



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Three Towns Locality Partnership

**Wednesday 23 September 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.	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?
DECISION REQUIRED					
3.	Grants The Locality Partnership are asked to consider grant applications made to the Community Benefit Fund, Common Good Fund and Elderly Grant Fund Three Towns Community Benefit Fund - Chest, Heart & Stroke – 3 Towns - Whitlees Community Centre - Retirement Yoga Common Good Fund - Whitlees Community Centre Elderly Grants - CLASP - Three Towns OIR	Pg 10	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	LP to consider Grant Applications made to the Community Benefit Fund.

DISCUSSION SESSION					
4.	Locality Action Plan Discussion session on new Locality Action Plan.	-	Verbal	Denise Fraser	LP to discussion action plan ideas.
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					
5.	Locality Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update on the work of the Three Towns Team during the last quarter.	Pg 22	Enclosed	Denise Fraser	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
PARTNER REPORTS					
6.	The Locality Partnership will receive updates from Partners: • Police Scotland • Scottish Fire & Rescue • KA Leisure • Active Schools • Education	Pg 27	Verbal /Enclosed	Partners	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
AOCB					
7.	AOCB		Verbal	Cllr Kerr	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
	Reports for Information • HSCP Report • Pride in Place Report	Pg 32 Pg 35			
2026 Meeting dates: • 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

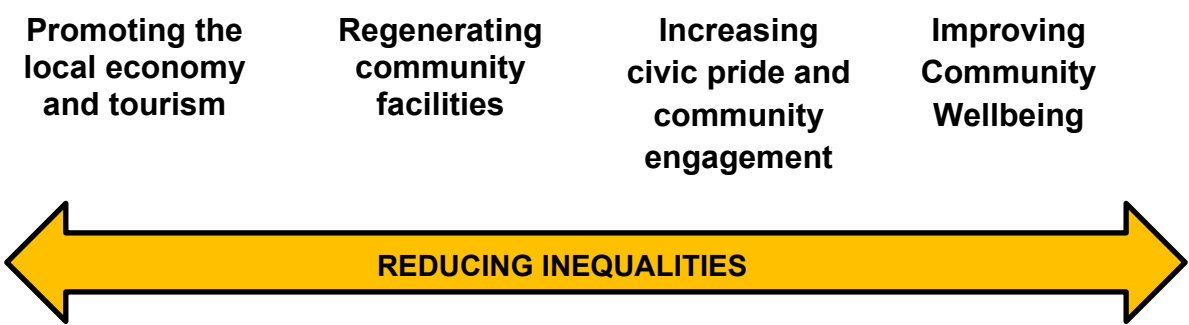
Community Representatives

- 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



Meeting:	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Wed 10 June 2026 2026; Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:00pm
Present:	Julia Gray, Community Representative (Vice Chair) Jean Frew, Community Representative Pat Breen, Community Representative Glenn Turner, Community Representative Craig Mochan, Community Representative Cllr John Sweeney Cllr Davina McTiernan Cllr Stewart Ferguson Cllr Anthony Gurney Cllr Cameron Inglis Cllr Jean McClung Susan Kelly, KA Leisure Susan Manson, TACT Chris Hayes, Active Schools Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland Angela Morrell, NAC Elizabeth Stewart, HSCP Denise Fraser, Locality Officer Chris Parker, SFRS
Also in Attendance	Sharon Fleming, NAC Jacqui Greenlees, NAC Don Campbell, Stevenston CC Claire Fitzimmons, NAC Eddie Gibb, AWR Rebecca Black, HSCP Annie Johnson, HSCP
Apologies:	Cllr Jim Montgomerie Cllr Amanda Kerr (Chair) Jordan Stewart, Active Schools

ACTIONS		
No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed those present to the Three Towns Locality Partnership meeting, introductions were made and apologies for absence were noted. As the Chair has given apologies Julia Gray (Vice Chair) is chairing the meeting. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>	Noted

	• Cllr Sweeney declared an interest in grant application for Ardeer Rec Bowling Club	
2.	Action Note from meeting in March 2026 The action note from the meeting held on Wed 4 March was submitted for approval as a correct record with the following updates provided: • Community Wind Farm update was provided. A meeting has taken place with Stevenson CC around how they are following the Community Benefit guidance around disbursement. IMC have also highlighted they have a clear process in place for groups who wish to apply. • There is a new board being established for ACDT, an update will be provided under AOCB. • An update on applications received and funding allocated will be brought to the September meeting. Noted.	Noted.
3.	Community Investment Fund – Project Update The Partnership received an update from Ardrossan Winton Rovers as follows around the 3G pitch and new stand roof including: • The pitch has exceeded community and partners expectations and is in great use. • Street Soccer group also using the pitch twice a week and held a festival at Winton Park with 200 participants. • Good relationship with Winton Primary who have been linking in with the pitch. • Extra Time taking place funded by SFA for after school activities and food for the young people. • World Cup festival taking place over the world cup which also includes food available for people and families attending. • Working with local young people around diversionary activities. • The SFA and Scottish Government visited in 2025 as a good example of a community pitch. • The stand roof replacement has begun after some delays to the work beginning. Significant progress has been made after only 4 weeks of work. The work will likely take 7 or 8 weeks overall with some remedial works taking place by the Club after this. • Cunninghame Housing Association will sponsor the stand. • Plans to apply for the SFA licence next year. The Partnership thanked the group for their update.	Noted.
4.	HSCP Update The Partnership received an update on new HSCP Locality Planning Approach as follows:	

	• Locality Planning is a statutory requirement for both CPPs and HSCPs. • For HSCP locality planning allows the Partnership to plan services. • HSCP Locality Planning was impacted by the pandemic and also resource challenges. Previously formats such as Locality Forums were in place as well as Locality Conversations, however a new joint approach to locality planning has been developed and agreed that reflects the current landscape and requirements. • A significant amount of information was collected through the Locality Conversations that can now also be used to develop HSCP Locality Plans. Further service specific information will be gathered moving forward including a pilot in the Three Towns locality. • Plans are also in place to map services within the localities to develop new locality priorities, with engagement taking place around these with partners staff and communities. • All six locality plans will be in place by spring 2027, and contribution moving forward will take place through CPP Locality Partnerships. • The aim is to ensure less duplication, stronger partnership working and more joined up approach moving forward. • An HSCP Head of Service will attend two locality partnership meetings per year with written updates also being circulated regularly with locality specific updates. Discussion • The Partnership noted that previous links between HSCP and Locality Partnerships added value and they welcome the new approach. • The Three Towns Locality Partnership is also looking to review locality priorities so the new links are very welcome.	Noted.
5.	Town Board The Partnership received an update from C Fitzimmons as follows: • Board needs to be established by 17 July. • Process for new Chair is complete and Joseph Cullis has been appointed. • The Board is required to have at least 8 members which are members from or who work in the local area and has diverse membership with the majority of non-elected community representatives. • The Three Towns Board will act as a subgroup of the Locality Partnership and feedback is being sought on the membership of the Board. • Three drop-in sessions for community members will be held in June to allow community to find out more about the Board and how to apply to join. • Final Board membership will be agreed by the Chair and the MP. • A paper will be brought to council on 24 June.	

