
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

25 January 2022

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 Kilwinning Locality Partnership, the Three Towns Locality Partnership and the North Coast and Cumbrae Locality Partnership in line with CIF criteria;b) Approves the CIF application in relation to the Corsehill Primary Parent Council;c) Approves the CIF application in relation to the Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team;d) Approves the CIF application in relation to the Ardrossan Community Development Trust;e) Approves the request to increase the previously agreed CIF award in relation to a multi-purpose hub – Raise Your Voice with Ardeer; andf) Approves the request to release the final £25,000 of previously agreed CIF in relation to Millport Town Hall.

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 and the Council's Community Wealth Building Strategy. In June 2021, Cabinet approved a further £1m top-up for the funding, with a further £2m added in November 2021.
- 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 difficult 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 respond to the specific need of the local community, and which have 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 and the Council's Community Wealth Building Strategy. A further £3m was added to the funding in 2021, to be distributed among Localities as follows:

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)	Value of CIF from third funding allocation (Nov 2021)	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	£163 777	£150 000	£300 000	£613 777
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

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;
 - North Ayrshire Council's values, priorities and business objectives;
 - The Community Wealth Building and Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Strategies;
- And will also:
- Fulfil a compelling need and 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 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 Kilwinning Locality Partnership

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

The Kilwinning Locality Partnership CIF allocation	£646 000
Kilwinning McGavin Park	£35 000
Multi-Purpose Youth and Community Hub	£41,190
Multi-Purpose Youth and Community Hub – Phase 2	£15,000
Kilwinning McGavin Park Stage 3	£45,000
Almswall Park Pitch Replacement	£45,000
Balance	£464,810

Proposal: Corsehill Primary Parent Council – Corsehill Play Park: £50,000
(Appendix 1)

The proposal is to provide matched funding to create a new play park for the community of Corsehill and bring back a currently vacant and derelict site into community use. The right to play is enshrined in the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child. The benefits of outdoor play are widely recognised. Play helps to teach children social skills including how to share fairly, play cooperatively, and be part of a group. Inclusive playground design can create a space that intentionally provides opportunities for every

visitor to have a successful experience, regardless of age and abilities. The Covid-19 pandemic has increased community attention on local outdoor facilities. Through working in partnership with Aberlour, Scotland’s children’s charity, resources are already in place for parents or carers who need support to make the best use of the outdoor play with their children. The site is in Council ownership and Streetscene has agreed to the upkeep and maintenance of the swing park. The local people have expressed their support with 431 responses to the consultation.

2.4.2 The Three Towns Locality Partnership

The Three Towns Locality Partnership CIF allocation	£1,318 000
Ardrossan Community Development Trust	£25,000
Three Towns Growers	£100,000
The Training Station	£50,000
Ardrossan Castle Heritage Hub	£17,912
Raise Your Voice with Ardeer	£100,000
Ardrossan Community Sports Hub	£43,320
Balance	£981,768

Proposal: SALT (Saltcoats Active Lifestyles) – Winton Circus Play Park: £48,288
(Appendix 2)

The proposal is to upgrade the existing play park at Winton Circus. SALT note that there are over 1000 pupils at the nearby secondary and four primary schools cohorts who could benefit from outdoor play and believe this area has huge potential to promote an active lifestyle. The group are seeking £104,000 from the Coastal Playpark Fund and Streetscene has agreed to continue their maintenance of the play park once the new equipment is installed. SALT also want the play area to be more inclusive and any equipment selected for the regeneration of the park will be suitable for children with additional support needs, which will help to make this a positive social space for families to enjoy. Work is underway to explore the possible provision of new CCTV along the promenade as an intervention against anti-social behaviour. Nearly 1000 people have engaged with the project to date through the SALT Facebook page and over £1400 secured through local fundraising. The total project cost is estimated at £152,288.

2.4.3 The Three Towns Locality Partnership

Proposal: ACDT (Ardrossan Community Development Trust) – Community Development Officer (18month post): £53,100 (Appendix 3)

This application is to request Community Investment Funding of £53,100 for Ardrossan Community Development Trust to employ a Community Development Officer. The funding will support the initial 18 months of salary and expenditure for a Community Development Officer to ensure existing projects move forward to commencement and completion and to respond to emerging needs for further development of existing projects. The postholder will report to the ACDT Board of Directors. The main duties of the post are to increase ACDT’s ability to continue to be the catalyst and focus for regeneration activity within Ardrossan. This includes following up the findings of the Ardrossan charrette, securing funding, managing resources, project management and initiating further projects.

