
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

28 September 2021

Cabinet

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| Title: | Community Investment Fund (CIF) Update |
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| Purpose: | To advise Cabinet of progress in relation to the Community Investment Fund |
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| Recommendation: | That Cabinet notes the achievements to date of the initiatives supported by the Community Investment Fund. |
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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 Partnerships and within the context of North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Fair for All Strategy. In June 2021, Cabinet approved a further £1m top-up for the funding, with consideration of a further £2m to follow in autumn 2021.
- 1.2 Locality Partnerships have worked with groups within their communities to develop proposals for expenditure from the Community Investment Fund (CIF) in line with their locally identified needs.
- 1.3 This report provides an overview of the themes, achievements and expenditure to 31st July 2021 reflected in the CIF applications.

2. Background

- 2.1 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 Partnerships. This was set within the context of North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership's Fair for All Strategy and Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, and the Council's Community Wealth Building Strategy. This allocation was supplemented by Cabinet in June 2021.
- 2.2 It was agreed that the CIF would support proposals and projects that connect with:
 - The North Ayrshire Fair for All Strategy;
 - The Community Planning Partnership and Locality priorities;
 - North Ayrshire Council's values, priorities and business objectives and

- The Community Wealth Building and Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Strategies;

And also:

- 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 CIF proposals are developed in conjunction with Locality Partnerships through an expression of interest process. Applications are decided by the Locality Partnership before making a proposal to Cabinet for approval. The table below provides information on the CIF allocation per locality and the balances available. This funding distribution is based on local population data since it results in allocations across all communities. Using deprivation data as distribution data, for example, would not do this.

Table 1: CIF Allocation and Balances

| Locality | Value of CIF from first funding allocation (2017-18) | Balance remaining from first funding allocation | Value of CIF from second funding allocation (June 2021) | Potential additional funding allocation* | Potential total balance available* |
|----------------|--|---|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Irvine | £754 000 | £449 396 | £290 000 | £580 000 | £1 319 396 |
| Kilwinning | £286 000 | £104 810 | £120 000 | £240 000 | £464 810 |
| Three Towns | £598 000 | £261 768 | £240 000 | £480 000 | £981 768 |
| Garnock Valley | £390 000 | £233 500 | £150 000 | £300 000 | £683 500 |
| North Coast | £468 000 | £164 161 | £170 000 | £340 000 | £674,161 |
| Arran | £104 000 | £58 774 | £30 000 | £60 000 | £148 774 |
| TOTAL | £2 600 000 | £1 272 409 | £1 000 000 | £2 000 000 | £4 272 409 |

*Subject to a projected balanced outturn position

2.4 It can be seen from this analysis that approximately half of the CIF allocation from the first funding allocation has been awarded to date. It is anticipated that there will be an acceleration in the rate of applications in 2021-22. This is due to the Locality Partnerships re-establishing their priorities, community ambitions in relation to recovery and renewal, the confidence to bring forward further proposals which comes

with the additional £1m top-up in June 2021 and planned increased officer support to develop CIF expressions of interest and full applications.

2.5 Appendix 1 describes the CIF applications which have been approved by the Locality Partnerships and Cabinet along with key achievements to date. Notable highlights include:

- **The Young People's Mental Health Project (Arran)**- Support has been given to young people in crisis. Inaugural mental health and wellbeing retreat was held. £114,450 additional external funding has been secured.
- **Digital Irvine Project Officer** – Engagement with 726 people supporting digital inclusion. Development of volunteers. Support with the distribution of digital devices and provision of training.
- **McGavin Park** - Completion of transformation of the former tennis court area into a community playpark and outdoor gym to encourage health and wellbeing. Funding recently awarded for latest phase includes an assault course and separate link crossover from the play area to the central path network.
- **The Training Station** – Building fully renovated and open for community use. Used by 10 different local clubs providing a wide variety of activities. Over half a million pounds in additional external funding secured.
- **Garnock Valley Men's Shed** – Renovations completed including a kitchen, office, music room and scale-modelling room. Online events during the pandemic, including a men's health event, have led to increased membership.
- **Millport Town Hall** – Feasibility study, business case and Community Asset Transfer complete. Tenders for building work received. Significant additional external funding awarded - £1,777,456.

