COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND

2026-2027

The closing date for applications is 29th October 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 30th June 2027.

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
*Development grant	Up to £15,000	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.	☐

Section 1: Organisation Details

Organisation Name	Kirkmichael Village Renaissance
Organisation Address	McCosh Hall, 19 Patna Road, Kirkmichael, Ayrshire KA19 7PJ
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	**Limited company with Charitable status**
If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	**SCO46113**

Does your group/organisation have a bank account?	Yes ☒ No ☐ In progress ☐

Section 2: Contact details

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	Caroline Lorimer
Position in Organisation	Chair

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

New signs for Community Shop and Cafe

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

What risks have you considered, and what steps will you take to keep the project sustainable over the long term?

The Community Shop and Café provides an essential hub for the village and the surrounding area as well as being a visitor destination for cyclists and visitors to the area. It plays an important role in supporting the community, reducing rural isolation, providing an inclusive meeting place along with volunteering and employment opportunities.

The village of Kirkmichael has recently undertaken a successful community acquisition of the McCosh Hall under the organization of the Kirkmichael Ayrshire Development Trust. KVR is continuing to operate the Community Shop and Café in the ground floor of the hall with a lease from KADT.

We are hoping to use the grant funding to replace the signs for the Shop and Café, both inside and out. This would raise the profile of the premises and publicise it to passing drivers, especially as it is not on the main route through the village. It would also contribute to the improvement works on the building.

Replacing the signs would improve the attractiveness of the Shop and Café, make it more noticeable for visitors and increase the footfall thus generating more income and ensuring the sustainability of the business.

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

Kirkmichael and the surrounding community

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.

The subject has been discussed and agreed at the monthly Shop Board meeting supported by consultation with customers and volunteers in the Shop. The KADT board support the proposals

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.

The project supports the Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael Community-led Action Plan 2025–2030, particularly Kirkmichael Action 9.3, which identifies enhancing the Community Shop and Café within McCosh Hall as a local priority. It also contributes to the plan's aim of maintaining and improving existing community assets. New, attractive signage will improve the appearance and visibility of the shop and café, helping visitors recognise these facilities and encouraging them to stop, visit and spend locally. Increased footfall will help generate the income needed to sustain this community business and retain valuable services for residents. The project therefore provides a practical way to support the local economy, improve the visitor experience and strengthen community pride, while helping secure the long-term future of an important village asset.

The project primarily aligns with Live, Work and Learn by encouraging visitors to use the community shop and café, increasing local spending and supporting the long-term sustainability of this valuable village business. It also contributes to Civic and Community Pride through attractive signage that enhances the village and promotes a community-run asset.

f. Please select the relevant priority (you can select more than one priority, if applicable):

- 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 ☒

Estimated start date:	**Mid November**
Estimated completion date: (must be by 30th June 2027)	**End January**

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:
Is the property a listed building? Yes ☒ No ☐
If Yes:
☐x I acknowledge that works to a listed building may require Listed Building Consent and that it is my responsibility to ensure all necessary permissions are obtained prior to commencing works.

i. 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?
£2099.00
Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?
Revenue ☐ £
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**
Assorted signs	**£2518.00**
Total	**£2518.00**

For development grant:
***3 quotes need to be provided for proposed works/items over £1000, quotes need to be dated within last 6 months – <u>if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.</u>**

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: Caroline Lorimer _____

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Kirkmichael Village Renaissance_____

Date: ____27 10 26_____

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)