	Ask of the Partnership - To nominate the elected members to sit on the Three Towns Board. Discussion - Cllr Inglis, Cllr McTiernan, Cllr Gurney, Cllr Freguson and Cllr Sweeney nominated themselves for the Three Towns Board. Full decision will be made at full Council on 24 June. - It was highlighted that the requirement to live or work in the area could end up with the majority of the Board not living in the area but working there. Discussion took place around the process in place for development of the programme and membership of the Board. C Fitzimmons confirmed that this comes from Scottish Government guidance that must be adhered to. - Community representatives were encouraged to get involved in this process and share the information with their organisations. The community events are being promoted on all the usual channels. - C Fitzimmons clarified that appointing new community representatives would be carried out by the Chair of the Board and the MP that sits on the Board and highlighted that young people are encouraged to get involved as well. - It was asked whether Community Council representatives could be involved, C Fitzimmons will check this. - Members stressed the importance of carrying out the process well as this is a one-off fund.	Noted. C Fitzimmons
6.	Grants The Locality Partnership considered the following grant applications: Three Towns Community Benefit Fund - McMillan Boxing- £6,000.00 The Partnership agreed to support this proposal. - Ardeer Rec Bowling Club- £6,200.00 The Partnership agreed to support this proposal. - Hayocks Community Association- £4,695.15 The Partnership agreed to support this proposal.	S Fleming
7.	Locality Action Plan D Fraser led discussion session on new Locality Action Plan including: - A refresh of the action plan is commencing. The current plan was shared on the night for the Partnership to assess. - An MS Forms will be circulated across partnership members in order that every member and associated organisation can suggest content. - A workshop will then take place at the September meeting where actions and owners can be agreed. Discussion	Noted.

	The Partnership discussed the types of information that can be used for the plan including issues raised at elected members surgeries.	
8.	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 was circulated with the papers. Noted.	Noted.
9.	Community Transport The Partnership received an update from Angela Morrell as follows: - Coalfields working with North Ayrshire around implementing a community transport pilot. - An engagement is currently live online to collect information on best demographics to focus on and what sort of projects and services would add most value. - The Partnership are encouraged to take part in this engagement which is live on Consul- https://northayrshire.communitychoices.scot/ - Older people and other targeted groups are being supported to get involved through CLD teams and at local libraries.	Noted.
10.	Partner Reports Police updated including: - A detailed report was circulated with the papers. Fire - A verbal update was provided and report will be shared by email after the meeting. - The Partnership discussed the high-quality community engagement delivered by SFRS at local events particularly with young people and thanked the team for their work. - C Parker highlighted that any issues or worries about local safety can be contacted directly to him through the Locality Partnership and he can then pass this information on to the correct place. KA Leisure updated including: - No representative present. Active Schools updated including: - A verbal update was provided and report will be shared by email after the meeting. The Chair thanked everyone for their updates.	Noted.

11.	AOCB • The Partnership highlighted the amazing work taking place at the cafe at Ardeer. J Gray updated that the Association now employ 10 people and are looking for a third café space. Whitlees have received £20,000 lottery funding for the café. • Summer of Sport: A Morrell updated on the Summer of Sport programme and highlighted that activity will be taking place across the summer with a focus on activity being free at the point of access. Every child in North Ayrshire will receive information on what opportunities are available. Further information is available of the Community Planning website. • ACDT update: J Gray updated the Partnership on the newly formed ACDT Board. There is only three people on the Board just now. They are still working on governance including accessing required financial information. The café is now open and running which is a valued source of income. They hope to hold an AGM in August and can share learning with the next team coming in. Feedback from the community has been positive. A new process is also being put in place for windfarm applications to ensure groups do not lose out. • Community Rep vacancies: D Fraser highlighted that there are three vacancies, and information can be found on the CPP website.	<i>Noted.</i>
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The meeting ended at 19:40pm

Locality Partnership: Three Towns Locality

Date: 2nd September 2026

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

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 and Elderly Fund as follows:

- **The Three Towns Community Benefit Fund**
 - 3 Towns Chest, Heart & Stroke - **£2,000**
 - Retirement Yoga - **£5,000**
 - Whitlees Community Centre - **£3,774.05**
 - North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club - **£6,420**
- **Ardrossan Common Good Fund**
 - Whitlees Community Centre - **£3950.00**
- **Elderly Grant Fund**
 - CLASP - **£3,016.35**
 - Three Towns OIR - **£4,910.00**

Key Points for Locality Partnership

The Three Towns Community Benefit Fund has a balance of **£48,401.18** is available for disbursement.

Ardrossan Common Good Fund has a balance of **£30,347** is available for disbursement.

Elderly Grant Fund has a balance of available for **£12,980** is available for disbursement.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

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

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Date: 6 August 2026

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

Applicant Details

3 Towns Chest, Heart & Stroke Group

Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of Members: 11 stated beneficiaries although membership may fluctuate throughout the year.

Established: Approx. February 2025

Group Meeting Place: Saltcoats Library

Date of Contact: 21 July 2026 at St John's

Description of the Project

Background: The application demonstrates clear community benefit and addresses a recognised local need. The project supports vulnerable residents who face health, mobility and financial barriers to participation. Funding would enable the continuation and development of a locally based peer support service that contributes positively to health, wellbeing and social inclusion throughout the Three Towns area. The level of benefit to participants is considered significant in relation to the funding requested.

Project for Funding: Funding is requested to support the ongoing operation of the group's regular meetings and activities over a 12-month period, including:

Meeting room hire.

- Refreshments for participants.
- Board games, arts and crafts materials.
- Promotional materials including banners and flyers.
- Branded T-shirts to raise awareness at community events.
- Accessible group trips using adapted transport and provision of lunch for participants.

The project is intended to maintain regular opportunities for social interaction, peer support and community participation for people affected by chest, heart and stroke conditions across the Three Towns.

Funding

Amount requested: £2,000.00		Contribution by Group: £241.74 The applicant has advised that the group currently has limited funds but would be willing to contribute a minimal amount should partial funding be awarded.
Item	Cost	
Room Hire (Saltcoats Library)	£148.20	
Refreshments	£120.00	
Games, Activities & Resources (Amazon Quote)	£86.54	
Banner	£30.00	
Flyers	£20.00	
T-Shirts and Printing	£155.00	
Accessible Trip 1 (Transport & Lunches)	£502.00	
Spring Trip & Christmas Lunch Outing	£1,000.00	
Fuel Costs for Adapted Bus	£180.00	
Total Project Costs	£2,241.74	

Supporting Information Provided

Constitution/Memorandum of Articles: Available

Bank Details: Available

Balance in Bank: Available

Additional Comments on Scoring

Criteria:

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

Level of environmental enhancement: The project does not deliver direct environmental improvements. However, activities are delivered within existing community facilities and focus on maximising use of local resources and venues. The primary outcomes relate to health, wellbeing and social inclusion rather than environmental enhancement

Level of community involvement: The project has been developed and is delivered by local volunteers in response to an identified gap in support provision within the Three Towns. Members actively participate in planning activities, attending meetings and social outings. The group supports residents living with chest, heart and stroke related conditions and promotes peer support, reducing social isolation and improving wellbeing. The project directly benefits local people and encourages ongoing community engagement.