2.6 All the CIF awarded initiatives meet the criteria as outlined in 2.2. Of the 26 projects:

- 10 have a focus on children and young people,
- Addressing social isolation or mental health issues is a key theme in 6,
- Supporting physical activity is evident in 4, and
- Aligning with Community Wealth Building- Better use of land and assets through the regeneration of buildings and spaces is supported in 13.

2.7 A total of 28 employment and 635 volunteering opportunities have been supported via CIF funding.

2.8 CIF awards have supported the leverage of £3 623 749 in additional funding. The majority of this is from external sources such as Lottery and Scottish Government. For each £1 of CIF granted £2.80 has been awarded in additional funding.

3. Proposals

3.1 It is proposed that Cabinet notes the achievements to date of the initiatives supported by the Community Investment Fund.

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial

- 4.1 CIF funding is allocated within existing resources. Total awards by the Locality Partnerships to date have been £1 272 409. £3 623 749 of additional funding has been secured by CIF projects, significantly adding to the investment from the Council. For each £1 of CIF granted £2.80 has been awarded in additional funding.

Human Resources

- 4.2 Funding has been provided to employ a Digital Officer and Project Officer. Employment opportunities hosted by external organisations have also been provided as 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 Improving the environment is a key theme in the Three Town's Growers' CIF-funded Environmental Worker, Raise Your Voice for Ardeer and Kilwinning Locality Partnership's McGavin Park CIF project.

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 and
 - 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,
 - Advancing local ownership of underused land and buildings, and
 - Supporting local business activities and increasing the variety of ownership models.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Each of the CIF proposals contained within this report have been developed and approved by the Locality Partnerships, through project-specific consultation with local people, including young people.

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Background Papers

Appendix 1: CIF Applications Approved by LPs and Cabinet to 31.07.21, achievements and funding.

Appendix 1

Community Investment Fund Applications Approved by Locality Partnerships and Cabinet to 31.07.21

| Locality | Name | Summary | Key achievements to date | Employment/ volunteering opportunities supported | Amount awarded | Additional Funding Leveraged |
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| Arran | The Young People's Mental Health Project – Arran Youth Foundations and Arran High School Parent Council | Funding will be used to improve mental health and wellbeing services for children and young people on Arran. | <p>Project has made a significant difference, helping young people in crisis and helping to equip them with the skills and knowledge they need in order to have more positive mental health and wellbeing. It has supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling for a young person in a crisis, • Art psychotherapy, which has tackled both social isolation by bringing young people together to express themselves, and reduced inequality, by providing group and one-to-one art therapy for marginalised young people, • Inaugural mental health and wellbeing retreat bringing together young people from around the island, giving them the time and space to explore their mental health issues. | 2 Sessional Youth Workers | £45,226 | <p>£76,950 Children in Need</p> <p>£37,500 Robertson Trust</p> |

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| Irvine | Digital Officer | Appointment of a “Digital Irvine” Project Officer to inspire and connect community, educational and business initiatives in Irvine to promote digital inclusion, participation and skills development. | <p>The Digital Participation Officer supported the Locality Partnership and Locality Officer to match social and physical infrastructure to meet the needs of Irvine Communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Digital Irvine Project has engaged had 476 engagements involving 726 people and 19 community organisations. • 9 digital champions were recruited and underwent training to enable them to deliver digital training to residents. • Digital Irvine infrastructure Upgrade - £80,000 worth of computer equipment was purchased and installed in community centres across Irvine. • 424 tablets, laptops and data provided to local people, and one-to-one support provided. • As part of NA Community leadership collective training provided for community groups and organisations. | <p>Project Officer</p> <p>9 Volunteer Digital Champions</p> | £84,604 | <p>£80,000 from Scottish Government for digital infrastructure</p> <p>£203,900 Connecting Scotland – 424 devices (laptops, chrome books and iPads) all with mi-fi connections</p> |

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| Irvine | Irvine Newtown Men's Shed | Following moving into new premises in Bourtreehill Village in August 2019 funding was required to support the upgrading of the new premises, specifically to make it wheelchair accessible and to create a disabled toilet. The funding will also be used to paint the premises, partition the workshop area and provide a protected, seating area for recreation and an IT area for the safe use of donated computers. Funding will also be used to purchase equipment and machinery. | <p>Due to circumstances, the pressures of the pandemic and issues with suppliers supplying specialist equipment there have been difficulties in progressing the planned work schedule.</p> <p>The group have upgraded their kitchen space with new kitchen units, kitchen equipment, and paint and wallpapering. They have created a breakout space for model making, which has been partially decorated and re-wired by an electrician. The main workshop also has benches in place with equipment set up.</p> | | £10,000 | £8,661 Lottery |

