

## ARIA Fund LAG (A-LAG) MEETING

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 09:30 – 16:00**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 09:30 – 13:30**

**South Ayrshire Council County Buildings, Troon Room**

### Attendees

LAG Members					
Non- Public Sector	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Public Sector	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Jean Brown (JB)	X	X	Eddie Bulik (EB)	X - PM	X
Kevin Brown (KB)	X	X	Brian Connolly (BrC)		X
Barbara Conner (BC)	X	X	Melissa McCulloch (MMc)	X	X
Chris Campbell (CC)	X	X	Colin McKee (CM)	X	X
Claire Donaldson (CD)			Rosemary Ramsay (RR)		X
Holly Fitzsimmons (HF)	X				
Alistair (Ally) Henry					
Marie Oliver (MO)					
Jim Watson (JW)	X	X			
LAG Advisors					
			Emma Bernard (EB)	X	
			Sarah Smillie (SS)		
Lead Partner Representative(s)					
			Jamie Tait (JT)		

LAG Staff	Attended – Both Days
Angela Lamont (AL)	X
Jennifer Macdonald (JM)	X
Carolyn McGill (CM)	X
Martin McManus (MM)	X

### Apologies

All not present on /both days had given apologies.

### Acronyms

CIA	ARIA Communities into Action Fund
CAM	ARIA Community Asset Maintenance Fund
CLLD	Community Led Local Development
CWB	Community Wealth Building
EAC	East Ayrshire Council
EOI	Expression of Interest
HSPC	Health and Social Care Partnership
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAC	North Ayrshire Council
NFUS	National Farmers' Union of Scotland
QS	Quantity Surveyor
SAC	South Ayrshire Council
SG	Scottish Government
SPF	Shared Prosperity Fund
SRUC	Scotland's Rural College

Introduction						Actions
<p><b>Welcome</b> JW welcomed everyone to the meeting, inviting round table introductions of both days for new Members/Advisors.</p> <p><b>Quora</b> <b>Day 1 - 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 23</b> The meeting began with 8 LAG Members so was quorate with at least 50% of the 14 standing Members. This comprised 6 non-public sector and 2 public sector, fulfilling the minimum 51%: 49% non-public: public requirement. This increased to 9 from 13:00 with the arrival of EB, a 3<sup>rd</sup> public sector representative, making it 6 non-public: 3 public. Projects 1 to 34 were covered on day 1.</p> <p><b>Day 2 - 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 23</b> The meeting had with 10 LAG Members so was quorate with at least 50% of the 14 standing Members. This comprised 5 non-public sector and 5 public sector, so to fulfil the minimum 51%: 49% non-public: public requirement 1 public sector representative abstained from voting on each project (altered where conflicts of interests required). This increased to 9 from 13:00 with the arrival of EB, a 3<sup>rd</sup> public sector representative, making it 6 non-public: 3 public. Projects 35 to 51 were covered on day 2.</p> <p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 23 LAG meeting were approved. AL ran through the actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AL to email LAG re: ROIs. <b>Completed.</b></li> <li>• AL to revert to LAG with recommended new change request limit(s). <b>Continued.</b></li> <li>• AL to revise LAG scoring sheet to reflect trust-based grant making/cover discrepancies. <b>Completed.</b></li> <li>• AL to run MS Teams test with LAG. <b>Completed – successful, used for assessments.</b></li> <li>• AL to confirm dates/make arrangements for LAG assessment meetings. <b>Completed.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Register of Interests/Conflicts of Interest</b> AL reported the Register of Interest review for 23/24 was now complete and suggested conflicts be noted on individual projects at the start of each grouping presentations when projects were displayed (explained in next section).</p>						
<p><b>Project Assessments</b> AL:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requested the Admin &amp; Animation budget be protected at 20% of total allocation, so £149,633.65 of £748,168.23 to provide assurance on admin support until end March 23. Approval was granted,</li> <li>2. Presented the funding grant available to ARIA for 2023/24, including the breakdown of capital and revenue funding pots as in the tables below.</li> </ol>						
	No. Applications	Total Project Costs	Total Grant Request	Capital Grant Request	Revenue Grant Request	
Submission	76	£1,809,950	NA	NA	NA	
Once Assessed		£1,769,742	£1,620,741	£409,738	£757,298	
To LAG	51	£1,229,428	£1,136,354	<b>£406,634</b>	<b>£729,720</b>	

To Allocate	
Capital	Revenue
£150,000	£370,000 – c. £365k + £5k?

She advised the c.£365k available for revenue projects could be increased to £370k in anticipation of project underspends and movement in the Admin & Animation budget. This was agreed by LAG Members.

AL provided an overview of the scoring process. 51 projects of the 76 received (Main & Communities into Action (CIA) Funds) had been passed on to the LAG for assessment, and as this was a high number they had been broken in to 3 groups, as below.

- Group 1, 4 LAG Members, 17 projects.
- Group 2, 4 LAG Members, 17 projects.
- Group 3, 3 LAG Members, 17 project.

The other LAG Members had indicated they would not be available for scoring/the assessment meetings.

AL also explained that in error, weightings had been removed from the Survey Monkey used for scoring, so average scores could not be shown. How projects ranked within each group and % approval would instead be used. This was explained on both days. It was agreed to run through projects with high/low ranking and 100% approval/rejection quickly, leaving time for discussion on projects with less certainty.

### Group 1

#### Conflicts of Interest

JB - Hareshaw Community Hall – Trustee of Hareshaw Community Hall/project applicant.

KB – Girvan and District Attractions – connection to preferred supplier.

Project	Ranking Ave	Rank	% Approve	Decision?
Drumadoon	4.33	1	100%	Approve?
Stewarton Annick Youth and Community Association (SAYCA)	4.33		100%	
Arran Dog Bakery	4.22	2	100%	
Cunninghame Furniture Recycling Co	4.00	3	68%	Discuss
Carrick Resilience Team	3.89	4	100%	Approve?
Netherthird Community Action Training (NCAT)	3.67	5	68%	Discuss
East Mosside Farm	3.56	6	100%	Approve?
Girvan Youth Football Club	3.33	7	100%	
Alisa Croft	3.11	8	75%	Discuss
Girvan & District Attractions	2.78	9	34%	
Beith Playpark Action Group (BPAG)	2.67	10	68%	
Hareshaw Community Hall	2.56	11	68%	
North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club (NATTC)	2.56	12	68%	
The Way Forward 2045	2.44	13	68%	
Arran Development Trust	2.11	14	68%	
Langside Alpacas - Van	0.89	15	0%	Reject
Aggregate Remade Ltd	0.56	16	34%	

**1. Drumadoon - Off Road Vehicle Purchase**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Purchase of all terrain vehicle to permit visitors/uni groups/archaeologists access site safely.
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£37,995
<b>Grant Request</b>	£34,195.50
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£34,195.50
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	NA
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire – Arran
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Business
<b>Other</b>	Business – cash flow as well as match funding

**Ranking:** 4.33 – Joint 1st

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100% Approval

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Applicant provided bank statement from family member for cashflow - evidence of need of funding?
- Site of special interest noted.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> quote much higher, difficulty obtaining alternative. Further alternative was from Ukraine – difficulties.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Only 2 realistic quotes, 3<sup>rd</sup> much higher/require vehicle to be brought from overseas.
- Project liked for site – archaeological/biodiversity interests noted.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

**2. Stewarton Annick Youth & Community Association (SAYCA) – Enhancing Community Engagement & Infrastructure**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement of disabled access – repairs.</li> <li>• Expansion of staff.</li> <li>• IT equipment.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£25,332.09
<b>Grant Request</b>	£22,798.88
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£ 9,087.87
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£13,711.01
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector – Community Group
<b>Other</b>	NA

**Ranking:** 4.33 – Joint 1st

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100% Approval

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Property deeds Standalane Park, Premises 7 Standalane encompassed. Attested to by local councillor.
- Repairs onto entrance/exit-way + 3 parking bays (2 disabled / 1 parent & child), not highlighted in application form. Confirmed post deadline - planning not required.

