Partnership agreed to fund this application in this instance.
	
	Elderly Grants
	
	• CLASPS- £3,697 requested
	  o The Partnership agreed to fund this application.
	
	• Three Towns OIR- £4,910 requested
	  o Several groups sit under the OIR umbrella of 375 members.
	  o Clarification requested by the Partnership to how the funds would be distributed across members.
	  o ACTION- The decision will then be made through delegated powers.
		S Fleming
		A Morrell

5.	**Locality Update** The Locality Partnership received an update on the work of the Three Towns Locality Team during the last quarter: • A detailed locality report has been circulated. • Kimberly O'Neil highlighted some key activities from the report for the Partnership. Noted.	
	Partner Updates	

	Police updated including: • Team continues to work with trading standards around vapes. • Work ongoing with ADP. • Meeting with Locality Officers to reevaluate approach with community, for example diversionary work around off-road bikes. Partnership also highlighted issues with e-scooters. • Campus Officers work within schools around several subjects' including online safety, hate crime and knife crime. **Fire** • No representative present. **KA Leisure** • No representative present. An update will be circulated by email. **Active Schools updated including:** • Meetings with key contacts in primary schools. • Secondary extracurricular clubs – 43 now up and running. • All clubs are free. • Recruiting for leadership programmes currently- North Ayrshire Sports Academy has 60 young people in Three Towns signed up. Young Ambassador Conference has 55 young people from Three Towns recruited. Active Girls Committee starting 4 September. • 5 across Three Towns in new Fitness Leadership programme with KA Leisure. • New Climb mindfulness programme took place 3 September at Castle Semple. • 60 young people attended Three Towns Summer Camp over summer.	
6.	**AOCB** • J Gray updated that community centres across Three Towns are working together on Three Towns events. A winter event will take place 30 November. • Ardeer café will be taken over by Whitlees and funding has been received for new kitchen equipment and will be a training kitchen. Ardeer will then take back over in 6 months to run themselves. This work will begin in January.	

The meeting ended at 20.15pm

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Community Investment Fund Checklist To be completed by Locality Officer at expression of interest stage				
Item	**Yes**	**No**	**Not Applicable (give reason)**	**Comments**
Expression of interest coproduced	X			Meeting took place with Locality Officer and Billy Main from North Ayrshire Table Tennis Clun (NATTC)
Link to Fair for All	X			
Link to Locality priorities	X			Links to 3 locality priorities: Promoting the local economy and tourism Increasing civic pride and community engagement; Improving community wellbeing and future plans to create pop up 'ping pong parlours' in empty shop units will link to the priority of Regenerating community facilities
Does this duplicate existing services		X		None that I am aware of
Long term impact and sustainable	X			The club is growing from strength to strength and has met identified community need and expanded as required elsewhere
Evidence of financial viability (bank acct, annual accounts)	X			Locality Officer has seen accounts

Evidence of management arrangements (governance arrangements, officer bearers, organisational objectives, organisational status)	X			Copy of constitution received. Club are affiliated to Table Tennis Scotland and the West of Scotland Table Tennis league
OSCR compliance		X		Club are not registered with OSCR as a charitable organisation
GDPR compliance	X			NATTC are currently working on and improving policies and updating webpage to include GDPR policies and statements
Child protection and vulnerable adults policies	X			All members have received a copy of the Club's child protection policy. NATTC are compliant with current legal requirements.
Measurable outcomes	X			- Increasing footfall - Tracking progress - Results as a club - Tackling inequalities and social isolation
Any issues flagged in past 3 years		X		None that I am aware of
Completed By: Denise Fraser				
Date Completed: 20 November 2025				

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Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

Please see notes on reverse before completing this form.

Organisation name	***NORTH AYRSHIRE TABLE TENNIS CLUB***

Brief details of organisation	North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club have been established since 2001 and aims to give people of all ages, within the three towns and across North Ayrshire the opportunity to come along to our 24 table, Table Tennis centre at ST. MATTHEWS Saltcoats. All abilities and backgrounds can participate together from as young as 6 to 90 years of age. The club has grown from strength to strength with a response to community need for smaller venues popping up all over North Ayrshire including our Island communities. Playing regularly delivers major social, physical and mental well-being benefits – addressing some of the major health challenges in society today • Its simplicity makes it particularly effective at helping the inactive become more active • It can be played in schools, sports centres as well as village halls, community centres and day-care centres reaching into communities of all sizes • We have a pathway at the club for all abilities from grass roots to international level • We had a vision 24 years ago to introduce table tennis to the community of North Ayrshire hence the name. We have covered most areas, and now Saltcoats is one of the main venues in the UK for table tennis visitors and major events • The club has invested £28,000 over the past few years in new tables and equipment and we have a total of 42 table tennis tables and 120 safety surrounds in venues within our remit. This is to meet the demand for table tennis within the local area

	• The club currently hold the title of Scottish Sports club of the year, winning it for the 2nd time, previously in 2013, and are the only club to have won this prestigious award twice. • The club pride themselves on sustainability and with excellent facilities coaches, partners and a strong committee we are in our 24th year with our membership continuing to grow.

Locality	Three Towns

Amount Requested	£3,921

Timescale	February 2026

Brief Overview of Proposal	Our proposal is to create a full-time Development Officer/coach and equip our part time coaches to run sessions. We will work towards obtaining UKCC coaching awards for these coaches and the funding would go towards increasing hours for coaching and qualifications for new coaches who would work alongside the Development Officer post. Our coaches are age 16+ and the opportunities provided, will help young people to identify strengths and build on their skills. As a club we have seen young people move on to positive pathways and secure employment as a result. **Project budget Proposal:** Our 2-year plan is to have a coach paid for 35 hours a week over 44 weeks of the year at £15 per hour min totalling £23k **Year 1: CIF Fund £3,921 + club contributions of £8,000** **Year 2:** The club has applied to **ARRAN CVS** via the Mental health and wellbeing Fund for 2-year funding of £10k per year. We have been supported through this fund over the past 4 years. 2 x ad hoc Table Tennis apprentice coaches to support our head coach. Hours approx 6 hours per week. We will cover the cost of their salaries through local small sponsors and events. Club membership is growing each year and income is rising year on year. We are also in talks with a few companies who have supported us over the years and going into our 25th year we are organising fund raising events to celebrate our 25th year.