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| Irvine | Harbourside Men's Shed | The funding requested is for building adaptations to create the working and digital space for the group within premises leased by the Scottish Maritime Museum at 36B Kyle Road. | CIF funding was spent on the purchase of materials, wood, and the installation of joinery work to install a dividing wall. The Men's Shed has developed the internal space, with an upgraded kitchen area with newly installed kitchen units. There is a partitioned room created for hobby crafts. The main workshop has been set up with various benches, lathes, and equipment purchased and in place. A lowered ceiling has been installed, which has been reinforced to house an upstairs section which is still in development, and they are currently working towards installing stairs. The remaining funding has paid for the materials needed to upgrade the electrical work including replacing all the wiring, installation of smoke alarms, and upgrading the lights to energy efficient LED bulbs. | | £10,000 | |
| Irvine | Vineburgh and Fullarton Community Enablers | Community Enablers who will engage with the community to find opportunities to tackle | Funding supported the development of the youth group. This has focused on addressing challenging behaviour, mental health support | 2 Community Enablers employed | £100,000 | £2,000 Walk n Talk groups £1,700 PB £1,000 CRRF |

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| | | issues such as the provision of dignified food, isolation, alcohol and drug addictions and to support lifestyle changes, build confidence and develop support networks. | <p>and substance misuse amongst the young people. Through the engagement with young people information was passed onto Police Scotland who addressed issues of drug dealing within the community to try and combat dealing amongst peers within the group. Young people are benefiting from increased self-esteem and self-regulation tools. Partnership working is taking place with Irvine Royal, NHS, Police Scotland, navigators (based at A&E) and local children's units.</p> <p>1:1 support has been given with referrals from Turning Point Scotland, Aberlour, HSCP, Police Scotland, and Ayrshire College.</p> <p>3 thematic community groups have been established, and routes into volunteering developed for community members.</p> | 165 supported into volunteering | | |

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| Irvine | Youth and Community Skills Hub – Irvine Youth Forum | Development of 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. | Funding recently awarded. | | £100,000 | |
| Kilwinning | McGavin Park | Community play park and outdoor gym to encourage health and wellbeing. | <p>Completion of transformation of the former tennis court area into a community playpark and outdoor gym to encourage health and wellbeing. The outdoor gym has proved very popular with the public, especially during the recent lockdowns when indoor facilities have been closed.</p> <p>There is increased access to green space and leisure, and health improvements with access to play facilities and the gym. Social</p> | | £35,000 £45,000 | <p>Land Trust £50,000</p> <p>Solar Farm £20,000</p> <p>McGavin Park Fund £2,232.61</p> <p>Kilwinning Town Charitable Trust £15,000</p> |

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| | | | <p>isolation has been addressed as families, young people and older people have met in the park. The use of the park is integrated into the Health and Wellbeing curriculum of one local Primary School and local nurseries.</p> <p>Funding was recently awarded for the latest phase for the introduction of an assault course and separate link crossover from the play area to the central path network.</p> | | | |
| Kilwinning | Multi-Purpose Youth and Community Hub - Kilwinning Rangers FC | Conversion of portacabins to 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 | <p>Building work progression with significant local support. Recent additional funding confirmed from CIF to support increased build costs.</p> <p>11 portacabins, some of which had been vandalised, have been transformed into an integrated series of community spaces, with some underpinning business space as the sustainable income stream. The finish is high-end, inside and out. This has been achieved by</p> | | £41,190 £15,000 | <p>£10,000 Scottish Landfill Trust</p> <p>Over 30 local firms contributing and hundreds of volunteering hours</p> |

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| | | 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. | volunteers and the support and philanthropy of local businesses. The space is now insured for a value of £270k. It is available for community bookings via Kilwinning Community Sports Club and regular bookings will include daily afterschool clubs, youth activities, yoga and Zumba. There is a bar area for use at community events and on match-days. Opening is planned later this month. The Club is now exploring new community projects. | | | |
| Kilwinning | Almswall Park Pitch Replacement | Contribute towards the cost of a replacement pitch, providing a 4G surface at Almswall Park, a hub for outdoor football, physical activity and community programmes. | Funding recently awarded. Kilwinning Football Academy are in the final stages of completing the community asset transfer. They have secured a lease for Blacklands Hall for community use. They will be seeking matched funding for the pitch, estimated to be £250k approx. | | £45,000 | |