Level of funding secured or available: The applicant advises that the group has limited financial reserves and has identified no significant alternative funding sources. The total project cost is estimated at £2,241.74, with a funding request of £2,000. The remaining balance would require to be met from group funds, fundraising activities or member contributions. The group demonstrates a genuine need for external funding to deliver the proposed programme.

Experience of group to deliver project: Although established in February 2025, the group has already demonstrated its ability to organise and deliver regular meetings and support activities for members. The committee structure is in place, the group has secured meeting facilities and has developed a clear programme of activities based on identified member needs. The application evidence planning and preparation through the submission of quotations and supporting documentation.

Future sustainability of project: The funding will support a 12-month programme of activities that will strengthen participation, increase awareness of the group and support member retention. Expenditure on promotional materials, banners and branded clothing will assist the group to raise its profile and attract new members. While future funding may be required to sustain some activities, the project will contribute to the long-term resilience and development of the organisation

Location of Project: The project will be delivered primarily within Saltcoats Library and will benefit residents across Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston. The proposed trips and activities are designed to increase participation opportunities for residents experiencing mobility difficulties and social isolation throughout the Three Towns area.

Officer Details

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COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

Applicant Contact Details

Retired Yoga Group

Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of Members: 26	Established: 18 years approx.
Group Meeting Place: Saltcoats Town Hall	Date of Contact: 6 August 2026

Description of the Project

Background: The Retired Yoga Group is a voluntary organisation that has been operating for approximately 18 years. The group provides regular yoga sessions and social opportunities for older residents within the local area. Membership includes individuals in their seventies and eighties, some of whom experience sight and hearing impairments or have experienced bereavement. The group provides opportunities to improve physical health, mobility and balance, whilst also offering social support and reducing isolation amongst members.

Project for Funding: The group is seeking funding towards a programme of yoga tuition and social activities over a 12-month period. Funding will contribute towards regular yoga classes, monthly coffee meetups, a theatre outing, Christmas meal and associated transport costs.

The applicant advises that yoga has been instrumental in helping members maintain physical mobility, balance and wellbeing, whilst the social activities provide opportunities to address

loneliness and maintain community connections. Currently have 26 members will benefit from the project with a waiting list, which is down to the tutor only being able to take a class of this capacity.

Funding

Amount requested: £5,000			Contribution by Group: £750 from member subscriptions.
Item / Activity	Cost (£)	Funding Source / Notes	
Weekly Yoga Tuition (approx. 50 sessions @ £55)	2,750	Tutor quotation provided.	
Theatre Outing	1,000	Estimated theatre costs supported by submitted information.	
Christmas Meal	1,000	Estimated catering costs supported by submitted information.	
Transport for Outings	1,000	Coach quotation supplied for Christmas & Theatre	
Total Project Costs: £5,750			

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: Environmental impacts are limited but positive. The applicant proposes the use of shared transport for outings and indicates that public transport is utilised where possible. This reduces reliance on individual car journeys and supports sustainable travel arrangements			
Level of community involvement: Community involvement is high. The project directly benefits approximately 26 older residents and promotes social interaction, wellbeing and peer support. Monthly social activities, outings and regular classes encourage participation and help reduce social isolation. Members also carry out regular welfare check-ins with each other.			
Level of funding secured or available: The group contributes £750 towards project costs through membership subscriptions, demonstrating commitment to the project and providing a significant contribution towards overall delivery costs. No alternative sources of funding have been identified.			
Experience of group to deliver project: The organisation has operated successfully for approximately 18 years and has an established committee structure. The activities proposed are consistent with the group's existing programme and are considered achievable within current organisational capacity.			

Future sustainability of project: The group has demonstrated sustainability through long-term operation and the collection of member subscriptions. Continued member engagement and contributions are expected to support future activities beyond the grant period.

Location of Project: The application will benefit older residents within the Saltcoats locality.

Officer Details

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COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

Applicant Contact Details

Ardrossan Community Assoc

Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of Members:	Established: Approx. 14 years.
Group Meeting Place: Whitlees Community Centre, Ardrossan	Date of Contact: 4 August 2026

Description of the Project

Background: Ardrossan Community Association is a SCIO and voluntary community organisation operating from Whitlees Community Centre. The organisation delivers activities and events for local residents and works to improve community participation and reduce social isolation across the Three Towns area.

Project for Funding: The group is seeking funding towards its Winter Wonderland event, a partnership project involving four community centres. The event aims to bring together residents from Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston for a free festive community celebration.

Activities will include:

- An ice rink experience for children, young people and adults.
- Santa's Grotto with Santa and elves.
- A selection box for every child attending.

- Community stalls.
- Free face painting and tattoo art.
- Free tuck shop provision.

The event is intended to provide families with an opportunity to enjoy a free festive day out, helping reduce financial barriers to participation and supporting community wellbeing during the winter period.

Funding

Amount requested: £3,774.05		Contribution by Group: In-kind support through volunteer hours, materials, props, provision of Santa and operation of a free tuck shop.
Item	Cost (£)	
Selection Boxes	1,000.00	
Ice Rink Hire	1,950.00	
Face Painting & Tattoo Art	375.13	
Tuck Shop	448.92	
Total	3,774.05	

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	
Community	x	Environmental	
Renewable Energy		Energy Efficiency	
Sustainable Development	x	General Community Amenity	x
Level of environmental enhancement: The applicant has advised that environmental enhancement is not applicable to this project. The primary focus is community participation, social inclusion and wellbeing rather than environmental outcomes			
Level of community involvement: Community involvement is very high. The event is being delivered collaboratively by four community centres and is expected to benefit approximately 1,000 residents from across the Three Towns area. It is designed as a free, inclusive event that removes financial barriers and encourages participation from families, children and older residents.			
Level of funding secured or available: No additional external funding has been applied for. The organisation is providing significant in-kind contributions including volunteer time, materials, festive props, Santa provision and operation of a free tuck shop, demonstrating commitment and local support for the project.			
Experience of group to deliver project: The organisation has been established for 14 years and has experience delivering community activities and events. Delivery in partnership with other			

community centres provides additional capacity and experience to successfully manage an event of this scale.

Future sustainability of project: While Winter Wonderland is a one-day event, it contributes to ongoing community engagement and partnership working between local community centres. It supports social connections, community cohesion and continued participation in local activities beyond the event itself.

Location of Project: The project will take place within Harvies in Stevenston and benefit residents from the wider Three Towns area. The event is intended to be accessible to all age groups and particularly beneficial to families experiencing financial pressures who may otherwise be unable to access festive activities.

