

North Carrick Community News

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Maybole



Maidens



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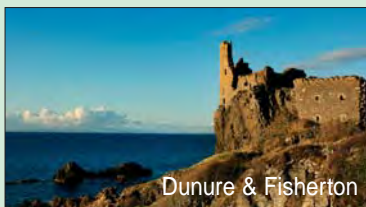
Crosshill



Minishant



Straiton



Dunure & Fisherton



Turnberry



Kirkoswald

Welcome to the first newsletter from North Carrick Community Benefit Company. This issue brings you up to date with what funds have been distributed since the company was formed.



What is PAR and who has benefited from the PAR budgets.



PAR2
£100,000
budget now
in place.

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Maybole and North Carrick Villages Locality Planning Group is considering the idea of Community First Responders

When its equivalent in South Carrick asked for volunteers they received six expressions of interest in North Carrick. Now they are asking if there are more people interested in the North Carrick area.

Community First Responders are a vital part of our emergency resource and provide care and support while an ambulance is on its way. By being local and able to respond quickly, Community First Responders are able to provide an early intervention in situations, such as breathing problems, heart or asthma attack improving patient survival and recovery, before the ambulance crew arrives, dramatically.

A role as a Community First Responder is a great way to make a difference to your community and the people who live there.

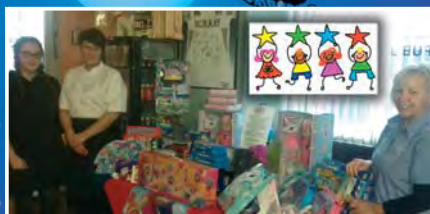
If you are interested contact Mark Bradley by email markbrad96@gmail.com or mobile **07397971937**



CHILDREN'S GIFT AID

Christmas is fast approaching and Children's Gift Aid is asking the community for donations of new toys to give to less fortunate families this year. A spokesman said, "Thanks to a successful funding bid we have a head start this year but sadly the number of families that will go without food or gifts this year has grown. Help us to help these families with a simple donation of a toy of your choosing and let's try and make sure no child goes without. You can drop your present into The Speakers in Maybole."

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What is North Carrick Community Benefit Company?

North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC) was formed as a company limited by guarantee in June 2014 and registered as a charity in August 2015.

It was created to administer community benefit funds made available to it (currently only ScottishPower Renewables).

All community councils in North Carrick are involved in the running of the company. These are: Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael CC; Dunure CC, Maybole CC; Minishant CC; and Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry CC.

All five community councils can each nominate 12 members to the company and members nominate three directors from each community council area.

North Carrick Community Directors are:

- **Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael:**
Henry Anderson, Norman Geddes and Pat Lorimer as Treasurer
- **Dunure:** Angus Craig
- **Maidens, Turnberry and Kirkoswald:**
Chris Savage, John Barr and Les McFadzean
- **Maybole:** David Kiltie, Senga Mason and Mark Fletcher as Chair
- **Minishant:** Jackie Murray and Debbie Watt

The company would welcome one more rep to fill the vacancy in Minishant and two more reps from Dunure and if interested an initial request should be made to your local community council.

The next funding round is scheduled for May 2018 with a deadline of 25th April for submissions and the Par 2 event will take place on 3rd March.



In September 2015, Gillian Arnot of ScottishPower Renewables presented a cheque for £207,000 to Mark Fletcher, chairman of NCCBC. This was meant to be repeated annually until 2019 – a total of £1,035,000 after which the payment would increase to £345,000 per year for the following 22 years. However, the income is index-linked and this year's payment was £215,000 instead of £207,000.

Funding is available for such projects as rural regeneration; environmental protection or improvement; education; recreational facilities; advancement of heritage; the arts; culture; prevention or relief of poverty; relief of unemployment (including the provision of training and skills of all kinds); advancement of health; relief for those in need by reason of ill health; disability; financial hardship or other disadvantage; advancing citizenship and community development; opportunities for young people to have enjoyable/constructive leisure time; and community transport services.

To enquire or apply to this fund please contact **Marion Young on 01292 612626** or your community council representatives.

You can also contact the company directly on: **ncarrickcb@gmail.com**

The first funds received were in 2015 and since then, through match funding opportunities, NCCBC has helped support projects worth £1.4 million in the last financial year.

May 2016

The first 'PB' event held in South Ayrshire

On Saturday 7th May 2016 people from across North Carrick voted on how best to spend funding in their local community.

