



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## Three Towns Locality Partnership

**Wednesday 10 June 2026, 6.00 p.m. in the Castle Craigs Lounge,  
Ardrossan Civic Centre**

### BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.</b>	-	-	Cllr Kerr	
2.	<b>Action Note</b> 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.	<b>Community Investment Fund - Project Update</b> Partnership to receive an update Ardrossan Winton Rovers.	-	Verbal	Eddie Gibb	LP to receive update.
4.	<b>HSCP Update</b> Receive update on new HSCP Locality Planning Approach.	Pg 8	Enclosed	Elizabeth Stewart	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
5.	<b>Town Board</b> Receive update report.	Pg 12	Enclosed	Claire Fitzsimmons	LP to receive an update.
<b>DECISION REQUIRED</b>					
6.	<b>Grants</b>  The Locality Partnership are asked to consider three grant application made to the Community Benefit Fund:  <b>Three Towns Community Benefit Fund</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>McMillan Boxing</li> <li>Ardeer Rec Bowling Club</li> <li>Hayocks Community Association</li> </ul>	Pg 15 Pg 18 Pg 21	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	LP to consider Grant Applications made to the Community Benefit Fund.

<b>DISCUSSION SESSION</b>					
<b>6.</b>	<b>Locality Action Plan</b> Discussion session on new Locality Action Plan.	-	Verbal	Denise Fraser	LP to discussion action plan ideas.
<b>LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES</b>					
<b>7.</b>	<b>Locality Update</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an update on the work of the Three Towns Team during the last quarter.	Pg 23	Enclosed	Denise Fraser	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Community Transport</b> Receive update from Angela Morrell.	-	Verbal	Angela Morrell	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities
<b>PARTNER REPORTS</b>					
<b>9.</b>	The Locality Partnership will receive updates from Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Police Scotland</li><li>• Scottish Fire &amp; Resue</li><li>• KA Leisure</li><li>• Active Schools</li><li>• Education</li></ul>	Pg 28	Verbal /Enclosed	Partners	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
<b>AOCB</b>					
<b>10.</b>	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer of Sport</li><li>• Community Rep Vacancies - <a href="#">Join Your Locality Partnership! - Northayrshire Community</a></li></ul>		Verbal Angela Morrell/ Denise Fraser  Denise Fraser	Cllr Kerr	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
<b>2026 Meeting dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 September 2026</li><li>• 2 December 2026</li></ul> <b>All meetings will be held from 6.00 – 8.00 pm in the Castle Craig’s Lounge, Ardrossan Civic Centre</b>					

**Distribution List**

**Elected Members**

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

**Community Representatives**

Pat Breen  
Jean Frew  
Julia Gray (**Vice Chair**)  
Craig Mochan  
Scott Mould  
Glenn Turner

**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

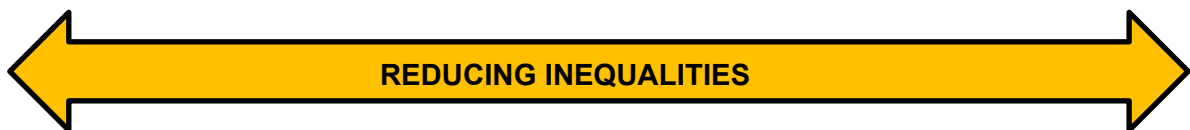
**Three Town Locality Partnership Priorities**

**Promoting the  
local economy  
and tourism**

**Regenerating  
community  
facilities**

**Increasing  
civic pride and  
community  
engagement**

**Improving  
Community  
Wellbeing**



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Three Towns Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	Wed 4 March 2026; Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:00pm
<b>Present:</b>	Cllr John Sweeney Julia Gray, Community Representative (Vice Chair) Kimberly O'Neil, NAC Cllr Davina McTiernan Denise Fraser, Locality Officer Jean Frew, Community Representative Susan Kelly, KA Leisure Pat Breen, Community Representative Cllr Stewart Ferguson Cllr Anthony Gurney Glenn Turner, Community Representative Cllr Cameron Inglis Susan Manson, TACT Chris Hayes, Active Schools
<b>Also in Attendance</b>	Sharon Fleming, NAC Jacqui Greenlees, NAC Billy Main, NATTC Don Campbell, Steveston CC Claire Fitzimmons, NAC Colin Bradford, NAC Eddie Gibb, AWR Chris Main, NATTC
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Jim Montgomerie Jordan Stewart, Active Schools Craig Mochan, Community Representative Chris Parker, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland Cllr Jean McClung Angela Morrell Chris Parker, SFRS Cllr Amanda Kerr (Chair)

<b>ACTIONS</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b></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>As the Chair has given apologies Julia Gray (Vice Chair) is chairing the meeting.</p>	<b>Noted</b>

	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eddie Gibb declared an interest in Winton Rovers</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b>Action Note from meeting in December 2025</b></p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 3 December 2025 was submitted for approval as a correct record with the following updates provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NATTC CIF has progressed to full application at this meeting.</li> <li>Update on Wind Farm- CBF £63,000 per year. Further information requested on what groups have distributed this funding to date.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	<b>Noted.</b>
3.	<p><b>Pride in Place</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update on the Pride in Place Programme (PiPP) fund from Colin Bradford, North Ayrshire Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a background to Pride in Place programme. Three Towns awarded £20m over the next ten years.</li> <li>This will be driven by the neighbourhood board which will be made up of local people supported by their MP and NAC.</li> <li>The 3T Neighbourhood Board will be led by an independent chair and cannot be an elected representative. Should include local MP, MSP and Ward Councillor. Should bring together residents, local businesses and local community leaders. Should be more local people on the Board than there are elected representatives.</li> <li>The Board need to develop two plans, one short and one long term.</li> <li>The Board will operate as a subgroup of 3TLP, as it does in Irvine.</li> <li>PiPP objectives are stronger communities, Thriving Places, and Taking back control.</li> <li>Aim to appoint the chair in Spring 2026 with Board membership agreed by July. Aim to submit the plan to UK government for approval in November 2026 with delivery beginning in spring 2027.</li> <li>Dedicated webpage is going live that will be shared across the LPP. A role profile will also be shared with the LPP for the Chair.</li> </ul> <p>Asks of the LPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve the Board as subgroup of LPP.</li> <li>Approve processes of appointing Chair and Board.</li> <li>Approve that Board governance documents be developed based on LPP ToR and SO.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Partnership agreed the Board as a subgroup of the LPP, the proposed processes for appointing the chair and Board and the use of LPP ToR and SO.</li> <li>Clarification sought on the number of elected members being sought for the Board. It was clarified that the number has not been decided yet and there will be a council paper about this in due course.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted.</b>