	Community wealth building continues to be a major objective of the club through the years and for the future. The club have invested into the three towns since it was founded and continues to help promote the local economy and tourism by staging major events in Saltcoats. In addition to these objectives: • We actively focus on building active and strong communities by using table tennis as a means. • Providing children and young people opportunities to take part in a fun, healthy and active experience. • We are tackling social isolation and improving wellbeing by being inclusive of all ages, skill levels and abilities. • We are utilising social media to promote the reach of the club across North Ayrshire. • Assist training skills to encourage paid employment. • We would like to leave a legacy to the community by owning or naming the table tennis centre as a centre of excellence and dedicate this to someone. • We could not have achieved all we have over the past 24 years without the continued partnerships we have enjoyed, such as Arran CVS, NAC, KA LEISURE and Active schools. • The club has been successful in obtaining funding for capital equipment and due to this we have and are increasing our membership on a monthly basis and now into wintertime our club will be increasing venue hire to run more sessions.

Timescale	February 2026-2028

Contact Details	Billy Main

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The Community Investment Fund (CIF) will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
  - the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and Locality priorities; and
  - North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) values, priorities and business objectives.
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;

- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

When to apply and how?

- Groups should have an initial discussion with the relevant Locality Officer. Their contact details are available by emailing communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.
- Initial interest in a CIF application should be via an expression of interest form sent to the Locality Officer. This will be discussed by the LP or an associated working group.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.

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Locality Partnership: Three Towns Locality

Date: 3rd December 2025

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the Ardrossan Common Good Fund, Elderly Grant Fund and the Three Towns Community Benefit Fund.

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

Background: Applications have been received in respect of the Saltcoats Common Good Fund, Three Towns Elderly Grants and Three Towns Community Benefit Fund as follows:

- **Saltcoats Common Good Fund**
  - Saltcoats Christmas Carnival - £3,566.82

- **Elderly Grant Fund**
  - Saltcoats Old People's Welfare - £4,373.03

- **Three Towns Community Benefit Fund**
  - Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club - £3,850.00
  - 3TFM Community Radio - £4,000.00
  - ACDT Santa on the Prom - £3,701.00

Key Points for Locality Partnership

Saltcoats Common Good Fund has a balance of **£5,000.00** available for disbursement.

Elderly Grant Fund has a balance of **£6,013.40** available for disbursement.

Three Towns Community Benefit Fund has a balance of **£47,064.76** available for disbursement.

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 Morrell, Senior Manager, Connected Communities, 2nd Floor Cunninghame House, Irvine.*
Email - amorrell@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Completed by: *Sharon Fleming, Grants & Performance Officer (*sharonfleming@north-ayrshire@gov.uk)

Date: 12 November 2025

APPENDIX 1

COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2025/26

Common Good Criteria – The application should benefit all or a significant group of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Awards
Saltcoats Christmas Carnival	Christmas Lights for Saltcoats Town	£3566.82 Christmas Lights Installation for Saltcoats which will be **£3,566.82** which includes Building Services labour costs, an allowance for Pull out testing (but if this is not utilised, we would reduce from the final bill), plant and access equipment costs. Payable by 31 March 2026	Nil

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

Finance: Quotes and requested documentation have been provided. There would remain £1,433 available for
disbursement from the Saltcoats Common Good Fund should this application be successful.

Legal: It is legals understanding from this application that the lights installation in previous years was carried out by NAC building services free of charge, however this charge is now the community's responsibility. NAC building services would still be responsible for installation of the lights and associated equipment, however the applicant is responsible for paying the Council as per the quote provided in the submitted application paperwork. The Act states that in terms of s.15(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 when determining whether an application is to receive assistance from Common Good fund the Council should have regard to the interests of the inhabitants as a whole of the area to which the Common Good relates. Whilst I think that the purpose of the funding itself (installation of lights/equipment) could potentially meet the criteria of the act as Christmas lights are an essential part of the Christmas carnival and the carnival itself is attended and enjoyed by the community of Saltcoats, I would normally expect the application to explain in more detail why this fits the criteria of the act.

Housing and Communities: Having considered this application and Finance and Legal's comments we believe this application meets the criteria of benefiting a significant group of inhabitants to Saltcoats Town.

APPENDIX 1

Application for Elderly Grant Fund

Grant Allocation for Three Towns LPP Area

Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allocated to Group	Amount Approved	Remaining Balance
Saltcoats Old People's Welfare	We are planning to encourage elderly people to meet and address social isolation by arranging afternoon teas, bingo, excursions, a trip to the pantomime and our usual summer trips and Christmas dinners. By holding more events such as bingo and games or entertainment events we are hoping to increase confidence in the elderly and encourage more people to take part and engage in our planned activities. The North Ayrshire Council Elderly Grant will contribute to the cost of these activities. Social Bingo/Raffles/Tea/Sandwiches & Scones - £500 Christmas Dinners (including printing tickets/posters/entertainment/raffles and tickets/selection boxes) - £4,500 Summer trips and events - £5,000 Total - £10,000 We do fundraising events and will look other grant funding to cover this along with the NAC Elderly Grant.	£ 4,373.03	£ -	£ 4,373.03

APPENDIX 1

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND
OFFICER REPORT

Applicant Contact Details

Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club

Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of Members: +250	**Established:** 50 years
Group Meeting Place: Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club, 150 Glasgow Street, Ardrossan, KA22 8EU	**Date of Contact:** 11 November 2025 10am - Teams

Description of the Project

Background:

The female toilets and changing area at the Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club have not been upgraded since the building was first constructed. The facilities are described as unsightly and unpleasant, with two non-operational toilets, rusty and scratched toilet roll holders, and evidence of previous, poorly concealed vandalism and graffiti. Users have also noted an unpleasant odour, missing and cracked tiles, and flaking paint. The Formica worktops on the sinks are splitting, and the carpets are worn, stained, and show significant water damage from a previous roof leak. It is vital to the community to ensure the maintenance of the building is kept to an operational standard as this is a warm hub for many elderly who rely on this for friendship, exercise, heat and socialising where they can have a hot drink and avoid isolation.