In the first of similar events which were to be held across South Ayrshire, they took part in a new way to get people actively involved in local decision-making known as Participatory Budgeting (PB). A fund of up to £20,000 was available at the decision day, held in Maybole Town Hall.

The money was made available from South Ayrshire Council's Health and Social Care Partnership (£5,000), the Scottish Government (£5,000), and the North Carrick Community Benefit Company (£10,000). The aim is to ensure that, as far as possible, the money is spent on good causes rather than the costs of organising and promoting decision days.

Twenty groups were fully funded to the amount they asked for. They were:

7th Ayrshire Scout Group, St Cuthbert's Primary School and Eco Warriors Working Party, The Bridge Youth Club, Maybole Majorettes & Dance School, Cairn Primary School, Maybole Community Association, Gardenrose PS Gardening Club, Straiton Primary School, Kirkmichael Primary School, Minishant Parent Council, North Carrick Tots, Lingo Flamingo, Gardenrose Nursery Class, Little Art School Trust, Maybole OIR (Gardening Club), Maybole Community Garden in partnership with Maybole Community Council & Association, Carrick Coastal Rowing Club, Nursery Court Day Service Users Group, Crosshill Community Association, and TKS Martial Arts & Fitness Charitable Trust.



Crosshill Community Association
To restore a small community garden which had fallen into disarray. Funding would be used to purchase plants, shrubs etc. and gardening equipment



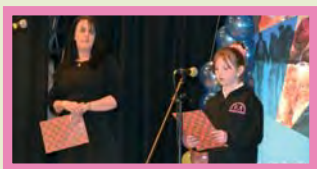
Kirkmichael Primary School
To develop Kirkmichael's community garden to encourage the wider community to use it



Carrick Coastal Rowing Club
To purchase rowing machines in order to maintain fitness levels in preparation for competitive events



St Cuthbert's Primary School and Eco Warriors Working Party
The group will purchase bark, astro-turf, paint, plants and shrubs (among other things) to make further improvements to the school playground and complete unfinished work. This will make the playground more usable by the pupils, and the community outwith school hours



Maybole Majorettes & Dance School
To purchase equipment and put towards costumes for the annual show



7th Ayrshire Scout Group (Maybole)
To purchase new camping equipment and give the young members of the group the opportunity to go camping



Straiton Primary School
To equip a community garden on land next to the school to ensure it is educational and accessible to both the school and community

The total awarded was just over £19,000 and the remaining balance was split between the six unsuccessful bidders St Oswald's Church, Girvan Canoe Club, Maybole and North Carrick OIR, Maybole OIR Walk & Talk Walking Group, Maidens Bowling Club and Maybole Young Arts and Maybole Youth Club. Each received £165.

Claire Monaghan, South Ayrshire Council's Head of Communities, said after the event, "It's fantastic that people in North Carrick have embraced this new way of working, with the strong turnout an encouraging sign for future events."

Dawn Parker, Community Engagement Officer for South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, said, "The day was a fantastic experience and the bids were brilliantly pitched.

"There was energy, passion, and variety from young and old and many people were able to learn about what other local groups are doing in their communities.

The organisers would like to thank TCS Construction Consultants and Richard Healey Removals who provided funding (via South Ayrshire Council's Procurement Team) to go towards the buffet and raffle prizes.



TKS Martial Arts & Fitness Charitable Trust
To purchase sparring kits to hold a series of classes for students



North Carrick Tots
To purchase new equipment and resources to develop a parent and toddler group within the Carrick Centre



Santa dropped in during the presentation courtesy of Carrick Round Table

There was £29,000 available to local organisations in North Carrick in December 2016

The event offered local people the opportunity to decide how money is spent in their communities and all each group had to do was persuade those who attended to vote for their project!

The funds were made available from North Carrick Community Benefit Company (£10,000), South Ayrshire (£9,000), the Scottish Government (£5,000) and Big Lottery Fund – Scotland (£5,000).

Entertainment was provided by South Ayrshire Percussion Ensemble, Maybole 3 Schools Choir and Maybole and District Youth Choir.

There were 140 registered voters on the day with over 160 people in the main hall and thirty-one groups secured full funding.