2.4.4 The Three Towns Locality Partnership

Proposal: RYVwA (Raise Your Voice with Ardeer) - Multi-functioning community facility: £130,000 (Appendix 4)

This application is in relation a previous CIF award of £100,000 in March 2020 for the creation of premises to form a multi-functioning community facility. This has been identified through both the charette and more direct community engagement from the organisation. Located at Shore Road, Stevenston Beach (beside the sports pitch, playground and carpark at the beach), the multi-functioning facility will provide local services to support tourism, community and environmentalists.

Although £280,000 funding, including £130,000 from the Regeneration Capital Grants Fund, was secured both building materials and construction costs have risen considerably as a result of the pandemic and Brexit. In addition, SEPA has advised that the original sewage solution is unacceptable, and the resultant connection solution will cost an additional £50,000.

The funding gap is £180,000, although an additional £50,000 has been agreed by RCGF. The condition of the RCGF grant means that the balance of £130,000 needs to be secured quickly so that the project can proceed without risk of losing the £180,000 of RCGF investment.

The funding requested in the application exceeds the £100,000 award maximum set out in the guidance. There are exceptional circumstances including the increase in costs and the need to secure additional funding quickly as RCGF grants are time limited. The full funding needs to be in place to issue contracts before the end of March 2022. The request for additional CIF funding will secure the RCGF contribution and enable this project to be delivered.

The Locality Partnership seeks approval for a further award of £130,000 in this report. The total CIF award to RYVwA would, therefore, be £230,000.

If the three proposals are agreed in full, the balance in the Three Towns Locality Partnership Fund will be £750,380.

2.4.5 The North Coast and Cumbrae Locality Partnership

The North Coast and Cumbrae Locality Partnership CIF allocation	£978 000
Cycling Without Age- Fairlie	£22 800
Clearer Minds	£30,200
Millport Town Hall	£200,000
Sing Your Sing	£14, 892
Locality Priorities Worker	£35, 948
Balance	£674,160

Proposal: Millport Town Hall: £25,000 (Appendix 5)

In August 2019 the Cabinet agreed to award £200,000 from the North Coast's allocation of the CIF to Millport Town Hall for the restoration of the building subject to

- (i) the award being set aside for 12 months to allow for the full cost of the project to be funded; and
- (ii) a proportional reduction in the award should the overall cost of the project reduce.

The North Coast and Cumbrae Locality Partnership is requesting the release of the remaining £25,000 to Millport Town Hall. The funding has been released at the request of the group as the project has progressed, enabling the securing of external funding, progress to the next stage which depended on specialist reports or to aid cash-flow during the renovation. Despite all the challenges and increased costs Millport Town Hall has continued to make progress and secure external funding. The property has been alienated from Millport Common Good and the Community Asset Transfer to the Millport Town Hall SCIO is now complete. In January 2021 the project secured £1.5million from the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grants Fund and this was increased by a further £364,478 in December 2021 as costs escalated over the last 18 months. Additional funding has been secured through Islands' funding and the project is now fully funded. Funding continues to be attracted by this high-profile community initiative, with the award of £10,000 for LED lighting from National Lottery Together for our Planet.

3. Proposals

3.1 That Cabinet:

- a) Reviews the enclosed applications from the Kilwinning Locality Partnership, the Three Towns Locality Partnership and the North Coast and Cumbrae Locality Partnership in line with CIF criteria;
- b) Approves the CIF application in relation to the Corsehill Primary Parent Council;
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- d) Approves the CIF application in relation to the Ardrossan Community Development Trust;
- e) Approves the request to increase the previously agreed CIF award in relation to a multi-purpose hub – Raise Your Voice with Ardeer; and
- f) Approves the request to release the final £25,000 of previously agreed CIF in relation to Millport Town Hall.

