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Ayr South & Coylton Decides

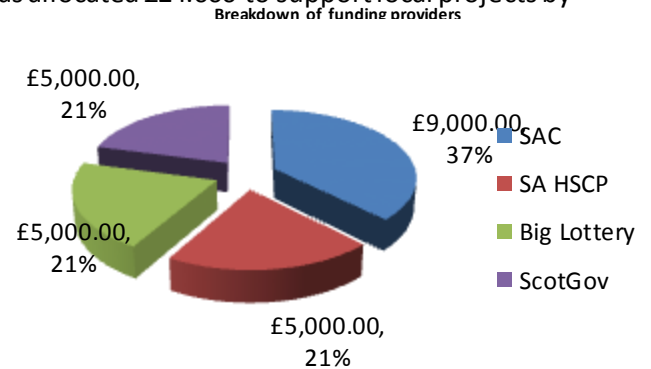
**Ayr South & Coylton Decision Day
Evaluation Report 2016-17**

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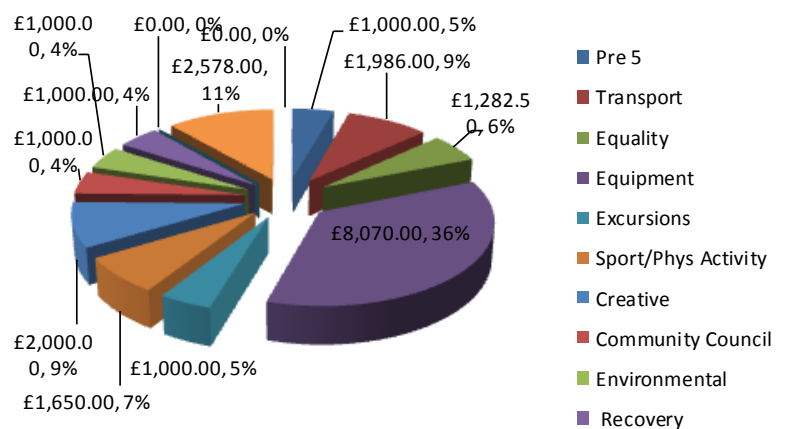
In the financial year 2016-17, Ayr South and Coylton locality was allocated £24,000 to support local projects by delivering one community event facilitated by Ayr South and Coylton Locality Planning Group, created to act as an organic linkage between local residents and South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership. In addition to Council and Health & Social Care funding, additional monies were sourced from the Big Lottery and the Scottish Government



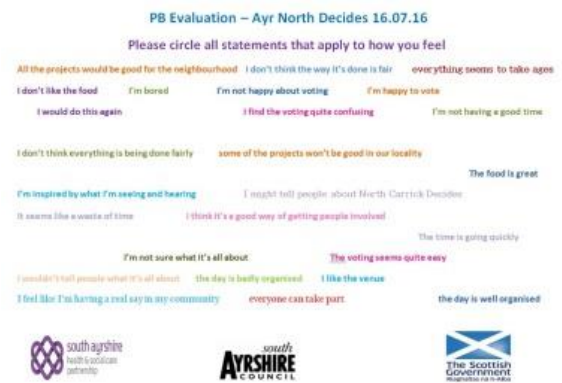
The table below details the number of groups awarded funding at the event held on 22nd October 2016, the value and the thematic group the funding will support. Ayr South & Coylton Locality Planning Group had agreed to work towards seven 'themes' to direct their work and applications were encouraged from groups that could support these themes however this was not formally enforced and the application process was open to the wider community, although most applications can be loosely aligned to the priorities.