They were:

Kirkmichael Bridge Club, 7th Ayrshire Scout Group, Nursery Court Day Care User Group, Maybole Bowling Club, The Maybole and North Carrick Children's Gift Aid, Carrick Academy PE Sports Council, Maybole & District Youth Choir, Maybole Juniors Football Club, Maybole Youth Club, Maybole Community Association, 1st Maybole Brownies, Gardenrose Primary School, St Cuthbert's PS - Coding Club, South Ayrshire Young Carers Loch Eil group, Kirkmichael Village Renaissance, Dunure Youth Club, Straiton Primary School, The Carrick Centre Training Kitchen, Kirkmichael Craft Guild, Cairn Primary School, Carrick Academy Rugby, Girlguiding Ayrshire South – Rainbow 30th anniversary, South Ayrshire Active Schools, Carrick Coastal Rowing Club, Crosshill Primary School Parent Council, Crosne Street Sheltered Housing Unit and North Carrick Social work Team.





Councillor Bill McIntosh, Leader of South Ayrshire Council, said, "South Ayrshire's very first decision day took place in Maybole back in May and it's encouraging to see people continue to support the approach by turning out in such large numbers. By giving people the power to prioritise the projects that they want to see developed in their local community. The new

participatory budget approach is already helping to make a real difference to people's lives. I'd like to thank everyone involved in helping to organise the event and would like to wish every group that took part the greatest of success with their projects."

Gardenrose Primary School

To further develop the school playground by providing high quality pre-formed thermoplastic markings on the playground



Dunure Youth Club

To purchase equipment through which the young people will learn new skills around digital media and technology

Carrick Round Table

To purchase a new sleigh for the Santa service which brings Santa Claus to all the children in North Carrick in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The existing one is over 15 years old and is beyond repair



1st Maybole Brownies

To allow the group to use The Little Art School to provide a programme of Art for the children



St Cuthbert's PS Coding Club

To purchase additional computers and ICT equipment in order to help grow the club



Carrick Academy PE Sports Council

To purchase new equipment for use in the PE Department. To help encourage more people to take part in extracurricular sport



North Carrick Social Work Team

To purchase a portable hoist and adult slings to be sited in Maybole swimming pool. This equipment is much needed and will benefit many people with physical disabilities by providing access to the swimming pool, encouraging social inclusion and promoting emotional and physical wellbeing

Straiton Primary School

To develop phase 2 and phase 3 of the community garden. Making the area welcome through benches and seating, raised beds, water feature and solar lights



Presenting cheques to many local organisations



Left: Cheques presented to TKS Martial Arts, Carrick Academy, Gardenrose Primary, St Cuthbert's Primary and Maidens Harbour Trust to the value of £16,502



Left and Right: Mark Fletcher handed more funds over to Cairn Primary, Straiton Primary, Kirkmichael Village Renaissance, Carrick Community Leisure Group, Maidens Primary School, Carrick Sports Club, Maybole and North Carrick OIR, Maybole Bowling Club, Maybole Community Association, Ayrshire Young Arts, St Oswald's Episcopal Church, and 1st Maybole Guides. Mr Fletcher said, "We were pleased to award funds which will help all these groups to further their aims."

Following on from the recent success story of the Carrick Community Leisure Group (CCLG) being awarded £800,000 from the Big Lottery Fund Scotland, the group has received further funding. CCLG is the charity based at The Speakers in Maybole and has received £50,000 from North Carrick Community Benefit Company.



A trustee of the charity said "We couldn't be happier with the news. This shows the huge amount of support from the surrounding communities of North Carrick for the CCLG's plans for The Speakers' regeneration in Maybole. This takes us another step closer to realising the aims of the charity which, in this case, primarily is to create another fantastic facility in the area that will complement everything around and ensure that communities are better placed to self-provide whilst working with the support of local authorities and others to address the ever-increasing demands on the voluntary sector.

"Once the building is complete, we will be better placed to be able to host activity as well as let others provide services and activities currently not on offer elsewhere. It's great news for CCLG and the wider community."

Laser Cutting In Carrick Academy Design and Technology

Thanks to local companies and organisations NCCBC and The Royal Bank of Scotland, Carrick Academy Design & Technology are embracing laser cutting technology. The industry standard equipment has a laser powerful enough to cut through 10mm plywood and plastics and engrave on to a number of materials including glass. Accuracy of the HPC Laser Cutter is to 0.1mm and has revolutionised design and make from junior school up. Using the intuitive 3D modelling software, Inventor, pupils create their designs and then convert to DXF files for the laser cutter software. Production is very quick with whole class sets being cut within minutes and with very minimal waste compared to more traditional methods. Pupils have really taken to the possibilities of the machine and are now only constrained by their own creativity. Molly McMillan, Lauren Limond, Olivia Marshall, Keelan McCartney, Jack McCormick, current 5th years, organised a showcase afternoon to show off their recent productions to the department.