4.	<p><b>Community Investment Fund Project Update</b></p> <p>Jean Frew updated on the impact of CIF funding received by Stevenston Community Council for road signage and roadworks.</p> <p>Jean sadly updated that Ian Winton former chair of Stevenson Community Council has passed away. The LPP passed on sympathies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works are now completed on road signage and works.</li> <li>• Worked with Ogilvie's in Kilmarnock to refurbish the town and beach historic signage and lecterns.</li> <li>• The group worked with NAC roads to update and refresh road signs and finger post signs for example outside the library.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted.</b>
5.	<p><b>Community Investment Fund- North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club Full Application</b></p> <p>It was highlighted that the remaining CIF Balance for Three Towns Locality Partnership is £3,921.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership are asked to consider a full application made to the Community Investment Fund by Billy Main and Chris Main from NATTC as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NATTC are applying for the remaining CIF balance of £3,921 to increase the hours of the club's development worker in the club's 3-year funding plan.</li> <li>• A hard copy overview of club performance and data was shared with the LPP.</li> <li>• An overview of current club activity was provided, including partnership working with Active Schools to replicate their model.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion and decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Partnership agreed to support the application.</li> </ul>	<b>D Fraser</b>
6.	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>The Locality Partnership considered the following grant applications:</p> <p><b>Common Good Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ardrossan Winton Rovers - £3,000 requested.</li> <li>• The Partnership agreed to support this application.</li> </ul> <p><b>Three Towns Community Benefit Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ardrossan Winton Rovers - £6,000 requested. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Partnership agreed to support this application.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Ardrossan Brownies &amp; Guides - £3,000 requested. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Partnership agreed to support this application.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>S Fleming</b>
7.	<p><b>Locality Update</b></p> <p>The Locality Partnership received an update on the work of the Three Towns Locality Team during the last quarter:</p>	<b>Noted.</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed locality report was circulated with the papers.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	
	<p><b>Partner Reports</b></p> <p><b>Police updated including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed report was circulated with the papers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative present.</li> </ul> <p><b>KA Leisure updated including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pool is now open after significant work to redecorate the pool hall.</li> <li>• Staff have undergone full refresher training and a new pool hoist in place.</li> <li>• Aqua classes and public swim time at weekend have been increased.</li> <li>• St Matthews community hub saw a TACT fun day, and community cricket classes will start after easter.</li> <li>• Badminton Tournament taking place in March with over 100 competitors.</li> <li>• Family Fun events being delivered with key partners including TACT and CHAP.</li> <li>• Free men’s health checks taking place at St Matthews.</li> </ul> <p><b>Active Schools updated including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Mattews pupil support attended Above Adventure in Kilmarnock.</li> <li>• Applied for enhanced transition funding up to May and June.</li> <li>• Auchenhavrie working with tree house to target groups.</li> <li>• 50 young people from Three Towns competed all phases of Sports Academy.</li> <li>• 72 young ambassadors within the three towns area.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their updates.</p>	<p><b>Noted.</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHES update was provided after the CHES workshop that took place at the LPP in 2025 and related Three Towns Community Chit Chats.</li> <li>• Community representative recruitment currently taking place with three vacancies on the LPP- the information page on CPP website was linked in meeting papers.</li> <li>• Refresh of the 3TLP Locality Plan will start this year to ensure alignment with Community Empowerment Act duties.</li> <li>• Update provided on changes to delegated powers process.</li> <li>• ACTION: It was requested that an update on Saltcoats Dockhead Street be brought back to the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Noted.</b></p> <p><b>D Fraser</b></p>

The meeting ended at 19.39pm



**Locality Partnership: *Three Towns***

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Subject:** *HSCP Partner Update*

**Purpose:** For Information and Awareness

**Background**

Locality Planning is a statutory requirement of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Statutory guidance for both Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) and Integration Authorities highlights the importance of decision making at a local level, community engagement and partnership working.

North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and the CPP currently operate separate, though related, locality planning arrangements. While designed to meet different statutory requirements, these arrangements involve the same localities, many of the same partners, and overlapping data, engagement and priorities.

Thus, the IJB approved a change to HSCP locality planning arrangements to align more closely with Community Planning Partnership (CPP) structures. The revised model integrates HSCP locality planning within existing CPP Locality Partnerships, replacing previous standalone HSCP Locality Planning Review Groups.

This change is intended to reduce duplication, strengthen partnership working, and ensure a more coordinated approach to improving outcomes at a locality level.

**New Approach to Engagement and Partnership Working**

Under the revised model:

- HSCP Locality Leads (Heads of Service) will attend **two CPP Locality Partnership meetings per year**
- A **standing HSCP locality planning agenda item** will ensure visibility of HSCP priorities
- These meetings will be used to:
  - Provide updates on HSCP activity within Garnock Valley
  - Share emerging priorities and locality plan development
  - Facilitate discussion with partners and identify opportunities for joint working
- For the remaining Locality Partnership meetings, written Locality Planning updates will be provided to maintain visibility without increasing meeting requirements. In addition, the HSCP will give a general update on anything relevant to that locality.

## Development of Locality Plans

Locality Plans for Three Towns will be developed by the Strategic Planning and Equalities Team, drawing on:

- Locality data and profiles provided by Public Health Scotland and our internal performance teams
- Engagement activity and community insight
- Input from HSCP services and partners

Draft Locality Plans will be presented to Locality Partnerships for feedback, ensuring that partners contribute to shaping priorities and delivery.

