
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

27 April 2021

Cabinet

Title:	Proposals for Community Investment Fund (CIF) Expenditure
Purpose:	To determine applications by Locality Partnerships to allocate CIF funding to proposed projects.
Recommendation:	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Reviews the enclosed applications from the Irvine Locality Partnership and the Kilwinning Locality Partnership in line with CIF criteria;b) Approves the CIF application in relation to Irvine Youth Forum; andc) Approves the request to increase the previously agreed CIF application in relation to a multi-purpose youth and community hub – Kilwinning Rangers Juniors and Kilwinning Rangers Youth Club.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Within its budget for 2017-18, North Ayrshire Council provided a funding allocation for the creation of an innovative fund to enable communities to address the priorities they have identified through Locality Planning Partnerships and within the context of North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership's Fair for All strategy.
- 1.2 Locality Partnerships have subsequently continued to work on their local action plans and are refining proposals for expenditure in line with their locally identified needs. This is a challenging process, and it is a testament to the dedication of the Locality Partnerships and their community partners that proposals are now emerging to provide creative approaches to addressing local challenges.
- 1.3 This report brings forward proposals which responds to the specific need of the local community and which has been developed based on local circumstances and opportunities.
- 1.4 These proposals have been approved to be submitted to Cabinet through a process of collaboration and consensus by the respective Locality Partnerships.

2. Background

- 2.1 Within its budget for 2017-18, North Ayrshire Council provided an allocation for the creation of an innovative fund to enable communities to address the priorities they have identified through Locality Planning Partnerships and within the context of North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership's Fair for All Strategy, to be distributed among Localities as follows:

Locality	Population	Value
Irvine	29%	£754,000
Kilwinning	11%	£286,000
3 Towns	23%	£598,000
Garnock Valley	15%	£390,000
North Coast	18%	£468,000
Arran	4%	£104,000

- 2.2 It was agreed that the CIF will support proposals and projects that connect with:

- The North Ayrshire Fair for All Strategy;
- The Community Planning Partnership and Locality priorities; and
- North Ayrshire Council's values, priorities and business objectives.
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

- 2.3 The proposal development and application process has been agreed as follows:

- Locality Partnerships should continue to engage with their communities and stimulate interest in the CIF. Each Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round.'
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.

- 2.4 The enclosed applications have been developed by community partners and North Ayrshire Council officers and are now recommended for approval by Cabinet. The proposals are as follows:

2.4.1 The Irvine Locality Partnership

The allocation and funds committed to date are outlined in the table below.

The Irvine Locality Partnership CIF allocation	£754 000
Digital Officer	£ 72 301
Vineburgh & Fullarton Community Enablers	£100 000
Irvine Newtown Men's Shed	£ 10 000
Harbourside Men's Shed	£ 10 000
Balance	£561 699

Proposal: Youth and Community Skills Hub - Irvine Youth Forum: £100,000 (Appendix 1)

The proposal to establish a one-stop Youth and Community Skills Hub in Irvine Town Centre will target young people from P7 upwards and include young people in specialised projects through which qualifications may be achieved. Working closely with North Ayrshire Council Connected Communities Team (Youth Work), leisure activities will be provided for young people to enjoy and keep them safe and out of harm. Other partners include the Ayrshire Film Company who will deliver employability programmes for young people and adults with disabilities, and long-standing partners, the Irvine Marymass Committee. The town centre location will help to attract new partnerships which will be developed with schools and voluntary sector agencies and wider council services. The CIF funding will be used for running costs, including the employment of staff, as well as the set-up costs for furnishing and equipment. Work is currently underway to secure further funding from external sources. A key output will be a "Youth Work in a Box " resource so that partners in Dreghorn, Springside and Castlepark and beyond the Irvine Locality can deliver sessions and events as well as give an opportunities for the local young people to be part of the Bridgegate events and activities.

2.4.2 Kilwinning Locality Partnership

The allocation and funds committed to date are outlined in the table below.