Photo shows l-r: Gordon Cuthbertson, Mark Fletcher, Billy Miller, Peter Lynn and Campbell Smith.

Billy Miller accepted the cheque on behalf of Kirkmichael Bowling Club to purchase a new mower that will enhance their play and enjoyment of this great outdoor activity.

Gordon Cuthbertson accepted the cheque for the Carrick Round Table and this will enable them to finish building Santa's new sleigh to replace the old one. The Round Table do a fabulous job of raising funds to support other causes and the sleigh brings so much joy to the area whilst helping to fundraise.

Campbell Smith received the cheque for Kirkmichael Village Renaissance which will complete the feasibility study that will help Kirkmichael to choose a site to ensure the continued success of the village community shop.



Since re-forming in 2012, Crosshill Community Association has been attempting to revive various community traditions in Crosshill

They have succeeded in reinstating the gala day and various annual events e.g. Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Children's Halloween party etc. and next year, as part of the gala week, the popular fun run will make a welcome return.

One on-going project is the Community Centre Improvement Plan. Crosshill Community Centre, formerly the village primary school, is very well used and the association is attempting to make sure it remains a well-equipped, pleasant facility for local groups.

They have been raising money to make necessary repairs and improvements and were delighted to

hear that they had been awarded a grant of £3,270 from North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC). This money will be used to buy new curtains for all of the rooms in the centre and to buy 100 new chairs. These improvements will be very much appreciated by the centre's regular users and will be a huge boost in the attempt to keep the community centre fit for use.

Mark Fletcher said, "NCCBC is happy to be presenting a cheque of £3,270 to Crosshill community Association toward their project to replace the chairs and the curtains in the village hall.

"It's great to see applications that benefit the wider community, as the village hall is a lifeline for Crosshill with so many beneficiary groups coming together and using this facility."



Mark Fletcher and Pat Lorimer received a lovely warm welcome from the Kirkmichael Gardening Club who received a grant from the NCCBC of £4,358. This is for their project to buy six new long-life planters for the village so the gardening club can continue next year with floral displays that welcome residents and visitors to Kirkmichael.

Mark Fletcher said, "It was great to see such a good turnout to the club's monthly meeting and we wish the group many happy years of growing and look forward to seeing the displays next year."



Maybole Juniors were also awarded £3,757 for improvements to their pitch and North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC) also contributed ten percent of the cost of a new tractor.



PAR North Carrick Project



Five delighted groups celebrate winning the votes of the North Carrick communities at the PAR North Carrick Decision Day held in the Carrick Centre, Maybole earlier this year

The PAR North Carrick Project was funded by the Scottish Government's Community Choices Fund and awarded to the North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC) in partnership with South Ayrshire Council, South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership, Carrick Academy and The Carrick Centre. It received one of the largest sums issued to an organisation from the fund.

A few days after the event, Mark Fletcher, chair of the NCCBC, presented cheques totalling £80,000 to the successful groups: **Carrick Sensory**, - a new group providing safe interactive sensory play sessions for children with specific needs, £16,985.92; **Maybole Pipe Band** for band uniforms, £19,500; **Minishant Primary School** - "Food for Thought" Community Kitchen Project, £20,000; and **North Carrick Community Sports Hub** - The Glebe Pavilion Development, £20,000.

These projects came to a total of £76,485.92 and the remaining £3,514.08 was awarded to the fifth most popular vote, **Dunure Community Council &**

Harbour Committee for a Rowing & Kayaking Club.

Mark said, "This was a great project and it was a pleasure to be involved. It was excellent to see the engagement from across North Carrick and across the age spectrum and to see money going to such worthy causes that can really make a difference in our communities. We were pleased to award funds which will help all these groups to further their aims."

After the presentation of cheques, groups were asked what being involved in the project and receiving the award meant to them.



Five delighted groups with their relevant cheques



Minishant Primary School

Minishant Primary School received an award for their Community Kitchen project and a representative said, "We are absolutely delighted to receive this money which wouldn't have been possible without the opportunity provided by the PAR North Carrick Project. This money will make a huge difference to the whole of the Minishant community, providing a much needed resource for everyone to access. We are looking forward to getting our project underway so the community can begin to reap the benefits."