## Implementation Timeline

- **June 2026:**  
Introduction of the revised approach at Locality Partnership meetings, including:
  - Overview of HSCP locality planning
  - Explanation of changes
  - Outline of next steps and plan development process
- **September 2026:**  
Partner update on progress presented to Locality Partnerships, as well as general service update related to the locality.
- **December 2026:**  
Draft Locality Plans shared with Locality Partnerships for feedback and alignment with wider strategic planning

## Implications for Three Towns Locality Partnership

The revised arrangements for Three towns will:

- Strengthen alignment between HSCP priorities and CPP locality priorities
- Improve senior-level engagement with HSCP locality planning
- Reduce duplication across partnership structures
- Provide clearer opportunities for collaborative planning and delivery

Partners will have an ongoing role in:

- Contributing to the development of locality priorities
- Providing feedback on emerging plans
- Supporting delivery of agreed actions
- Identifying opportunities for joint working

This model ensures that HSCP retains statutory responsibility for locality planning while enabling partners to play a meaningful role in shaping outcomes locally.

## General HSCP Update relate to Three Towns Locality

- There has been a few HSCP organised engagement events in Three Towns since the New year:
  - As part of wider engagement across North Ayrshire, A “*Delivering Social Care Services within Budget – Share Your Views*” drop-in session was held at Hayocks Community Centre, Stevenston: Tuesday 13 January 2026.

This event formed part of a broader programme of engagement aimed at giving residents the opportunity to understand the financial position of the Partnership and to share their views on what matters most to them. The initial drop-in helped shape a wider consultation exercise, which was subsequently issued to all North Ayrshire residents by letter.

The consultation focused on three proposals relating to social care services. Following this process, the Integration Joint Board approved the proposals in March as part of efforts to achieve a balanced budget. As a result, eligibility criteria for social care have changed, with services now prioritised for individuals assessed as being in critical need, moving from the previous threshold of substantial need.

The HSCP is currently undertaking reassessments of individuals who receive care to ensure alignment with the revised criteria. It is recognised that these changes will have wider implications across the system, including potential impacts on partners, particularly third sector organisations, who may experience increased demand for support.

- Monthly Mental Health Carers Forums events have taken place over North Ayrshire, with April’s at Saltcoats Town Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> April. This forum is available to any carers that have previously or currently supported someone accessing mental health services and is an opportunity to meet peers and gain information and support on a range of different topics. This session focused on information about benefits and entitlements from the Money Smart team.
- John Geates has been appointed as the new Independent Chair of the North Ayrshire ADP.
- A new North Ayrshire Self-Directed Support website has been launched, offering a comprehensive source of clear information on the SDS options and how they work. The site also provides details around NAHSCP eligibility criteria, FAQs on employing personal assistants, and advice on Guardianship/Power of Attorney, as well as a list of useful links to legislation, guides, and practical tools/resources.

## Key Points for Locality Partnership

### Locality Planning Changes

- HSCP locality planning is now aligned with CPP Locality Partnerships (approved by IJB).
- Standalone HSCP locality groups removed to reduce duplication and strengthen joint working.

What this means for Three Towns LP

- HSCP (Heads of Service) will attend 2 meetings per year with a standing agenda item.
- Other meetings will receive written updates on locality planning and HSCP general updates.
- Focus on shared priorities, discussion, and joint working opportunities.

#### Locality Plan Development

- Plans being developed using data, engagement, and partner input.
- Draft plan to come to LP (Dec 2026) for feedback before finalisation.

#### **Action Required by Locality Partnership**

To note and endorse the new Locality Planning arrangements.

**For more information please contact:** *Elizabeth Stewart, Head of Service, Children, Families & Justice, HSCP/ Rebecca Black, Team Manager, Strategic Planning & Equalities*

**Completed by:** *Rebecca Black, Team Manager, Strategic Planning & Equalities*

**Date:** *3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026*



**Locality Partnership: *Three Towns***

**Date:** *10 June 2026*

**Subject:** *Pride in Place – Neighbourhood Board Update*

**Purpose:** *To update on progress of forming the Neighbourhood Board*

**Background**

The Three Towns Neighbourhood Board is to be formed by 17 July 2026, in line with UK Government requirements. The Neighbourhood Board is led by an independent chair, appointed by the local authority acting as accountable body, and the local MP.

As discussed at the March LPP, the recruitment of the Chair was undertaken through public competition, as required by the UK Government Guidance. Joseph Cullis was recommended to Council on 20 May 2026 to undertake the role of Three Towns chair, with the offer subsequently accepted by Mr Cullis.

Now the Chair is in place, Council Officers are supporting the Chair and local MP to establish the Board. The Prospectus outlines that Boards must have at least eight members, with at least 51% living or working in the neighbourhood and membership should reflect local diversity. Required representation includes the relevant MP and, where applicable the MSP, at least one ward councillor, and a majority of non-elected community representatives drawn from local groups, businesses, cultural organisations and anchor institutions. The boundary of the Three Towns Neighbourhood Board covers two Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies and two local Council Wards (eight Elected Members).

As the Three Towns Neighbourhood Board will operate as a sub-group of the Locality Planning Partnership, we would welcome your input into the proposed membership of the Board. To meet the above requirements, it is our recommendation that the Three Towns Board be established to include the MP, The Chair, two MSPs, three Ward Members and at least six Community Representatives.

For the Elected Members, we would ask the LPP to nominate three Elected Members to represent the Three Towns. The nominations will be ratified via a paper to Council on 24 June 2026 to appoint Elected Members to an Outside Body.

For the community representatives, following discussion with the Chair and MP, it is proposed to hold three events across each of the Three Towns later in June to promote the opportunity to join the Board and invite expressions of interest. The final Board membership will then be agreed by the Chair and MP, with an update to the LPP in due course.

**Key Points for Locality Partnership**

- Note the appointment of Joseph Cullis as the Chair

- Nominate three Elected Members to represent the Three Towns on the Neighbourhood Board
- Note the approach for recruiting community representatives to the Board

**Action Required by Locality Partnership**

- Nominate three Elected Members to represent the Three Towns on the Neighbourhood Board.