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial

4.1 CIF funding is allocated within existing resources.

Human Resources

4.2 The ACDT will result in an 18-month post for a Community Development Officer and the awards to Millport Town Hall have created 2 local jobs. Millport Town Hall has provided work supporting 6 local businesses. RYVWA is currently offering a number of local volunteering opportunities.

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. Both local play park developments are linked to UNCRC right to play and offer health, wellbeing, child development and family cohesion benefits. The applications provide opportunities for skills development, community cohesion, health, physical activity and wellbeing.

Environmental and Sustainability

4.5 Environmental and sustainability issues are considered in relation to each CIF application. Millport Town Hall is continuing to extend its environmental credentials with LED lighting and solar panels as integral components of the refurbishment.

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:

- Creating volunteering and skills development opportunities;
- Advancing community enterprises;
- Advancing local ownership of underused land and buildings; and
- Supporting local businesses.

5. Consultation

5.1 The proposals contained within this report have been developed and approved by the Locality Partnership, through consultation with local people, including young people.

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Background Papers

Appendix 1: CIF Application: Corsehill Primary Parent Council

Appendix 2: CIF Application: Saltcoats Active Lifestyle Team

Appendix 3: CIF Application: Ardrossan Community Development Trust

Appendix 4: CIF Application: Raise Your Voice with Ardeer

Appendix 5: CIF Application: Millport Town Hall



Appendix 1 - Community Investment Fund: Proposal to Cabinet

Organisation name	<i>Corsehill Primary Parent Council</i>
Brief details of organisation	Corsehill Primary Parent Council is a voluntary organisation aiming to help parents become more involved with their child's education and learning. They seek to welcome parents as active participants in the life of the school and provide easier ways for parents to express their views and wishes. As well as supporting the work in the school, the CPPC provides opportunities for the wider community to be involved with the school through fundraising for different charities, listening to any concerns and suggestions from the local community and supporting areas of benefit to the school children as well as the wider community.
Locality	Kilwinning
Amount requested	£50,000
Brief overview of proposal	<p>The proposal is to provide matched funding to create a new play park for the community of Corsehill and bring back a currently vacant and derelict site into community use. The right to play is enshrined in the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child.</p> <p>The total cost estimated for this project is £100,000. The outcome of an application for the balance of the costs is pending. The quote for the work from the company Komplan which has a total of £72,161.84 includes both toddler and junior adventure climbing frames, a swing unit with basket and cradle swings and preliminaries, fence, groundworks, surfacing, equipment and the delivery charge.</p> <p>The benefits of outdoor play are widely recognised. Play helps to teach children social skills including how to share fairly, play cooperatively, and be part of a group. Inclusive playground design can create a space that intentionally provides opportunities for every visitor to have a successful experience, regardless of age and abilities. The Covid-19 pandemic has increased community attention on local outdoor facilities. Play parks provide great opportunities for parents to bond with children in a physically engaging way. Through working in partnership with Aberlour, Scotland's children's charity, resources are already in place for parents or carers who need support to make the best use of the outdoor play with their children.</p> <p>The site is in Council ownership and Streetscene has agreed to undertake routine safety inspections and associated routine minor maintenance</p>

	<p>including lubrication of parts etc (this would not include any equipment replacement).</p> <p>The play park will have access and resources for play equipment that comply with both The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 as well as the more recent Equality Act 2010 from initial build to ensure inequality is reduced.</p> <p>Data was collected via survey monkey (online) and a paper petition was within the premises of the local grocery store in Corsehill. 431 people responded through both of these; of these respondents only 3 said no from the online one and 1 via the paper petition. Engagement with Aberlour, Corsehill Primary Parent and Pupil Councils as well as the local community has taken place about the project.</p> <p>There will be opportunities for work to be created by Komplan (the company who build the play park). The area is easily accessible by walking so this would reduce traffic or the need for parking. There is on street parking that could be used if needed. This area would also benefit the local environment by bringing in charities or organisations that could use it.</p>
Timescales	Spring 2022
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Appendix 2 - Community Investment Fund: Proposal to Cabinet