Alex Kelly, representing North Carrick Community Sport Hub, said, "This funding will enable us to move forward with our plans to develop the facilities at the Glebe Park, Maybole. Our plan is to make it accessible to all community groups as well as local sports clubs and schools."



North Carrick Community Sports Hub

Many of the pitches at the event had involved young members of the community. Emily Gibson, a young member of the team pitching on behalf of Dunure Community Council & Harbour Committee, said, "We really enjoyed being involved in the project and the day. The money means the world to the community and we can't wait to get on the water."



Dunure Community Council & Harbour Committee

PAR Participate, Activate, Regenerate



Carrick Sensory

Andrea Hutchison, representing the Carrick Sensory group, said, "Since being successful at the PAR North Carrick Decision Day, the feedback and response within the community has been immense. We knew there was a need, but it is even bigger than we initially believed. People are delighted that this type of facility is now being made available and we are constantly being told 'we need you to start now!'"

"Being involved in this style of funding (participatory budgeting) is quite emotional as actually getting the votes from your community means so much and reinforces that you are involved in something very worthwhile. Participating in every stage of the project has already assisted in raising the awareness of the group and its plans."



Maybole Pipe Band

Kevin McDermott, of Maybole Pipe Band, said, "We are all extremely excited about receiving this funding as it will enable us to buy much needed new uniforms. Many of our uniforms are 'hand me downs' and really showing their age! Maybole Pipe Band take great pride in wearing the traditional military style uniform; however, the uniforms are very expensive to buy. We work hard throughout the year to raise enough money to maintain uniforms and instruments. This funding will enable us to improve the overall look of the band and help us to continue to provide a traditional pipe band for the local community of North Carrick and beyond. "We would like to thank everyone who took the time to come along to the funding event to support us."

NCCBC would like to thank North Carrick School Cluster for their support and participation; The Carrick Centre's Youth Innovation Project (YIP), who filmed the event; the North Carrick community, for taking the time to 'participate' and 'decide' how this money was awarded; to the groups who put their time and energy into applying and participating in the project; to everyone who volunteered and helped the day run smoothly; the wonderful entertainers, Carrick Children's Theatre & Voices, Rebecca Cameron, Carrick Academy, and Maybole Concert Party; GAB Audio (sound); Lawrence Solutions (voting); MontraMedia (graphic design), Ayrshire Leader, and The Carrick Centre staff.



A final thanks goes to The Scottish Government's Community Choices Fund and the PAR partners (NCCBC, South Ayrshire Council, South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership, The Carrick Centre and Carrick Academy) who made it all possible.

Thank you all for 'PARTICIPATING' from the PAR North Carrick Project

**You can follow all progress
on the North Carrick Community
Benefit Company website
www.nccbc.org**

**PAR 2 is now in place,
you can help your
community share in**

£100,000

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Two new minibuses are now available in the North Carrick area



These are based in Maybole at The Speakers and can be booked directly with South Ayrshire Community Transport (SACT).

A 17-seater minibus and a 9-seater MPV are available plus SACT is happy to make any of its other vehicles available. All of their Carrick vehicles are wheelchair accessible and are available for hire by any community organisation. If you don't have your own driver, they can supply one.

SACT also run an Out & About Excursion Club - look for the brochures in The Speakers, The Carrick Centre, the Library, Crosne Street and in all the North Carrick village shops - as well as Shopper and Theatre Specials.

Mark Fletcher said, "We had ring-fenced £60,000 to address community transport issues. When

approached by SACT to be a match funder to Ayrshire LEADER and others in a larger community transport project across South Ayrshire we were happy to support the purchase of these two buses."

They would encourage the community to make good use of these vehicles as the sustainability of community transport comes through use.

Additionally, they are working with the NCCBC and SPT to provide driver training (MiDAS and D1).

Contact them on **01292 270864**; via the website **www.sacommunitytransport.org** or Facebook site - **South Ayrshire Community Transport** and they'll do their very best to help you.

A recent event at The Speakers in Maybole saw the official launch of the two accessible minibuses





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partnership

Members of Maybole and North Carrick Villages Locality Planning Group has the aim of working together for the best possible health and wellbeing of all of its communities.

The Group is part of the Health and Social Care Partnership and they will work with local people to improve health, support social care, tackle health inequality, and improve community wellbeing and will work in partnership with local communities to offer services that are easily understood, accessible, well-coordinated, safe and person centred.