The Kilwinning Locality Partnership CIF allocation	£286 000
Kilwinning McGavin Park	£35 000
Multi-Purpose Youth and Community Hub	£41,190
Balance	£209,810

Proposal: Multi-Purpose Youth and Community Hub: £15,000 (Appendix 2)

Kilwinning Rangers Juniors and Kilwinning Rangers Youth Club, with the support of Kilwinning Rangers Football Club, would like to convert a recently donated 110ft x 40ft portacabin currently at the Club's base at Kilwinning Community Sports Club. This will form a 433 square metre flexible community space to address the capacity issues for youth and other activities in the main clubhouse building. A large, fully accessible,

multi-functional space will be created through the removal of dividing walls, with works also to include a Youth Zone and the construction of toilets. Affordable office and rental space for small local businesses will help to provide the sustainability for the organisation and this will help to provide further youth activities.

In February 2020 the Cabinet agreed to award £41,190 from Kilwinning's allocation of the CIF to this project.

The budgeted costs were based on the modular building being classed as a refurbishment, rather than a 'new build'. Unforeseen costs included enhanced insulation values of £22,000 alone. There has also been a general increase in building and materials costs caused by the Covid pandemic. Full costs have been provided for the Locality Partnership and it is estimated that the completion of Electrical/Plumbing & Security Works and Internal & External Building works will total £25,000. The Scottish Landfill Trust have provided £10,000.

3. Proposals

3.1 That Cabinet:

- a) Reviews the enclosed applications from the Irvine Locality Partnership and the Kilwinning Locality Partnership in line with CIF criteria;
- b) Approves the CIF application in relation to Irvine Youth Forum; and
- c) Approves the request to increase the previously agreed CIF application in relation to a multi-purpose youth and community hub – Kilwinning Rangers Juniors and Kilwinning Rangers Youth Club.

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial

4.1 CIF funding is allocated within existing resources.

Human Resources

4.2 In Irvine, 4 volunteering opportunities and 6 employment opportunities will be created and these are detailed in Appendix 1.

Legal

4.3 None.

Equality/Socio-economic

4.4 The purpose of Locality Planning is to reduce inequalities, increase community cohesion and advance community empowerment. Each of the CIF proposals is tested against that purpose before being presented to Cabinet.

Environmental and Sustainability

4.5 Environmental and sustainability issues are considered in relation to each CIF application. The Young People's Participation and Citizenship Strategy includes a commitment to create a Climate Change Plan of Action and young people will be engaged and lead on the promotion of the local resources. Using the Participation and Citizenship structure, strong links will be created with Eco Committees, STEM, Pupil Councils and Youth Forums and there will be a Climate Change focus on events and activities throughout 2021, with a focus on National Youth Work Week to engage with local COP26 initiatives. This will be integrated across the work of the Irvine Youth Hub.

Key Priorities

4.6 The proposals contained within the report support the North Ayrshire Council Plan priorities:

- Active and strong communities
- Inclusive, growing and enterprising local economy
- People enjoy good life-long health and wellbeing.

Community Wealth Building

4.7 The applications support the following pillars of community wealth building:

- Advancing community enterprises; and
- Advancing local ownership of underused land and buildings.

5. Consultation

5.1 The proposals contained within this report have been developed by the Locality Partnerships, through consultation with local people, including 275 young people in Irvine and over 200 young people, adults and partner organisations in Kilwinning.