AL to confirm with SAYCA land ownership, return this to LAG then seek approval of

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distinction of jobs: Caretaker/Cleaner (new) cleaning after hours and weekends. Cleaner - increased hours - Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm. Both needed for increased centre activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QS LAG Member questioned quotes (repair/improvement to disabled access) – excessive in their opinion, and Ayrshire Road Alliance was preferred quote which is joint Council body. Question as to ownership of land, EAC? Decided ownership of land required clarification; this should be reported on LAG to decide on approval of quotes.</li> <li>Well used/regarded site within community acknowledged. Improvements would be welcome/enhance the facility.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b> All aspects approved unanimously apart from repair works; approval of this (including quotes) sought post-land ownership clarification.</p>	quotes for repair work.
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<p><b>3. Arran Dog Bakery - Equipment</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Summary/Main Costs</b></td> <td>Replace, Upgrade &amp; Upsize Bakery Equipment: 1. A 60 litre Mixer 2. Bench Top Pastry Roller</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Eligible Costs</b></td> <td>£13,657.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request</b></td> <td>£12,291.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request Capital</b></td> <td>£12,291.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request Revenue</b></td> <td>£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>% Grant Request</b></td> <td>90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>LA Area</b></td> <td>North Ayrshire – Arran / East Ayrshire</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Applicant Type</b></td> <td>Business</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Other</b></td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Ranking 4.22 – 2<sup>nd</sup></b>  <b>% Approval of Scoring Group: 100%</b>  <b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy ratings of new machinery not confirmed in application in comparison to old.</li> <li>Applicant suggests that further jobs will be created, this should be monitored post Feb 23 deadline.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b> Project approved unanimously with no conditions. Applicant asked to confirm energy rating of new equipment.</p>		<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Replace, Upgrade & Upsize Bakery Equipment: 1. A 60 litre Mixer 2. Bench Top Pastry Roller	<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£13,657.20	<b>Grant Request</b>	£12,291.48	<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£12,291.48	<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£0	<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%	<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire – Arran / East Ayrshire	<b>Applicant Type</b>	Business	<b>Other</b>	N/A	AL to request energy ratings of new appliances.
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Power Energy Network (SPEN) scheduling if required. AL to inform applicant of decision prior to award of Grant Award Letter to keep within close range of 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 23 and clarify SPEN involvement.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

**6. Girvan Youth Football Club - Stage 4 Victory Park Sports Pavilion**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Professional fees for pre-construction work (Building Warrant prep/H&S conformation) of renovation of pavilion.
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£22,701.00
<b>Grant Request</b>	£17,701.00
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£17,701.00
<b>% Grant Request</b>	77.97%
<b>LA Area</b>	South Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	LAG consulted on eligibility of project. QS Vice Chair gave apportioned costs.

**Ranking:** 3.33 – 7th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Costs not apportioned as Vice-Chair advised. £15K higher, but application dealing with expanded aspects – all pre-construction works cf. Building Warrant preparation.
- 4 of 5 preferred quotes not lowest.
- Only 2 quotes for M&E and Plumbing work.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- QS LAG Member commented application was to meet stage 4 RIBA - Building Warrant work & work for QS to prepare for release of tender. Small risk this premature if the applicant not achieved fund raising required for works – only valid for a certain time.
- Costs/fees deemed reasonable.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

**7. Erica Dennies as Langside Alpacas – Purchase of Van**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Purchase of second hand van for the transport of Alpacas.
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£22,995.00
<b>Grant Request</b>	£20,695.00
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£20,695.00
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£0
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire

<b>Applicant Type</b>	Business – Sole Trader																		
<b>Other</b>	One of two applications																		
<p><b>Ranking:</b> 0.89 – 15th  <b>% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 0%  <b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Un-audited accounts provided. No accounts provided for self-employed business owner Erica Dennies. Confusion over applicant – ‘Erica Dennies (sole trader) as Langside Alpacas (business).</li> <li>Business suggested in accounts to be unprofitable and significant alternative revenue stream shown available.</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project discussed as not good value for money when comparing with others for number of reasons, including alignment with ARIA priorities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b>  Project rejected unanimously on grounds covered under Technical Check/LAG Discussion.</p>																			
<p><b>8. Aggregate Remade LTD – Upgrade of Existing Haul Road</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Summary/Main Costs</b></td> <td>Upgrade of access track to the quarry in West Kilbride area to provide components of a hybrid concrete product. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce 3 artic journeys/day.</li> <li>Lead towards the creation of 100% recycled concrete product.</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Eligible Costs</b></td> <td>£20,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request</b></td> <td>£10,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request Capital</b></td> <td>£10,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request Revenue</b></td> <td>£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>% Grant Request</b></td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>LA Area</b></td> <td>North Ayrshire</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Applicant Type</b></td> <td>Business</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Other</b></td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Ranking:</b> 0.56 – 16th  <b>% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 34%  <b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only 2 letters of support, but one cites NAC Executive Director of Place in support of parent company plans plus NAC business support for applicant.</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of cohesion with ARIA priorities, especially Net Zero.</li> <li>Alternative quotes appeared from companies who had gone bust. Bermac Road Surfacing Ltd eg: was formally dissolved 20 October 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b>  Project rejected unanimously on grounds covered under LAG discussion.</p>		<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Upgrade of access track to the quarry in West Kilbride area to provide components of a hybrid concrete product. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce 3 artic journeys/day.</li> <li>Lead towards the creation of 100% recycled concrete product.</li> </ul>	<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£20,000.00	<b>Grant Request</b>	£10,000.00	<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£10,000.00	<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£0	<b>% Grant Request</b>	50%	<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire	<b>Applicant Type</b>	Business	<b>Other</b>	N/A
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<p><b>9. Cunninghame Furniture Recycling Co – Mattress Reuse Project Expansion</b></p>																			



<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pilot project in 2021 increased mattress reuse by 400%</li> <li>Now plan to introduce service to South Ayrshire, East Ayrshire and Arran</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£28,593.49
<b>Grant Request</b>	£25,734.14
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£4,500.00
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£21,234.14
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	North, South and East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	NA

**Ranking:** 4.00 - 3rd

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 68%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Charity not based in eligible area but project delivered in eligible area.
- 5 of 6 quotes without 3 comparable quotes.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Concern around vehicle – less expensive 2nd hand vehicle, warranty questioned along with fitting of cost to funding available. Suggestion of Robertson Trust vehicle fund/Energy Trust Scotland interest free loan as alternatives.
- LAG supportive of remainder of project, but coverage of ARIA ineligible, urban areas questioned as well as eligible area.