Project for Funding:

The club is seeking funding for a comprehensive toilet renovation project. This will include the removal of existing WC's and cisterns, the supply and fitting of four new WC's, and associated pipework alterations in the ladies' toilet. The project also covers the removal of the existing worktop and WHB's, to be replaced with a new worktop, four new WHB taps, and gratings. Plastering and painting of the renovated areas are also included in the scope of the works. This will enhance the facilities for use not only for the Members, but other Community Groups who currently use the building and anyone attending private and community functions that will be held in the future. The proposed project start date has been amended to 2nd February 2026, with a completion date of 13th February 2026. The users of the venue will have access to the accessible toilet while the work is being carried out.

Funding

Amount requested: £3,850.00 **Martin's Plastering** This quote covers the plastering and painting work for the renovation. **Item Description Amount (£)** Materials Paint, plaster, and other necessary materials. 300.00 Labour The cost for the plastering and painting work. 1,000.00 **Total cost including VAT £1,300.00** **James Frew GasSure** This quotation details the plumbing work required for the ladies' toilet renovation. **Description** Removal of Existing WCs, Cisterns from Ladies Toilet Supply & Fit 4 x New WCs in The Ladies Toilet Pipework Alterations to Suit Removal of Existing Worktop & WHBs from Ladies Toilet Supply & Fit 4x New WHB Taps & Gratings Supply & Fit New Worktop & WHBs for Ladies Toilet Pipework Alterations to Suit Labour included **Cost Breakdown:** Item Amount (£) Sub-Total ex VAT £2,095.62 VAT @ 20% £419.12 **Total inc VAT £2,514.74** **Total Project Costs: £4,500**	Contribution by Group: £650 (to be raised through member contributions via various raffles, football cards, and similar activities) To be allocated for: • New flooring to replace the "worn and stained" carpets. • New tiles to replace the "missing and cracked" ones. • Other fixtures and fittings like new toilet roll holders, mirrors, or lighting. • A small contingency fund for any unexpected costs during the renovation

Supporting Information Provided

Constitution/Memorandum of Articles: Available and reviewed	
Bank Details: Available and reviewed	Balance in Bank: Available and reviewed

Additional Comments on Scoring

Criteria:

Charitable	x	Educational	
Community	x	Environmental	x
Renewable Energy		Energy Efficiency	
Sustainable Development	x	General Community Amenity	x

Level of environmental enhancement: The renovation will improve the facilities for all users, enhancing the club's role as a community asset. It will also eliminate an unpleasant odour and repair areas with water damage, improving the environment for all users.

Level of community involvement: The project is a direct response to feedback and complaints from club members and users. The project is being supported by contributions from members. The club is also used by other community groups and for events, and the renovated facilities will benefit all these users. The club also plans to engage members in fundraising efforts to contribute to the project costs.

Level of funding secured or available: The club has a balance of £1,064.76 in their bank account as of 29th August 2025 and has committed to raising a further £650 towards the project.

Experience of group to deliver project: The application is supported by detailed quotes from local professional tradespeople, indicating a well-planned project. The club has provided an invoice from Martin's Plastering for £1,300 and a customer quotation from James Frew GasSure for £2,514.74.

Future sustainability of project: The renovations will ensure the long-term usability and appeal of the club's facilities, contributing to its ongoing sustainability as a community venue which will be immediately noticeable. The club plans to use a yearly questionnaire and feedback forms to measure the success and reduction of complaints about the toilet facilities.

Location of Project: Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club, 150 Glasgow Street, Ardrossan, KA22 8EU

Officer Details

Name:	Sharon Fleming	Position:	Grants & Performance Officer
Email:	sharonfleming@north-ayrshire.gov.uk	Date:	12 November 2025

APPENDIX 1

Three Towns Community Benefit Fund

Officers Report

Applicant Contact Details

Organisation:	3TFM Community Radio for Health

Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of Members: Active 30 Volunteers	Established: 2008
Group Meeting Place: Frank Sweeney Centre for Enterprise, 82-84 Glasgow Street, Ardrossan	Date of Contact: 11 Nov 2025 12.30pm Teams

Description of the Project

Background: The organisation's current broadcasting equipment is over ten years old and is becoming increasingly unreliable. The software they use runs on Windows 10, which will no longer be supported by Microsoft from October 2025, rendering the system obsolete. This poses a significant and imminent risk to the station's ability to continue its broadcasting services for the communities of Ardrossan, Saltcoats, and Stevenston broadcasting to roughly 30,000 members of the public annually. Some of which are expats of the Three Towns now living in the USA and Canada who listen to the stream via the internet.

Project for Funding: The project is to purchase essential new digital broadcasting equipment. The funding requested will be used to purchase a new Myriad Broadcasting Software system and a new Digital Radio Mixing Desk. This capital investment will replace the obsolete systems, modernise the studio, and ensure the long-term continuation and development of the 3TFM community radio service. The new updated system will enable 3TFM to do a live broadcast on Christmas Day from their own homes, reducing social isolation. The group have applied for £8,000 from Clothworks Foundation to replace the broadcasting equipment. If the application to Clothworks is unsuccessful at this stage, with the CBF award the Community Radio would still be able to operate with the new mixing desks and software update. NAC external funders are also supporting the group.

Funding

Amount requested**: £4,000** • Radio Mixing Desks £3,000 ○ (Note: The application identifies a total need of £3,000 for two mixing desks, so this part of the grant would cover that specific cost). • Myriad Broadcasting Software (Yearly Fee): £1,000 • **Total Requested Grant: £4,000** • **Broadcasting Equipment: £9,000** • **Total Project cost £13,000**	Contribution by Group: £1,000

Supporting Information Provided

Constitution/Memorandum of Articles: Checked & Available	
Bank Details: Checked & Available	Balance in Bank: Checked & Available

Additional Comments on Scoring

Criteria:

Charitable	x	Educational	x
Community	x	Environmental	x
Renewable Energy		Energy Efficiency	x
Sustainable Development	x	General Community Amenity	x

Level of environmental enhancement: The project will provide a moderate level of environmental enhancement by reducing electricity consumption through the installation of modern, energy-efficient equipment.

Level of community involvement: The organisation is a community-run radio station with 30 active community volunteers. Its purpose is to engage with local inhabitants in the production of programmes, provide training opportunities, and offer a platform for local groups and individuals, with an emphasis on excluded young people.

Level of funding secured or available: The group has committed £1,000 from its own fundraising efforts. £8,000 has been applied to Clothworks Foundation to replace the broadcasting equipment.