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COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OFFICER REPORT

Applicant Contact Details

North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club

Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of who will benefit: 800	Established: 24 years
Group meeting/project place: St Matthew's Academy, Saltcoats	Date of contact: Not provided in application

Description of the Project

Background: North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club is a fully constituted community sports club with a committee and has operated for 24 years. The club states that it has appropriate insurance and PVG arrangements, employs one member of staff and is affiliated to Table Tennis Scotland. The application estimates that 800 people will benefit.

Project for Funding: The club is seeking support to stage weekend two of the British Premier Table Tennis League at St Matthew's Academy from 4 to 6 December 2026. The event will bring the UK's top eight clubs to Saltcoats, with professional players competing for league standing and qualification to the European Cup. Matches will be live streamed, free tickets will be promoted through schools, and Friday evening practice is intended to be open to the public.

Intended outcomes: The project aims to increase local access to high-level sport, promote table tennis to children and families, attract players, coaches and spectators to Saltcoats, and encourage new participation in the club.

Funding

Amount requested: £6,420 Total project cost: £8,920	Contribution / other funding: £2,500 confirmed from Table Tennis England for live streaming and IT equipment.
Item	Cost
Venue hire	£1,400
Two match tables	£2,000
Six pop-up banners	£660
Live-streaming production, two days	£900
Satellite dish	£220
Match balls and safety surrounds	£460
Table Tennis Week promotion and coaching fees	£480
Marketing giveaways for schoolchildren	£300
TOTAL GRANT REQUEST	£6,420

Supporting Information Provided

Constitution / governing document: Submitted	Accounts for last year: Submitted
Current-year budget: Submitted	Recent bank statement: Submitted
Quotes: Submitted	

Additional Comments on Scoring

Charitable		Educational	x
Community	x	Environmental	
Renewable Energy		Energy Efficiency	
Sustainable Development	x	General Community Amenity	x
Level of environmental enhancement: The project is not primarily an environmental project. The club states that plastic bottles have been banned for players and spectators, noting that previous major events could use approximately 500 bottles per day. This is a positive operational measure, but the application does not provide a method for quantifying the resulting reduction.			
Level of community involvement: The application demonstrates broad intended community reach, estimating 800 beneficiaries. School promotion, free tickets, an open public practice session and partnership working are intended to make the event accessible and encourage families to participate in table tennis. The application would be strengthened by confirmed targets for attendance, school engagement and new club enquiries.			
Level of funding secured or available: The total project cost is £8,920. The request is £6,420 and £2,500 is confirmed by Table Tennis England, meaning the stated project cost is fully accounted for. The contribution represents approximately 28% of the total project cost.			
Experience of group delivering projects: The club has operated for 24 years and advises that it has been awarded this major league weekend subject to meeting Table Tennis England competition standards. The project is closely aligned with the club's core sporting activity and will be delivered to a venue selected for its floor, lighting, practice facilities, Wi-Fi and hall size.			

Future sustainability of project: The event is one weekend within a four-weekend league programme. The purchase of match tables, banners, a satellite dish, balls and safety surrounds may provide continued benefit beyond the event, although the application does not set out an asset-use, storage or maintenance plan. Potential longer-term benefits include increased club visibility, school engagement and new participation.

Location of Project: St Matthew's Academy, Saltcoats. The application identifies Saltcoats as the benefitting area and describes wider promotional and visitor benefits for the Three Towns area.

Officer Details

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ARDROSSAN COMMON GOOD FUND

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2026/27

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 Common Good Awards
Ardrossan Community Association	Contribution towards delivery of pantomime on 13 th December 2026 Pantomime - £3,477.00 Selection Boxes - £1,000.00 Total costs £4,477.00 Ardrossan CA will contribute £477.00 as well as 10 volunteer x 10 hours	£4,000	2017/18 - £3,995 2019/20 - £2,000 2022/23 - £5,00 Panto & Bonfire Event 2024/25 - £6,187 10 th Anniversary Gala Event 2025/26 - £4000 - Panto

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

Finance: Financial accounts for the previous 2 years, as submitted to OSCR, have been provided.

Constitution and/ or memorandum/articles of Association and budget for current financial year have not been provided.

Quote has been provided for the pantomime and an estimate for the cost of selection boxes has also been provided.

A recent bank statement (July 2026) has been supplied. Noted that the statement suggests the organisation would have sufficient funds to cover the costs themselves if necessary.

£26,347 would remain available for disbursement from the Ardrossan Common Good should this application be successful.

Legal: 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 funds the Council should have regard to the

interests of the inhabitants as a whole of the area to which the Common Good relates. This application is for a grant of £4,000 which will be used towards the funding of a pantomime and selection boxes

With regards to whether this proposal benefits the 'interests of the inhabitants as a whole of the area to which the Common Good relates', I am inclined to say it does. It is stated within the application that approximately 500 people will benefit from the funding and it will be attended by many locals. This event will benefit people of all ages within the Ardrossan community and allow families to come along and enjoy themselves and reduce social isolation. With this also being a free event, families who are finally struggling will also benefit. I note that similar events have been successfully received by the community in the past and common good funding has been granted in the past, therefore taking all of the above into consideration, it is my view that this event has the potential to benefit people of all ages within the community and as such can be substantiated from a legal perspective

If the decision is to award funding the benefit to the community should be clearly recorded as it is likely that the auditor will require this information. Please also ensure that copies of all invoices and receipts are retained and forwarded to legal for our file.

Communities & Housing: Ardrossan Community Association has successfully held Pantos for the Community in previous years, and they offer an opportunity to bring together all generations of families in the Ardrossan area. The Panto will be accessible to all families regardless of financial situation and will benefit residents of all ages. Following feedback from last year, this year's Panto has been widely known to more elderly groups. They will provide the people of Ardrossan with an opportunity to socialise and enjoy themselves, promoting community cohesion and tackling social isolation. Communities & Housing are satisfied that this application meets the criteria of the Common Good Fund.

ELDERLY GRANTS FUND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2026/27

Grant Allocation for Three Towns LPP Area

**£
12,980.62**

Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allocated to Group	Amount Requested
CLASP Stevenston (HOPE Project)	CLASP delivers health and wellbeing activities, arts programmes and social opportunities for older people across the Three Towns area. Funding will support classes, social outings and community events that promote physical health, mental wellbeing and social connection. Breakdown of costs: • Health and wellbeing classes (30 classes @ £40) = £1,200 • Arts and wellbeing classes (10 x 2-hour classes @ £30 per hour) = £600 • Wheelchair-accessible bus hire for outings = £600 • Venue hire for classes and activities = £1,000 • Halloween party (music and refreshments) = £298 Total project cost: £3,698 The group will contribute staff time to coordinate and promote activities, together with volunteer support for delivering sessions and assisting participants. Grant requested: £3,697.50 Grant allocated: £3,697.50	£ 3,697.50	£ 3,697.50

Three Towns OIR	The group delivers a range of weekly activities for older people across the Three Towns and surrounding areas. Funding will support social activities, trips and seasonal events that promote wellbeing, reduce loneliness and encourage community participation. Breakdown of costs: • Christmas food vouchers for members = £3,500 • Christmas party = £1,100 • Summer trip = £2,800 • Group support and guest speakers = £410 Total project cost: £7,810 The group contributes approximately £3,000 through membership fees and member contributions towards activities and events. Grant requested: £4,910 Grant allocated: £4,910	£ 4,910.00	£ 4,910.00
		TOTAL	£ 8,607.50



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Locality Partnership Progress Update



Promoting the Local Economy & Tourism

Improving Community Wellbeing

Regenerating Community Facilities

Test It! Programme Update

The formal workshop phase concluded in May, with participants submitting initial action plans and receiving grant funding. A July check-in provided opportunities to share progress, discuss challenges and exchange learning, with updated action plans now submitted and organisations progressing through the second phase of testing. A further check-in is scheduled for September.