**Decision:**

Capital element of project (vehicle) rejected unanimously.

Revenue element deferred until other revenue projects had been reviewed. At this point (end day 2) decision was that remaining revenue funds should be allocated to this project, covering approx 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of revenue aspect. Decision unanimous with no conditions. Please see end of minutes.

#### 10. Netherthird Community Action Training (NCAT) – Growing Opportunities in the Local Community

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Salaries for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscape Training Officer</li> <li>Community Nature Warden</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£11,856.25
<b>Grant Request</b>	£9,772.92
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	NA
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£9,772.92
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	2022-23 applicant – small capital fund

<p><b>Ranking:</b> 3.67 – 5th  <b>% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 68%  <b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question around the staffing roles and additionality - lack of clarity as to how roles would be additional to Business As Usual (BAU). If to free up funds, this should have been made clearer at application with activities/projects given.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b>  Project rejected unanimously.</p>																			
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<p><b>12. Girvan and District Attractions – Girvan and South Carrick Carbon Reduction (E-Van)</b></p>																			

KB left meeting – conflict of interest. Meeting remained quorate with 8 LAG Members: 5 non-public sector and 3 public.

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Purchase of electric van to transport equipment associated with the group’s events. Savings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£7500/yr</li> <li>6,000 kg (6 tonnes) CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£49,136.60
<b>Grant Request</b>	£44,136.60
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£44,136.60
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£0
<b>% Grant Request</b>	89.82%
<b>LA Area</b>	South Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	NA

**Ranking:** 2.78 – 9th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 34%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Extensive local support – 7 letters
- Most expensive van of the 3 quotes (by £1,666) applied for.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Wider community use of van questioned, this mentioned in application for other equipment but - apply to van/how? Application stronger as community partnership application.
- General - LAG would welcome more collaborative applications.

**Decision:**

Project rejected unanimously on grounds covered under LAG discussion.

### 13. Beith Playpark Action Group (BPAG) – Outdoor Gym Equipment and Zip Wire.

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Gym equipment for Orr public park to augment facilities. Inc: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cycle bike, surfer &amp; rower</li> <li>Zip wire!</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£44,714.24
<b>Grant Request</b>	£40,242.82
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£30,371.76
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£9,871.06
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector – Community Group
<b>Other</b>	NA

**Ranking:** 2.67 – 10th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 68%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Highest of 3 quotes chosen, rationale given.
- Wide array of letters of support (14).

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Question over applicant also applying to UK share prosperity fund.
- Question over equipment used by adults – outdoor equipment in other Ayrshire parks not.
- Suggestion to exclude adult equipment – children equipment preferred.
- Concern around liability of zip wire and if application constituted public monies being used to support council services.
- Question over maintenance responsibilities of NAC & agreement between applicant/NAC on this.

**Decision:**  
Project rejected unanimously in the grounds covered under LAG Discussion. Suggestion for future application to include written agreement from NAC/other LAs on maintenance.

**14. Hareshaw Community Hall – Car Park Conditions**

JB left meeting - conflict of interest. Meeting remained quorate with 8 LAG Members: 5 non-public sector and 3 public.

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	To Resurface a section of the entrance to the new & much needed carpark (this work is a planning condition)
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£28,800.00
<b>Grant Request</b>	£25,800.00
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£25,800.00
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£0
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Charity
<b>Other</b>	Previous Applicant - Main Fund 22/23

**Ranking:** 2.56 – 11th  
**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 68%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Awaiting funding decision from community lottery fund (expected end of September).
- Capital works required as planning condition.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Concern as no match funding in place, deadline for this was application deadline, 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 23.
- Issue over cash flow due to restricted funds in accounts.
- Recognised clear need for car park.
- Noted - applicant previous successful applicant.

**Decision:**  
Project was rejected unanimously on grounds of the match funding – fairness to other applicants. EAC Place Based Investment Fund suggested as alternative.

**15. North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club (NATTC) – Increase Participation in the Sport of Table Tennis.**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Expansion of club into West Kilbride where interest surpasses club capacity. Looking for additional equipment and staff costs.
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<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£11,802.00
<b>Grant Request</b>	£10,621.80
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£6,301.80
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£4,320.00
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	NA

**Ranking:** 2.56 – 12th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 68%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Local support specifically praised inclusivity of club.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Sufficient storage for equipment queried, applicant confirmed pre-meeting – yes.
- Letters of support noted mostly from delivery partners as opposed to users.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

## 16. The Way Forward 2045 – The Good Food Mindset

HF left room to move car. Meeting remained quorate with 8 LAG Members: 5 non-public sector and 3 public.

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Two pilot programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 to encourage 3 families into dietary change – good for health &amp; environment.</li> <li>• Other to alter a local businesses canteen staff eating behaviour.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£55,826.93
<b>Grant Request</b>	£50,244.24
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£1,347.30
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£48,896.94
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Business
<b>Other</b>	Business – cash flow as well as match funding.

**Ranking:** 2.14 – 13th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 68%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Local need/demand not fully evidenced. Data drawn from high level strategies.
- Includes speculative equipment costs.
- Sample size of pilot projects too small to be meaningful?
- Proposed legacy of research not clearly defined.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Not sufficiently supported or co-ordinated, particularly family project.
- NHS/ local HSCP should be key partners.

- Other services delivering similar initiatives in the region cited by some LAG Members.
- Small sample group for family project - lack of inclusion?
- Speculative costs not favoured.

**Decision:**

Project rejected unanimously on grounds covered under LAG discussion. Queen Margaret University Centre for Food Innovation suggested as partner.

**17. Arran Development Trust – ADT Electric Vehicle**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Purchase of an electric vehicle for site visits and community engagement meetings, due to the absence of sufficient rural public transport.
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£34,942.00
<b>Grant Request</b>	£31,447.80
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£31,447.80
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£0
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire - Arran
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Charity
<b>Other</b>	NA

**Ranking:** 2.11 – 14th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 68%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- 2 quotes for car & 1 quote for a van provided (not like for like).
- Accounts show good income, expenditure and balance but no apparent reserves policy – evidence of need for funding?

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Concern as organisation appeared to have surplus funding available.
- Question over value for money - vehicle only used by one group. Not community orientated like eg: Carrick Resilience vehicle.
- Recognition of lack of comparability of quotes, 3rd not comparable.

**Decision:**

Project rejected unanimously on grounds covered under LAG decision. Energy Savings Trust interest free loan suggested as an alternative.

**CONCLUDES GROUP 1 PROJECT ASSESSMENTS**

**Group 2**

**Conflicts of Interest**

JB: Former member of East Ayrshire Leisure Trust but not for 4 years so stayed for discussion.

BC: Beith Community Development Trust, BC works with the organisation.

CC: Go Girvan, CC is a director.