Experience of group to deliver project: The group has successfully operated the community radio station since 2008. They have a proven track record of managing their finances, operations, and governance effectively, demonstrating they have the experience to deliver this capital project.

Future sustainability of project: The primary aim of this project is to secure the station's future. By replacing obsolete equipment, the organisation is futureproofing its service, ensuring it can continue to operate and serve the community for many years to come.

Location of Project: 3TFM Community Radio for Health, Frank Sweeney Centre for Enterprise, 82-84 Glasgow Street, Ardrossan, Ayrshire, KA22 8EH.

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APPENDIX 1

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND
OFFICER REPORT

Applicant Contact Details

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Organisation: ACDT

Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of Members: Staff Employed: 3 Beneficiaries: 1,000	Established: 6 years (Constituted 2019)
Group Meeting Place: Frank Sweeney Centre for Enterprise, Ardrossan	Date of Contact: 10 November 2025

Description of the Project

Background: Ardrossan Community Development Trust (ACDT) is a Voluntary Organisation/Limited Company with Charitable Status. The project is to deliver the "HUB on the PROM's 1st Annual Community Christmas Event," a high-quality, fully inclusive, and subsidised festive event for the Ardrossan community, with a specific focus on supporting vulnerable families and individuals who may not be able to afford or travel to similar events. This is a very much Community spirited event.

Project for Funding: The provision of an inclusive Christmas event over 6 days in December 2025 (13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd). Activities include a fully subsidised Santa's Grotto experience (including a toy/certificate), free Funfair rides, community market stalls to support local groups, the installation of colour-changing Festoon lighting (a permanent feature), and the management of a Gift Tree and Toy Bank targeting the most vulnerable. The event is intentionally designed to be local and accessible to address the needs of deprived communities in Ardrossan/3 Towns.

Funding

Amount requested: **£3701.00** Total Project Costs: **£6701.00**	Contribution by Group: **£3,000**
Santa – Ian Taylor	£200 per day £1200.00
Santa – Tommy's DJ Events	£100 per day £600.00
Inflatable Grotto - Tommy	£400.00
Backdrops – Tommy's DJ Events	£110.00
Indoor Christmas Tree & Lights for Hub	£0.00
Confirm Rides – Funfair	£0.00
Purchase Festoon Lights – Beach Huts	£159.00
Purchase Festoon Lights – Decking	£89.00
Heras Fencing – McLaughlin's	£0.00
9-foot Potted Tree for Beach Huts	£210.00
2 x 5-foot Potted Tree for Decking	£150.00
Purchase of Toys 264 @ £5.00	£1440.00
Wrapping of Toys	£60.00
Elves Costumes	£185.00
Gift Tree Labels	£20.00
Xmas Certificates	£40.00
Fair Attractions	£1750.00
Hot Chocolate each Child 288 @ £1.00	£288
Total Costings	**£6701.00**

Supporting Information Provided

Constitution/Memorandum of Articles: Checked & Available	
Bank Details: Checked & Available	Balance in Bank: Checked & Available

Additional Comments on Scoring

Criteria:

Charitable	x	Educational	
Community	x	Environmental	x
Renewable Energy	x	Energy Efficiency	x
Sustainable Development	x	General Community Amenity	x

Level of environmental enhancement: Achieved through using 90% green energy at the HUB, installing permanent festoon lighting, and implementing a successful toy/clothes reuse and recycling bank.

Level of community involvement: Involvement from local schools (Elves), community groups (market stalls), local businesses (sponsorship/discounts from Café tenants), and the wider community through the Gift Tree donation process. The event is exceptionally inclusive, with a dedicated ASN Day (15-minute sessions with reduced sensory input) to ensure access for all children in the area.

Level of funding secured or available: Total project cost is £6,701.00, with only £3,701 requested. The organisation has robust financial processes (Treasurer, Accountant, external Auditors). The remaining £3,000 is secured through business sponsorship and ACDT own contribution.

Experience of group to deliver project: ACDT has been established for 6 years and employs dedicated staff. They have secured a venue (HUB), negotiated partnerships, and developed a priority-based online booking system for the Grotto, demonstrating excellent planning and capacity.

Future sustainability of project: The event is described as the "1st Annual," indicating a commitment to ongoing delivery. The in-kind support involves permanent infrastructure enhancements (lighting/decoration) that will benefit future events and the general amenity of the promenade. The project empowers local groups to generate their own funds through the market stalls.

Location of Project: The HUB on the PROM, South Beach Promenade, Ardrossan (benefitting Ardrossan and the wider 3 Towns).

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- **Third Sector COG**

Kaileigh Brown from TACT and Laura Houston from CHAP visited NESSie (North Edinburgh Support Service) with Council colleagues to learn from the leads from Fresh Start and North Edinburgh Arts. Kate and Biddy from the NESSie consortium led a discussion with us about how NESSie evolved and the compromises and work culture that has enabled them to be so successful, which was extremely useful and well-timed for the discussions around how to deliver the Child Poverty and Early Intervention Fund (CPEIF) commitments.
The September meeting of the Third Sector COG was well-attended and with some new members, including Donna Fitzpatrick from Fullarton Hub. The session covered the CHES research being led by HSCP and NAC, and opened the door to the Third Sector being able to work alongside the CHES leads on the interventions in Irvine, the Three Towns and the Garnock Valley. Kaileigh gave an update on the visit to NESSie and the development of the CPEIF project with the rest of the subgroup, and the COG were also updated on the progress of Test It following the feedback from them in June.

.S.A.L.T. Group
held their annual Pirate Day on Saturday 20th September. We supported them using our mobile Youth Centre, providing free activities on the day for young people and families. The pirates had to hold on to their hats due to the windy weather and it was a great success as always

Improving Community Wellbeing

The NAFF Larder Network were pleased to be part of North Ayrshire Council's sustainable approach to period dignity and highlighting #EnvironmentrualWeek.
Environmentally alternatives to single use period products are available in all community larders, thanks to NAC Community Resources team. Ardeer Community Larder was the film set for a short video developed by our Modern Apprentices, highlighting how straightforward it is to get some fantastic, environmentally friendly period products.