**For more information please contact:** *Claire Fitzsimmons, Senior Manager – Regeneration, [clairefitzsimmons@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:clairefitzsimmons@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)*

**Completed by:** *Claire Fitzsimmons*

**Date:** *4 June 2026*

**Locality Partnership: Three Towns Locality**

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Subject:** To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of 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 Three Towns Community Benefit Fund as follows:

- **The Three Towns Community Benefit Fund**
  - McMillan Boxing - £6,000.00
  - Ardeer Rec Bowling Club - £6,200.00
  - Hayocks Community Association - £4,695.15

**Key Points for Locality Partnership**

The Three Towns Community Benefit Fund has a balance of **£44,887** 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, Cunninghame House, Irvine.*

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**Completed by:** *Sharon Fleming, Grants & Performance Officer*  
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**Date:** 20 May 2026

THREE TOWNS COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

OFFICERS REPORT

**Applicant Contact Details**

**McMillan Boxing Club**

**Description of Applicant Organisation**

Number of Members: Approx. 70 current active members, with capacity to increase total participation to 100–110 participants through the proposed project.	Established: Approx. 7 years ago (2019)
Group Meeting Place: McMillan BoxFit & Fitness 102 Glasgow St, Ardrossan	Date of Contact: 18 May 2026 – 1.30pm Teams

**Description of the Project**

**Background:**

McMillan Boxing Club is an unincorporated voluntary organisation that has been established for approximately 7 years. The club operates within Ardrossan, serving a community identified as socially and economically deprived with limited access to affordable sporting opportunities. The organisation delivers structured boxing training and fitness sessions for children, young people, and adults. It has a strong community focus, aiming to increase participation, improve physical and mental wellbeing, and provide a safe and inclusive environment. The club currently operates with limited and ageing equipment, restricting participation levels and quality of delivery. The area experiences high deprivation levels, creating financial barriers to sport.

There is strong demand for accessible and structured physical activity, particularly for young people and those from low-income households.

**Project for Funding:**

**Project Title:** Community Boxing Access & Development Programme

The project aims to upgrade and expand boxing equipment to:

- Improve safety and quality of training
- Increase participation capacity
- Deliver structured programmes including youth engagement and beginner sessions
- Support physical and mental wellbeing

## Funding

Amount requested: £6,000		Contribution by Group: £500	
<b>Items requested include:</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>		<b>Total Cost</b>
Boxing Ring	1		£2,716.53
Punch Bags	17		£1,700.00
Boxing Gloves	20 pairs		£999.80
Gym Mats	20		£499.80
Skipping Ropes (bulk pack)	100		£129.99
Headguards	4		£359.96
Additional small equipment (wraps, tape etc.)			£ 93.92
<b>Total Project Costs:</b>		<b>£6,500</b>	

## Supporting Information Provided

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

## Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>			
Charitable	x	Educational	x
Community	x	Environmental	x
Renewable Energy		Energy Efficiency	
Sustainable Development	x	General Community Amenity	x

**Level of environmental enhancement:** The project does not deliver direct environmental improvements such as energy reduction or biodiversity enhancement. However, it contributes indirectly by improving the condition, safety, and usability of an existing indoor community facility. Investment in durable, long-lasting equipment will reduce the need for frequent replacement and supports sustainable use of resources. Additionally, by encouraging structured use of a managed indoor space, the project promotes positive use of community infrastructure and helps maintain a clean, safe, and well-organised training environment for local residents.

**Level of community involvement:** The project demonstrates a strong level of community involvement, with approximately 70 current members regularly participating in club activities and clear plans to increase this to 100–110 participants. The club engages a broad demographic including children, young people, and adults, with a particular focus on individuals from low-income households. There is also wider involvement from parents, carers, and volunteers, contributing to an overall reach of up to 200–230 people. The proposed improvements will enable increased participation, expanded programme delivery,

and greater inclusion, demonstrating strong grassroots engagement and community ownership.

**Level of funding secured or available:** The organisation has identified a contribution of £500 from its own funds, generated through membership fees and fundraising activities. While this contribution demonstrates commitment from the group, it reflects the financial limitations of operating within a socio-economically deprived area, where maintaining low-cost access is essential. There is no evidence of additional external funding secured for this project. Overall, the group has limited reserves but is maximising available resources within its capacity.

**Experience of group to deliver project:** The organisation has been established for approximately 7 years and has a proven track record of delivering structured boxing and fitness programmes within the community. The club already supports a consistent membership base and operates regular coaching sessions, demonstrating the practical capacity to manage equipment, deliver programmes, and engage participants effectively. The project itself is straightforward in nature (equipment purchase and implementation), and aligns directly with the group's existing activities, reducing delivery risk. The provision of supporting documentation (constitution, accounts, and estimates) further evidences organisational maturity and readiness.

**Future sustainability of project:** The project is considered sustainable as it enhances existing provision rather than creating new or standalone services.

Ongoing delivery will be supported through:

- Membership fees
- Continued community engagement
- Established coaching and volunteer structure

Increased participation resulting from improved facilities will likely contribute to modest growth in income while maintaining affordability. The investment in durable equipment ensures long-term benefit without significant ongoing costs. Overall, the project will strengthen the organisation's ability to sustain and expand its activities over time.

**Location of Project:** Ardrossan – The project is located within an area recognised as experiencing socio-economic deprivation, where access to affordable sports and recreational opportunities is limited. The location is therefore highly appropriate and aligned with the objectives of the Community Benefit Fund.

## Officer Details

Name:	Sharon Fleming	Position:	Grants & Performance Officer
E-mail:	sharonfleming@north-ayrshire.gov.uk	Date:	18 May 2026

## COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

### Applicant Contact Details

**Ardeer Rec Bowling Club**

### Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of Members: 70	Established: Approx. 95 years
Group Meeting Place: Ardeer Rec Bowling Club premises	Date of Contact: 19 May 2026 1pm Teams

### Description of the Project

**Background:** Ardeer Red Bowling Club is a long-established voluntary organisation with deep roots in the local community. The club has operated for approximately 95 years and has historically provided recreational, social, and community opportunities for residents. Following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the club experienced significant challenges and was at risk of closure. Through continued volunteer effort, the organisation has remained operational; however, the internal condition of the premises—specifically the hall space—now requires refurbishment to ensure the facility remains safe, usable, and attractive. The hall is a key asset, not only for club members but also for wider community use. Without intervention, the quality and sustainability of activities delivered from the premises may be significantly limited.