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	#	£ Awarded
Pre 5	1	£1,000.00
Transport	2	£1,986.00
Equality	2	£1,282.50
Equipment	9	£8,070.00
Excursions	1	£1,000.00
Sport/Phys Activity	2	£1,650.00
Creative	2	£2,000.00
Community Council	1	£1,000.00
Environmental	1	£1,000.00
Recovery	1	£1,000.00
Intergenerational	0	£0.00
Education & Training	3	£2,578.00
Men's Health	0	£0.00
	25	£22,566.50

Allocation of funding per thematic area – 2016-17



Within Ayr South & Coylton, all neighbourhoods (with the exception of Ayr South Harbour & Town Centre) were awarded funding to support local projects with Holmston and Forehill neighbourhoods being awarded the highest number of awards. Similar numbers of awards were granted within the Alloway & Doonfoot, Belmont, Castlehill & Kincaidston and Coylton neighbourhoods. It was suggested that if future events were to be planned that the rural villages should be considered as a host to allow wider participation from those in more rural communities.



The evaluation of these events is of fundamental importance as is the impact the investment has made has to be demonstrable to all funding partners. Participants attending the event were issued with an event evaluation form



As part of their 'Condition of Grant', groups are issued with an evaluation form that asks for evidence of spend and supplementary information demonstrating the 'impact' made to participants. Organisations have twelve months to spend their funding and submit an evaluation thereafter, however, due to the timescales, many organisations forget, as such we have contacted them all and requested the information but to date only 60% of recipients have responded. Groups have been contacted by email a number of times with no responses leading to follow up telephone calls being made which will hopefully increase the number of returns.

When speaking to groups about their experiences at the event one clear and concise message was received, - that groups felt that the most valuable thing for them was the opportunities they were afforded to network and interact with other likeminded organisations and share experiences and knowledge irrespective of the finances they may or indeed may not have received on the day. One gentleman explained...*'we didn't get the money we came for but we have made loads of great contacts and met new people and that's super...'*

Ayr South Decides!

Participatory Budgeting Event

open to all residents and local groups in the Ayr South and Coylton areas

Now's your chance to help secure up to £1000 to make a difference in your local community and help decide on which other community projects should be funded across the Ayr South and Coylton areas.

What will happen on the day?

Local Groups bid for money - they present their project to people on the day who vote and money is given to those with the highest numbers of votes.

There will also be information stalls, buffet lunch, refreshments and a FREE PRIZE DRAW!

Project bids must relate to supporting local people and services within the local community

Waiting for successful bids is open to all ages 12 years and over

The event is being held at

Belmont Academy
8 Murray Rd, Ayr KA7 3JH

Thursday 23 October 2016
between 10am and 3:30pm
(Registration open between 10-11am)

For more information, an application form or to book your place
Tel: 01292 612626 or email: amerton.south@south-ayrshire.org.uk
Deadline for applications is Friday 7 Oct 2016 at 5pm

Recipient Feedback (appendix 1.)

Sheila Murray, Ladies President @ Kincaidston & Belmont Bowling Club explained, 'lunch club is very popular now that it is in the bowling club end the benefits enjoyed from the equipment is very much appreciated by all members'.

A Broken Chains member told us 'Broken Chains is like family to me.....and now I belong in the community

Another told us 'being a helper has really enhanced my recovery journey and is helping me build my confidence helping me get a job'

Anne Stewart from Forehill, Holmston and Masonhill Community Council talks about an AED funded through Ayr South Decides...'FHMCC would like to thank Ayr South Decides for the opportunity to provide such a fantastic piece of equipment for our local area.

Elaine from Victoria Court Residents association relays the impact a large screen TV has made to residents...'we had a film show, it was great, especially for those hard of hearing as the subtitles were so much clearer'

The following table details all of the successful applicants, how much money they were allocated and its intended use. (Appendix 2.)