3 Towns – Larder Footfall
A total of 1748 visits were made to the 5 community larders in the 3 Towns Locality.

Companion Connectors
A newly formed group open to widows, where they can meet others, share experiences and form a new support network within the Three Towns. The group will meet weekly in Saltcoats library on a Wednesday between 1.30-3.30 and will start back up in January.

Regenerating Community Facilities

Community Asset Transfer News
There are currently 6 Community Asset Transfers which are at various stages of the process across Saltcoats, Stevenston and Ardrossan, these are:

- Whitlees Community Centre
- Hayocks Swing Park
- Campbell Park, Saltcoats
- Glasgow St, Ardrossan (Public Toilets)
- Castle Hill, Ardrossan
- Melbourne Toilets and Public Park
  - Ripple Effect Saltcoats – have been supported to complete the North Ayrshire Venture Trust Funding process, in which they have successfully secured £30k. The funding will be used to employ a community worker to drive forward the asset transfer and reopening of the community toilets at Melbourne Park in Saltcoats on behalf of the Ripple Effect.

North Ayrshire Ventures trust

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Community Benefits - 3 wishes delivered this quarter (12th August-11th November):

- Three Towns: donation of £2000 to St Peter's Flying Start Children's Centre Toddler Group from HSL
- Three Towns: gas and electric safety check for West Coast Furniture Bank SCIO from NICEIC
- Three Towns: donation of 3 laptops to Three Towns Community Shed from Re-Tek

Stevenston Christmas Lights Committee –
Supporting the group to prepare for their switch on event, taking place on Friday 28th Nov. Event planning is underway and has turned into a weekend long celebration/fundraising cause. This will include the switch on event itself on the Friday, a craft fayre and breakfast with Santa on the Saturday and a Santa dash on the Sunday, some of these have been sponsored by local businesses. The group had new committee members join at the beginning of the year and are going from strength to strength. They held a fundraiser in partnership with CLASPS by hosting a line dancing afternoon. There was over 50 community members who supported, and it was a great day had by all.

Improving Community Wellbeing

Case Study : 3T Discovery Award - Eric Sutherland Award
Sadly, in January 2025, the Chair of the Three Towns Discovery Award passed away leaving great loss and sadness in the group. Eric became the first chair of the community group and took his role very seriously, always going above and beyond to develop the group and the opportunities it served to its participants. At Eric's funeral, his wife Maria (Also a group member) took a donation for 2 groups Eric volunteered with and one of these was the Three Towns Discovery Award. When Maria and I sat down to discuss what she would like to do with the money, we couldn't decide. We wanted the money to be used for something significant, and the Eric Sutherland Award was founded. This Award was created to recognise others within all North Ayrshire Discovery Award groups who demonstrate and share the best characteristics of Eric within their groups. For those that go above and beyond, helping others through their journey of Discovery.
The Eric Sutherland Award ceremony took place in September and turned out to be a very special morning. All nominees were deserving. Mr Walker from the Irvine Discovery Group was awarded the shield. This will become an annual event, which I am sure will grow with time. Since the ceremony, the group have taken part in a 2 weeklong come dine with me competition, held a joint Halloween party, inviting the Kilwinning group to attend and are currently planning for their joint St Andrews Day celebrations.

Regenerating Community Facilities

Ardrossan Community Association/Whitlees Community Centre : Community Asset Transfer

The association have received excellent support and advice from CJM Lumina, who worked with them to complete the business plan, financial projections and a set of next step recommendations along with an options appraisal, which wasn't included in the original brief for the consultant. The review of finances and forward projections highlighted the risk to the association of taking on the building at the present time and with current ways of working, as it would drain reserves and put enormous strain on the staff and volunteers. Based on this, the association have decided to pause the CAT process for now and take the time to work with North Ayrshire Council to put in place the recommendations from the business plan, which focus on increasing financial resilience and adjusting processes and procedures to strengthen the association's case for taking on the asset in the future. The recommendations have been pulled into a separate action plan and we are about to begin a costing review exercise focused on the events side of the business to ensure that every event is at minimum breaking even while minimising waste.

The association hope to work closely with Connected Communities and Community Facilities over the next 2-3 years to gradually take on more responsibility for staff, bills and other costs to build up their financial resilience before they revisit full ownership through CAT in the future to safeguard the centre for the community.

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PDA Youth Work Ardrossan Academy

The young people are close to completing unit one of their 3-unit higher qualification. Some young people are shy, so it is a working progress to support the young people to develop their confidence as we approach the Youth work, workplace next year. Some of work covered so far has involved the UNCRC, youth engagement, practice and policy and risks/boundaries. With this extra option as part of the curriculum, we can use this as a foundation for young people to access Youth Work practices within the local community.

PDA Youth Work Auchenharvie Academy

The PDA has been running over the past three months making steady progress in Auchenharvie Academy with S5-S6 pupils

The group have completed Unit 1 (Understanding and Exploring youth work) which focused on 3 separate outcomes.
1 Outline the settings and context for delivery of youth work in Scotland
2 Explain the roles and responsibilities of an effective youth worker
3 Outline the factors which may impact on youth work practice

Improving Community Wellbeing

Three Towns Community Shed

The group were recently supported throughout their community open days during the October holidays and are being supported with updating policies and setting up their new laptops which they received through the community benefit wishlist.

Stevenston Community Council

With a change in chair, the group have been supported to learn how to generate an agenda template and are currently being supported to submitted their CIF annual report.
The subgroup of the council are working away in the background to process the applications received to access the windfarm monies.
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Regenerating Community Facilities

Ardrossan Youth Association (AYA)

Work has begun on the centre from the money allocated from the National Lottery to refresh the external walls of the Youth centre. The centre has undergone a fresh lick of paint on the outside as well as a new sign. This work was carried out by the CLD workers who support the association and volunteers from the D.I.S.C. Award group who also use the centre as part of their award.

The youth association have managed to make massive savings to outgoing bills. This was done through identifying out of contract utility suppliers and making new contracts or changing suppliers. The association changed other things like insurance providers and stopping contracts with businesses that are no longer used. It works out around £8900 of savings per year which will be used more constructively with positive outcomes. They have also received around £4ooo back from different suppliers for over payments

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Participatory Budgeting -

•324 applications were received in total across the three funds, of which 264 were eligible to proceed to the public vote, which opened on Monday 20th October.