Project	Ranking Ave	Rank	% Approval	Decision?
Blackwaterfoot Garage	3.63	1	100%	Approve?
Little Peru Ltd	3.31	2	100%	
Heather Lodge CIC (CIA)	3.25	3	100%	
Knockentiber Together	3.00	4	100%	
Kirkmichael Village Renaissance (KVR)	2.94	5	100%	
Darvel Area Regeneration Team (DART) (CIA)	2.88	6	100%	
Visit Arran	2.63	7	75%	Discuss
Go Girvan	2.50	8	75%	
Cumnock Action Plan and Green Action Trust	2.44	9	100%	Approve?
Friends of Dundonald Castle SCIO (CIA)	2.38	10	100%	Discuss
Catrine Games Hall Trust	2.31	11	100%	
East Ayrshire Leisure	1.94	12	25%	
Carrick Rugby Football Club	1.75	13	100%	
Ayrshire & Arran Destination Alliance (AADA)	1.00	14	50%	
Galloway and Southern Ayrshire (GSA) Biosphere Partnership	0.88	15	50%	Reject
Beith Community Development Trust	0.81	16	25%	
The Lennox Partnership	0.63	17	25%	

#### 18. Blackwaterfoot Garage

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Relining of 2 petrol tankers damaged in fire, Dec 22. No petrol west Arran since.
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£41,821.51
<b>Grant Request</b>	£32,621.51
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	NA
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£32,621.51
<b>% Grant Request</b>	78%
<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire - Arran
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Business
<b>Other</b>	Business– cash flow as well as match funding

**Ranking:** 3.63 – 1<sup>st</sup>

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Bank in negative, applicant to use 2<sup>nd</sup> business account to transfer monies for project.
- Accounts: despite fire in Dec 22, sales £690K in Mar 2023, £169k in June 2023, but profit £23.5K & £2.4K respectively.
- Multiple letters of support cited but only provided from police, fire and local GP. Little doubt of need/demand from application though.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- LAG acknowledged severe impact on community with limited access to fuel. Considerable local support from community, local services and business.

AL to recommend to applicant tanks are insured going forward.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns as to LAG supporting petrol/diesel use, but these fuels are currently lifeline for islanders who have had to live with fuel running out completely on Arran 4 times in 2022/23.</li> <li>Agreed quality of life more significant than community wealth building – 2<sup>nd</sup> priority chosen by applicant.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b> Project approved unanimously with no conditions. Recommended tanks are insured going forward.</p>	
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<b>Grant Request</b>	£22,470.30							



<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£22,470.30
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire - Arran
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector - CIC
<b>Other</b>	(CIA) Community In Action Application

**Ranking:** 3.25 – 3rd

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- CIC incorporated on 20 October 2022 - no audited accounts but management accounts provided.
- Account show CIC currently making a loss but business plan to be implemented through the project demonstrates path to sustainability.
- Unsure if successful bidder will be company or individual so VAT included.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Question over engagement of NAC business support, clarification given that this role is to implement business plan actions from support already provided by NAC.
- Room for expansion noted within the organisation and the potential to become a self-sustaining, larger employer.
- Noted that CIC provides services not available elsewhere on the island.

**Decision:** Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

## 21. Knockentiber Together – Maintenance and Storage Equipment

Summary/Main Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure storage shed</li> <li>• Mower</li> <li>• General gardening equipment</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£6,404.40
<b>Grant Request</b>	£5,763.96
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£5,763.96
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£0
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Community Group
<b>Other</b>	NA

**Ranking:** 3.00 – 4th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Informal accounts: unincorporated community group, not registered with OSCAR.
- Well executed application, very detailed.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Support for small group tackling challenges of an ARIA application.
- Noted group well supported by community.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

AL to review budget. Project could be moved from revenue budget (capitalisation thresholds) to capital budget if sufficient to free up revenue funds.

**22. Kirkmichael Village Renaissance (KVR) - Kirkmichael Community Shop and Café**

Summary/Main Costs	Salary for manager and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment – fridge/freezer/stacking chairs.</li> <li>• Publicity &amp; marketing training.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£11,291.25
<b>Grant Request</b>	£10,162.13
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	NA
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£10,162.13
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	South Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	N/A

**Ranking:** 2.94 – 5th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- N/A

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Noted organisation previously funded under LEADER.
- Discussion over sustainability of funding for manager – organisation will always need funding?
- Questioned if there was sufficient evidence of need for the equipment – not explicit in application, and new fridge/freezers usually not purchased until old broken. Rationale given that dysfunction of freezer would mean loss of revenue for shop as well as inconvenience, and new equipment – more energy efficient.

**Decision:**

Project approved with no conditions. Those in favour of approval with equipment: those against – 4:3 (6 non-public sector & 1 public sector).

**23. Darvel Area Regeneration Team (DART) – Community Markets on the Corner**

Summary/Main Costs	Running costs and equipment to bring The Corner Community Hub into further use including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printing</li> <li>• Entertainment</li> <li>• Licenses</li> <li>• Market Stalls</li> <li>• Foldable market tables</li> <li>• Xmas Outdoor Decorations</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£6,167.77
<b>Grant Request</b>	£5,550.99
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£5,550.99
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire

<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector																				
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<p><b>Ranking:</b> 2.88 – 6th  <b>% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 100%  <b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisation holding relatively large amount of reserves.</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAG considered beneficial effect bringing premises into better use/holding event would have on community.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b>  Project approved unanimously with no conditions.</p>																					
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<b>% Grant Request</b>	84.18%
<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	Previous applicant

**Ranking:** 0.81 – 16th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 25%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Extensive local support.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Organisation has had considerable support over years – LEADER & ARIA.
- Application did not demonstrate evidence and demand for need well, though desire to improve facility's commerciality recognised.
- Group received funding 22/23 from ARIA to development business plan but did not draw on this document in application.

**Decision:**

Project rejected unanimously on grounds covered under LAG discussion.

## 26. The Lennox Partnership – Rural Employability Support

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Bespoke employability support in Ardrossan where there is gap in provision, target - 35 people.
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£43,119.57
<b>Grant Request</b>	£38,807.61
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£38,807.61
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Social Enterprise
<b>Other</b>	NA

**Ranking:** 0.63 – 17th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Need/demand only reflected in letters of support from Local Employability Partnership (LEP) NA Health & Social Care Partnership (HSPC) and The Ayrshire Community Trust (TACT).

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Need/demand not well evidenced.
- Relatively large staffing support sought to resource targeting of 35 people for support.
- LAG Member (who is member of LEP) notes that services have reduced since Covid, but agreed application did not demonstrate need which in their opinion does exist.
- National organisation with healthy funds so could fund from own funds?
- Question about sustainability of the project beyond end February 24.
- Concern about “including but not exclusively” Garnock Valley, may end up covering ineligible ARIA areas?
- Concern about funding mandatory service which should be funded by LEP irrespective of whether funding available. Noted NA SPF covered employability in No-one Left Behind,

closing date start Oct 23, but main funding through Fair Work ceasing from end March 24.  
Gaps in funding.

**Decision:**

Project rejected unanimously on grounds covered under LAG decision.

