

Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	13 March 2019 – Largs Campus
Present:	<p>Councillor Alex Gallagher (Chair) John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice Chair); Councillor Robert Barr; Councillor Joy Brahim; Councillor Todd Ferguson; Councillor Alan Hill; Councillor Tom Marshall; Councillor Ian Murdoch; Yvonne Baulk, Senior Lead Officer, NAC; Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer, NAC; Louise Riddex, Locality Co-ordinator (Kilwinning & North Coast), NAC; Anne Carson, Largs Community Council; Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council; Graham Wallace, Cumbrae Community Council; Lesley Stringer, Community Representative; Charlie Tymon, Scottish Fire and Rescue; Colin Convery, Police Scotland; Bernadette Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer, NAC; Rosemary Fotheringham, Grants Officer, NAC; and Melanie Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader, NAC</p>
Apologies:	Louise McDaid, North Coast, Health and Social Care Partnership.

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and apologies for absence were recorded.</p> <p>Lesley Stringer, whose nomination as a Community Representative was proposed at the last meeting, was introduced to the meeting, and her appointment was duly proposed and seconded.</p> <p>The Acting Chair of Cumbrae Community Council, Graham Wallace was also introduced to the meeting.</p> <p>At the discretion of the Chair, the order of business was varied to allow earlier consideration of Agenda Item 3 (Largs Skate Park Group).</p>	Jennifer McGee
2.	<p>Largs Skate Park Group</p> <p>Gavin Donaldson of Largs Skate Park, accompanied by other members of the group, provided an update on progress group since it funding support from the Partnership. A short film was also shown to illustrate activity at the park.</p> <p>Among the points highlighted were:-</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the success of the official opening and ‘skate jam’ held in June 2018, which attracted 63 competitors aged 8 to 38 and was well supported by the community; • the award in August 2018 of £2,500 in funding from Kelburn Wind Farm for future events; • recognition for three members of the group, who received the ARC award for services to the community at the Largs Academy prize-giving in September 2018; • a successful Hallowe’en disco event held in October 2018; • the group’s ongoing commitment to keep the park clean and tidy and free of litter; • attendance by members of the group at a number of skating competitions outwith North Ayrshire; and • plans for the Summer ‘jam’ event. <p>The Partnership welcomed the success of the group and thanked those representatives in attendance for their contribution.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 10 December 2018 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions was confirmed.</p> <p>The Senior Lead Officer highlighted the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a meeting with representatives of the Council’s Roads and Road Safety services on road safety issues at Largs Campus; • approval by the Council’s Cabinet of the Community Investment Fund application by the Clearer Minds Project; • advice that the proposed housing development in Skelmorlie was not yet at the planning application stage and that concerns raised by Skelmorlie Community Council could be considered as part of the consultation; and • a slight delay in the implementation of Streetscene Participatory Budgeting work, with a staged approach to seasonal planting now planned over the three-year period of the project. <p>The Partnership agreed (a) to note (i) that a report on the traffic issues at Largs Campus would be submitted to the next meeting, with a Road Safety officer to attend and (ii) that the proposed presentation in respect of the new GP contract would be made at the next meeting.</p> <p>[Post Meeting Note: Councillor Todd Ferguson’s presence at the last meeting was omitted in error for the Action Note]</p>	<p><i>Yvonne Holland</i></p> <p><i>Scott Bryan</i></p>

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<p>4.</p>	<p>2019 Agenda Setting</p> <p>A report was submitted on the key themes emerging from the People’s Panel/Locality Survey and suggestions for future focus.</p> <p>The Senior Lead Officer advised that the feedback reflected the priorities already identified by the Partnership, and also demonstrated the need for more work in terms of effectively communicating the role of the Partnership and engaging the public in its work.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • themes for consideration at meetings during the remainder of 2019; • the importance of social housing provision; • the potential involvement of Head Teachers in the Partnership; • engaging with all three schools (Largs Academy, Ardrossan Academy and St Matthew’s Academy) attended by young people in the North Coast and Cumbraes; • the capacity of community councils to distribute a volume of information from a variety of agencies; • the extent to which the survey was representative; • methods of improving public attendance at meetings of the Partnership and other ways to engage with the public; • consideration by the Financial Inclusion Sub-Group of ways to ensure the hardest to reach within the community have a voice; • the role of credit unions, advice provision, food solutions, banks and co-ops in addressing financial exclusion; • the value of prioritising a presentation on financial inclusion matters; and • the possible development of a citizen’s information centre in Largs. <p>The Partnership agreed that, in addition to standing items of business, the following should be considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2019 – a presentation on financial inclusion, to include themes such as on credit unions, advice provision and food; • September 2019 – older people’s services; and • December 2019 – stress and anxiety, including feedback from schools and an invitation for youth forum representatives to attend. 	<p>Rhona Arthur</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Locality Co-ordinator Update and Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>The Locality Co-ordinator presented a progress report. A Fairer Food Summary document was also circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>The Locality Co-ordinator highlighted a number of points, including the following:-</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attendance at the HSCP Locality Forum meeting by the Locality Co-ordinator and Lead Officer; • a number of expressions of interest in respect of CIF funding, with a proposal from the Barony in West Kilbride expected to be the subject of a formal application for consideration at the next meeting of the Partnership; • the potential establishment of a youth group on Cumbrae; • a presentation by the Clearer Minds Project to the HSCP Locality Forum; • a planned session for S6 pupils on 26 April 2019; • the establishment of a youth group in Largs, meeting initially on a fortnightly basis but with plans for a weekly session, subject to the identification of premises; • discussion at the Pre-Agenda meeting on allowing an opportunity at Partnership meetings for community representatives to provide updates; and • the role of the Food Worker and Food Steering Group, including the development of four pledges. <p>The Partnership discussed the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the current position in respect of Helter Skelter; • the decision by TACT to apply for alternative funding via Aspiring Scotland, rather than progressing a CIF application; • introducing an opportunity at Partnership meetings for community representatives and community councils to provide updates; • free school meals as an indicator of the level of food need in communities; • the importance of healthy food options, as well as approaches to ensure those in need receive food with dignity; • whether the Partnership might be asked to consider funding to support the distribution of weekend food to school pupils and communities; • the work of Centre Stage in reducing social isolation and financial inclusion; and • the rescheduling of a planned food event at Saltcoats Town Hall. <p>The Partnership agreed (a) that the Agenda for future meetings of the Partnership include an opportunity for community representatives and community councils to provide updates; (b) to note the opportunity to contribute to a Scottish Government consultation on its Good Food Nation proposals; and (c) that Centre Stage be invited to contribute to the Financial Inclusion presentation at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Jennifer McGee</p> <p>Rhona Arthur</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Sub Group Chairs Updates</p> <p><u>Social Isolation – Older People</u></p> <p>Councillor Hill provided an update on the work of the sub-group, including:-</p>	