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| Three Towns | Ardrossan Community Development Trust | Match funding for a feasibility study to develop a community development trust in Ardrossan to capitalise on and progress the work done by a number of local organisations and initiatives to date. | <p>Ardrossan Community Development Trust established, with aims of increasing opportunities, endeavouring to improve the physical environment of the town, attracting more visitors and reviving the sense of pride in the town. Their first AGM took place in June 2021.</p> <p>They are linking in with and supporting a wide range of projects including Ardrossan South Beach Playpark, Ardrossan Connections, South Beach Deck Chair Project, South Beach Wheelers, Ardrossan Harbour Project, South Beach Putting Green, Ardrossan Castle Hub Project, North Shore Campus, Community Benefit Fund, and Ardrossan Low Carbon Hub.</p> <p>An RCGF Stage 1 funding application has been submitted and support with a social return on investment survey continues.</p> | 9 Volunteer Directors 290 community members | £25,000 | <p>£5,000 Cunninghame Housing Association</p> <p>£10,000 Our Place (Lottery)</p> <p>£250,000 Our Place (Lottery)</p> |
| Three Towns | Three Towns Growers | Environmental Development Worker | Due to the pandemic there had been a delay in the use of the | | £100,000 | £350,000 Our Place funding |

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| | | who will offer learning opportunities for local people involved in growing and wider environmental learning and make the Three Towns a “centre of environmental excellence.” | funding. The Development Worker has now been appointed. Funding will be fully spent once the post has been occupied for 3 years. | | | |
| Three Towns | Training Station | Promote community regeneration and civic pride within local communities through the re-purposing of a category B listed building, developing local community-based facilities that meet community needs and contributing to the community’s health and wellbeing. | <p>Building fully renovated and open for community use.</p> <p>A SCIO registered charity has been established, created with the purpose of providing a facility to improve the health/wellbeing of those in the Saltcoats area through increasing participation in sport and other activities by advertising member organisations.</p> <p>It is used by 10 clubs, providing a wide variety of activities to local people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance | <p>6 self-employed instructors</p> <p>Self-employed cleaner</p> | £50,000 | <p>Regeneration Capital Grants Fund £150,000</p> <p>sportsscotland £76,150</p> <p>Railway Heritage £125,000</p> <p>Scot Rail £165,000</p> |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tae Kwon Do • Karate • Table Tennis • Pilates • Yoga • Keep fit • Kids Karate classes • Fishing club Gatherings • Line dancing | | | |
| Three Towns | Raise Your Voice with Ardeer | Creation of premises to form a multi-function community facility. Located at Shore Road, Stevenston Beach (beside the sports pitch, playground and carpark at the beach), the multi-function facility will provide local services to support tourism, community and environmental activities. | There has been a delay in building work due to the discovery of sewage issues as well as supply delays. The sewage issues are being resolved. This has added considerably to the costs. Due to these issues the group considered alternative methods of delivering the project and sought external expertise, this confirmed their proposed approach. The bid has gone out to tender and the costings received for this will help establish the funding gap. Additional funding is being explored. | | £100,000 | £50,000 Town Centre Fund £130,000 from RCGF |

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| Three Towns | Ardrossan Castle Community Heritage Hub | Feasibility study for a community heritage hub. The organisation wishes to develop a small community heritage hub located on Ardrossan Castle Hill, to promote Ardrossan Castle as a tourist destination. | Work completed with partners in Historic Environment Scotland, heritage professionals and architects to produce a hub design proposal. Covid-related restrictions have impacted community consultation, but plans are in place to progress this as restrictions lift. | 10 | £17,912 | |
| Three Towns | Community Gym – Ardrossan Community Sports Hub | Aim to take the former Maximum Potential community gym assets and facilities, within the grounds of the derelict Seafield School site, into community ownership to operate it as a community gym. As well as weights and general fitness equipment, the community gym will offer youth and adult | <p>The award was for employment of 1 full time Gym Manager and 1 part time Gym Coach. Employment started in April 2021.</p> <p>The gym is open and membership continues to grow. Activities to suit all needs are in place and managed by staff.</p> <p>They have encouraged members of the community from differing backgrounds to participate. The service provides a place where people can meet and develop strategies to improve both physical and mental health. They have</p> | <p>Gym Manager Gym Assistant</p> <p>12 volunteers</p> | £43,320 | |