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Organisation	Summary of Project	Amount	Status
Act Out! Coylton	To deliver a 10 week project where young people from Coylton aged 6-16 create and perform a show at the 2017 Coylton Gala.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Alloway Bowling Club	To purchase bowling aids which would help the elderly members who suffer from age related problems such as arthritis and hip and knee problems to remain involved in the game.	£650.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Alloway Primary School Parent Council	To redevelop the nursery's outdoor area following an act of vandalism.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Ayr Ex-Services Club/Kyle Coffee Club/Alzheimers Group	To provide lighting and CCTV for Gardeners Close to enable the elderly people of this group who have limited sight and limited mobility to access the club.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Pending
Ayrshire LGBTQ	To help fund a variety of activities at the Pride weekend about fun, friendship, health and well-being.	£332.50	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Belmont Academy Community Aid Group	To purchase materials and cover transport costs in order to begin new projects and continue the good work that has already been done.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Funding Returned
Belmont Academy Parent Council	To help fund the Belmont Academy Garden Project. Pupils will grow vegetables, herbs and decorative items for the Hospitality Department and the school community to use.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Belmont, Kincaidston and St Leonards Community Council	To cover the cost of hiring a hall and buying equipment to assist members of the community to have a tea and chat for a couple of hours each week.	£433.50	Partly funded Funding returned
Blue Triangle - Walking with Attitude and Get up and go group	To purchase appropriate clothing and equipment to allow participants to take part in the summer and winter programmes.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Pending
Broken Chains Ayr Limited	To take the helpers/volunteers on a team building outing to thank them for all the work and time they give. The group would also like to take the larger group on a similar trip to promote individual wellbeing.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Brush Strokes	To provide visual aids for older group members who have failing sight. Also to provide art material and folders to further their individual talents and potentials.	£950.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Citizenship	To fund social networking events, work space time, facilitators, visits and a graduation ceremony.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Extension Granted
Coylton Gala Committee	To purchase a PA system for the Gala day this will reduce the recurring annual costs to run this event.	£750.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received

Coylton Sheltered Housing Unit	To purchase indoor bowling starter kit to enable the residents, friends, families and local community to engage in indoor bowling activities.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Forehill Library After School Sewing Group	To allow the classes at the library to run for one year free to children between the ages of 5-16 yrs in the Forehill, Masonhill and Holmston Area.	£578.00	Fully funded Evaluation Pending
Forehill Primary Parent Council and Fundraising Group	To help fund a summer fayre that will bring the community together. This will include the purchase of a Mobile PA system that the group will share with the school and the Youth Club.	£750.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Forehill, Holmston & Masonhill Community Council	To purchase a defibrillator for the local area and to cover the initial training costs.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Holmston Drama Group	To purchase a full production kit for the P5-P7 children to enable them to put on a play. The group would also like to take the children to the theatre to see a play.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Pending
Kincaidston Lunch Club	To purchase new equipment for the kitchen.	£820.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
South Ayrshire Autistic Society	To take the ASD sufferers and their carers to the Ayr Gaiety Panto thereby allowing them to participate in things that they normally wouldn't be able to do.	£986.00	Fully funded Evaluation Pending
South Ayrshire Dementia Support Association	To access training for 'demential gold'. This would be delivered to Manager and Senior staff who would then train the rest of the staff in house.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
South Ayrshire Young Adult Carers	To take the young carers on a group residential to Blackpool and meet up with Blackpool's young adult carers.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Pending
South Ayrshire Young Carers	To provide a Christmas party and a present each for the young carers in the Ark.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Pending
Southcraig Campus	To help fund an Acheeva Learning Station. This will allow these particular pupils to be included and have full access to the curriculum along with their peers.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Pending
Tot Spot Toddler Group	To assist with the running costs of the group and also to purchase a portable library for the young children.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Victoria Court Tenants Association	To purchase a SMART TV which would allow the group to have movie nights and also allow them to view presentations from speakers more comfortably.	£750.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
Young People's Support and Transition Team (YPST) and Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) Peer Volunteer	To assist with the costs of collaborative working with Young People's Support and Transition Team, Alcohol and Drug Partnership and 'Streetcones'. To prevent young people going down the wrong paths into crime and substance misuse.	£1,000.00	Fully funded Evaluation Received
TOTAL ALLOCATED		£24,000	

(It should be noted that £1433.50 was returned to the partnership from two groups who were unable to deliver on their initial application.)