•32 community reviewers, the Modern Apprentices and 4 Youth Forums reviewed the applications this year before the public vote opened, with many people participating at this stage for the first time. The older Modern Apprentices co-delivered the training on community review to the new intake and helped lead the review for Irvine and Kilwinning localities.

•At the time of this update (11th November), 10,424 votes have been cast across the funds with the majority being cast by young people (so far). School engagement remains low overall, but an increase in participation was seen following promotion during Youth Work Week, particularly at Joint Cabinet and the Youth Conference.

•The voting deadline has been extended from Monday 10th November to Sunday 16th September to allow additional time for votes to come in

•North Ayrshire's approach to PB has been highlighted as a good practice example in the recent Audit Scotland Best Value report, with attention drawn to the percentage of funding spent through participatory approaches and the value of our process, particularly for young people

Over 600,000 visits to the Shaping North Ayrshire website since we opened it in 2021; over 1000 applications have been submitted in the last 4 years

Improving Community Wellbeing

Community Hub of Hope

The group are now successfully operating as a SCIO. This came in good time where double celebrations were held with the official opening of their new premise. The group were supported on the day with this celebration. In the background they have also been supported with the creation of group policies which align with the groups ethos and from this a child protection policy, confidentiality policy, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy, Code of Conduct policy, social media policy and a safe-guarding policy were created.

Friends of North Ayrshire

This group has now come to a natural end. Having supported the group for 5 years, it is now time for them to go out there and try something new. Support will always be available over the phone or with a catch up.

Regenerating Community Facilities

Hayocks Tenants and Residents Association (HTARA)

The group have been supported to make amendments to their constitution, providing them with SCIO status, develop new policies and to complete a business plan in preparation for the group to submit their full CAT application.

HTARA were successful with their CIF bid of £100k and required to find match funding towards the build and extension to the playpark, they were supported to apply for funding from the UKSPF fund, securing £25k and a successful funding application for the Scottish Landfill Community Fund gaining a further £45k which in total is £170k for the Play Park.

West Coast Furniture Bank

The Three Towns team continue to support the furniture bank to do what they do best - to help individuals and families out of poverty and provide household items to make a house a home. By upcycling items that would normally go to landfill, their organisation will either re distribute or sell on these items to continue the work of the charity.

The Charity are currently in a very large building in Ardrossan and are looking for organisations to rent some of the space the new large premises have to offer. They continue to seek funding to ensure that they can continue to carry out the great work and partnership working with other charities.

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New Scots Update:

- Mental health awareness embedded in ESOL curriculum using storyboards and roleplay
- In October, the Equality and Inclusion Manager from Ayrshire and Arran NHS attended the Big Community ESOL class. The team spoke to learners to gather their views on any healthcare they have received and the challenges that ethnic minorities face when accessing healthcare
- New Scots have been supported to take up volunteer opportunities supporting them with interviews, language required and ongoing support while volunteering
- ESOL Learner Forum has been established with 14 leaners participating to shape service provision and remove barriers
- We ran a Summer School for young New Scots and unaccompanied minors in Saltcoats and Irvine, the summer school provided a safe and supporting space to keep learning, practising English and socialising

Core Skills Update:

- Core Skills drop-ins in Irvine, Kilwinning and Stevenson support literacy, numeracy, and digital skills; 3 learners gained permanent employment
- Core skills volunteer recruitment drive launched with 7 volunteers completing induction and shadowing with the core skills team

Improving Community Wellbeing

3 Towns Growers - Update

THE ALCHEMIST PATH - a forage trail.

This project will establish a wild path through the wooded area on the west side of the allotment. Using recovered tree twigs, branches, logs and other fibrous organic material, to build a 'dead hedge'. The project will become a place to forage wild foods. It will introduce individuals and communities to the idea of sustainable food provision through foraging, create a site of biodiversity protection and enhancement. Plot holders will be asked to help by provide cuttings from native fruit trees and bushes they have. The purchase of propagated bushes will also be undertaken, along with seeds for vegetables.

We will look to establish a group of volunteers to start developing the Alchemist Path both from the allotment membership and importantly the communities of the Three Towns. The development of the hedge and path will be from January 2026 to March 2026. The funding will provide the infrastructure for the path to become a reality.

It will be an outdoor workshop and training space, a wild place in the heart of the community. Expand the Three Towns Growers community outreach and ownership approach and ethos.

Regenerating Community Facilities

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3 Towns Growers - Community Hub Build

The new building construction has been underway since July 2025, and progress has been steady, with a finish date in February 2026. Many of the 'Growers' membership has commented that this is an asset that will help the allotment become more publicly known, benefit the membership and the communities of the Three Towns. Conversations with people who pass the build sight daily, are very positive about the new community hub.

The 3TG Board are working on a let policy and booking system, as well as starting to look at potential users and what workshops and educational programmes can be facilitated from the 'Community Hub'. These will be tied into a new business plan for the allotment and the community hub.

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Argyle Community Association
The Association has been working hard over the last 3 months transitioning from their old booking system to the new Hallmaster booking system.
The association have taken part in training days to learn the new system and how to navigate through all options. They have also uploaded all long-term customers (centre users) onto the system which will benefit them and the centre users when they go live in January.
This new system will come with a website that will promote all groups at the centre as well as a Calendar which takes the public to the online booking form. The association has also opted to keep hard copies of the booking form for those not online. These will have to be inputed by association members.

Argyle Digital Drop in
The group which runs on a Wednesday afternoon and continues to grow. Average participation per session is siting at 15 people. This is an outlet for anyone, but predominantly older people who are socially isolated and unable to carry-out everyday tasks in our digital world without assistance

The NAFF larder network were represented at a market place event at the recent Housing Partnership Event and also at the Financial Inclusion Conference. Both events were held at Fullarton Connexions in Irvine. It was a great opportunity to share the work of the network with colleagues in Housing services and wider partner organisations.

Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

Hayocks Community Association – have been supported in their journey to take on the hall lets from the facilities team at Hayocks Community Hall. Training is now taking place with the Hallmaster system to manage the hall and further develop activities as an association and hall.

Hayocks TARA – the group has been introduced to a new volunteer from another group from the Discovery Award Group. He has agreed to work in the community garden that the group manage. Flowers have been planted, benches sanded, and painting is beginning.
The group are working on a plan with the volunteer to transform the space and are also working in partnership with the Three Towns Growers to achieve this.