The group plans to deliver four community awareness raising sessions for those who live, work, study or volunteer across North Carrick and the first was held in Maybole Town Hall on Monday October 30.

The awareness-raising session began with an overview from Alzheimer Scotland, The Carrick

Centre, Carrick Community Learning and Development team, Champions for Change, Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, the community mental health team, Employability and Skills team (South Ayrshire) Youth and Adults, Social Work, Maybole/Girvan community care team, South Ayrshire Community Transport, South Ayrshire Life (VASA), Stepping Stones and The Maybole Over Fifties group.

After the presentations, there was a buffet and music from Girvan Friendship Group. Members of the public then had the opportunity to talk individually to those who had spoken earlier and learn about what was available locally.

The Social Work office, based on Maybole High Street, covers the area from Minishant to the Dumfries and Galloway border

Heather Mundell, Social Worker, told us, "We provide services which include advice, support, assistance and assessment with an outcome focus.

"Where required, the options within Self Directed Support are discussed and assessed with the objective being to protect and meet needs with an aim of reducing potential risk and improving quality of life and overall wellbeing.

"A large part of our public service is to carry out the role as a council officer under the legislation of Adult Support and Protection.

"It is important for social work to work closely in a multidisciplinary way to ensure that the best outcome is achieved for all.

"We are currently offering a new front door to

our service in Maybole Health Centre on a Wednesday each week from 2pm until 4pm.



Heather Mundell

"Any member of the public, without the requirement of an appointment, is able to discuss with a member of our team any concerns they may have, for example carer support, housing issues and any other community support in the area.

"As part of the 'North Carrick Cares' initiative we will be promoting 'a safe, accessible place for all', and will be providing free dementia awareness training to any member of the public, business or group which will commence from February, 2018."

Community Learning and Development is a service within South Ayrshire Council

The local CLD service is located upstairs from Maybole Library on the High Street and can be contacted on **01655 882105**.

"The work that we do is based around family learning, work in schools, community based youth work and work with adults.

Our early years work and work with families is undertaken in partnership with the local health visiting team. We have staff trained in the delivery of infant massage and offer these free to parents in 5 week blocks. Many parents progress from Infant massage classes to our well established peep groups. Peep (Parents Early Education Partnership) groups are early learning parent and child groups based on songs, stories, fun activities and child development. Parents can choose to work towards and gain nationally recognised accreditation for their learning in peep groups through the creation of a family portfolio.

We also organise baby and toddler first aid sessions for parents as well as delivering workshops for parents of toddlers around weaning, food choices and keeping toddlers healthy and active.

We work with young people both in the primary schools and in Carrick Academy where we deliver personal development programmes for young people. This may include an alternative curriculum in the secondary school, peer education programmes, sexting/internet safety and primary/secondary transition programmes. CLD organises and delivers community based youth work through youth clubs in Maybole and Dunure where young people can engage in fun activities which support them to gain accreditation for their participation e.g. through Dynamic Youth Awards.

Our work with adults in the community focusses on both employability opportunities and health and wellbeing programmes. We work in partnership with Ayrshire College to offer SQA courses which are delivered in the local community and are relaxed and informal. We also offer health and wellbeing courses to support people who are feeling low, lonely or isolated. CLD has a dedicated adult literacy service which provided support to adults on a one to one or group basis. This support can be with literacy, numeracy or Basic IT."

Champions For Change - South Ayrshire's Champions' Board

Champions' Boards provide a platform for looked-after young people to have their voices heard and talk directly to local communities, councillors and service providers, planners and commissioners, heads of services and front-line staff to ensure they have a bigger say in the decisions that affect their lives.

Through Champions' Boards, looked after young people can draw on their lived experience to influence improvements in services, policies and practices and make positive changes across South Ayrshire.

Putting young people in the driving seat in this way is a powerful example of a co-production approach which places relationships at the very heart of delivering services.

In South Ayrshire there are exciting plans over the coming year to develop a network of participation groups which allow young people to meet and develop supportive relationships with professionals, peers, family

members and community representatives.

There will be activity events which are informal fun and dynamic and they will work with young people to design and deliver training and awareness raising sessions for Corporate Parents.

Two Participation Assistants, Olivia and Rose, have been recruited to work with the Champions' Board. They will bring their own experience of being in care and commitment to work alongside the Corporate Parenting Officer to drive this work forward.