**27. Visit Arran – Business Sustainability and Resilience**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	P/T Staffing costs for existing sustainability & resilience advisor. Focus of role - target businesses & organisations not yet reached through phase 1.
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£5,738.73
<b>Grant Request</b>	£5,164.86
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£5,164.86
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	Arran – North Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Business
<b>Other</b>	ARIA funded phase 1 - 22/23

AL to advise applicant to better demonstrate need inc through 22/23 report if applying in 24/25.

**Ranking:** 2.63 – 7th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 75%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Local support well documented. Phase 1 of project (funded by ARIA) well received.

**LAG decision covered:**

- Why evidence (report) from 22/23 funded project not provided questioned.
- Need/demand not well evidenced.
- More of the same for 23/24, no changes.

**Decision:**

Project rejected on grounds covered under LAG decision though not unanimously: 5 voted to reject and 3 to approve.

If applying in 24/25, applicant advised to better demonstrate need including through 22/23 report.

**28. Go Girvan Community Led Tourism – Ailsa Craig Pop-Up**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Staffing & various marketing materials to promote Girvan in pop-up location across the town.
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£5,553.67
<b>Grant Request</b>	£5,000.00
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£5,000.00
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	South Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector - Charity
<b>Other</b>	NA

AL to request written permission to use pop-up sites from applicant.

**Ranking:** 2.50 – 8th  
**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 75%  
**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- N/A

**LAG discussion covered:**

- General well received, especially that applicant is delivering Ailsa Craig Visitor Centre project in planned, incremental way. ARIA funding of visitor centre feasibility study through separate applicant in 22/23 noted.
- Discussion around number of different groups in the area, Go Girvan is new organisation demonstrating partnership working which is to be commended.
- Staff costs are over and above the other job responsibilities noted.

**Decision:**  
Project approved unanimously with no conditions.  
Applicant requested to provide written permission from sites they intend to use for pop-ups.

**29. Friends of Dundonald Castle SCIO – Visitor Centre Improvements and Expansion Plans**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feasibility study for visitor centre expansion from Business Plan 2020 – 25.</li> <li>• Replacement/upgrade of café/office equipment.</li> <li>• Staffing to support.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£18,540.04
<b>Grant Request</b>	£16,686.04
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£16,686.04
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	CIA application but should be main fund

**Ranking:** 2.38 – 10th  
**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%  
**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Charette requested from applicant, not provided.
- Good value for money/gives support for organisation to develop.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Well used café and facilities which would benefit from even greater use.
- Located at end of Smugglers Trail so receives good number of visitors and used by community as a social space. Organisation has good track record of listening to/supporting community/providing space.
- Application has evidenced the need for equipment.
- Organisation working pro-actively towards sustainability – reduce reliance on funding in future.
- Value for money/support to develop praised.

**Decision:**  
Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

- **Catrine Games Hall Trust – Sustainability Project**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Improving sustainability of facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for staff – Funding/Development Officer &amp; Facility Manager.</li> <li>• Feasibility study for extension – warm hub/kitchen/gym.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£26,166.00
<b>Grant Request</b>	£21,166.00
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	NA
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£21,166.00
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	CAM Fund applicant also

**Ranking:** 2.31 – 11th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Sufficient advertising of new Development Officer post – Facebook/posters?

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Question over additionality of Facility Manager. Application clarified – seeking additional hours for project.
- Significant gap between what staff do/what they are paid, especially Facility Manager. Grant would plug gap.
- Question over timescale.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

### 30. East Ayrshire Leisure – Assloss Urban Farm Demonstration and Training Centre

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Feasibility study into creating an Urban Farm demonstration and training centre.
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£35,000.00
<b>Grant Request</b>	£31,500.00
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£31,500.00
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	NA

**Ranking:** 1.92 – 12th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 25%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Match funding not confirmed.
- Bench marking instead of quotes.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timescales could be issue, need for monitoring.</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Match funding now confirmed - letter from EAC, monies coming from Trust. East Ayrshire Leisure has Service Level Agreement with EAC. Remained though – this not in place for application deadline of 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 23, standard requirement.</li> <li>• LAG questioned if applicant was actually EAC. Clarified, Trust = charity, distinct.</li> <li>• LAG questioned if project would normally be funded by EAC - reluctance LAG to fund gaps in council provision.</li> <li>• Good project acknowledged but quotes rather than benchmarking needed – standard requirement. As quotes would need sought, further concern over delivery timescales.</li> <li>• Expensive for feasibility study – value for money?</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b> Project rejected unanimously on grounds covered under LAG discussion.</p>	
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<p><b>31. Carrick Rugby Football Club – Business Development Officer and Continued Employment</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Summary/Main Costs</b></td> <td>Continued employment of Rugby Business Development Officer - extended hours. Responsible for developing of business plan with SAC CWB – long-term sustainability as social enterprise.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Eligible Costs</b></td> <td>£11,116.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request</b></td> <td>£10,004.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request Capital</b></td> <td>£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request Revenue</b></td> <td>£10,0004.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>% Grant Request</b></td> <td>90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>LA Area</b></td> <td>South Ayrshire</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Applicant Type</b></td> <td>Third Sector</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Other</b></td> <td>Previous applicant - transport.</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Ranking:</b> 1.75 – 13th  <b>% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 100%  <b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good application, if not a hugely beneficial project for entire community.</li> <li>• Reasonable value for money, about transitioning club to a new level. Commendable applicant seeking to become self-sustaining, other applicants could knowledge-share eg: KVR re: questions over staff salary sustainability.</li> <li>• Good to see other micro sports being promoted.</li> <li>• Applicant could look beyond sports once sustainability achieved- literacy etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b> Project approved unanimously with no conditions.</p>		<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Continued employment of Rugby Business Development Officer - extended hours. Responsible for developing of business plan with SAC CWB – long-term sustainability as social enterprise.	<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£11,116.00	<b>Grant Request</b>	£10,004.40	<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0	<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£10,0004.40	<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%	<b>LA Area</b>	South Ayrshire	<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector	<b>Other</b>	Previous applicant - transport.	AL to contact KVR applicant to pass on Carrick Rugby self-sustainability development.
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<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£45,378.67
<b>Grant Request</b>	£40,840.74
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	NA
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£40,840.74
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	Pan-Ayrshire - Rural
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Business
<b>Other</b>	Business – cash flow as well as match funding

**Ranking:** 1.00 – 14th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 50%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Work carried out by existing contractors inc CEO. Salary relatively high so benchmarking provided.
- Potential conflict of work with Sail Scotland mitigated with letter from Sail Scotland Director.
- Accounts/bank concern but:
  - Match funding letter from Scottish Enterprise.
  - Director underwriting short term cash flow.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Not clear what being requested from application other than conference, written in high-level, strategic language. Officer presenting list at meeting was best understanding LAG had had. Translated to outcomes – tangible?
- More demonstration of local support needed – letters from higher level, strategic partners.
- Project pan-Ayrshire rather than rural/islands (ARIA eligible). Danger project would deliver mostly in ARIA ineligible area?
- Not enough clarity of alignment with the ARIA but recognised lack of a long-term tourism strategy/action has been an issue.
- Possible Scottish Enterprise funding for full project, or collaboration among partners?

**Decision:**

Project rejected unanimously on grounds covered under LAG discussion.

