

Three Towns Neighbourhood Board

Minute Meeting 1

6.00pm, 20 August 2026

Saltcoats Town Hall

Board Members Present:		
Carol Boyd	CB	Community Link Up
Irene Campbell	IC	Member of Parliament
Joseph Cullis	JC	Chair
Stewart Ferguson	SF	NAC Elected Member
Jean Frew	JF	Stevenston Community Council
Charlie Gilmour	CG	Splash Group & Auchenharvie Swimming Club
Davina McTiernan	DMcT	NAC Elected Member
Callie Rodgers	CR	Youth Community Representative
John Sweeney	JS	NAC Elected Member
Apologies:		
Tam McCann	TMcC	Scottish Fire & Rescue/community football club
Glenn Turner	GT	Ripple Effect Saltcoats
In Attendance:		
Colin Bradford	CB	North Ayrshire Council
Lynne Easton	LE	North Ayrshire Council
Claire Fitzsimmons	CF	North Ayrshire Council
Denise Fraser	DF	North Ayrshire Council
Nick Wright	NW	Nick Wright Planning
Eugene Mullan	EM	Smith Scott Mullan
1. Welcome & Apologies		Action
- The Chair introduced himself and welcomed attendees to the 1st meeting of the TTNB, noting how privileged he feels to be leading the Board in making a difference to the Three Towns and the people who live there. - The Chair noted apologies from TMcC & GT. - The Chair explained that the format of the evening shall be less formal than a usual Board Meeting, to facilitate a presentation and breakout discussions. He introduced Nick Wright and Eugene Mullan, the consultants engaged to produce the Regeneration		

Plan required by UK Government to approve the expenditure of the £20m investment fund. It was noted that the fund consists of 37% Revenue and 63% Capital funding.	
2. Introductions	
- The Board and other attendees from NAC verbally introduced themselves to the room, providing a summary of their background and interest in volunteering on the Board. - The Chair relayed the same for the absent Tam McCann. - The Chair then introduced the consultants, Nick Wright and Eugene Mullan who also gave a brief account of their professional backgrounds and relevant experience. - The Chair explained the consultant's role to create the Regeneration Plan for submission to UK Government noting the tight timescales set by the Government.	
3. Preparing the £20m Investment Plan	
- The consultant's role is to prepare the £20m community led Regeneration Plan. - The boundary has been set by UK Government and will not be changed. - It is important to note that projects do not need to take place within the red-line boundaries but must benefit the community within these delineated areas. - The required deadline for submission means there are 13 weeks (end of November) in which the plan has to be completed based on the desires of the local people following community engagement. - Hence why work has begun already, reviewing existing proposals, gathering baseline information, issuing the survey and organising community events. - Once projects are collated, they will be costed and presented to the Board for consideration. Community engagement shall be conducted as follows: Engagement Strategy - Previous plans & proposals reviewed - One to one discussion with Board Members 3 Towns Chit Chat (2nd September 2026 Saltcoats) - Community Survey – powerful part of process	

○ Website ○ Secondary School Workshops Plan Production ○ These will generate draft proposals for consideration by the Board in late September/early October to be discussed at a workshop. ○ The projects chosen by the Board will then be presented at a Community Event for the local community to have their preferences recorded. ○ The Final Plan will then be produced based on the projects the community want to see implemented.	
4. Discussion and networking	
Important considerations: • Consider revenue budget for smaller projects. • Consider smaller projects for “quick-wins” and publicity. • Consider how you can use funding to leverage even greater funding, to match other sources and support other projects. • Avoid duplication of other projects.	
5. Wrap-up/Conclusion	
• Following discussion regarding outreach into communities it was proposed that the Engagement Strategy would include workshops at 5 further locations throughout the Three Towns: - Ardrossan Civic Centre; Whitlees Community Centre; Argyle Youth & Community Centre; Ardeer Youth & Community Centre; Hayocks Community hall. • It is already apparent that there is going to be an extensive project list. • It may be prudent to consider how to store the information on unsuccessful projects for record and future reference.	
6. Any Other Business	
• Discussion took place regarding the importance of communications and branding and how best to proceed – employ/commission a company to manage, or save fees and manage “in-house”. • The website set up for Community Engagement by the consultants could also be considered as a domain moving forward until expiry (expiry end of November).	

• It was suggested the Board look to Phase 1 programmes for inspiration and advice. • It was agreed this is to be given consideration and added as an agenda item at a future meeting.	
7. Date(s) of next meeting(s)	
• Friday 25th September 2026 4.30pm – 6.30pm venue tbc • Friday 23rd October 2026 4.30pm – 6.30pm venue tbc • Friday 20th November 2026 4.30-6.30pm venue tbc	