NORTH CARRICK CARES

"We are an established Team, that originally started in November 1999 as part of the ongoing developments, providing expanding services within Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, offering a multi-disciplinary approach to

care for people over 65 years with Mental Health Problems. We provide assessment for people with mental health problems or who have problems with their memory. You can be referred by your GP and a nurse will make contact with you initially in order to assess your needs and to determine how best to assist you."

Call: Brian Christie, Community Psychiatric Nurse, South Ayrshire on **01292 513907**

Click and connect!

South Ayrshire Life is a new on-line service packed with up-to-date information on what's happening in communities throughout the area.



New friends, new things to do and new places to go are just a click away on the South Ayrshire Life website. Whether it's walking football, knit and natter, kids' groups, sport, money advice or community transport, there's something for everyone on South Ayrshire Life. Visit

www.southayrshirelife.org or call freephone **0800 432 0510**



South Ayrshire Council's Employability and Skills team provide a range of flexible services to support young people and adults into work. This includes one-to-one support, Confidence building, Developing work readiness skills, Literacy support, Vocational tasters and Modern Apprenticeship opportunities. The team also engages with local employers and can offer an attractive wage incentive to employers who recruit an unemployed client.

<https://www.facebook.com/Employability-and-Skills-983987425053020>

Maybole over 50's (MOF's)

MOF's group has the aims of fighting loneliness and social isolation in the whole of North Carrick

Activities include:

Mondays: morning computing; sewing class; afternoon camera club.

Tuesdays: morning knit and natter group; backgammon/ board game group.

Wednesdays: morning walking group that walks between 4 and 5 miles with a coffee break in between; afternoon ukulele group.

Thursdays: morning art group. **Friday:** morning yoga class.

The group have arranged an outing to the pantomime in Glasgow before Christmas and are going to Prague for 5 days/4 nights. They went on two bus trips this year; Edinburgh and the Scottish Parliament and had another trip to the Kelpies and the Falkirk Wheel.



Senga Mason, left, of MOF's

A trip to Benidorm is planned for the beginning of May 2018 and everyone aged 50 and over is more than welcome to join the group which operates out of The Speakers in Maybole. Contact Anne on **07846 180753**.

Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for people in Scotland affected by chest, heart and stroke illness, through medical research, influencing public policy, advice and information and support in the community.



For information and advice call our Adviceline Nurses free on: **0800 801 0899**

For local stroke support groups, communication groups and Supported Communication Awareness training, for groups in Ayrshire contact **Margo McCutcheon** on: **07918 690 617**



Stepping Stones for Families

operate Carrick Money Advice Service which covers the whole of the Carrick area. "We give free impartial and confidential advice on a range of money related matters. This includes welfare rights, income maximisation and debt advice. We can be contacted at our Girvan office on **01465 712637**. We see people in Maybole and North Carrick area at The Speakers by arrangement".

Help your community to get a share of ...



£100,000



Participate Activate Regenerate 2017-18

£100,000 is available to be allocated to projects using Participatory Budgeting processes which means that those attending the Decision Day event on 3rd March, 2018 will vote for which projects should get funding. SO WHY NOT GET INVOLVED NOW?

Open to all community groups, businesses, and potentially individuals (subject to meeting criteria) in the following community council areas.

- Crosshill, Straiton & Kirkmichael
- Dunure
- Kirkoswald, Maidens & Turnberry
- Maybole
- Minishant

Support is available to applicants to help with Project Identification, Project Development, Application Writing, Presentation Skills, etc.

Projects can be:

Small up to	£1,000
Medium	£1,000 to £5,000
Large	£5,000 to £10,000

Funds will be allocated to projects before 31st March 2018. Projects must be completed by 31st March 2019

Themes for projects:

Projects should fit into one or more of the following themes – Youth-based; Working with Seniors; Supporting unemployed people; Improving access to Training and Qualifications; Work with Cared-for people; Addressing Social Isolation; Improving Community Transport; Improving Health and Wellbeing.

Deadlines ...

- **24th December 2017** – Submitting Expression of Interest Forms
- **26th January 2018** – Submitting Full Applications
- **3rd March 2018** – Decision Day – Voting on Projects

PAR2 is for everyone in North Carrick including young people, older people and all those who feel they're sometimes overlooked.