To strengthen organisational capacity, additional support has been introduced, including safeguarding reviews led by an external third sector specialist and tailored digital finance support for organisations implementing Xero accounting software to improve financial management and resilience.

Money Max Pilot

A mid-point review of the Money Max pilot was held in June with TACT, Beith Trust, 1st Alliance and CHAP. Progress to date has been positive, with staff working collaboratively as a single “Money Max team” rather than within individual host organisations. While some aspects of partnership working continue to be refined, the pilot is operating well and has attracted significant external interest, including from COSLA and the UK Treasury.

Community Benefits

Three Towns

•£1,250 donated to TACT’s Volunteer Awards from Ashleigh Construction (£100), Wills Brothers (£500), Valley Group (£500) and Wellwood Communications (£150)

NA Wide Community Benefit Wishlist update:

At the time of this update, **185 wishes** have been fulfilled by contractors

Arran Museum were the **100th community group** to benefit from the Wish List since it launched in October 2021!

Since October 2021, Re-Tek have donated **97 devices** to community groups in North Ayrshire as part of their community benefit commitments! The contract with Re-Tek has now ended and we have met with the new contractor to begin the new relationship

Core Skills

The adult core skills group has continued to meet throughout the summer to ensure continuity in literacy provision and practice. Key focuses have included math and proof reading. The purpose of these sessions is to help build confidence as well as help others use this platform as a stepping stone into employment.

Older People’s Voice

The first Over 50s Roadshow was delivered in Ardeer, providing opportunities for older residents to connect with local services, community organisations and activities. The event facilitated positive networking between partners and identified opportunities for future collaborative working.

A further three roadshows are planned across the Three Towns area. Learning from the Ardeer event, particularly around promotion and community outreach, will be used to strengthen engagement and maximise participation, ensuring older people are aware of and connected to opportunities within their communities.



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Flood Resilience Group

Through attendance at Stevenston Community Council meetings, the Three Towns Locality Team has supported the development of a community-led flood resilience initiative. Working in partnership with North Ayrshire Council’s Roads and Flooding Team, monitoring equipment will be installed within a local watercourse to provide early flood warnings and alert registered residents to take preventative action.

To support the initiative, local residents are being invited to an information session to explore the creation of a Community Flood Resilience Group, enabling communities to work alongside the Council, access resources and develop proactive measures to help protect homes and properties from flooding.

The Three Towns Locality Team continues to support community organisations to strengthen governance, secure community assets and build long-term sustainability.

- Support was provided to **Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society** through attendance at committee meetings, including guidance on their Asset Transfer application and amendments to their constitution to ensure compliance with relevant policies and regulations.

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:

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



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Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

Community PB 2026 Update

Community PB 2026 is now live, with **£82,185** available for local projects, including a £15,000 contribution from the UK Government’s Pride in Place Impact Fund (this is not available for Irvine or Three Towns groups). New guidance, application resources and tracking processes have been introduced to improve transparency and consistency.

Locality teams are currently identifying community reviewers, including youth representation, while a streamlined application, monitoring and reporting process will reduce administrative burden for both applicants and funded groups.

Information

August 03, 2026 - August 16, 2026

Welcome to Community Participatory Budgeting 2026!

A total of £82,185 is available to local organisations, split across North Ayrshire’s six locality areas by population:

- Arran: £3,533
- Garnock Valley: £13,872
- Irvine: £19,886
- Kilwinning: £12,998
- North Coast and Cumbrae: £15,804
- Three Towns: £16,091

This includes a £15,000 contribution from the UK Government’s Pride in Place Impact Fund.

Applications will open on **Monday 17th August** and close at midnight on Sunday 6th September.

In the meantime, you should ensure that you have read and understood the criteria for the fund(s) you would like to apply for, along with the application guidance.

If you have any questions, please get in touch at participatorybudgeting@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Click here to read the criteria and guidance for this year’s PB >



Promoting the Local Economy & Tourism

Partnership Working – Hayocks

Partnership working continues between the Child Poverty Team, KO-NEKT, CLD Team and Hayocks Community Association to strengthen support for local families and build on existing work within the Hayocks community. A proposed 12-month project aims to engage families who are disconnected from services, providing access to employability, youth work and family support opportunities.

KO-NEKT has been identified as the lead organisation for the project, with funding expected to support the recruitment of additional staff to deliver the programme.



WE'RE RECRUITING COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

 **Stevenston Hayocks** **28 hours per week** **£21,550 per annum** **12-month fixed-term contract**

Are you a **people person** who knows the local community and is great at building relationships?

We're looking for a warm, approachable **Community Connector** to work alongside families in Stevenston Hayocks – building trust, creating opportunities and helping people connect with the support, services and opportunities that matter to them.

You could be a great fit if you:

- Know Stevenston Hayocks or the wider Three Towns area
- Can connect naturally with people and build trust
- Understand some of the challenges local families can face
- Are positive, non-judgemental and community-minded
- Want to help people build confidence, connections and opportunities

 **This is a role about people, relationships and community.**

Please share with anyone you think would be perfect for this role!

For the full Job Description and information on how to apply, email alicia@ko-nekt.org or scan the QR code below.



Regenerating Community Facilities

Hayocks CA held their AGM in which 15 community members are the new committee which has saw a few new members and of a younger demographic in which the committee had hoped for. The association have also been heavily involved in the fairer futures process which is still in motion.

Hayocks TARA

A dedicated volunteer has been actively involved in the community garden, developing their growing skills and helping to transform the space into a productive resource for the local community. Through their ongoing commitment and hard work, they have successfully grown a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, which are now being shared with people attending the community centre.



Promoting the Local economy & Tourism



NAFF Larder Network

The NAFF larder network received their 15th quarterly payment which covered the period October to December £23,195 was allocated to 15 organisations across North Ayrshire to support their work in challenging food insecurity.

The Network met at the beginning of June and had an opportunity to share ideas, discuss challenges and provide peer support.

3 Towns – Larder Footfall

A total of 1486 visits were made to the 5 community larders in the 3 Towns Locality. This is a decrease of 130 visits over the quarter.