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Background Papers

Appendix 1: CIF Application: Youth and Community Skills Hub – Irvine Youth Forum

Appendix 2: CIF Application: Multi-Purpose Youth and Community Youth Hub - Kilwinning Rangers Youth Club, with the support of Kilwinning Rangers Junior Football

Appendix 1: Community Investment Fund: Proposal to Cabinet

Organisation name	<i>Irvine Youth Forum</i>
Brief details of organisation	<p>Irvine Youth Forum's aim is to promote activities which are of benefit to young people and the Irvine Locality Area community, (Irvine KA11 and KA12 postcodes).</p> <p>The organisation works in partnership with the local authority, voluntary organisations, and local residents in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare recreation, leisure and to alleviate the effects of poverty, where possible. The objective is improving the conditions of life for all.</p> <p>Irvine Youth Forum is a constituted group and currently in the process of applying for charitable status to become a Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation. The organisation has been in existence for 6 years since November 2014.</p> <p>Irvine Youth Forum provides activities for young people directly to Irvine's local community and works in partnership with other youth forums for the larger events, such as the Annual North Ayrshire Youth Festival. It has attracted grant funding to enable activities to be delivered free of charge.</p>
Locality	Irvine
Amount requested from CIF	£100,000
Brief overview of proposal	<p>The proposal to establish a one-stop, Youth and Community Skills Hub in Irvine Town Centre will target young people from P7 upwards and include young people, who may struggle with the school day, in specialised projects through which qualifications may be achieved.</p> <p>Working closely with North Ayrshire Council Connected Communities Team (Youth Work), leisure activities will be provided for young people to enjoy and keep young people safe and out of harm. Other partners include the Ayrshire Film Company who will deliver employability programmes for young people and adults with disabilities and long-standing partners, Irvine Marymass Committee. The town centre location will help to attract new partnerships will be developed with schools and voluntary sector agencies and wider council services. The funding will be used for the running costs, including the employment of staff, as well as the set-up costs for furnishing and equipment. The finances will be managed by 5 Trustees.</p> <p>This project is unique within this locality area and will be open to all young people and community members alike, making a huge difference when the Covid-19 pandemic subsides.</p>

A key output will be a "Youth Work in a Box " resource so that partners in Dreghorn, Springside and Castlepark can deliver sessions and events as well as give an opportunities for the local young people to be part of the Bridgegate events and activities.

The key outcomes include:

- Increasing employability and volunteering opportunities for young people in the area;
- Providing work experience opportunities to 4th, 5th and 6th year pupils;
- Targeting classes, training, and qualifications specifically for employability skills;
- Holding health and wellbeing coffee and chat groups;
- Increasing the safe spaces for young people in town; and
- Offering access to trained youth workers to support young people, especially in relation to health and wellbeing.

This proposal contributes to the delivery of the Irvine Localities priorities of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Influence and Sense of Control and Employability.

In total 275 young people have been consulted, including 110 at the Joint Cabinet live event and 165 in the course of detached work.

The CIF funding of £100,000 will provide:

Operational and Equipment Costs

Item	Amount	Subtotals
Operational costs for youth hub	£36000	
Staff costs year 1 operation		97,638.48
35-hour community youth hub worker	£26544	
30-hour youth work post	£19890	
12 hours Sessional staff x 4 per week	£6468.48	
16 hours Venue Assistant per week	£8736.00	
Equipment and additional Costs		£18,628.00
Kitchen equipment costs	£8900	
Technology equipment	£4570	
Internal Furnishings	£2550	
Licensing / planning and legal fees	£2000	
2 years Youth Scotland Membership	£488	
2 years Ayrshire Community Trust Audit fees	£120	
	Total	£116,226.48

Work is currently underway to secure further funding from external sources.

During the project, 4 volunteering opportunities and 6 employment opportunities will be created:

Volunteering opportunities

- Social Media and Administration Assistant
- Events and party planner
- Entrepreneurial champion focusing on online business opportunities

Employment opportunities Phase 1

- Recruitment of a full time Youth and Community Worker

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of part time Youth Worker. • Recruitment of sessional Youth Work staff, for group work and outreach work • Venue assistant <p>Employment opportunities Phase 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cook • Catering assistant
<i>Timescales</i>	From April 2021
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Appendix 2: Community Investment Fund: Proposal to Cabinet