#### Project for Funding:

Project Title: Hall Refurbishment

The project aims to refurbish the main hall, adjoining spaces, and ceiling to create a safe, welcoming, and fit-for-purpose environment that can support increased community use and long-term sustainability.

### Funding

Amount requested: £6,200			Contribution by Group: £												
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## Supporting Information Provided

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

## Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>			
Charitable	x	Educational	x
Community	x	Environmental	x
Renewable Energy		Energy Efficiency	
Sustainable Development	x	General Community Amenity	x
<p><b>Level of environmental enhancement:</b> The project does not deliver direct environmental improvements such as energy efficiency or emissions reduction. However, it contributes indirectly by improving the internal condition and longevity of an existing community facility. The refurbishment will: Extend the usable life of the building. Reduce the need for repeated short-term repairs. Ensure safe and sustainable use of the premises</p>			
<p><b>Level of community involvement:</b> The club demonstrates a strong level of community engagement, with approximately 2,500 users and beneficiaries taking part in activities and events. The facility is open and accessible to local community groups and visitors, and volunteer involvement is central to the day-to-day operation and delivery of activities. As a long-established organisation, it has a sustained presence within the local area and plays an important role in providing inclusive community space. The proposed improvements will enable increased use of the hall by a wider range of community groups, while also enhancing the overall quality of the environment for users. The refurbishment will create a more welcoming, accessible, and inclusive space, supporting greater participation and improving the experience for those who use the facility.</p>			
<p><b>Level of funding secured or available:</b> The organisation has not secured additional external funding for this project. The club is, however, contributing significant in-kind support through volunteer labour, demonstrating a clear level of commitment to the delivery of the works. The organisation continues to operate with limited financial reserves following the impact of the pandemic, which has constrained its ability to make direct financial contributions. Despite this, the club is investing its own resources into other areas of the facility, including bar improvements, indicating a continued effort to sustain and develop the wider venue. Overall, while financial capacity is limited, the organisation demonstrates strong commitment and willingness to support the project within its means.</p>			
<p><b>Experience of group to deliver project:</b> The club has extensive experience in operating and maintaining its facility over a period of approximately 95 years. This long-standing presence demonstrates organisational stability and an ability to sustain activities over time. Delivery risk is considered low as the main elements of the work will be undertaken by contractors, specifically in relation to decorating and ceiling installation, while volunteer contributions are clearly defined and manageable. The project itself is straightforward in scope, focusing on refurbishment rather than complex development. The organisation has demonstrated resilience in sustaining operations through challenging circumstances, including the post-pandemic period, and has shown the capability required to oversee and support the successful delivery of the project.</p>			
<p><b>Future sustainability of project:</b> The project is considered sustainable as it focuses on improving an existing and well-used community asset. The refurbishment will enhance the condition and usability of the facility, supporting increased community use and ongoing engagement. Long-term sustainability will be underpinned by continued volunteer involvement, income generated through hall hire and club activities, and reduced</p>			

maintenance requirements as a result of the upgraded condition of the premises. Overall, the improvements will strengthen the club's ability to remain operational, increase its usage, and maintain financial viability over time.

**Location of Project:** Ardeer Rec Bowling Club, Stevenston

### Officer Details

Name:	Sharon Fleming	Position:	Grants & Performance Officer
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## COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

### Applicant Contact Details

<b>Hayocks Community Association</b>
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### Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of Members: Approx 600-800 beneficiaries	Established: Approx. 6 years
Group Meeting Place: Hayocks Community centre, Stevenston	Date of Contact: 19 May 2026 9.30am – St John’s PS Base, Stevenston

### Description of the Project

**Background:** The organisation has identified a need for accessible, low-cost activities for families, children, and older residents experiencing financial hardship and social isolation. Previous events have demonstrated strong uptake and positive feedback, supporting continued delivery.

**Project for Funding:** The project will deliver a programme of community events including summer trips, a community fun day delivered in partnership with Community Development, seasonal events for children, and a Christmas dinner event for older residents. These activities aim to reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, and increase community participation

### Funding

<b>Amount requested: £4,695.45</b>			<b>Contribution by Group: £1,143.30</b>
Activity	Supplier	Cost	
Summer Trips – Coach	Coast to Coast Travel	£1,585	
Summer Trips – Park	Heads of Ayr Farm	£1,534	
Summer Fayre (Bouncy Castles/Event Costs)	West Coast Castles	£510	
Halloween Event – DJ	AML Entertainment	£100	
Christmas Children’s Event – DJ	AML Entertainment	£100	
Christmas Children’s Event – Santa Hire	Santa Home Visits	£100	
Selfie Pod	J&R Events	£129	
Christmas Children’s Event – Sleigh Hire	West Coast Leisure	£205	
Selection Boxes	Asda	£175	
Gifts from Santa	Amazon	£174.65	
Over 50s Christmas Dinner – Catering	Reids Foodservice	£1045.80	
Over 50s Christmas Dinner – Entertainment	AML Entertainment	£180	
<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>£5,838.45</b>	

### Supporting Information Provided

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

### Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>			
Charitable	x	Educational	x
Community	x	Environmental	x
Renewable Energy		Energy Efficiency	
Sustainable Development	x	General Community Amenity	x
<b>Level of environmental enhancement:</b> The project meets key Community Benefit Fund criteria, demonstrating strong community impact alongside elements of environmental improvement through the use of shared community spaces and a community garden.			
<b>Level of community involvement:</b> The level of community involvement is high, with significant expected participation and volunteer engagement.			
<b>Level of funding secured or available:</b> The organisation has demonstrated a good level of contribution towards costs, indicating financial commitment and sustainability.			
<b>Experience of group to deliver project:</b> The group has relevant experience in delivering similar activities and is well placed to successfully deliver the proposed programme.			
<b>Future sustainability of project:</b> The project is sustainable in the short to medium term through continued fundraising and community involvement.			
<b>Location of Project:</b> Stevenston, North Ayrshire			

### Officer Details

Name:	Sharon Fleming	Position:	Grants & Performance Officer
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## Promoting the local economy & Tourism

### Third Sector COG Update

The COG met on 19 February, with updates on the Childcare IDBM research, Fairer Futures Partnership and upcoming Child Poverty Strategy, and the Test It! programme. There was also discussion on the need for a centralised HR support resource for the third sector. A new Third Sector Strategic Support Officer is now in post.