Employability Pilot (name to be confirmed)

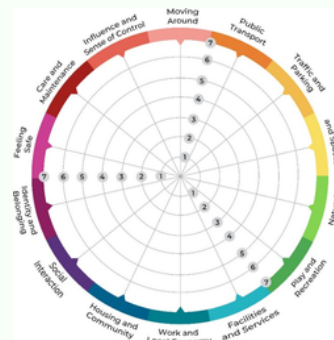
Building on findings from the CHES work in the Three Towns, plans are progressing for a new community-based employability pilot. The project will establish a local employment hub, offering accessible skills development, accredited training and tailored employability support to residents and young people facing barriers to work.

Delivered in partnership with local services and community organisations, the pilot will provide flexible pathways into employment, training, apprenticeships and work placements, helping participants build confidence, gain qualifications and progress towards sustainable employment.

Improving Community Wellbeing

North Ayrshire Council in partnership with NHS Ayrshire & Arran have been selected as a pilot for Public Health Scotland utilising the Place Standard Tool using a food-based lens.

Community engagement sessions were held on 27 May and 9 June and an engagement session with young people was held in the Garnock Campus on 18 June. The reports from these sessions are being finalised and will be shared in due course. These will inform and direct the action plan on reducing health inequalities in the Garnock Valley and the work around the Good Food Nation.



Safer Shores

As part of the North Ayrshire-wide Safer Shores initiative, the Three Towns Locality Team delivered outreach sessions across Hayocks, Ardrossan and Saltcoats, engaging with young people in key locations during evenings and weekends. The initiative promotes community safety, encourages positive behaviours and signposts young people to local activities and opportunities.

To date, around 60 young people have been engaged. While no significant issues have been identified, the outreach work provides a visible community presence, helping to build confidence in community safety and encouraging participation in positive local opportunities.

Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

Internal support for Consul

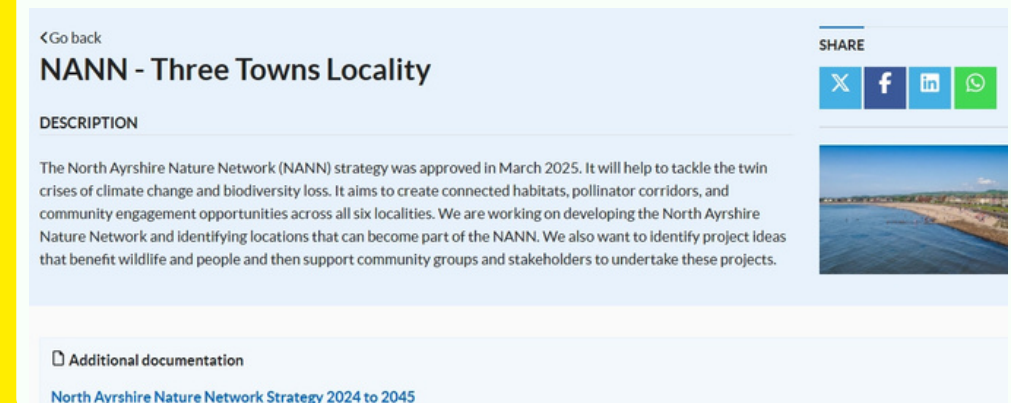
A busy quarter for consultations (and therefore support to colleagues) on Consul:

- **6 North Ayrshire Nature Networks (NANN)** consultations went live
- **15 library consultations** completed and internal data and analysis pulled off
 - 683 participants
 - 1,573 comments received
- **Community transport consultation** completed and internal data and analysis pulled off
 - 72 participants
 - 47 comments received

• Following discussions with HSCP engagement staff, Consul was approved at PSMT and will be used for HSCP processes moving forward

• We continue to lead on the testing of new functionality on the platform in Scotland, particularly around reporting functions on the system to increase the efficiency of this stage of consultation processes.

The reports are designed to organise the information into themes and headlines, supported by qualitative and quantitative data, to support the 'human' analysis and engagement required to translate the response into policy decisions.



Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

Seasalt Streets Consultation

Support was provided to Seasalt Streets, a volunteer-led group working to enhance Dockhead Street and surrounding areas in Saltcoats through environmental improvements and community-led regeneration. Assistance included developing a community consultation, creating digital and QR code-enabled survey materials, and engaging residents at the Ardrossan Highland Games. The consultation generated valuable feedback to inform the group's future priorities and funding applications, while also identifying 14 potential new volunteers to support ongoing community improvement activities.



Improving Community Wellbeing

Summer of Sport Programme

A wide range of Summer of Sport activities have been delivered across the Three Towns, providing opportunities for young people and families to be active, try new sports and engage with local clubs and organisations.

Community Summer Fun Days attracted over 1000 attendees, delivered in partnership with local organisations and funded through a range of sources.

Additional activities included table tennis, athletics, gymnastics, boxing, pool, darts and outdoor bowling, engaging more than 70 young people.

Several initiatives have created progression opportunities into local sports clubs, coaching pathways and funded memberships, supporting longer-term participation in physical activity and community involvement.

Case study examples...

Improving Community Wellbeing



ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT	
Date(s)	July 10 th - August 14 th
Location(s)	Hayocks CC, Commonwealth Games 2026 & IMC Project
Participants	Young People

WHY WAS THIS ACTIVITY NEEDED?
This project was needed to provide young people with positive recreational opportunities, improve their physical wellbeing, and introduce them to a structured sporting activity that could support confidence building, social connections, and ongoing participation in healthy lifestyle choices. The programme also aimed to create progression routes into community-based sports activities and reduce barriers to engagement.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- 15 YP
- 9 SESSIONS
- 6 VOLUNTEERS
- 3 PARTNERS INVOLVED

"This was an opportunity of a lifetime for my boy and his pals."
- parent/carer

WHAT WE DELIVERED?
In partnership with Community Learning & Development, Hayocks Community Association and the IMC Project, four boxing sessions were delivered at Hayocks Hall, engaging eight young people who received lunch at each session in the community cafe. This provided an introduction to boxing and an opportunity to have lunch as well as socialise. In addition, eleven young people from Hayocks Youth Cafe (youth group) attended a day at the Commonwealth Games boxing event, where they watched competitions, met athletes, took photographs, and collected autographs. As a progression outcome, participating young people will be supported to access one month's membership at the IMC Project boxing club to continue their involvement in the sport.



- OUTCOMES**
- INDIVIDUAL OUTCOMES**
 - ✓ Increased confidence and self-esteem
 - ✓ Improved physical health and wellbeing
 - ✓ Access to ongoing opportunities through progression into one month's membership at the IMC Project Boxing Club
 - ✓ Greater aspirations and motivation through attending the Commonwealth Games boxing event and meeting athletes.
 - COMMUNITY OUTCOMES**
 - ✓ Enhanced community cohesion as young people build positive relationships
 - ✓ Stronger links between young people & community organisations such as the IMC Project
 - ✓ Increased awareness and use of local sporting and recreational opportunities
 - ✓ Reduced risk of anti-social behaviour by providing constructive activities and positive role models.

