

**COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND**

**2024/2025**

The closing date for applications is 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

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 31<sup>st</sup> March 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](mailto:grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

**Amount of grant requested**

TYPE OF GRANT	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	SELECT ONE
*Small grant	Up to £1000	To support small grass roots groups and organisations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Development grant	Up to £4,950	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Section 1: Organisation Details**

Organisation Name	<b>McCandlish Hall – Straiton Club</b>
Organisation Address	<b>Balminnoch Cottage, Straiton, KA19 7NF</b>
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	<b>Charity (not SCIO)</b>

If a charity or Limited Company please include your number	<b>SC006604</b>
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	Jennifer Williams
Position in Organisation	Chair

## Section 3: Project Details

### Project Title

Hall Improvement Works – Phase 1 of Storage Extension
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### About your project/what are you seeking funding for?

<p>Funding is sought to progress architectural design work through to planning permission and building warrant stage for a small side extension to house a purpose-built storage area. We would contract ARPL Architects who provided a competitive quote for this work.</p> <p>A lack of storage has been a long-standing issue for the hall, limiting its flexibility and functionality. Chairs, tables, benches and group-specific equipment are currently stored in shared spaces, making set up and access difficult for users. The McCandlish Hall committee are seeking to address this issue by increasing storage space to improve the community space for current user groups and remove barriers for potential future community groups.</p> <p>Achieving this ambition will support the continued sustainability and increased use of McCandlish Hall as a valued Community Hub.</p>
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**What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit?**

The project will be delivered in Straiton and will benefit the village community.

**Please provide information you have about the need and support for the project, eg community consultation**

The need for improved storage was identified through extensive community consultation during the “Foundations for Recovery” (FfR) programme, funded by North Carrick Community Benefit Company. The FfR process reviewed the 2019-2024 Action Plan, audited Community Assets and included public meetings, roadshows and media outreach. The resulting report highlighted storage as a key issue limiting the hall’s flexibility and use, recommending a small side extension to accommodate equipment.

The Hall Committee, comprising representatives from regular user groups, has consistently highlighted that lack of storage restricts current use and prevents new activities ie. A proposed Table Tennis Club by a local resident – this cannot proceed due to the lack of secure storage space for the equipment required.

The Community Council and Hall Users support this project for the hall. Letters and emails of support have been received from a Straiton Representative Gordon Ferrie on the Community Council; the Chair of the Community Council – Pat Lorimer (after consulting with the wider Community Council members) and Moira Paton on behalf of Straiton Badminton Club. The current club has been meeting weekly in the McCandlish Hall for the last 16yrs. The Landowners of the grounds surrounding the hall – Sir Patrick and Lady Margueritte Hunter Blair have also provided their approval and support of the project.

**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 ☒

**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 ☒

If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please details which priority it will be achieving:

This project links to the Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael Community Led Action Plan 2025 – 2030 – Priority 02 Live, Work and Learn – Keep Straiton play and recreational facilities adequate and sufficient for all ages and Priority 03 Civic and Community Pride – Straiton seeks to maintain and improve current assets.

<b>Estimated start date:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> November 2025</b>
<b>Estimated completion date:</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>

**Section 4: Project Costs**

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

**£3899**

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

Revenue ☐ £

Capital ☒ £ 3899

Please provide a full break down of costs for your project.

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

<b>Item/Activity</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>ARPL Architects</b>	<b>3899</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>3899</b>

**For development grant only:**

Individual item costs over £1000, 3 quotes need to be provided – 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, McCandlish Hall – Straiton Club:

- 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: Jennifer Williams \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : McCandlish Hall – Straiton Club \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_09/09/2025\_\_\_\_\_

Completed application only should be saved as a PDF document and uploaded to the [Your Area Your Voice Your Choice](#)

Supporting documents should be e-mailed to [grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

These include:

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