**Test It! Programme** Eight applications were received; five organisations were awarded full programme funding (Freedom Fighters; Doon The Beach/Ardeer; West Coast Furniture Bank; Largs Viking Festival; Largs Community Radio). Three organisations were offered workshop places and mentoring, including North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club.

Workshop sessions are currently underway, covering core business planning, digital finance, social enterprise, and impact. Grants are expected to be issued in early June following completion of final workshop requirements, with ongoing support sessions planned every 6–8 weeks



## Improving Community Wellbeing

**Hayocks Youth Café** – the group continues to run in partnership with CLD, Hayocks Community Association, Hayocks TARA and aiming to include KA Leisure again as the lighter nights come in.

The participation numbers continue to be very strong with 25-35 young people taking part weekly in gaming, board games, dancing and a free meal from the community café volunteers.

Over the past months the young people have asked for Karaoke nights and Just Dance which have gone down very well with very positive participation.



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## Regenerating Community Facilities

### Hayocks TARA

The group was supported to undertake a community consultation to determine local views on the proposed Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of Hayocks Play Park and surrounding area from the Council to Hayocks TARA. The feedback received demonstrated overwhelming community support for the proposal.

Following this, the group received formal communication from the CAT Team, including a validation letter and the issuing of a public notice in relation to the proposed asset transfer. The public notice, along with accompanying plans, was displayed for community awareness from 27 April 2026 to 26 May 2026. Officers reports are currently being collated in preparation for application to be submitted for cabinet approval.

**Hayocks TARA community garden** – the groups volunteer lead has recruited more support and continued to progress with the development of the community garden. The garden has transformed from where it was a few months ago. Currently a meeting is being facilitated with street scene to go over further plans for the garden to ensure they are within the guidelines of the agreement





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## Promoting the Local economy & Tourism

### Community Enterprise Development

Discussions are underway with Doon the Beach Café to explore the potential need for an allergen-free, vegan and vegetarian food larder. Costings are being researched, with a community consultation planned.

The group has been supported to participate in the Community Enterprise Accelerator Programme to develop a new business plan. They have also secured a funded place through the Council's Test It project, enabling them to become fully licensed and rebrand their mobile coffee trailer to support income generation at events.

Initial engagement has taken place with North Ayrshire Venture Trust, with plans to progress a three-year approach focused on building financial resilience and achieving long-term sustainability through income generation.

### Community Benefits - Three Towns

- £250 donated to Mayfield Parent Council from NRG Riverside
- £250 to Baby Bundles by Beith Trust from Hawthorn Heights
- Donation of strips to Ardeer Thistle (worth £690) from Morgan Sindall
- Match funding of CHAP's discretionary fund to support 36 households, £3,000, from Morgan Sindall

**Hayocks Community Association** - Anti-Poverty manager post has been successfully funded through the North Ayrshire Community Mental Health & Wellbeing fund for a further 2 years. Meetings will be underway in the next month to revisit to association taking on the hall lets from the council's facilities team.

## Improving Community Wellbeing

### Partnership Working – Hayocks

Partnership working is ongoing with KO-NEKT, building on and strengthening existing activity within the Hayocks area, including collaboration with Hayocks TARA and the Youth Café.

Support has been provided to facilitate the introduction of a pop-up nurture group within Hayocks Hall. This initiative enables the Community Association to generate income through hall bookings, while also providing free food for participating families.

The nurture approach plays an important role within the community, supporting children to feel safe, valued and understood. Through early, relationship-focused intervention, children are more likely to develop confidence, resilience, and positive social and emotional skills, benefiting them at home, in education and within the wider community.

The overall aim of the programme is to strengthen family relationships, enhance wellbeing, and create supportive environments where children can grow up feeling secure, confident and valued.

### Child Poverty

In partnership with the Child Poverty Team and Hayocks Community Association, plans are progressing to recruit two part-time workers. These roles will focus on engaging with community members who are currently underrepresented, particularly those affected by poverty, to increase access to services that support improved household and employment outcomes.

Finalisation of plans is underway between CLD, the Community Association Committee and the Child Poverty Team to inform the development of Service Level Agreements.

## Regenerating Community Facilities

### Hayocks Parent Council

Hayocks Parent Council is progressing plans to develop a trim trail and outdoor classroom. A lottery funding application is being prepared, and approval has been secured from Education Infrastructure to support the proposal

### Community Asset Transfer News

There are currently 7 Community Asset Transfers which are at various stages of the process across Saltcoats, Stevenston and Ardrossan, these are:

- Hayocks Swing Park
- Campbell Park, Saltcoats
- The Braes, Saltcoats
- Castle Hill, Ardrossan
- Melbourne Toilets and Public Park
- Stevenston Beach Park Pitches
- Trelawney Terrace (part of Stevenston beach park), Stevenston



## Promoting the Local economy & Tourism



### NAFF Larder Network

The NAFF Larder Network received £27,000 (Oct-Dec) supporting 15 organisations addressing food insecurity, with £2,000 held for Eco Savvy Arran pending additional funding. The network met in March to share learning and undertook a collaborative bulk purchase to improve value for money. Eco Savvy Arran secured £19,500 in additional funding, supporting continued delivery of the Waste Café and community larder provision.

### Three Towns Larder Footfall

A total of 1,616 visits were recorded across five larders in the Three Towns locality, a slight increase of 15 visits on the previous quarter.