"I love it, I'm starting to eat better at home and want to train more."
- young person

"My son attended the club and he loved it; it's gave him a passion for boxing training. It's helped his confidence a lot, he is quite a quiet shy boy so this has helped him come out his shell a bit. He loved getting to go to the Commonwealth Games to watch the boxing and was over the moon with autographs that the kids got from the boxers."
- parent/carer

Improving Community Wellbeing

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LOCALITY FUNDAY'S 2026

Three Towns Locality

COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT
NORTH AYRSHIRE

ACTIVITY SNAPSHOP

Date(s)	30th July - 16th August
Location(s)	Ardrossan Youth Centre, Hayocks CC, Melbourne Park, Ardrossan South Beach & Ardrossan Community Sports Hub
Participants	Young People & Families

WHY WAS THIS ACTIVITY NEEDED?

This activity was needed to provide accessible, inclusive and free opportunities for families and individuals to take part in positive activities during the summer period, particularly at a time when rising living costs were affecting household budgets. The fundays helped reduce financial barriers to participation, encouraged physical activity and healthy lifestyles, and created opportunities for local people to connect, build relationships and strengthen community cohesion. They also introduced participants to new experiences and activities that they may not otherwise have been able to access



IMPACT AT A GLANCE



1,196 YP



5 EVENTS



19 VOLUNTEERS



7 PARTNERS INVOLVED

“ The colour run was my favourite part of the day. I would definitely do it again! ”

- Young Person

“ I enjoyed being active and spending time outdoors instead of staying at home ”

- Young Person

WHAT WE DELIVERED?

As part of the Summer of Sports programme, free community fun days were delivered across localities in partnership with local groups. Activities included retro sports, colour runs, archery, inflatables, fruit kebab making, bird feeder creation and plant potting. These events promoted community engagement and helped overcome financial barriers to participation during the cost-of-living crisis.

PHOTO GALLERY






OUTCOMES

TEAM OUTCOMES

- ✓ INCREASED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION & REACH
- ✓ STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIP WORKING
- ✓ IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF COMMUNITY NEEDS
- ✓ ENHANCED CAPACITY TO DELIVER INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMES

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

- ✓ INCREASED SOCIAL CONNECTIONS & SENSE OF BELONGING
- ✓ IMPROVED HEALTH & WELLBEING
- ✓ REDUCED BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION
- ✓ GREATER AWARENESS OF SERVICE PROVISION

#2026SummerofSport

sportscotland

the national agency for sport

COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT
NORTH AYRSHIRE



North Ayrshire Council
Cannoch Street, Ayr, Ayrshire

ARDROSSAN YOUTH CENTRE POOL & DARTS 2026

● Creating Active Communities Across North Ayrshire ●

Three Towns Locality Pool and Darts Sessions

ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT

	Date(s)	3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th August 2026
	Location(s)	Ardrossan Youth Centre
	Participants	Young People

WHY WAS THIS ACTIVITY NEEDED?

These sessions were created after young people told us they were interested in taking part in pool and darts activities. Darts, in particular, has seen renewed interest, which we believe has been influenced by the success of Luke Littler and the increased visibility of the sport. Pool was also highlighted as a popular choice, making both activities a great addition to the programme

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

15 YP

4 SESSIONS

3 VOLUNTEERS

0 PARTNERS INVOLVED

“Quote Loads of Fun wish it could continue **”**

- participant

WHAT WE DELIVERED?

We delivered four 2-hour sessions, providing young people with the opportunity to participate in a variety of darts and pool activities. Throughout the sessions, participants learned and practised different game formats, developed their skills, and explored a range of trick shots

PHOTO GALLERY

INDIVIDUAL OUTCOMES

- ✓ Team work
- ✓ Social Interaction
- ✓ Building Confidence
- ✓ Improve hand and eye co-ordination

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

- ✓ Reduced Social Isolation
- ✓ Increased Community Engagement
- ✓ Enhanced Health and Wellbeing
- ✓ Improved Social Connections

“Quote I came along to play darts but love playing pool also now **”**

- participant

“Quote Free sessions are great, keeps young people off the streets **”**

carer

#2026SummerofSport
#CameOn

COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

sportscotland
the national agency for sport

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North Ayrshire Council
Committee Account for a Youth

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Three Towns Partnership Update - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Promoting the Local Economy and Tourism

SFRS continues to support local businesses, community events and tourism activity through operational preparedness, fire safety engagement and protection activity. By helping businesses understand and manage fire risk, we contribute to creating safe environments for residents, visitors and investors.

How do we do this?

By continued engagement with local businesses and community organisations to promote fire safety, supporting local events and delivering seasonal and operational demand reduction initiatives. This allows us to have targeted engagement with seasonal visitor locations and coastal areas to promote water safety and responsible behaviour.

Regenerating Community Facilities

SFRS continues to work alongside local partners, schools and community organisations to support the safe use and development of community facilities across the Three Towns area.

How do we do this?

By carrying out Operational Intelligence visits and recording site specific risk information, we working with partners to identify and share information regarding derelict and vacant buildings (commercial) throughout the Three Towns area. Risk information is shared via Community Intelligence Reports and constant dialogue between SFRS Local Area Liaison Officers and North Ayrshire Council. This activity will help improve community safety, reduce opportunities for anti-social behaviour and deliberate fire-setting, and support wider regeneration objectives.

Both our Fire Enforcement and Community Action Teams also engage with community venues and partner organisations to promote fire safety awareness and resilience planning.

Increasing Civic Pride and Community Engagement

Both our Community Action Team (CAT) and our Local Operational Crews remain active across the area supporting partner initiatives and activities.

Through June, July and August, Local Crews from Ardrossan, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and our CAT team attended several 'Summer of Sport' events throughout North Ayrshire where our involvement included delivering inputs on antisocial behaviour, water safety and CPR training to the young people that attended. This provided an opportunity to build positive relationships with young people while promoting community responsibility and personal safety.

CAT has also arranged a one-day Fire Skills Course in Ardrossan for an ESOL group working with unaccompanied asylum seekers. This initiative will increase awareness of emergency services, promote fire safety and support community integration.

Over the next few months we plan to deliver further youth engagement sessions in partnership with local schools and community groups to help reduce fire related anti social behaviour in the run up to Bonfire Night.

Both our Operational Crews and our CAT Team will continue to support vulnerable and hard-to-reach groups through targeted engagement and education initiatives.

We will also continue our participation in community events and partnership activities aimed at strengthening relationships between local services and residents.

Improving Community Wellbeing

Community wellbeing remains a key priority for SFRS. During the last few months, 14 AP1 (Adult Protection) referrals were submitted to help identify and support vulnerable individuals who may benefit from fire safety interventions and wider partner assistance.

SFRS continues to deliver Home Fire Safety Visits and targeted prevention activity to those most at risk, helping reduce vulnerability and improve community resilience. Activities are aligned to seasonal campaigns and demand reduction initiatives.

Over the next few months we will support the delivery of **Operation Moonbeam**, in partnership with local agencies, focusing on reducing fire related anti-social behaviour, deliberate fire-setting and associated risks during the darker months and throughout the bonfire period.

Through our referral protocols we will continue to carry out Home Fire Safety Visit activity, prioritising vulnerable households and those identified through partner referrals.

