

COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND

2025/2026

The closing date for applications is 24th May 2026.
Please note late applications will not be accepted

Please refer to the associated guidance when completing this application form.

All projects must be completed by Friday 13th November 2026.

This is an application form for the Coastal Communities Fund managed by South Ayrshire Council. Please complete all parts of the form. If you require any clarification or additional information, then please contact grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Amount of grant requested

| TYPE OF GRANT | AMOUNT | PURPOSE | SELECT ONE |
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| *Small grant | Up to £1000 | To support small grass roots groups and organisations. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| *Development grant | Up to £10,000 | The Development Grant will assist groups to plan & develop small scale projects that will link into one of the priorities of the Coastal Communities Grant Fund. Projects will essentially make communities a more attractive place to live & work. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Section 1: Organisation Details

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| Organisation Name | GoGirvan |
| Organisation Address | 25 Knockushan Street, Girvan, KA26 9AG |
| Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated) | Charity Organisation GoGirvan Community Led Regeneration SCIO |

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| association etc. or private sector) | |
| If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number | SC052210 |
| Does your group/organisation have a bank account? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> |

Section 2: Contact details

| Contacts | Lead Contact |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name | Susie Stott |
| Position in Organisation | Events and Projects Support Officer |
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Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Girvan Geology Group Excursions

b. About your project, what are you seeking funding for?

For large grant applicants only - what risks have you considered, and what steps will you take to keep the project sustainable over the long term?

We are seeking support for The GoGirvan, Girvan Geology Group to enable them to develop by exploring some significant geological places they have identified an interest in visiting as field trips. These include Dunure, Straighton, Ballantrae, Creetown, Ardwell Bay and Mauchline.

The group was formed by GoGirvan about a year ago and currently meets once a month at The Town House, Girvan. Most are older retired people, but younger participants are engaging now too, we currently have 22 members in the group with an average of 12 attending each week.

Some of the group recently attended the Claudia Zeiske programme at The McKechnie Institute and enjoyed a field trip with her, but there were limitations with transport highlighting the need for a better approach. Interest was expressed by the group to go on more excursions but we require funding to book a minibus to facilitate this.

These excursions aim to improve wellbeing by getting people outdoors in a social environment where they have a chance to learn and share Geological knowledge.

We aim to increase local and wider interest in the area's internationally important geological heritage as a visitor attraction and encourage more people to learn about it through these excursions. This can be achieved using photographs and simple learning information which will be published and downloadable on our Website and shared through our social media GoGirvan page on Facebook. These resources will be made available to The Girvan Tourist Information Point to share with visitors.

c. What community will this project be delivered to and what communities will benefit?

This project will be delivered to the Geology Group members in Girvan & South Carrick.

d. Can your project demonstrate that your project/organisation needs have been identified through consultation?

Yes No

If yes, please include details of the consultation and a summary of the results.

During the last two meet-ups with the group on 24th March and 21st April we had discussions about what the group would like to achieve during 2026. All expressed a keen desire to get outdoors and explore more in the summer/autumn months and reserve indoor meet-ups and educational talks for the winter season. They shared ideas of geological excursions they wished to take part in but with a barrier of transport being an issue for some and car sharing not being an ideal solution, the preference was for a minibus if we could raise funds to support this.

The key excursions included - Dunure (Agates), Straighton (Gold panning), Ballantrae (Tectonic plates), Creetown (Gem museum and fault line), Ardwell Bay and Mauchline (Curling stones).

e. Which of the following Council plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:

Priority 1 – Spaces & Places

Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn

Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride

If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please detail which priority it will be achieving. See [here](#) for local plans.