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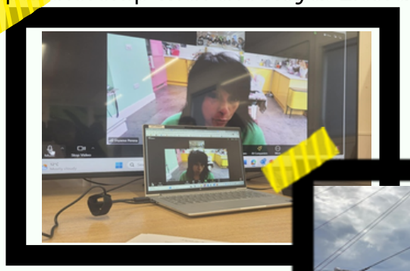
D.I.S.C. Award Group
Formally know as Midweek Meals, this group was originally established as a cooking group to provide a stepping stone into engagement with the hardest to reach individuals who have a history of and/or recently been released from prison. It has since evolved into an Awards Group whereby individuals will complete tasks and/or activities from the hobbies & interests, Service in the Community & recreational pursuit sections.

The group have been taking part in activities outside their comfort zones which includes first aid and Naloxone training and successfully went on their first group trip to the Transport museum and Kelvin Grove. As part of their volunteering section, they supported CLD staff to refresh the outside of the Ardrossan Youth Centre. Most recently, they have begun a 4-week block workshop in creative writing in partnership with the Royal Literary Fund.



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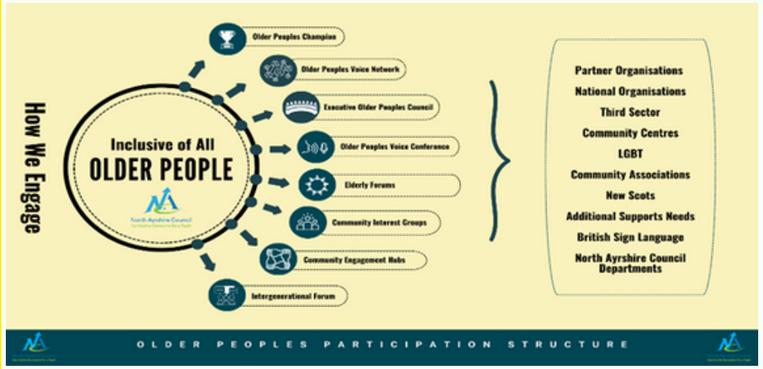
Three Towns Older Peoples Voice – the older people's network has been delivered in a different format this year in relation to last year instead of having dedicated meetings, the aim has been to go to groups where older people are and have short discussions on what is most important to them and what they felt the current issues are facing older people in the Three Towns to ensure more older people are included.



Older Peoples Executive Council Meeting – 2 older people were identified to represent the older people's network from the Three Towns to articulate shared concerns and highlight areas of success and support. The meeting was chaired by the Council Leader and supported with council staff.

Promoting the Local economy & Tourism

Saltcoats Christmas Lights and Carnival – will take place on November 23rd. The group has received capacity building support to ensure the day runs as planned. The committee are very capable and have been a pleasure to work with and have a sound process in place that has continued to run from strength to strength.

CLD will also provide the mobile youth centre on the day, with activities including badge making and glitter tattoos.

Promoting the Local economy & Tourism

The Business Development Team actively supports the 3 Towns business base.
In the period of September to November we have provided advice to a number of new and established businesses and continue to work with those who are implementing next steps and developing projects.
We have supported 6 new businesses to start-up and supported businesses in a variety of sectors with 1 grant and 2 instances of specialist consultancy support, as well as offering a number of free Business Gateway workshops and webinars covering a range of business topics. In addition, we've supported 8 businesses in the 3 Towns to develop Fair Work practices and 8 businesses with energy/sustainability related support.

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Gamers group – Youth group for ASN young people aged 12-15. Young people enjoy meeting at a space where they can play games like uno, PlayStation, Xbox and Dungeons and Dragons. The group has around 14 members who regularly turn up every week. They have developed friendships and have started exploring how to use the 3d printer and Cricut machine.

Ardeer Parent group- The group have been supported weekly up until now and the parents have developed in confidence and leadership skills. They are now at a place where they have decided to run the group themselves.

Hayocks Community Association – facilitation and meetings have taken place with the child poverty team about the fairer futures test for change programme which has led to potential investment of new staff and will aim to engage with community members that need support, who are not currently engaging with the Community Association and local services.

Improving Community Wellbeing

Hayocks Youth Café – the group continues to run in partnership with CLD, Hayocks Community Association, Hayocks TARA and KA Leisure.
The participation numbers continue to be very strong with 35-40 young people taking part weekly in gaming, football, board games, dancing and a free meal from the community café volunteers.
In October, the group the Youth Café Hosted a Spooky Halloween movie night with free pizza, hot dogs and sweets.

Halloween Events
Successful halloween events were held across the Three Towns at all our locality run youth groups, including our Community Centres and the annual 3 Towns Growers Halloween spooktacular event which seen over 250 people attending.

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North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Three Towns Locality Partnership

Date: 03/12/2025

Subject: Police Scotland: Wellbeing and Partnership Working.

Purpose: To provide the Locality Partnership with an update on relevant activity linking to wellbeing and partnership working and the priorities of the Three Towns Locality Partnership:

1. Promoting the Local Economy and Tourism
2. Regenerating Community Facilities
3. Increasing Civic Pride and Community Engagement
4. Improving Community Wellbeing

1. Overview of relevant activity linking to the Locality Priorities, Wellbeing and Partnership Working since the last meeting.

Campus Officer Updates (Auchenharvie, St Matthews, Ardrossan)–

Safer communities

St Matthews Academy

Following discussions with HT at St John's Primary School around issues relating to bullying and antisocial behaviour, inputs were delivered to P6 & P7 pupils around being a responsible citizen, internet safety and anti-social behaviour.

Following antisocial behaviour within the community and inappropriate use of social media by pupils at St Mark's Primary School, inputs delivered around and anti-social behaviour and internet safety.

Ardrossan Academy

On the request of feeder schools, Stanley and Dykesmains, resulting from their concerns of internet safety and bullying, internet safety and cyberbullying inputs have been delivered, to all P6 and P7s at Stanley and P7s at Dykesmains. The same inputs have also been delivered to all S1 pupils in PSE classes at the academy on the request of their pastoral teachers. Cyberbullying appears to be one of the biggest issues at the academy just now.

Fire Service and Police inputs delivered to all S1-S3 Ardrossan Academy Pupils at assemblies

Auchenharvie Academy

Liaised with Fire Service, and supported the Fire Service to give inputs to the pupils of Auchenharvie Academy regarding Fire Safety in relation to Operation Moonbeam.