Case Studies (Appendix 3.)

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Case Study – Broken Chains – Ayr South

Grant Awarded - £1000.00

We took 25 volunteers and helpers on a team building night to LA Bowl, lots of our helpers are recovering from drug addiction and some have mental health problems. They help at Broken Chains which can be a hard job a lot of the time, so this was an amazing night to get to know each other, out with the usual setting. Through our intention Social Inclusion our participants were so encouraged, they felt valued. With South Ayrshire's help we spent £500 on this night out. We played games in teams and had a lovely meal together where every one of the volunteers took the opportunity to speak about their personal recovery journey and how they had enjoyed volunteering or helping. This was a special time for us all, some helpers said Broken Chains, "is like a family to them", others said helping others helps them feel better about themselves and they "felt as if they belonged in the Community", "helping has given me confidence to speak to people and to come and even speak in a setting like this". "Being a helper has really enhanced my recovery journey". A lot of our volunteers are still dealing with all sorts of issues and problems and this night was a great success, helping them to feel included into our Broken Chains group as well as being part of the wider community.

"This is the best night of my Life," "This has been amazing I am going to keep on this right path," "This is helping me to have confidence to push more to get a job," "I am so grateful that this night has happened – its just shows people care." These are some of the short quotes from our participants who engaged well when we gathered to bring 25 people from Broken Chains together to engage positively on a structured night out. We had good fun together on our amazing night out, which helped us all to integrate and appreciate each other. We again, thanks to the South Ayrshire Decides Grant spent the allocated £500 on the activities. The team games and individual scores help each one of us to see the value of our time together. Many of these people are excluded in society and suffer greatly from life controlling issues, including active addictions, loneliness, mental health issues, homelessness, self-harm and depressions. By the end of the night each one of us was smiling and motivated to continue to engage with services in the area to beat their issues. Because of this evening some of these participants are now in progress of becoming Volunteers with Broken Chains. Others have enhanced their journey to good health and are much more actively engaging in all aspect of community life.



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Case Study – ACTout Coylton

Grant Awarded - £500.00

The money awarded to ACTout! Coylton was put towards covering the fee's for our Drama Facilitator Ross MacFarlane. Ross worked with the young people aged 6 – 16 every Thursday afternoon at ACTout! Coylton to put together a performance for the Coylton Gala. Over the weeks the young people further developed their confidence and self-esteem through acting and improvisation exercises.

They also developed their very own show based on the Gala theme of 'Disney.' The storyline was led by the young people themselves and was a great success:

After finding she hadn't been invited to the party, the evil Malificent wreaked havoc on the disney-fied town of Coylton and threatened to steal The Coylton Rose – the lifeblood of Coylton, a symbol which keeps the town alive and prosperous. Everyone in the town banded together to stop her.

Heroically, the towns people scuppered Malificent's evil plan and saved the Coylton Rose. People such as the Cheshire cat, Rapunzel, Luminere, Cinderella, Tinkerbell, Pinnochio, Sebastian the crab and much, much more. Malificent was defeated and with the Coylton Rose safe and back in place, the Disney town of Coylton prospered once again.

All of our Disney characters featured on the prize winning ACTout! float in the Gala parade and when they arrived at the Gala itself, our young stars braved the weather and took to the stage to share their fantastic story.



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Case Study – Ayrshire LGBTQ

Award Granted - £332.50

We had only just held our first PRIDE Camp 2016 when the idea came up to make the 2017 event even bigger and better which led us to seek funding to help us do this. We pitched our presentation to you to ‘help fund a variety of activities at the PRIDE weekend about fun, friendship, health and wellbeing, in doing so helping with isolation within the LGBTQ community in Ayrshire’ and providing four funded places to people who would otherwise not be able to make it along.