Organisation name	<i>Kilwinning Rangers Youth Club, with the support of Kilwinning Rangers Football Club</i>
Brief details of organisation	<p>Kilwinning Rangers has been in existence for 120 years, moving to Kilwinning Community Sports Club in early 2019. Kilwinning Rangers is a voluntary organisation, which manages the football delivery, within the umbrella of the registered charity, Kilwinning Community Sports Club.</p> <p>This application is from the youth sections (Kilwinning Rangers Juniors and Kilwinning Rangers Youth Club) of Kilwinning Rangers Football Club, who will manage the finances for them.</p> <p>Kilwinning Rangers Juniors and Kilwinning Rangers Youth Club provide pathways for young people to continue to participate in sport and to deliver their aspirations both within sport and the community.</p> <p>Although closely identified with its on-the-pitch activities, the football activities sit at the heart of a community hub. This delivers a wide range of community development, bringing together youth activities, community food provision, employability skills and health and wellbeing. Around 300-400 adults participate weekly in activities, with a further 270-330 young people taking part.</p>
Locality	Kilwinning
Amount requested from CIF	£15,000 (an increase to the previously agreed CIF application of £41,190)
Brief overview of proposal	<p>Multi-Purpose Youth and Community Hub</p> <p>Kilwinning Rangers Youth Club, with the support of Kilwinning Rangers Football, are in the process of converting a recently donated 110ft x 40ft modular building at the Club's base at Kilwinning Community Sports club. This will form a 433 square metre flexible community space to address the capacity issues for youth and other activities in the main clubhouse building.</p> <p>In February 2020 the Cabinet agreed to award £41,190 from Kilwinning's allocation of the CIF to this project.</p> <p>The budgeted costs were based on the modular building being classed as a refurbishment, rather than a 'new build'. Unforeseen costs included enhanced insulation values of £22,000 alone. There has also been a general increase in building and materials costs caused by the Covid pandemic. Full costs have been provided for the Locality Partnership and it is estimated that the completion of Electrical/Plumbing & Security Works and Internal & External Building works will total £25,000. The Scottish Landfill Trust have provided £10,000.</p>

	<p>The organisations received £41,190 from the CIF in 2020 for this project. At this point the budgeted costs were conservative but achievable for the refurbishment required to the donated modular building.</p> <p>Although planning permission had previously be secured, NAC Building Control, after reviewing the building drawings, advised that in their view there was a change of use within the building structure. This resulted in the build being designated as a “new build” and not a “refurbishment as originally costed for.</p> <p>This meant the modular building was subject to new build regulations. The biggest impact was the requirement for enhanced insulation values and disabled access the building, which required a Building Completion Warrant to allow building occupancy would be issued.</p> <p>During the building work the pandemic and Brexit have resulted in shortage of supply and significantly increased costs. The post-planning insulation requirements costs were £22,000. This increased the costs by approximately, £25000.</p> <p>There has, however, been a remarkable local effort to support the development with over 30 local firms contributing and hundreds of volunteering hours.</p> <p>The Landtrust have awarded £10,000 and the SCIO are requesting the remaining £15,000 gap funding from the Kilwinning Locality Partnership’s Community Investment Fund.</p> <p>The specific work is as follows:</p> <p>Completion of Electrical/Plumbing & Security Works £10,000 Completion of Internal & External Building works £15,000 Total £25,000</p> <p>The Club is developing further support for young person against financial disadvantage and is already active in football kit exchanges, food-programmes and after-school coaching schemes. A Homework Club is expanding its range of activities to offer more options to young people who are more engaged through creativity and tech, than sport. All participants have access to after-school snacks.</p> <p>The Club work in partnership with local and national agencies including but not limited to Kilwinning Academy, The Scottish Football Association, Active Schools and local businesses to improve the life chances, health and wellbeing.</p> <p>This initiative supports the findings of the Kilwinning charrette, Kilwinning’s Future, and the Locality Partnership’s priorities of Work and the Local Economy and improving the Local Environment through building up local facilities.</p>
Timescales	From April 2021
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