### Youth Employability

Initial planning is underway to develop a youth employability programme. Early discussions have taken place with Criminal Justice to establish referral pathways, alongside partnership working with community groups, families and housing services. An action plan is currently being developed, with delivery arrangements, including timescales and programme content, to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

## Improving Community Wellbeing

### Community Hub Engagement - Older People (David White Hub, Saltcoats)

The CLD Community Hub Engagement Worker supported Montgomery Court and David White Hub to secure funding for free or low-cost activities for older people, including meals, outings and social events.

Body Boosting Bingo sessions are now established across three hubs, with strong engagement at the Vennel Centre and steadily increasing participation at David White Hub and Montgomery Court.

Monthly coffee mornings are now established at both the Vennel Centre and David White Hub, providing regular opportunities for social connection and reducing isolation.

Home Energy Scotland information and advice sessions were rescheduled due to recent elections and are now planned to take place in June/July.

### 3T Discovery Award

The group has remained active, securing £400 from Cunninghame Housing and £2,000 from the Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund. This funding will support eight trips and a programme of afternoon teas/events over the next 18 months. Recent activities include visits to the Falls of Clyde and Tenpin bowling, alongside hosting a Daffodil Tea event attended by 40 participants from Discovery groups across North Ayrshire. The group also held its AGM, resulting in the appointment of a new Chair, with the Treasurer and Secretary remaining in post.

## Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

### KA Leisure Community Fun Days

CLD support was provided to three KA Leisure Community Fun Days, with a focus on Ardrossan through partnership with Ardrossan Youth Association and ongoing work at Hayocks Hall. Events were held at St Matthew's Academy (800-1,000 attendees), Hayocks Hall (250-300), and Stanley Primary/Ardrossan Youth Association (300-500). Funded by Your Next Move (building on CHES), partners including TACT, The Lennox Partnership and CHAP attended to promote training and employability opportunities. The free, family-friendly events provided inclusive, relaxed environments with activities that supported wellbeing, community connection, and engagement with local services.

### Climate Action and Sustainability

The Fair for All Development Officer is now part of the NAC Climate Champion Working Group and has successfully completed Carbon Literacy training, achieving Carbon Literacy accreditation.

Work is progressing to develop an action plan, and following the recent announcement of the Climate Action Fund, the officer will contribute to a working group focused on securing funding to deliver a series of roadshows and workshops across the authority.



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## Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

### Stevenston Community Council

An oral history project is currently being explored in partnership with community-led research organisation - Smeddum to capture the history of the Ardeer Peninsula. CLD will support this work by engaging residents, volunteers and community groups to contribute to the project.

### Gaelic Conversation Café

Following successful initial engagement, Gaelic Conversation Cafés are now established at Stevenston Library, taking place twice monthly. The first session was held on 1 May, with subsequent sessions incorporating interactive activities, such as games and flashcards, to support inclusive participation and encourage conversation across all ability levels.



### Gaelic Language Event – Suas Leis a’ Ghàidhlig

A total of 52 Gaelic learners registered via Eventbrite for the Suas Leis a’ Ghàidhlig full-day language event, held at Ardeer Centre, Stevenston. Participants attended from across the central belt, including a number of North Ayrshire learners.

The event offered four class levels, from post-beginner to advanced, providing opportunities to develop language skills while supporting social, cultural and mental wellbeing. Feedback was very positive, highlighting the quality of tutoring, welcoming environment and overall experience.

## Improving Community Wellbeing

### Ardrossan Youth Association

Young people participated in a residential weekend at Dounans Outdoor Centre, engaging in a range of team-building and outdoor activities. The experience was well received and provided opportunities to build confidence, resilience and group cohesion.

### F.A.B. Youth Group

The group continues to grow in membership. PDA students completed work placements with the group, delivering icebreakers and issue-based inputs, including alcohol awareness and anti-bullying.



## Improving Community Wellbeing

### Community Association Training

Following a needs-led discussion, the joint Community Association group identified Naloxone training as a priority. Training was delivered in March to several members. Naloxone kits will be distributed across centres, with participants also given the opportunity to register for personal supplies.

### Lifelines Group

The pocket-sized guide has been updated and printed. Plans will be agreed at the next meeting regarding distribution and securing funding for future circulation.

### 3 Towns Community Shed

The group has been working in partnership with the NAC Communications Team to develop a promotional video to raise awareness of the shed’s activities and purpose, which will be shared via their social media channels

### D.I.S.C. Award Group

The group completed a six-week cooking course and has purchased a 3D printer and Cricut machine for their telephone project, with members developing skills and planning outputs. They continue to volunteer locally, supporting improvements to the Ardrossan youth centre, including garden clearance and painting.





# Locality Partnership Progress Update



## Promoting the Local economy & Tourism

### Professional Development Award (PDA) in Youth Work

The PDA in Youth Work has now been successfully completed at Auchenharvie Academy by S5–S6 pupils. All three participants achieved the qualification, having completed assessment and internal verification, and will receive formal certification from the SQA alongside their wider qualifications.

The **UKSPF-funded Core Skills team** concluded after supporting 54 adult learners, while recruiting and training seven volunteers to sustain community based learning – NA Wide

**ESOL provision** continued to support learners to build literacy, numeracy, digital and communication skills, often linked directly to real life and work related scenarios such as jobcentre appointments, applications, volunteering and workplace communication. Many learners progressed to volunteering or employment during the reporting period – NA Wide

**The Business Development Team** actively supports the three Towns business base. In the period of March to May we have provided advice to new and established businesses and continue to work with those who are implementing next steps and developing projects.

We have supported 8 new businesses to start-up and supported one business with grant funding and three 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 three businesses in the 3 Towns to develop Fair Work practices and three businesses with energy/sustainability support and 11 businesses with Procurement related support.

## Improving Community Wellbeing

### Ardrossan Youth Association

The group has been actively progressing funding applications to support summer activity, including a successful joint Inspire Fund bid enabling 50 young people to attend Arran Pride. Funding has also been secured from Youth PB, Inspire Fund and Cunninghame Housing for a summer family fun day, with further applications pending.

Improvements to the youth centre are progressing, with external works completed through National Lottery funding. Internal decoration is planned, with phase one (main hall) currently underway and due for completion in June. Further funding has been sought to support ongoing maintenance and grounds development.