Please let me tell you a little about our weekend and what your money has helped us to provide:

Our weekend was a great success although one of our funded places pulled out on the morning due to ill health not giving us time to find a replacement, their return ticket was given to a group on the ferry on a sponsored cycle round Arran and we only lost a small deposit on the tent.

Friday was arrival day and we could not have asked for better weather, there were 16 of us and it was great to share our event with people who without funding would not have been able to afford it. Getting to meet each other and a sunset beach fire was the order of the day.

Saturday was our main day and a busy one at that, most of the group decided to climb Goat Fell while a few others explored the island visiting standing stones, the castle and distillery. In the evening it was back to the campsite where we held our BBQ, Beach Games and another sunset beach fire.

Sunday was a chilled morning with different folk leaving throughout the afternoon and enjoying the sail back to the mainland.

In reflection, the weekend, seeing some of the guests who had only just ‘come out’ arrive on the Friday a little nervous of what to expect and by the Sunday leave a lot more comfortable, meeting new friends and going home feeling they were not as alone in Ayrshire as they first thought.

We continue as a group to provide twice monthly safe and local meetings in and around Ayr and plan to replicate our weekend trip again next year.

Robin Scott

Ayrshire LGBT



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Case Study – Alloway Primary School Parent Council

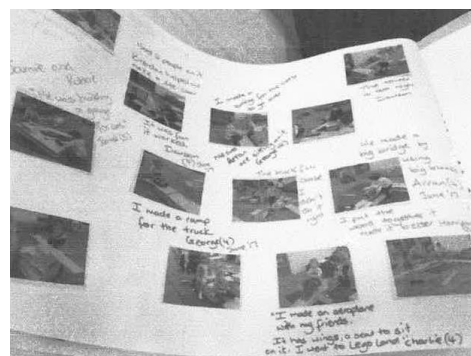
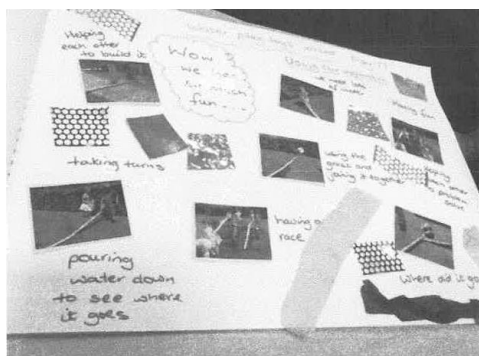
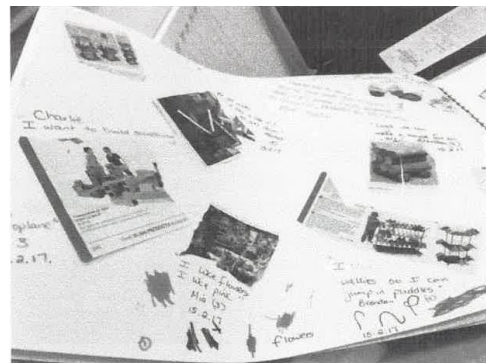
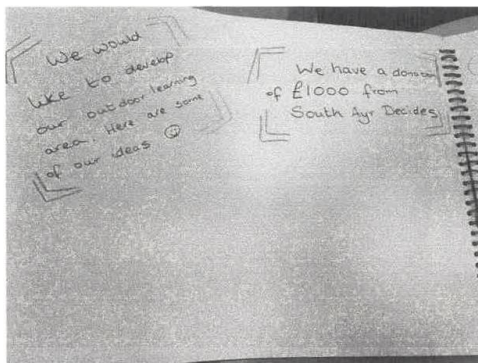
Grant Awarded - £1000.00

As discussed at Ayr South Decides, the grant awarded was spent with collaboration with pupils of Alloway Primary School Nursery. This was to replace and transform the outdoor experience and wellbeing of children in the nursery following an attack of arson in the nursery playground in August 2016.

The children created a scrapbook of co-production in how to create a new space in the playground.

Examples of this are attached...We are liaising with John Scott MSP to visit and issue a press release to the local papers.

Alison Jones



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