We will also continue with the promotion of water safety, CPR awareness (providing basic training to some local groups) and community safety messaging.



Locality Partnership: *Three Towns*

Date: *23rd September 2026*

Subject: *HSCP Partner Update*

Purpose: For Information and Awareness

General HSCP update

Children, Families & Justice Services

- Care Leaver Payments- the Scottish Government has introduced a £2,000 payment for eligible young people moving from care into adulthood and independent living. Scottish Government has committed to fully funding local authorities to administer and deliver the payment.
- Child protection communications- following engagement with young people, the Child Protection Committee is developing content for North Ayrshire Youth Services social media channels to promote key child protection messages. A survey for young people aged 11 and over has been launched to identify their preferred platforms and approaches to online engagement.
- Vaccination programmes- eligible young people across Ayrshire have been able to book meningococcal B vaccination appointments from 6 July, ahead of the 2026/27 academic year. The annual school flu programme is also being rolled out across North Ayrshire, with vaccinations scheduled from 14 September to 4 December and parents and carers encouraged to return consent forms promptly to support uptake.

Health & Community Care

- Transfer of Care Programme and Home First Approach- NHS Ayrshire & Arran continues to experience significant system pressures, including high hospital occupancy, delayed discharges, Emergency Department congestion and reliance on non-standard capacity. In response, NHS Ayrshire & Arran, the three HSCPs and Acute Services have developed the Transfer of Care Programme to expand community capacity and redesign discharge pathways around a Home First approach. Following IJB approval in June 2026, implementation is progressing to expand community-based support to enable timely discharge and reduce hospital pressures. North Ayrshire planned investment includes up to 25 additional care-home placements, up to 35 additional Care at Home and reablement packages, and 5 step-down beds at Anam Cara through the discharge to assess pathway. This will strengthen rehabilitation and recovery support, improve patient flow and help more people return home safely.
- Unscheduled care improvement- In June North Ayrshire HSCP received £1.081 million from The Scottish government to support Phase 1 of the Whole System Implementation Plan: £746,000 to strengthen hospital-based multidisciplinary capacity and £335,000 to increase Mental Health Officer capacity. These enhancements have been implemented to support patient flow and discharge planning.

- Digital housing and independent living- The Envision: Digital Blueprint for a Smart Home of the Future report provides an evidence-based framework for housing that integrates digital health, adaptable design and low-carbon construction. Housing and HSCP colleagues will explore how learning from the framework can inform future planning and service development to support health, wellbeing, independence and net zero ambitions.
- Adult Support and Protection- a staff survey has been launched across HSCP and partner organisations. Findings will inform the Adult Protection Committee's biennial report and future business plan, helping to shape priorities and continued improvement in adult protection arrangements.

Mental Health

- North Community Learning Disability Team- the team received the Team Award at the Scottish Learning Disabilities Nurses Network Awards for their work to reduce health inequalities for people with learning disabilities in North Ayrshire.
- Alcohol and Drug Partnership- the North Ayrshire ADP has published its latest newsletter, providing information on recent community activity, available supports and this year's Overdose Awareness Day event.

Planning, Performance and Transformation

- Beam Notes- the AI-supported documentation tool previously known as Magic Notes is being rolled out across North Ayrshire HSCP social work services. Training is underway and use has expanded to additional service users from 20 July. The tool is intended to support quicker drafting of records and documentation, reduce administrative time and enable practitioners to focus more on direct engagement and conversations with the people they support.
- Care at Home Service review- The HSCP is currently doing a review of the Care at Home service and staff are being invited to dedicated engagement sessions to discuss current service delivery, improvement opportunities and help shape future developments. Separate sessions for frontline and office-based staff will ensure that operational experience and staff feedback inform the review and future planning.

Other

- Set Aside arrangements- work continues across Ayrshire to implement statutory Set Aside arrangements for delegated hospital services. This includes developing a joint commissioning plan, strengthening IJB directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran and agreeing a transparent methodology for fair resource allocation across the three Ayrshire partnerships.
- IJB voting rights- from 1 September 2026, third-sector representatives, service users and unpaid carer members will have full IJB voting rights under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025. Recruitment is underway to fill the service user/ unpaid carer representative role.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

To note the HSCP updates.

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

Date: *26th August 2026*

Three Towns Pride in Place - Briefing Note for Three Towns Locality Partnership meeting

Meeting Date: 23rd September 2026

Overview

In December 2025 it was announced that the Three Towns had been awarded close to £20M funding from the UK Government's Pride in Place Programme to be spent on the communities over the next ten years from 2026 to 2036.

The objective of Pride in Place is to empower communities to achieve local regeneration and support local groups and initiatives through a mix of capital and revenue funding.

- Capital funding to help deliver local environmental improvements that will help regenerate communities. This could include improving a town centre, environmental improvements or a new leisure facility.
- Revenue funding that will support local groups and initiatives.

The funding mix over the ten year period is 67% capital funding and 33% revenue funding.

How the money is spent will be decided by the Three Towns Neighbourhood Board ensuring that this decision-making authority sits with the community.

North Ayrshire Council will support the Board with responsibility for managing the funds, contract procurement and ensuring investment is made in line with relevant legislation.

Since the last meeting of the Three Towns Locality Partnership, significant progress has been made with the appointment of the Three Towns Neighbourhood Board responsible for delivery of the Pride in Place Programme.

Board appointment

Following on from the appointment of Chair, Joseph Cullis, the full Board has been appointed comprising: -

- Irene Campbell MP.
- Seven community representatives including Joseph Cullis.
- Three local Elected Members.
- A senior NAC officer in a non-voting capacity.

The full Board membership can be accessed at: -

<https://northayrshire.community/three-towns-town-board/>

The Board is in line with UK Government Pride in Place Phase 2 requirements, taking account of the fact that local MSPs were not available to sit on the Board, and provides strong community representation.

The Board has now met twice with further monthly meetings scheduled through to the end of November.

Regeneration Plan and Community Consultation

The Board's first priority is the preparation of a Regeneration Plan, as required by the UK Government, for submission by the end of November 2026 and this task is being supported by a partnership between consultants Smith Scott Mullan and Nick Wright.

This costed plan sets out a ten-year vision for the duration of the Programme and an investment plan for the initial four years and outlines the local projects that the Programme will set out to deliver. These projects will comprise both capital investment and revenue support for local groups and initiatives.

Fundamental to this plan is community consultation to capture the wishes and priorities of the communities. In order to achieve this, the following key activities are being undertaken: -

- Review and consultation on previous local plans such as Three Towns Charette, the Stevenston Local Place Plan and the Saltcoats Place Framework.
- Delivery of a survey to every postal address in the Three Towns with reply by drop off at nominated local centres or online. This is to be completed by 27th September.
- Engagement with local youth through High School promotion, engagement sessions and primary school bag drops.
- Consultation with key stakeholders representing business development, employability, child poverty, leisure etc.
- Local drop-in sessions culminating in a final public event at Saltcoats Town hall on 28th October where the public will have a final chance to feedback on proposals before the Plan is completed.

Links to the Three Towns Pride in Place Survey



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