

**Coastal**

**Communities**

**Funding**

**2021-22**

# Coastal Communities Funding 2021/2022

In the financial year 2021/2022 South Ayrshire Council was awarded **£119,973.21** Coastal Communities Funding from the Scottish Government. Visit the [Scottish Government website](#).

The Coastal Community Fund has been established to invest funds from the region's allocation of net revenue from Scottish Crown Estate marine assets out to 12 nautical miles across South Ayrshire. South Ayrshire Council considers that a coastal community are those directly with a marine coastline or, where there is a river system, the extent to which is considered coastal is defined by using the Scottish Crown Estate Marine Assets map [www.crownestatescotland.com/what-we-do/map](http://www.crownestatescotland.com/what-we-do/map). In addition, eligibility extends to communities with an operating harbour with direct access to the sea. Applications will be accepted from communities who fall within the definition above.

In 2019/20 the groups noted below were awarded funding from Coastal Communities:

Girvan Town Centre	<b>£24,580</b>
Girvan Youth Trust	<b>£20,146</b>
Troon Together	<b>£25,000</b>
Dunure Community Council & Kennedy Hall & Park Committee	<b>£35,000</b>
Ballantrae Development Trust	<b>£10,526</b>
Ayr Yacht & Cruising Club	<b>£10,526</b>

South Ayrshire Council were notified of their 2021/22 allocation in November 2021.

Officers published the fund in January with decisions announced in February 2022. Elected Members were notified of the Coastal Communities Fund and it was shared on the South Ayrshire Council website and South Ayrshire Live.

The decision outcomes were shared with Elected Members and South Ayrshire Council Communications Officers.

The main criteria for the funding was to demonstrate tangible benefits to the economy and/or safety, health and wellbeing of coastal communities.

# Awards made for 2021/2022

## Ballantrae Community Council

### Ballantrae Harbour Protection - £14,556.00

**Coastal Communities Funding was secured for the replacement and renewal of Ballantrae Harbour armoured rock and will ensure the future of this historic local landmark.**

This enhancement will allow future visitors, local residents and businesses to continue to enjoy the benefits of the harbour.

Ballantrae Harbour is located on the northern edge of the village. It acts as the mid-point in between the southern shingle beach which extends to the mouth of the Stinchar River and the northern sandy shore which stretches to Red Burn and onwards to the Bennane Head.

Development of the harbour dates back over 150 years, with records showing that it was upgraded in 1846, for use by the thriving fishing community. During the 1990s the harbour was gifted to the community by the local landowner and has since, been managed and maintained by a dedicated team of local volunteers.

In 2006 armour bricks and large boulders were placed on the seaward side of the harbour wall, this protection had degraded and required to be replaced to ensure the longevity of the fabric of the harbour hence the work funded by the Coastal Communities Fund.



## Ayrshire Cancer Support

### Creating a Space for Children and Young People

- £24,911.59

Ayrshire Cancer Support purchased their new building on Prestwick Road in Ayr which they planned to completely refurbish to create a purpose-built cancer support centre which will house a children and young people's space.



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The Children and Young People Service was launched and they are now able to accept referrals to support children aged five years and older.

The Coastal Communities Funding was used to assist with the costs of creating the rooms into a safe and therapeutic environment for the service users.

This funding allowed the group to carry out a safe roof inspection, to begin the damp repairs required, carry out the necessary redecoration, and purchase suitable furniture and materials to equip their multi-purpose room, group room and counselling room.

The multi-purpose room has space to support younger age groups with bean bags, colourful rugs and their hand-painted mural where children and young people can add their handprint to, as well as a more formal counselling space for one-to-one support.



"We are extremely grateful for the award received through the Coastal Communities Fund and know that with support from funders like yourselves, we can make a difference to the lives of people affected by cancer in Ayrshire."



## Carrick Resilience Team

### Resilient Communities - £12,210

The funding has allowed Carrick Resilience Team to design, purchase and implement seventy five "Lost/stranded" signs on two of South Ayrshire's most remote roads. The signs allow those that are stranded or lost to know their precise location and direction/distance to travel to obtain a phone signal to summon help.

The funds have allowed the group to progress their 'Argo all terrain vehicle project forward'.

This vehicle will be used to assist emergency services with logistical support in extricating ill or injured patients from remote and uneven terrain that is far off the beaten track within south Ayrshire.

The funding also allowed the group to purchase three large scene lights. These lights have been used in emergencies to successfully illuminate an several incidents which has allowed emergency workers to work in a safer environment.



## South Ayrshire Community Transport

### Health and Wellbeing Shopping Trip Project

- £4,000.00

'The Health and Wellbeing Shopping Trip Project' encourages more regular socialisation to help combat social isolation among older residents from South Ayrshire.

SACT noted that due to Covid 19 restrictions, there were greater levels of social isolation and anxiety for people accessing their services. Prolonged periods of home confinement resulted in physical and mental deterioration among the elderly.

Funding was used to organise bus trips for older residents which enables them to overcome social isolation and meet new people. The project allowed older residents an opportunity to meet other people and participants recorded that their mental health and wellbeing improved as a result of the trips.





## Girvan Town Team - £4,295.52

Girvan Town Team purchased twenty feather flag banners with stands and bags that will allow them to promote events within the town. The banners will be erected at specific locations to attract locals and visitors to specific venues including Tourist Information Point, Girvan Community Garden and Girvan Harbour.

The will also be used at larger events within the town such as the Harbour Gala, The Lowland Gathering and Pop Up events in the town.



## Vics In The Community

### Community Hub - £20,000

Vics In The Community applied for funding to assist with the costs for a new roof at their new community hub. The group recently acquired a twenty-five year lease of the football pitch and derelict pavilion at Whitletts Activity Centre. The hub will provide a space for changing facilities and a venue for the community to take part in volunteering and learning opportunities.

The £20,000 coastal communities funding contributed to the total £43,000 cost for the new roof to make the building watertight.



"Vics In The Community are grateful for the Coastal Communities Funding that will allow the community hub project to progress, creating a safe space and community hub for the community."

## Fort Seafield and Wallacetown Community

### Association (FSWCA)

## Wallacetown Community Energy Project (WCEP)

- £10,000

The project commissioned a feasibility study to identify fuel poverty baseline data and commissioned a technology feasibility study to identify suitable renewable technology and other measures to raise the Energy Performance Level, (EPC) as identified in the Scottish Government 'Tackling fuel poverty Scotland' strategy.

WCEP activity are focused on the Wallacetown area of Ayr as many of the blocks in this area have flat roofs with little or no insulation, which is recognised as a marked heat loss point for the top floor flats.

The outcome of the feasibility study has been shared with Wallacetown Community Planning Partnership Strategic Delivery Partnership and residents and it plans to take forward the recommendations within the report alongside the local authority and partners.

Young people from Newton Primary school were also engaged in the project and pupils took part in a logo competition with the winners being presented with a certificate from FSWCA. The winning class won a trip to Dumfries House to take part in STEM activities.

One project **Troon Water Sports Project** was not awarded funding however there was a recommendation that the project should be awarded funding next year if they apply again and can demonstrate they will be able to spend the funding within the timescale.