### 33. GSA Biosphere Partnership – A Digital Journey Towards Sustainability

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Extending the Biosphere project scale beyond conventional physical delivery mechanisms to expand with a larger demographic
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£43,440.00
<b>Grant Request</b>	£38,440.00
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£38,440.00
<b>% Grant Request</b>	88.49%
<b>LA Area</b>	South and East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	N/A

**Ranking:** 0.88 – 15th  
**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 50%  
**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Need/demand well demonstrated in application but not backed up with evidence.
- Costs include £4,080 for 12 months servicing & maintenance - beyond fund 23-24 timeframe.
- Timings appear tight for fund deadline.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Benefit beyond that to organisation (wider community) not well understood.
- Software make organisation more efficient rather than benefit members?
- Concern not inclusive as ‘rigorous’ application required plus payment to become Biosphere member.
- Appear sufficient unrestricted funds to deliver project.
- Potential restricted shelf life as bespoke IT product unlike off-shelf products – come with development path.
- Concern over alignment with timescales.

**Decision:**  
Application rejected unanimously on grounds covered under LAG discussion.

**CONCLUDES GROUP 2 APPLICATIONS  
MEETING CLOSED FOR DAY**

**MEETING RESUMES - 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Group 3 Applications**

Project	Ranking Ave	Rank	% Approval	Decision?
Ayr Gaiety Partnership	5.22	1	100%	Approve?
Straiton Village Co-operative	5.11	2	100%	
Ayrshire Rivers Trust	4.89	3	100%	
Girvan Community Garden	4.44	4	100%	
Ballantrae Planning Group/Trust (CIA)	4.00	5	100%	
North Carrick Community Benefits Company (NCCBC) (CIA)	3.56	6	100%	
Ochiltree Community Hub	3.22	7	100%	
Ashlea Farm - Helena Paul	3.22		100%	
Adventure Centre for Education (ACE)	2.67	8	100%	Discuss
New Cumnock Events Group (CIA)	2.67		100%	
SASEN - South Ayrshire Social Enterprise Network	2.67		100%	
Newmilns Ski and Sports Club - Marketing	2.44	9	68%	
Messers D&A Currie	2.00	10	33%/33%/33%	
Crag Community Arts	1.89	11	68%	
Newmilns Ski and Sports Club - Feasibility Study (CIA)	1.44	12	33%/33%/33%	
Harbour Ayrshire	1.00	13	33%/33%/33%	
Langside Alpacas - Barn	0.56	14	33%	Reject

<b>34. Ayr Gaiety Partnership – Gaiety on (Rural) Tour</b>		AL to set condition applicant cannot apply for funding for same project going forward.
<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Build on success of 22-23 ARIA project until permanent funding 24-25: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural outreach shows in SA/EA/NA.</li> <li>• Income stream for venues.</li> <li>• Reduces isolation, improve well-being.</li> </ul>	
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£24,700.00	

<b>Grant Request</b>	£19,700.00
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	NA
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£19,700.00
<b>% Grant Request</b>	79.76%
<b>LA Area</b>	Pan Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	22-23 applicant. Funding from 24-25, project would plug gap.

**Ranking:** 5.22 – 1st

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Quotes provided where possible. Irregular cost form completed for performers – wide array, difficult to pin down amount, so average of £750 each (x 25) in application.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Continuation of 22-23 ARIA project (success). Audience anticipated at 900 but reached 1,079. Good isolated/rural outreach facilitated re-engagement with venues post-Covid.
- Funding will plug gap until applicant receives all year round funding.
- Project has provided a good income stream for rural venues.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with condition that applicant cannot apply for same project going forward.

### 35. Straiton Village Co-operative – Straiton Stores Service Development

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased hours – store manager</li> <li>• Marketing training</li> <li>• Cabinet/library/shelving</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£6,183.07
<b>Grant Request</b>	£5,564.76
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£5,564.76
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	South Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	NA

**Ranking/% Approval of Scoring Group:** 5.11 2<sup>nd</sup> 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Marketing training to be shared with KVR – misunderstanding, separate cost.
- Need/demand well documented.
- Local support well evidenced.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Increased hours for store manager.
- Parallel learning with Kirkmichael on marketing.
- Lockable cabinet for young people volunteers – organisation seeking to increase this.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

<b>36. Ayrshire River Trust – Ayrshire Grown</b>		AL to seek current constitution from applicant.
Summary/Main Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish supply of locally sourced native trees for environmental/community projects across Ayrshire.</li> <li>Improve biosecurity/biodiversity/carbon sequestration.</li> <li>Costs – staffing / training / computer – ArcGIS</li> </ul>	
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£11,248.95	
<b>Grant Request</b>	£10,048.95	
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	NA	
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£10,048.95	
<b>% Grant Request</b>	89.33%	
<b>LA Area</b>	Pan Ayrshire	
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector	
<b>Other</b>	NA	
<p><b>Ranking:</b> 4.89 – 3rd  <b>% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 100%  <b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constitution being updated, rules and deeds provided (clauses on organisation make-up).</li> <li>Computer – only 2 quotes (difficulty sourcing spec) and higher chosen with 1 year warranty.</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b>  Concern from one LAG member that computer over-spec'd. Others suggested required for software needs (ArcGIS) and would take applicant into future.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b>  Project approved unanimously with no conditions. Applicant requested to provide current constitution.</p>		
<b>37. Girvan Community Garden – Garden Upgrades</b>		
CC left meeting – conflict of interest. Meeting remained quorate with 9 LAG Members, 4 non-public sector and 4 public. 2 public sector representatives abstained from voting (cf. 1 for other day 2 projects) to fulfil minimum 51%:49% split.		
Summary/Main Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacement of solar panel system</li> <li>Replacement of pergola</li> <li>Installation of broadband</li> </ul>	
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£12,330.98	
<b>Grant Request</b>	£11,096.98	
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0	
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£11,096.98	
<b>% Grant Request</b>	89.99%	
<b>LA Area</b>	South Ayrshire	
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector	
<b>Other</b>	NA	

<p><b>Ranking:</b> 4.44 – 4th  <b>% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 100%  <b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No permission for broadband connection from landlord but explanation given.</li> <li>• One quote for insulation as bespoke product.</li> </ul> <p><b>LA discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As with KVR, question posed as to replacement of existing items still in working order. Both applications are replacing for more efficient models.</li> <li>• Solar panels appear on the less expensive side – quality assured?</li> <li>• Well used asset in Girvan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b>  Project approved unanimously with no conditions.</p>	
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<p><b>40. Ochiltree Community Hub – Youth Work Experience</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>Summary/Main Costs</b></td> <td>To support 10 young people (under 17) in paid roles to deliver community event. Opportunity to develop skills, confidence and acquire work experience.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Eligible Costs</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,401.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,661.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request Capital</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Grant Request Revenue</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,661.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>% Grant Request</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>LA Area</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">East Ayrshire</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Applicant Type</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Third Sector – community group</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Other</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">NA</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Ranking:</b> 3.22 – joint 7th  <b>% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 100%  <b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAG questioned if project should be delivered by applicant as apprenticeship programmes are delivered by EA Employability Services. Clarified that this is local initiative aimed at young people in school, focused on providing life skills/community inclusion leading to direct employability.</li> <li>• Pro-active community applicant noted delivering consistently on action plan which has community wealth building at heart.</li> <li>• Similar project in SA cited, highly successful.</li> </ul>		<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	To support 10 young people (under 17) in paid roles to deliver community event. Opportunity to develop skills, confidence and acquire work experience.	<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£7,401.76	<b>Grant Request</b>	£6,661.58	<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0	<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£6,661.58	<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%	<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire	<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector – community group	<b>Other</b>	NA	<p>ARIA to monitor/evaluate/use for learnings for future – young people engagement/en courage ment of applications.</p>
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- Opportunities for young people praised.
- Monitor/evaluate – case study for young people engagement/ARIA for future.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

AL to remove pig ark/water trough/field ark from applicant costings.