Organisation name	<i>Saltcoats Active Lifestyles Team</i>
Brief details of organisation	<p>SALT (Saltcoats Active Lifestyles Team) became a constituted voluntary community group on 3rd August 2021. The aims and objectives of the group are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advance emotional and physical wellbeing of the inhabitants of Saltcoats by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to provide facilities to encouraging active lifestyles; • co-operate with the local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of recreational areas for activities promoted by the Group in furtherance of the above objects; and • foster a community spirit for the achievement of these and other such objects as may by law be deemed charitable.
Locality	Three Towns
Amount requested	£48,288
Brief overview of proposal	<p>The proposal is to upgrade the existing play park at Winton Circus. The right to play is enshrined in the UNCRC. SALT note that there are over 1000 pupils are the nearby secondary and four primary schools who could benefit from outdoor play and believe this area has huge potential to promote an active lifestyle.</p> <p>The main outcome is to promote a healthier lifestyle for local residents by providing much improved facilities to encourage more outdoor play. It has been shown that the opportunity for children to engage in active outdoor play has a number of physical and mental benefits, e.g., development of musculoskeletal system, improved coordination and reduction of childhood obesity. Children that are used to playing outdoors, are also more likely to try new activities, engage in problem solving tasks and socialise with others.</p> <p>SALT also want the play area to be more inclusive and any equipment selected for the regeneration of the park to be suitable for children with additional support needs, which will help to make this a positive social space for families to enjoy. The equipment earmarked for installation in the park is all accessible to try to be inclusive for all children regardless of any physical or mental impairments. SALT has also included sensory equipment which are known to encourage engagement of children with conditions such as autism.</p>

	<p>The group is seeking £104,000 from the Coastal Playpark Fund and Streetscene has agreed to continue their maintenance of the play park once the new equipment is installed.</p> <p>The project touches upon all three Locality Partnership priorities. Increased footfall to the area could provide a boost to local economy as well as encouraging those from outwith the area to visit (priority 1). The regeneration of the area would meet priority 2. In terms of priority 3, SALT is engaging with the local community, other local community groups and local businesses to raise funds for this project. This aims to create a sense of pride that they have helped to transform the area for the better. To date over £1400 has been secured via JustGiving from local residents and nearly £1000 from local businesses.</p> <p>Work is underway to explore the possible installation of new CCTV along the promenade as an intervention against anti-social behaviour. Nearly 1000 people have engaged with the project to date through the SALT Facebook page. The total project cost is estimated at £152,288.</p>
<i>Timescales</i>	Spring 2022
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Appendix 3 - Community Investment Fund: Proposal to Cabinet

Organisation name	<i>Ardrossan Community Development Trust</i>
Brief details of organisation	Ardrossan Community Development Trust (ACDT) was incorporated in July 2019 with the assistance of the Our Place programme, which was coming to an end. The Trust were established to succeed the Our Place programme and continue with community development within Ardrossan, including the completion of the proposed Playpark for the Town. A new engaging and informative website was launched in 2020 and provides detailed information on projects being developed within Ardrossan and can be found at www.ardrossantrust.org .
Locality	Three Towns
Amount requested	£53,100
Brief overview of proposal	<p>During 2021 ACDT have been working with a number of local partners and North Ayrshire Council on a project to regenerate Ardrossan to encourage increased visitors, visitor dwell time and spend in the town. Capacity is problematic and ACDT require a full-time officer to further the work of the Trust on behalf of the community. This work will directly benefit local communities and support community led regeneration.</p> <p>This application is to request Community Investment Funding of £53,100 for ACDT to employ a Community Development Officer. It will support the initial 18 months of salary and expenditure for a Community Development Officer to ensure existing projects move forward to commencement and completion and respond to emerging needs for further development of existing projects.</p> <p>The postholder will report to the ACDT Board of Directors. The main duties of the post are to increase ACDT's ability to continue to be the catalyst and focus for regeneration activity within Ardrossan. This includes following up the findings of the Ardrossan charrette, securing funding, managing resources, project management and initiating further projects.</p> <p>Currently the Trust has almost 300 members and includes members from other community organisations within the Town, including Ardrossan Community Association, Ardrossan Castle Heritage Society, Three Towns Growers, Whitlees Community Centre and Ardrossan Community Sports Hub, all organisations that were developed and supported as part of the Our Place programme.</p>