Plan Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride by celebrating Girvan’s unique natural heritage, increasing opportunities for recreation and lifelong learning, and strengthening local identity. The group enables local people of all ages to engage with the internationally significant geology on their doorstep, fostering pride in place and a deeper connection to the landscape. By offering accessible, low-cost outdoor learning, these excursions widen participation in community life and promote wellbeing through nature-based activity. They also enhance Girvan’s profile as a welcoming, knowledgeable destination, contributing to positive visitor experiences and supporting tourism. Led by Girvan Geology Group, the excursions can empower volunteers, encourage intergenerational involvement, and demonstrate strong community stewardship of South Ayrshire’s coastline. These outcomes deliver on the Council’s ambition to build confident, connected, and proud communities.

f. Please select the grant you are applying for and the relevant priority (you can select more than one priority, if applicable).

For small grant only:

- To assist with barriers to sustain the group
- To develop new projects/ideas

For development grant only:

- Deliver improvements to public places that will increase the number of visitors
- make coastal communities more attractive places to live and work
- demonstrate a strong link to local strategies and local place plans

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| Estimated start date: | July 2026 |
| Estimated completion date: (must be by 13th November 2026) | October 2026 |

g. If your project relates to a property or land, please confirm whether you own, or lease the property or land
 own lease

If lease, an indication that the owner is supportive or aware that plans will be required. Please detail how you will provide evidence of support, ie long term lease.

If lease, then a copy of the lease needs to be provided.

h. Please tick/populate as appropriate:

Are you aware of the appropriate consents required for this project? Yes No

Do you have:

- Statutory consents for your project in place
- Planning, including listed building and conservation area consents
- Building Warrants
- Evidence of Pre application discussion Please include your reference number

- Not applicable

Copies of any of the above need to be provided.

Section 4: Project Costs

How much funding are you requesting from the Coastal Communities Fund?

£940.70

Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?

Revenue £940.70

Capital £

Please provide a full break down of costs for your project for your application to be considered.

If applying for both revenue and capital, then please detail costs separately.

| Item/Activity | Cost |
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| Hire of South Ayrshire Community Transport for return journeys and waiting time calculated using their hire cost estimate calculator for each trip: | |
| Creetown - Gem Museum and fault line | 189.35 |
| Dunure - Agates | 130.40 |
| Straighton - Gold Panning | 141.80 |
| Ardwell Bay - 450-million-year-old Ordovician exposure & fossils | 211.25 |
| Mauchlin - Curling Stones | 167.00 |
| Ballantrae - Tectonic Plates | 100.90 |
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| Total | 940.70 |

For development grant only:

***3 quotes need to be provided for proposed works over £1000 (individual item), quotes need to be dated within last 6 months – if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.**

Section 5: Checklist

Please confirm you have the following documents:

Constitution/Memorandum & Articles

Audited or independently verified accounts

Last 3 months bank statements

Section 6: Declaration & Conditions

I, on behalf of, (organisation name):

- Certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is true and accurate and will adhere to the following terms and conditions;
- Understand that making this application does not entitle the organisation to funding as a right;
- Will not commence or commit any expenditure before receiving approval of the funding;
- Confirm that the quotations are bona fide competitive quotes;
- Will provide the External Funding officer with digital colour photos of the work, both before and after the work has been completed. I understand that these images will be kept on record and used for future publicity;
- Understand that this funding award does not cover retrospective work;
- Understand that to make any misleading statement in relation to this application could make the application invalid, or may mean the organisation has to repay the funding;
- Understand that this application is subject to appropriate checks and meets appropriate conditions such as planning, procurement guidelines, and other statutory consents; and
- I Have read the associated guidance before completing and submitting this application form.
- Understands that if I do not provide satisfactory evidence of spend then the council may request I repay the grant

Failure to return or complete and return any evaluations requested then I may not receive any future funding from South Ayrshire Council. I may be asked to repay the funds if I cannot provide evidence that they were used for the purpose intended.

Name of Person Completing Application: Susie Stott

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : GoGirvan Community Led Regeneration

Date: 20/05/2026

Completed applications only should be saved as a PDF document and uploaded to

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Supporting documents should be e-mailed to grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

These include:

- Constitution
- Last 3 months bank statements
- Independently verified accounts
- Quotes (where required)