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| | | sports training on astro turf, including football and yoga. | <p>membership from across the community , in particular the most deprived areas.</p> <p>They have recruited 12 volunteers, with the aim of providing fitness qualifications which will allow them to take classes and have an income. They are in the process of recruiting 3 people from the Kickstart scheme, and will provide these recruits with fitness qualifications to increase their employability after the period on the scheme has ended, this may also include taking paid classes for the gym.</p> | | | |
| Garnock Valley | Men's Shed | Creation of a Men's Shed to address social isolation and to provide opportunities for community involvement, health and well-being and employment. | Renovations within the shed have included re-wiring, re- flooring and new lights and sockets. A fitted kitchen within a social area has been fitted. A music room and a bespoke scale-modelling room, with six workstations, have been built. An office facility with access to CCTV and IT facilities has been renovated. Roof repairs are complete. | | £28,000 (additional £20k to be confirmed by Cabinet) | <p>Barr Environmental £5,400</p> <p>Jewson Building Better Communities award £4,000</p> <p>Screwfix £5,000</p> |

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| | | | While use of the facility has been restricted during the pandemic they were able to stay in touch with many members through online events and groups, as well as holding fortnightly Trustees meetings. As a result of this they have been able to increase membership and also take on two new trustees. They issued free scale model kits and tools to men in isolation or shielding and established a Zoom modelling group. They held a men's health event online. They issued shedders with iPads to support digital participation. | | | Co-op £800 Tesco Bags for Life£2,000 Foundation Scotland £3,000 Connecting Scotland – 8 x iPads Scotland's Learning Partnership £1,000 Dalry Parish Boundary Trust £5,000 |
| Garnock Valley | Travel Needs Analysis | Travel Needs Analysis to investigate what can be done to improve accessibility to employment, education, social and | Pre-pandemic, the Working Group was progressing with assistance from Stagecoach and SPT. The Travel Needs Analysis is currently on hold due to Covid. | | £25,000 | |

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| | | leisure activities and health services. | | | | |
| Garnock Valley | Geilsland Hall | Part of a wider package of funding to support the role of the development manager whose remit is to continue to develop both Geilsland Hall as an important community asset and a volunteering, learning and employability project aimed at supporting learning and skills development. | <p>The learning programme has expanded over the last 12 months as they switched to an online training curriculum where they have been able to provide accessible training, achieving 276 work related qualifications for 80 local people over 12 months. They have delivered over 31 different types of courses.</p> <p>The Lend an Ear programme supports lonely and isolated people. They have made 3301 calls to 130 clients.</p> <p>Community food provision has been supported.</p> <p>The outdoor play programmes for families and children have seen 166 people attending.</p> <p>They are delivering two job creation programmes for young people. In</p> | <p>Operational Manager</p> <p>Kickstart – 5</p> <p>Community Job Scotland – 3</p> <p>Sessional Staff - 3</p> <p>99 volunteers</p> | £45,000 | |

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| | | | the last 2 months they have recruited and trained 8 young people aged 16 -24 years to deliver services in Geilsland and Beith Astro. 3 Modern Apprentices have been recruited. | | | |
| Garnock Valley | Garnock Valley 2020 - The Facilities and Amenities Working Group, which is a subgroup of the LP | Funding is sought for costs to carry out an extensive community engagement exercise to shape the Garnock Valley 2020 vision. This will identify and collate the community assets and positives within each of the areas, create a baseline of current perceptions of the Garnock Valley and also identify what people like and what makes them feel proud. This would work towards helping to create a picture of what a positive | Due to the significant restrictions in being able to interact face to face with the public during the pandemic progress has been delayed. | | £15,000 | |

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| | | Garnock Valley would look like and would develop a delivery route map and role profile for a Development Worker to develop the vision and activities aligned to it. | | | | |
| Garnock Valley | YOUth Lead – Beith Trust | YOUth Lead will consist of fun and participative learning experiences where young people can discover, explore and develop their skills and talents. You Lead works concurrently across 2 strands -Facilitating the development of young leaders and equipping them with appropriate knowledge and skills to lead and volunteer within their | <p>They have provided greater access for young people to access training qualifications and boost their confidence.</p> <p>They developed opportunities for isolated young people to connect with other young people. They trained young people to support other isolated young people through COVID.</p> <p>Their training programmes look specifically at developing leadership skills. Their volunteering opportunities allowed them to work hard in the community, particularly</p> | <p>YOULead Coordinator</p> <p>39 Volunteers</p> | £43,500 | The funding for the YOUth Lead Coordinator post will be match-funded by the Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund. |