	<p>ACDT has in excess of 960 followers on Facebook and engagement through our website, tracked with analytics.</p> <p>Community engagement by ACDT is captured in reports from IBP Strategy & Research and a Social Return on Investment report, produced by Social Value Labs.</p>
<i>Timescales</i>	Spring 2022
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Appendix 4 - Community Investment Fund: Proposal to Cabinet

Organisation name	<i>Raise Your Voice with Ardeer</i>
Brief details of organisation	<p>Raise Your Voice with Ardeer are a registered charity (SC049391) since June 2019 and was running as a constituted community group prior to that forming in 2016.</p> <p>The aims of Raise Your Voice with Ardeer are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational facilities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended by providing easily accessible events/groups/activities and classes, where the community can come together and have fun, build friendships and in turn encourage each other in all aspects of life; • Advance the advancement of citizenship or community development by building confidence, creating a sense of belonging, to encourage community involvement and the sharing of skills/strengths within the community through a variety of activities/classes and groups; and • Advance the prevention or relief of poverty by providing food at all events offered along with advice, support and referrals to specific services where appropriate. <p>Activities include Musical Memory Lane which has been running for two years. Musical Memory Lane is a very special, fun afternoon of music, tea and biscuits. Music and chat from a local musician combine with plenty of time for people to chat with friends and make new friends. Although the afternoon is Alzheimer's and Dementia friendly there does not need to be a formal diagnosis to be able to attend. It is also open to anybody over the age of 50 and is run on a donation basis, however, a donation is not required to be able to attend.</p> <p>Raise Your Voice with Ardeer are currently working in joint partnership with North Ayrshire Foodbank to help deliver the Food Dignity Meals Scheme. This scheme gives people within the community 2 freshly cooked meals a day for 3 days.</p>
Locality	Three Towns
Amount requested	£130,000

**Brief
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This application is in relation a previous CIF award of £100,000 in March 2020 to the creation of premises to form a multi-functioning community facility. This has been identified through both the charette and more direct community engagement from the organisation. Located at Shore Road, Stevenston Beach (beside the sports pitch, playground and carpark at the beach), the multi-functioning facility will provide local services to support tourism, community and environmentalists.

The original project was to renovate an existing facility, but this is not feasible, and a new building will allow the old facilities to be removed. The revised project has increased the original costs to £243,000, of which £50,000 has already been secured from the Town Centre Fund. Other potential funders are North Ayrshire Ventures Trust, The National Lottery Community Fund and Landfill Trust.

The new facilities will include:

- Community space and café to support events, community cookery and educational workshops.
- Outdoor education opportunities as the beach provides an environmental outdoor classroom, which is recognised nationally for its biodiversity. Educational workshops are currently run with the support (including financial) of local businesses, schools and youth groups, however there is no wet weather shelter. The multi-use building will allow the environmental educational workshops to be more structured, weatherproof, and the opportunity to develop accredited qualification with local schools.
- This area can also be used wider community use. This can become an income to support the charity.
- The café area will supply refreshments and snacks and the group is also qualified to deliver *cooking on a budget* classes. This area will also be used for the NA Foodbank's dignified food provision. The group is passionate about healthy food, and food allergies and has developed a great amount of experience which will help support others. This will contribute income for sustainability.
- The group plans to develop and sell or hire out resources for outdoor activities, such as fishing nets, ball games, buckets and spades.

The premises will be open to anybody within the community, such as dog walkers, local schools, NAC Rangers, tourists and beach users. There have been community events, such as the Nature Reserves' 25th Anniversary and Family Fun Days and these will be able to be developed further with community organisations. There has even been a St Bernard's birthday party with St Bernard dogs attending from all over Scotland.

The main beneficiaries of the building would be the local community within Stevenston, the dog walkers and local and tourist beach users. The addition of toilets. The new hub will increase tourism and length of stay, with related economic impact. With tourism comes increased investment of the services within Stevenston which will benefit the local community.