**41. Helena Paul/Ashlea Farm – Meadow Creation & Footpath Project**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restoration of derelict/overgrown land to coastal meadow visible from adjacent Arran Coastal Way.</li> <li>• New footpath.</li> <li>• Fencing to separate land from footpath/ACW.</li> <li>• Equip to maintain land – mechanical/animals.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£13,685.90
<b>Grant Request</b>	£12,293.01
• <b>Grant Request Capital</b>	NA
• <b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£12,293.01
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire - Arran
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Business – Sole Trader
<b>Other</b>	Business – cash flow as well as match funding

**Ranking/% Approval of Scoring Group:** 3.22 – joint 7<sup>th</sup>

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Sole Trader (recently established) – basic management accounts for farm/B&B provided, tax return not required until January 2024.
- 1 quote provided for fence construction, supplier preferred for reasons given, alternatives not sought.
- Quotes for Bracken Bruiser, a third quote sought, not obtained and higher quote chosen.
- Local support letters from SAC, Arran Access Trust and local walker.

**LAG Discussion covered:**

- No clarity as to if land will be used for other activities in future, eg: tourism/farming? Land steep so unlikely, though the animals would have access when grazing as part of regenerative farming practices.
- ARIA cannot support primary farming activities so items applied to relating to animals (pig ark/field roller/water trough) cannot be supported.
- Letters of support for opening up access to the beach from holiday accommodation and linking up with the Arran coastal path.

**Decision:** With removal of pig ark/field roller/water trough - project approved unanimously with no conditions.

**42. Erica Dennies as Langside Alpacas – Accessible Barn & Developing Online Presence**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New website with e-commerce options</li> <li>• Barn improvements</li> <li>• Fencing training course</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£12,190.98
<b>Grant Request</b>	£10,970.98
• <b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
• <b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£10,970.98
<b>% Grant Request</b>	89.99%

<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire		
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Business – Sole Trader		
<b>Other</b>	Two applications		
<p><b>Ranking/% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 0.56 14<sup>th</sup> 33%</p> <p><b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Un-audited accounts provided. No accounts provided for self-employed business owner Erica Dennies. Confusion over applicant – ‘Erica Dennies (sole trader) as Langside Alpacas (business).</li> <li>Business suggested in accounts to be unprofitable and significant alternative revenue stream shown available.</li> <li>One item had only two quotes.</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letters of support from Renfrewshire, not local area.</li> <li>Not good value for money.</li> <li>Application with accounts/financials perhaps Ok from community organisation, less so from business.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>Project rejected unanimously on the grounds covered under LAG discussion.</p>			
<p><b>43. Adventure Centre for Education (ACE) – Electrical Vehicle Charging Points</b></p> <p>CC advised he was formerly a director of ACE but had stepped down 4 years previously, so this no longer constituted a conflict of interest.</p>			AL to advise applicant on alternative bespoke EV charge point funding streams.
<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	2 x EV charging points		
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£7,585.00		
<b>Grant Request</b>	£6,826.50		
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0		
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£6,826.50		
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%		
<b>LA Area</b>	South Ayrshire		
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector		
<b>Other</b>	Previous applicant – electric van		
<p><b>Ranking:</b> 2.67 – joint 8th</p> <p><b>% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 100%</p> <p><b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application mentions townspeople having access to chargers, questioned how accessible these would be to location (est. 2.5km out of town centre). Public unlikely to use but local businesses likely.</li> <li>Reason applicant did not get charging points at the time of van – number of schemes available to support?</li> <li>Alternative charging point funding schemes discussed eg: Business Charge Point Funding Scheme (section for charities)/Energy Saving Trust.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>Project rejected unanimously on grounds covered under LAG discussion. Applicant advised to apply for alternate bespoke charge point funding streams.</p>			



#### 44. New Cumnock Events Group

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Equipment to support a Christmas light switch on Event
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£5,560.00
<b>Grant Request</b>	£5,000.00
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£5,000.00
<b>% Grant Request</b>	89.93%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	CIA Application

**Ranking:** 2.67 – joint 8th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- N/A

**LAG discussion covered:**

- LAG happy with application but noted it may lead to further Christmas light applications in future as Local Authorities cut back on funding for these events.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

#### 45. South Ayrshire Social Enterprise Network (SASEN) - Rural Networking

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	New phase – linking soc ents to public/private opps – CWB. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central showcasing event</li> <li>• 12 roadshow events</li> <li>• Co-ordinator &amp; promotion</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£7,850
<b>Grant Request</b>	£6,350
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£6,350
<b>% Grant Request</b>	80.89%
<b>LA Area</b>	South Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector
<b>Other</b>	NA

**Ranking:** 2.67 – joint 8th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 100%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

AL to ask applicant to change showcase event to ARIA eligible area/remove cost.

- Organisation established formally 2021-22
- Accounts 2021 – 22 show no income, only expenditure c.£1.7K
- £19K: £0K debt, however.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- SASEN provide a valuable service to SA social enterprises, presence in rural area welcomed.
- Showcase event planned for Ayr, LAG not content that this is in ARIA ineligible area. Assist applicant find alternate venue in eligible area or ask them if happy to remove cost.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with question over showcase event – change to ARIA rural area/remove.

**46. Newmilns Snow & Sports Complex – Marketing Support**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-branding</li> <li>• Digital marketing</li> </ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£15,000
<b>Grant Request</b>	£13,500
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£13,500
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	EA
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Charity
<b>Other</b>	1 of 2 applications

**Ranking:** 2.44 – 9th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 68%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- 3 very varied quotes and brief to consultant not clear.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Brief supplied (embedded in an email) generalist, leading to 3 quite different quotes. LAG questioned if applicant clear on outcomes.
- LAG Members who have knowledge of the facility suggest it would benefit from rebrand/marketing. Facility noted as good for local area.
- LAG discussed alternative grants, EA community benefits wish list/renewable energy funds. EA Members reported this was unlikely.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with no conditions.

**47. Newmilns Snow & Sports Complex – Feasibility Study for Approved Accommodation**

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Feasibility Study to identify options to maximise space and use of facility.
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£11,250.00
<b>Grant Request</b>	£10,125.00
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£10,125.00
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	East Ayrshire
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Charity
<b>Other</b>	1 of 2 applications

**Ranking:** 1.44 – 12th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 33%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Single quote from preferred supplier.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Acceptability of submission of application with only 1 quote discussed. Rational for this supplied (justified) but in fairness to other applicants it was felt quote should at least have been benchmarked against others.
- Necessity of study to the facility acknowledged.
- Marketing support (previous project approved) *after* feasibility study – events in this order suggested.
- Conclusion that applicant could apply again meeting requirement of 3 quotes.