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- feedback from Alzheimer Scotland on the value of replacing the working title of 'Dementia Friendly Largs' with one supporting a more general message about accessibility;
- accessibility proposals around toilet provision, dropped kerbs and changing places;
- Alzheimer Scotland advice and support for local businesses on being dementia friendly;
- feedback on the Barrfields User Group and Helter Skelter in the context of the wider review of halls and community centres;
- potential CIF projects on Cumbrae;
- consideration by Barrfields User Group of events for older people; and
- plans to widen the invitation to attend sub-group meetings, to include HSCP representatives, dementia sufferers and their carers.

Financial Inclusion

It was noted that Councillor Brahim had provided an update on the work of this sub-group as part of Agenda Item 4.

Stress and Anxiety – Younger People

Councillor Murdoch provided an update on the work of the sub-group, including:-

- the need for premises of some kind to help reduce social isolation experienced young and old;
- a music tutorials project by Organised Noise at Kelburn and its potential expansion to include Largs town centre;
- the nomination of Corrie Shepherd of Clearer Minds for a Civic Pride award;
- the potential to tackle social isolation for young and old by getting young people involved in interacting with sheltered housing unit residents; and
- involving young people in planting activities in public open spaces as a means of helping to reduce stress and anxiety.

The Partnership discussed the following:-

- the potential benefits of earlier intervention to reduce demand on Child and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS); and
- the benefits of working with animals in terms of reducing stress and anxiety.

The Partnership agreed to note that Councillor Murdoch would discuss further with Anne Carson the possible avenues to develop opportunities for young people to work with animals as a means to help reduce stress and anxiety.

Noted.

**Councillor
Murdoch**

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the financial challenges faced by the Council and the outcome of the recent budget setting meeting, including an increase to Council Tax of 4.79% from 1 April 2019. <p>The Partnership discussed the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the factors considered by the Council in identifying and seeking to meet social housing needs; early years provision; and the development of a new housing office in Kilwinning given the rationalisation of housing office provision in recent years. <p>Noted.</p> <p>Councillor Ferguson, Lesley Stringer and Graham Wallace left the meeting at this point.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Locality Youth Forum Update</p> <p>The Locality Co-ordinator provided a verbal update on the work of the Locality Youth Forum, advising that representatives had hoped to be in a position to attend the meeting and highlighting the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ongoing development of a constitution; arrangements for the Forum to receive committee skills training; and plans to use PB funding for a fun day rather than a gala in Skelmorlie. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Gaelic Language Plan 2019-2024</p> <p>The Lead Officer provided a verbal update on consultation commencing in April to refresh the Council's Gaelic Language Plan and on the work done to maximise available funding in this area to allow, for example, the introduction of Gaelic signage to new buildings.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the proportion of the population of North Ayrshire which speaks Gaelic; whether, following a question from a member of the public in attendance, any Council funding was available to allow the translation into Gaelic of a visitor leaflet; and the potential for PB funding to allow for the teaching of basic Gaelic in schools. <p>The Lead Officer undertook to the feasibility of PB funding being applied to support to teaching of basic Gaelic in schools.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur</i></p>

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12. 12.1	AOCB Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Updates <p>The Partnership considered whether updates from Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue representatives should be added as an Agenda item in future and was advised that this matter had been raised as an action point at the Locality Partnership Working Group.</p> <p>The Chair invited those representatives present to provide any update they may have.</p> <p>Colin Convery of Police Scotland provided a short verbal report on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the relocation of Largs Police Office and a possible public event to allow members of the public to view the current premises prior to them being marketed;• a change of Police Scotland personnel on Cumbrae; and• receipt of an invitation to meet with the Community Planning Team Leader to discuss the provision of updates to the Partnership. <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• whether plans had been finalised in terms of the future of the current Police Scotland premises in Largs; and• concerns about emergency vehicle access to Keppenburn Avenue in Fairlie, in light of parking congestion.	
14.	Date of Next Meeting <p>The next meeting will take place at 6.00 p.m. on 12 June 2019 in Cumbrae Parish Church.</p>	Jennifer McGee

Meeting ended at 8.10