Forms and funding criteria available from **Stuart Lindsay** at: par2information@gmail.com by telephoning **07977 115 974** or visit us at: www.nccbc.org



Participate, Activate Regenerate - PAR2 project implemented by North Carrick Community Benefit Company & Maybole and North Carrick Locality Planning Group. Jointly funded by South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership (Locality Planning) and Scottish Government (Community Choices Fund)



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COLLECTIVE COMMOTION
MAYBOLE & NORTH CARRICK YOUTH FORUM

**MAYBOLE & NORTH CARRICK
YOUTH FORUM**
PRESENTS...

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING EVENT FOR YOUTH PROJECTS

WHEN

- **Voting day— Sat 27th January 2018**
- **Voting—10am-12pm**
- **Registration closes at 11:30am**
- **Successful applications announced at 1pm**

WHERE

**The Carrick Centre, Culzean Road,
Maybole, KA19 7DE**

Stalls will be allocated to applicants and we will have a 'marketplace' format where voters are invited to browse each stall and find out about each project.

Groups with projects that require support of up to £1000 are invited to apply via email at manc.youthforum@gmail.com

HOW TO APPLY

- **Deadline 15/12/17 5pm**
- **Email us for an application form**

Application Criteria

- **The project must be Youth Led— young people should be involved in planning etc.**
- **The project must be beneficial to the young people in North Carrick**
- **If the application is to purchase resources, they must be resources that the young people themselves have expressed a need for.**
- **A young person involved in the project should be able to attend the voting day in January.**

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North Carrick Community NEWS

This newsletter is for the community so please feel free to submit any articles, events, news updates etc.

Your village/group/club can use this to highlight any forthcoming events, be it Gala Days, Fitness Classes, Children's Fun Days etc, if you want people to know what your doing or what you have achieved then please do not hesitate to contact Shona McMahon @ Evolution Designs Ltd: evolutiondesigns@sky.com or call 07753 111 038

We will aim to publish all information supplied to us but cannot guarantee this due to limited space. The editorial board will decide upon each submission.



Action plans

The community councils across North Carrick will be carrying out simple and easy to

complete surveys in each of the communities. The purpose of the survey is to inform town and village action plans for the next five years. The information gathered will be incredibly valuable when lobbying official bodies or when there is a requirement for evidence of the need for something in a community. The survey will be delivered through every door and spare copies placed in each community along with return points. There will also be an online version. This will then be followed by community meetings to report the findings before collating into action plans.

Please keep your eyes peeled for the survey and please take the opportunity to have a say in your community !!!

Advertising Opportunities

This newsletter has been created for the local community and we want our readers to use this as a way of keeping up to date with what is going on in and around your area. We also aim to place local business adverts within future issues of the magazines so should you wish to advertise within the next edition please contact Shona McMahon at Evolution Designs Ltd: evolutiondesigns@sky.com or call 07753 111 038.

RATES PER ISSUE

1/8th page advert.....£50
1/2 page advert£180

1/4 page advert.....£95
Full Page advert.....£340



We print 5,000 magazines and distribute these throughout North Carrick as well as local businesses which means your advert will be seen by a vast audience. Artwork/design charges may be applicable if required.



ScottishPower Renewables is delighted to see how many great projects North Carrick Community Benefit Company has helped deliver within its first couple of years of funding from our Dersalloch Windfarm.



ScottishPower Renewables has more than 30 operational windfarms across the UK and, to date, we have voluntarily contributed more than £22m in community benefit to those living near to our windfarms.

We are pleased to see that the Dersalloch Windfarm community benefit fund is being utilised for the benefit of so many across North Carrick. Over the lifetime of the windfarm, ScottishPower Renewables will contribute more than £8.5m to local community initiatives and we encourage all of the community groups within the area to consider how the fund can be of the greatest benefit to them.

Dersalloch Windfarm became operational in November 2016 and has been performing well.

Since construction of the windfarm, ScottishPower Renewables has contributed more than £620,000 to North Carrick Community Benefit Company and they have already awarded more than £380,000 to local projects that are making a positive difference in all of the recipient communities.

The company has helped to support, through match funding opportunities, projects worth £1.4 million in the last financial year.



When the first cheque was presented to NCCBC, local community councils immediately received over £20,000 to distribute small grants to organisations in their areas

ScottishPower Renewables would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the set up and management of North Carrick Community Benefit Company for their time and effort to ensure that the Dersalloch Windfarm community benefit fund helps to bring about positive change and lasting benefit across north Carrick. We look forward to seeing what the fund can help the communities of Crosshill, Straiton & Kirkmichael; Kirkoswald, Maidens & Turnberry; Dunure; Minishant and Maybole deliver in the future.