Inputs delivered to S1 to S3 regarding Fire Safety, and showing respect to emergency services during Operation Moonbeam.

Inputs delivered to various classes regarding Road Safety, and how to cross the Road safely in conjunction with pastoral care staff. Attend Saltcoats Road Stevenston outside Auchenharvie Academy every day, in order to supervise pupils crossing the road safely, and to encourage drivers to adhere to the speed limit during thus encouraging Road Safety.

Talks at local Primary Schools regarding Internet Safety and Bullying.

Community wellbeing

St Matthews Academy

'You, Me, Together' – Domestic Abuse controlling and coercive behaviour inputs delivered to S5 pupils within school as part of 16 Days of Action campaign.

Plans in place for a walk from the school to Woman's Aid with pupils in support of 16 Days of Action campaign. This involves visiting North Ayrshire Woman's Aid where pupils will receive input from staff and ongoing initiative for donation of clothing and toiletries for pupils to provide to Woman's Aid for their service users.

NKBL – inputs continued to be delivered around knife crime and to be rolled out to new S1 pupils next

Police Scotland Work Experience Programme – pupils from ass secondary schools took part in this year's work experience programme where they gained an understanding of the different roles and departments within Police Scotland, visiting Tulliallan and seeing what the day in the life of a police probationer is like, inputs from CID, Mountain Rescue, Mounted Unit, visiting the Control Room, Kilmarnock Sheriff Court. Feedback from the pupils was extremely positive and has reaffirmed their desire to join Police Scotland in the future.

Breakfast Club – volunteered to assist with running the breakfast club within each school on a Wednesday morning, ensuring pupils have access to breakfast prior to the start of the school day which will again assist in building positive relationships with young persons.

S2 Boys Football Team –managing/coaching S2 boys football team and organising their league and cup matches, allowing the campus officer to develop strong positive relationships with a number of young people within the group.

Ardrossan Academy

ACES (Ayrshire Communities Education and Sport), street striker challenge, (designed

to raise awareness and help tackle knife crime among young people) delivered to all S1 & S2 pupils in November at Ardrossan Academy. This was a big success and enjoyed immensely by all pupils who attended.

S2 1-S3 boys Football Team – the campus officer has been managing boys football teams since the beginning of term. This has enabled the officer to build good relationships and rapport with, promoting a different side to the Police. The pupils are now more likely to engage with the campus officer on a daily basis

Auchenharvie Academy

Currently carrying out the "Pitching in Programme" with a group of twelve S2 pupils. During this Programme talks are delivered to pupils regarding knife crime, drugs and various other social issues. A trip to Ibrox stadium has been arranged in December for the pupils which is used to build bridges between the police and the pupils. Plans are also in place to do this programme with S3 and S1 pupils after Christmas.

Preventions and Interventions Officer

Joint work alongside NAC Trading Standards has been carried out in order to support the local community, 4 events have been attended in relation to provide advice and guidance on how to prevent being victim of “scams” aswell as inputs on the dangers of vapes to community groups. There has also been work carried out in order ensure premises are adhering to legislation on vape sales with approx. 20 licensed premises visited.

2. Asks of the Locality Partnership

Nil

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Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- New Scots Whitehurst Hub sessions supported benefit entitlement checks and applications working with partners to deliver support – **North Ayrshire Wide**
- 1-2-1 support for New Scots not able attending the New Scots Whitehurst Hub sessions have been offered - **NA Wide**

Health and Wellbeing

- New coffee morning for elderly Asian community launched in Irvine with participants for all over North Ayrshire attending - **Delivered Irvine Locality attendees NA Wide**
- Bourtree Belles new Scots women's group shows improved independence and confidence through social activities and trips with 14 women attending – **Irvine Locality**
- Mental health awareness embedded in ESOL curriculum using storyboards and roleplay – **North Ayrshire Wide**
- New Scots Women's Group in Garnock fosters social inclusion and cultural exchange – **Garnock Valley Locality**
- In October, the Equality and Inclusion Manager from Ayrshire and Arran NHS attended the Big Community ESOL class. The team spoke to learners to gather their views on any healthcare they have received and the challenges that ethnic minorities face when accessing healthcare **– NA Wide**

Health and Wellbeing

- 3 New Scots Family Fun days were delivered in partnership with HSCP for Ukrainian, Afghan and Syrian communities respectively – **Delivered in Kilwinning Locality attendees NA Wide**
- New core skills referral introduced for Occupational Health partners introduced **– NA Wide**

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Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- ESOL Learner Forum established with 14 leaners participating to shape service provision and remove barriers – **NA Wide**
- Largs Gaelic Choir recently took part in the Royal National Mòd in Fort William - **North Coast Locality**
- Fèis Arainn summer week attracted 80 young people, promoting traditional music and culture - **Arran Locality**
- We ran a Summer School for young New Scots and unaccompanied minors in Saltcoats and Irvine, the summer school provided a safe and supporting space to keep learning, practising English and socialising – **Delivered Irvine and Three Towns Locality attendees NA Wide**
- New Scots Women's group continues to run weekly at The George Steven Centre and is now open to all women in the community to attend making friendships with each other and the Scots women who attend – **Garnock Valley Locality**

Work and Skills

- Core Skills drop-ins in Irvine, Kilwinning and Stevenson support literacy, numeracy, and digital skills; 3 learners gained permanent employment – **Irvine/Kilwinning/Three Towns Locality**
- ESOL and Employability class in Irvine focuses on CV writing and digital skills for job searches – **Delivered Irvine Locality attendees NA Wide**
- Skills for Work sessions at Kilwinning Library help adults develop employability skills – **Kilwinning Locality**
- Core skills volunteer recruitment drive launched with 7 volunteers completing induction and shadowing with the core skills team – **NA Wide**
- New Scots have been supported to take up volunteer opportunities supporting then with interviews, language required and ongoing support while volunteering – **NA Wide**

Work and Skills

- We conducted a survey of ESOL learners to gather feedback on what is important to them and identify areas for improvement. We received around 30 responses, and the survey results were featured in our newsletter for partners – **NA Wide**
- New Scots were assisted with CVs, college & work applications. referred to CEIS employment services and supported to secure a place on a Street League programme - **NA Wide**