**Decision:**

Project rejected unanimously in grounds covered under LAG discussion.

#### 48. Messers D&A Currie

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Farm diversification – add to current offering by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promoting barn/farm as wedding venue - furniture required.</li><li>• Adding tractor climbing frame to play amenities.</li><li>• Expanding freezer capacity for meat sales/ catering.</li></ul>
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£19,544.85
<b>Grant Request</b>	£17,590.36
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£17,590.36
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£0
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%
<b>LA Area</b>	NA - Arran
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Farm
<b>Other</b>	Business – cash flow as well as match funding

AL to remove chairs/tractor climbing frame cost for Grant Award Letter.

**Ranking:** 2.00 – 10th

**% Approval of Scoring Group:** 33%

**Points Raised at Technical Check:**

- Delivery charge included in costs of chairs and tables from same supplier (variable cost within project - £297.50).
- No business plan provided for farm diversification into wedding market.
- Continued development strong support from food and drink and tourism sectors.

**LAG discussion covered:**

- Insufficient evidence to support diversification into wedding market, is there a demand?
- Insufficient evidence to support educational element – tractor climbing frame.
- Sufficient evidence of farm market
- Application suggests applicant works with schools/farm visits groups yet no letters of support from?
- Future application for wedding elements suggested supported by business plan.

**Decision:**

Project approved unanimously with chairs/tractor climbing frame costs removed.

#### 49. Crag Community Arts

<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Staffing & materials to deliver the 'Winter Light Festival' in Girvan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artists workshop programme with community/schools.</li> <li>Strandline Festival – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 23</li> </ul>	AL to set condition on Strandline Festival evaluation.
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£24,576.50	
<b>Grant Request</b>	£18,864.00	
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0	
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£18,864.00	
<b>% Grant Request</b>	77%	
<b>LA Area</b>	SA	
<b>Applicant Type</b>	SCIO - Charity	
<b>Other</b>	22-23 applicant (Small Capital Fund)	
<p><b>Ranking:</b> 1.89 -11th  <b>% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 68%  <b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need/demand not well evidenced.</li> <li>Impact on winter tourism negligible/not quantified.</li> <li>Festival,31<sup>st</sup> Dec previously well received by residents.</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant delivers programme of creative activities in area - good reputation for this/work with local schools. Recipient of Creative Scotland funding to deliver.</li> <li>Difficulty to monitor success of the project, previous event not evaluated to great extent/ tourism impact not evidenced. Suggested to request monitoring this year to facilitate better access to future funding – ARIA/other.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b>  Project approved unanimously with condition that Strandline festival be evaluated using core staff to collect tourism information. Where visitors travel from key is in this.</p>		
<b>50. Harbour Ayrshire</b>		AL to feedback need/demand needs better evidenced for future applications – ARIA/other.
<b>Summary/Main Costs</b>	Expansion of recovery services into the Garnock Valley area including Dalry, Kilbirnie and Beith.	
<b>Total Eligible Costs</b>	£10,415.00	
<b>Grant Request</b>	£9,373.50	
<b>Grant Request Capital</b>	£0	
<b>Grant Request Revenue</b>	£9,373.50	
<b>% Grant Request</b>	90%	
<b>LA Area</b>	North Ayrshire	
<b>Applicant Type</b>	Third Sector	
<b>Other</b>	NA	
<p><b>Ranking:</b> 1.00 - 13th  <b>% Approval of Scoring Group:</b> 33%  <b>Points Raised at Technical Check:</b></p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant requested to provide more need/demand evidence for Garnock Valley specifically - not provided.</li> <li>• Accounts show abundant grant funding – c.£120k income, expenditure = c.£83K. Need for ARIA funding?</li> </ul> <p><b>LAG discussion covered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little service provision for recovery in Garnock Valley. Support provided by Turning Point/NA HSCP but Turning Point provide letter of support for these services.</li> <li>• Application executed, no doubt of need/demand but not well evidenced.</li> <li>• Peer support acknowledged as best way to reach client group and project delivers more through recovery practitioner/1-1 support/out of hours service.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b> Project approved unanimously with no conditions. Feedback suggested for applicant need better evidence of need/demand for future applications – ARIA/other funders.</p>	
<p><b>Recap - Conclusions</b></p> <p><b>Discussion about Remaining Funds</b> At the end of the discussion c. £10k, £15k with movement of capital monies remained in the revenue pot. Options were discussed but the consensus was to award this to the Cunningham Furniture Company revenue element, albeit falling short of the grant request. Viability of the project with the applicant would be discussed.</p> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> <b>CAM Fund LAG Assessment</b> 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 23 TBC</p> <p><b>Close</b></p>	

## Actions

### Continued

- AL to revert to LAG with recommended new change request limit(s).

### New

#### General

- AL to review budget. Knockentiber project could be moved from revenue budget (capitalisation thresholds) to capital budget if sufficient to free up revenue funds.
- Guidance altered to preclude funding bodies from applying to ARIA in future years. Partnerships however welcomed.
- ARIA to monitor/evaluate/use for learnings of Ochiltree project for future – young people engagement/encouragement of applications.
- AL to remove:
  - Pig ark/water trough/field ark from Helena Paul (/Ashlea Farm) project costings.
  - Chairs/tractor climbing frame cost from Messers D&A Currie (Bellevue) project costings.

## For Applicants:

### Questions

- AL to confirm with SAYCA land ownership, return this to LAG then seek approval of quotes for repair work.
- AL to request energy ratings of new appliances from Arran Dog Bakery.
- AL to inform East Mosside of approval once all projects assessed to keep to 1<sup>st</sup> Oct turbine order date/ask re: SPEN involvement.
- AL to request written permission to use pop-up sites from Go Girvan.
- AL to seek current constitution from Ayrshire River Trust.
- AL to seek answers to questions from NCCBC/LAG approval on responses prior to issue of grant award.

- AL to ask SASEN to change showcase event to ARIA eligible area/remove cost.

### Feedback

- AL to inform Carrick Resilience of Mitsubishi issue.
- AL to recommend to Blackwaterfoot Garage tanks are insured going forward.
- AL to recommend to Little Peru Ltd more robust e-bikes procured than those in application.
- AL to advise Visit Arran to better demonstrate need including through 22/23 report if applying in 24/25.
- AL to contact KVR applicant to pass on Carrick Rugby self-sustainability development.
- AL to advise ACE on alternative bespoke EV charge point funding streams.
- AL to feedback need/demand needs better evidenced for future applications to Harbour Ayrshire for ARIA/other funding.

### Conditions

- AL to set Arran Repair Café condition in Tim Watt (/Ailsa Croft) Grant Award Letter.
- AL to set condition for evidence of lease start date in Cumnock Action Plan Grant Award Letter.
- AL to set condition Ayr Gaiety Partnership cannot apply for funding for same project going forward.
- AL to set condition on Crag Community Arts Strandline Festival evaluation.

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