	<p>Partners include: FRIENDS environmental group in Stevenston, Stevenston Community Council, Stevenston Community Development Trust (Steering Group), Stevenston Community Association, Primary schools, Secondary schools, BPI, Tesco, Sainsburys and NAC.</p> <p>After lockdown the group continued working through their plan with McMillan & Cronin Architects. Planning permission is completed and the community asset transfer of the land is completed.</p> <p>It was then discovered with the engineer that SEPA would not support any of the 3 proposals put forward to them to connect to the sewage system of the old pavilion. They insisted it would need to be joined to the mains sewage further up the road. This costs an additional £50,000 to complete and was not originally budgeted for.</p> <p>The cost of construction work and materials has significantly increased- as a result of covid and Brexit. The decision was made to go to tender for the rest of the building work and the best tender came back £130,000 over budget.</p> <p>The funding gap is £180,000, although an additional £50,000 has been agreed by RCGF. The condition of the RCGF grant means that the balance of £130,000 needs to be secured quickly so that the project can proceed without risk of losing the £180,000 of RCGF investment.</p> <p>The funding requested in the application exceeds the £100,000 award maximum set out in the guidance. There are exceptional circumstances which lead to this request, including the increase in costs and the need to secure additional funding quickly as RCGF grants are time limited. The full funding required needs to be in place to issue contracts before the end of March 2022. The request for additional CIF funding will secure the RCGF contribution and enable this project to be delivered.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership seeks approval for a further award of £130,000 in this report. The total CIF award to RYVwA would, therefore, be £230,000.</p>
Timescales	Spring 2022
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Appendix 5 - Community Investment Fund: Proposal to Cabinet

Organisation name	<i>Millport Town Hall</i>
Brief details of organisation	<p>Mission Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To preserve a building of heritage significance and to create a community facility for the future which is sustainable and run by the community, for the community. To create a space capable of accommodating a variety of uses which is vibrant, facilitates community and social cohesion and spirit and enhances not only the economy of the Isle of Cumbrae but also enriches the lives of its residents and visitors. <p>SCIO status has been granted and an associated trading arm set up to minimise risk and maximise tax efficiency.</p>
Locality	North Coast and Cumbrae
Amount requested	£25,000
Brief overview of proposal	<p>In August 2019 the Cabinet agreed to award £200,000 from the North Coast's allocation of the CIF to Millport Town Hall for the restoration of the building subject to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the award being set aside for 12 months to allow for the full cost of the project to be funded; and a proportional reduction in the award should the overall cost of the project reduce. <p>The North Coast and Cumbrae Locality Partnership is requesting the early release of £75,000 to Millport Town Hall. In February 2020 Cabinet approved the early release of £30,000 to enable the project to progress with architectural and quality surveyor reports. That leveraged in time-limited external funding. The project's progress depended on reports from an architect and a quantity surveyor to inform the next step of the restoration and for further funding applications where the essential detail requires to be provided by specific experts.</p> <p>The Covid-19 pandemic impacted on the external funding available and made an already challenging task, more difficult. In September 2020, Cabinet reviewed the timescale and extended this until August 2021. Despite the challenges Millport Town Hall has continued to make progress and secure external funding.</p>

	<p>In January 2021 the project secured £1.5million from the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grants Fund. In February 2021 Cabinet approved the early release of £70,000 to enable the project to progress to the next phase of the restoration works. The Millport Town Hall SCIO is requesting to draw down a further £75,000 to aid cash-flow as the work progresses into the next phase of the restoration works.</p> <p>The North Coast and Cumbrae Locality Partnership is requesting the release of the remaining £25,000 to Millport Town Hall. The funding has been released at the request of the group as the project has progressed, enabling the securing of external funding, progress to the next stage which depended on specialist reports or to aid cash-flow during the renovation.</p> <p>Despite all the challenges and increased costs Millport Town Hall has continued to make progress and secure external funding. The property has been alienated from Millport Common Good and the Community Asset Transfer to the Millport Town Hall SCIO is now complete. Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grants Fund increased their original £1.5m award by a further £364,478 as costs escalated in the last 18 months.</p> <p>Additional funding has been secured through the Islands' Green Recovery Fund (£67,000) and Health Islands Fund (£100,690) and the project is now fully funded. Funding continues to be attracted by this high-profile community initiative, with the award of £10,000 for LED lighting from the National Lottery Together for our Planet.</p>
<i>Timescales</i>	May 2022
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