### Argyle Youth Awards Group

A newly established group supporting young people to achieve accredited awards while developing new skills. Participants have completed their first award (Hi5) and are now progressing to the John Muir Award.

### New Scots:

- Lok Oi community group hosted a lunch for older people with 41 people attending - NA Wide delivered in Irvine Locality
- Worked in partnership with Guardianship, Education, and the Corporate Parenting Team to bring Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) together.

Supported opportunities for young people to share their experiences and views, helping gather feedback to inform the steering group and future service planning – NA Wide held in Saltcoats

## Regenerating Community Facilities

### Three Towns Growers

The Three Towns Growers Annual Plant Sale took place on 9 May, attracting approximately 350–400 attendees and generating over £3,000. The Community Hub is nearing completion, with handover expected mid-June.

The Alchemist Path project is progressing, with 12 volunteers aged 16–67 contributing to the development of a nature trail and foraging space. The group continues to support a range of learning and volunteering opportunities, including Discovery and John Muir Awards, school engagement and student placements.

Partnership work is ongoing through the Start Small Grow Big initiative, supporting community gardens across the Three Towns, alongside developments at Ardeer Primary School. A key next step is the creation of an 'Allotment Experience' to increase community engagement and awareness of the project.

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## Three Towns Locality Partnership

**Date:** 04/03/2026

**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)–

##### Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

##### St Matthews Academy

- Represented Police Scotland at the school's Parents in Partnership event held within the school. The event was an informal drop-in session designed to help prospective S1 parents support their child's transition to high school. This involved highlighting the role of Campus Officer within the school and offering advice and support around various things such as community safety and social media.
- Attended St John's Early Years World Book Day event. This involved reading the 'My Police' & 'My Police, My Community' books to pupils.
- Attended St Peter's primary school and delivered 'No Knives Better Lives' material to all P6 & P7 pupils.
- Visited Brodick primary school and delivered an internet safety workshop to all P6 & P7 pupils. This also included a drop-in session for parents on the island to offer advice and support around their young persons internet usage.
- Attended St Anthony's primary school as part of their World of Work Week event. This involved speak to all pupils within the school, discussing the role of police, the role of Campus Officer and a show and tell with police equipment.

### Ardrossan Academy

- In March this year, twelve Ardrossan Academy pupils attended a North Ayrshire Council pilot project under the “no lives better lives banner” The project was lead and delivered by Youth link Scotland.

The project involved the police and other partner agencies, working together, focusing on areas where there are areas of ASB, youth violence and knife carrying. The focus was on direct delivery, early intervention and prevention, whilst enhancing youth work at a local level.

At the core of the project, was a strong focus on strengthening local partnerships, specifically with schools and police, through a collaborative approach, to achieve the following:

- Currently delivering safer shores inputs which includes water safety to all S1-S3 PSEs. 381 pupils in total will have received the input at the conclusion of the delivery. Last input is scheduled for the 01/06/2026. This has been perfect timing in light of the events this week throughout the UK whereby some young persons have tragically lost their lives whilst swimming in open waters. Some relatives of the deceased have been advocating in the local press, that water safety should be mandatory as part of a school’s curriculum.
- Attended at Winton Primary for community assembly which involved both pupils and parents. Parents engaged well with the campus officer discussing any concerns that they had with their child and or issues within the community. It was explained to them that the campus officer not only has responsibility for the academy but also the feeder schools. The forum was well received by both pupils and parents alike.

### Auchenharvie Academy

- Carrying talks at local primaries, "people who help us", and Internet safety talk with whole school during the assembly.
- Attended a careers fair at Glencairn Primary, promoting the police and engaging with the pupils.

### Community wellbeing

### St Matthews Academy

- As part of the school’s annual Skills Academy programme, officer assisted and delivered a number of inputs and sessions. This included a class focusing on Scenes of Crime, a trip to Police training headquarters Tulliallan with a group of pupils and a

trip to Ardrossan SFRS where they received an input. The purpose of this was to ensure that those young people who were in 4<sup>th</sup> year and not sitting any examinations, still left the school with some form of qualification to assist them in securing employment after education.

- Delivered Internet Safety inputs to all S1-S3 pupils as part of the annual Internet Safety week campaign.
- Camus Officer has been running the Pitchin' In programme for the last 7 weeks within the school with a group of 12 boys across S1 & S2. This has received positive feedback from the school and there has been a reduction in class referrals being made for the boys involved and has improved school attendance rates for those involved. The group of boys will be visiting a football stadium and receiving a tour as a reward for their hard work.
- Officer has delivered Safer Shores & Water Safety inputs to all S4 pupils and in process of completing all S1 to S3 pupils.
- Drugs Awareness session within the school for all S6 pupils. This involved organising for a lived experience drugs awareness ambassador on behalf of The Haven to attend and deliver a hard-hitting session around the dangers around drug misuse. The event received positive feedback both the young people and the school.

#### Ardrossan Academy

- White ribbon cup festival – to be held at the home of Cumnock Juniors on 10/06/2026. This has been organised by colleagues in East Ayrshire.
- S2 1-S3 boys Football Team – the campus officer continues to assist with boy's football teams as part of extra curriculum activity. 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.
- Funded by NAC Summer of Sport, boxing classes are being arranged by Jordan Stewart (Active Schools Co-ordinator) for pupils to attend a local boxing club. This is a 6-week block targeting a group of S3 boys who have become disruptive and challenging to manage by staff at the school in particular at lunch times. The campus officer will assist Jordan with these classes. A start date has still to be confirmed.

#### Auchenharvie Academy

- Meetings with Faculty Head Teacher of "Outreach" regarding any concerns for their pupils.
- Numerous interactions and meetings with parents regarding incidents involving their child within the school, social media and the community in general.

- Talks regarding Safer Shores during assemblies.
- Meetings with Primary school Head Teachers regarding concerns for pupils, and discussing ways in which the children and schools can be supported

## **2. Asks of the Locality Partnership**

Nil

**Name** Lisa Thomson

**Title** Inspector, Police Scotland