

## **Energy Working group – Update report for Community Council 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

### **Engagement/meetings with South Ayrshire Council officials**

A meeting is being organized with Lorna Jarvie, Sustainable Development Officer South Ayrshire Council (SAC) regarding the finalised Energy Master Plan for North, South and East Ayrshire. It was also confirmed by Tom Burns portfolio holder for Energy that Councilor Ian Cochrane is aware and very supportive of the Energy Group's plans.

I met with SAC official Kevin Carr, Assistant Director Place and Kevin Anderson Service Lead, Performance, Policy and Community Planning, regarding the Energy Project plans. They advised that a block of flats in James Street within Wallacetown had been identified for upgrading and could potentially support the plans of the Energy group and also be a Community Hub for the community. The Energy group have been invited to work with SAC on identified projects.

### **Logo Competition (w/b 21-26 March 2022)**

The pupils at Newton Primary, (nursery, p1-p7) have completed their logo suggestions. There will be eight class winners, with one overall class winner. All winners will receive a certificate and the overall class winners will have an outing to the STEM Centre at Dumfries House.

The judging panel will be Denise Sommerville (Wallacetown local community), Lorraine Ross (Education Scotland), Joan Brockie (Home Energy Scotland) and Siobhan MacDonald (Home Energy Scotland) and David Porte, (Multidisciplinary Team SAC)

### **Coastal Communities Fund update**

The Energy group have been awarded £10k from the Coastal Communities Fund for the following tasks:

- Feasibility study to identify fuel baseline data.
- 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 strategy*.

I have arranged a meeting with Emma Congreve, Deputy Director and Knowledge Exchange Fellow at Fraser of Allander Institute to discuss undertaking the feasibility study. He will invite the group to this meeting. He also advised that he was speaking to Strathclyde University regarding the availability of a PhD student to undertake one of the identified feasibility studies. I have also arranged a meeting with Academic colleagues, Executive Dean Faculty of Engineering and our Knowledge Exchange Professor to explore opportunities for support. I continue to work closely with Dr Roddy Yarr the Suitability Director at the university.

We continue to receive ongoing support from CARES

### **Budget control**

Forbes Watson who is a Fort, Seafield and Wallacetown Community Council and Association member will manage the funds, (Treasurer Community Association) received from the Coastal Communities Fund.

Alan Roseweir, (Chair of Wallacetown Energy Project Group) – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022