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| | | community - Facilitating youth volunteering / leadership experiences within local clubs, groups, events and festivals Young people will work through a programme in the following chosen areas–Art, Hospitality or Sport. | during COVID, helping them realise that they can make a difference. Young people have organised and delivered activities for the community throughout the COVID period, delivering activities for children, delivering food provision for isolated people as well as befriending isolated young people. They have had 39 young people volunteering throughout the last year. 4 young people who volunteered now work for Beith Trust- creating 4 jobs. | | | |
| North Coast and Cumbraes | Cycling Without Age | Cycling Without Age help the elderly get back on their bicycles, using trishaws and intergenerational volunteering. | Investment in trishaws was completed and there was use prior to the pandemic with over 20 care homes and a large number of trained volunteers. The project is currently inactive and locality officers are looking to progress options. | | £22,800 | |
| North Coast and Cumbraes | Development Worker | This is a new post/service and will be dedicated to a specific range of | Due to COVID there was a delay in the recruitment. The worker started in post in May of this year. The post | Development Worker | £35,947 | |

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| | | activities supporting the Locality Partnership priorities. It is envisaged that the post holder will work with local groups to develop Community Investment Fund applications, external funding applications and stimulate growth and development of support for these priorities. | will end/funding will be spent by end Nov 22. The worker is engaging with different groups in the locality and looking at what work can be done to help tackle the priorities. The worker will give a progress report at next LP meeting. | | | |
| North Coast and Cumbraes | Clearer Minds | The group will work with mental health specialists, HeadStrong to deliver a new programme to support Largs Academy pupils to improve resilience, build coping strategies, speak out, value each other and ensure change, hope | An extensive programme was conducted with pupils, staff and families. Mental health support is now being taken forward through a range of mainstreamed programmes and integration with the Largs Wellness Model. | | £30,200 | |

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| | | and positive mental health. | | | | |
| North Coast and Cumbraes | Millport Town Hall | Promote community regeneration and civic pride within local communities through the regeneration of a landmark heritage building, developing local community-based facilities that meet community needs for a sizeable, indoor venue and contributing to the community's health and wellbeing. | <p>Significant milestones include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility Study and Business Plan completed, • Website launched, and • Community Asset Transfer complete. <p>Covid 19 caused a delay for the project, both in fundraising capability due to repurposing of funds by major funders and travel to and from the island. They also faced unexpected bills due to further deterioration in the building due to delays and subsequent additional surveys. Extra planning applications have also had to be submitted and paid for. Submitted tender documents from contractors are undergoing scrutiny along with mathematical checks and technical audits. Once a contractor is chosen the build phase can commence.</p> | One employee to date | £200,000 | <p>£1.5 million Regeneration Capital Grants Fund</p> <p>£26,498 Scottish Landfill Communities Fund</p> <p>£114,108 National Lottery Community Led Fund</p> <p>£54,500 Adapt and Thrive Programme.</p> <p>£82,350 EB Scotland Landfill</p> |

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| | | | They have one employee and are about to advertise a two year post for a Community Liaison Officer. | | | |
| North Coast and Cumbraes | Sing Your Song | Community wellbeing project to foster community cohesion, combat stress, anxiety and social isolation through a programme of musical therapy. | <p>The adult choir teaches breathing techniques which may be used by anyone with breathing problems and have proven benefits. There is also a social side to the choir as the songs and games are great fun and all of them have particular value.</p> <p>The children's choirs use games and songs to learn breathing control, rhythm, pitch etc. The songs taught are taken from Fischy Music a Scottish company whose songs support the emotional, social and wellbeing of young people.</p> <p>During the pandemic some on-line provision was provided, but full spend did not take place. They have now organised further advertising, children's Facebook songs with WK Sings and adult Zoom lessons. The funding should be spent by the</p> | 2 volunteer roles | £14,892 | |

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| | | | <p>middle of January when the final children's work has been completed.</p> <p>The choir will be promoted as Singing for Lung Health to help respond to some of the needs of people with Long Covid.</p> <p>The group are working with other funding providers on long-term sustainability.</p> | | | |