



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership

**Tuesday 28 January 2020, 6.00 p.m, Largs Campus, Alexander Avenue,  
Largs, KA30 9EU**

### Business

Item	Subject	Pg	Ref	Officer	Timings
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>			Cllr Gallagher	6.00 – 6.05
2.	<b>Action Note</b> Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items	Pg 3	Enclosed	Russell McCutcheon	6.05 – 6.10
3.	<b>GP Contracts</b> Receive update from Paul Kerr, Clinical Director, North Ayrshire HSCP	-	Verbal	Paul Kerr	6.10 – 6.25
4.	<b>Community Wealth Building Update</b> Receive update from Caitriona McAuley, Head of Economic Growth	-	Presentation	Caitriona McAuley	6.25 – 6.40
5.	<b>Local Development Plan Update</b> Receive update from Jim Miller, Senior Manager (Planning)	-	Presentation	Jim Miller	6.40 - 6.55
6.	<b>Stress and Anxiety – Younger People</b> Receive presentation from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer.	-	Presentation	Louise Riddex	6.55 – 7.10
7.	<b>CIF Proposal</b> Receive report from Louise Riddex	Pg 8	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	7.10 – 7.25
<b>STANDING AGENDA ITEMS</b>					
7.	<b>Locality Co-ordinator Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cashback for Communities</li> </ul>	Pg 14	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	7.25 – 7.30
8.	<b>Subgroups Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Isolation – older people</li> <li>Financial Inclusion</li> <li>Stress &amp; Anxiety</li> </ul>	-	Verbal	Subgroup Chairs  Community Reps	7.30– 7.40
9.	<b>HSCP Update</b>	-	Verbal	Louise McDaid/Scott	7.40 – 7.50

				Bryan/Thresa Potter	
10.	<b>Youth Forum Update</b> Receive report from Louise Riddex.	Pg 17	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	7.50 – 7.55
<b>OTHER BUSINESS – DECISION REQUIRED</b>					
111.	<b>AOCB</b>	-		Cllr Gallagher	7.55 - 8.00
<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>					

## Distribution List

### Elected Members

Councillor Alex Gallagher (**Chair**)  
 Councillor Alan Hill  
 Councillor Tom Marshall  
 Councillor Ian Murdoch  
 Councillor Joy Brahim  
 Councillor Todd Ferguson  
 Councillor Robert Barr

### Community Representatives

John Lamb (**Vice Chair**)  
 Helen Boyle  
 Rita Holmes  
 Anne Carson  
 Lesley Stringer  
 Lizzy Barbour  
 Graham Wallace

### CPP/Council Representatives

Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer  
 Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer  
 Louise Riddex, Locality Co-ordinator  
 Louise McDaid, HSCP  
 Alan Brown, SFRS  
 Alison Wilson, Police Scotland

# Action Note

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>North Coast Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	11 September 2019 – Largs Campus
<b>Present:</b>	<p><b>Councillor Alex Gallagher (Chair)</b>  <b>John Lamb</b>, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice Chair);  <b>Councillor Todd Ferguson</b>;  <b>Councillor Tom Marshall</b>;  <b>Councillor Ian Murdoch</b>;  <b>Russell McCutcheon</b>, Senior Lead Officer, NAC;  <b>Rhona Arthur</b>, Lead Officer, NAC;  <b>Louise Riddex</b>, Locality Co-ordinator (Kilwinning &amp; North Coast), NAC;  <b>Anne Carson</b>, Largs Community Council;  <b>Rita Holmes</b>, Fairlie Community Council;  <b>Lizzie Barbour</b>, Community Representative;  <b>Theresa Potter</b>, HSCP;  <b>Scott Bryan</b>, HSCP;  <b>Charlie Tymon</b>, Scottish Fire and Rescue;  <b>Alison Wilson</b>, Police Scotland; and  <b>Hayley Clancy</b>, Committee Services Officer, NAC</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	Councillor Alan Hill Louise McDaid

## ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and apologies for absence were recorded.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Action Note</b></p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 12 June 2019 was approved as a correct record.</p> <p>The Senior Lead Officer highlighted the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the presentation on the new GP contract would be made at the December meeting;</li> <li>• the CIF application for West Kilbride Community Initiative was approved by Cabinet in August;</li> <li>• the CIF application for Friends of Millport Town Hall was also approved by Cabinet in August and the group was awarded £200,000;</li> <li>• the Gaelic Language Plan 2019-2024 will be considered by Bòrd na Gàidhlig in September and if approved will go back to Cabinet in October for final approval; and</li> <li>• the Financial Inclusion Action Plan will be sent out to the Partnership for comments.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Scott Bryan</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Louise Riddex</b></p>

# Action Note

<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Social Isolation in Older People</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from the A.D Cameron Centre on their work to combat social isolation in older people. The Cameron Centre provides a range of facilities for people aged 60 years and over who are resident in Largs. The Centre is open from 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday and during this time provides a 'drop in centre' for both members and visitors, with a small library. The Centre has regular activities including Knit &amp; Knatter Club, Art Group, Prize Bingo, Beetle Drive, Cinema Club, Keep Fit classes, slimming club and line dancing.</p> <p>The Partnership also received a presentation from Louise Riddex on Social Isolation.</p> <p>The presentation highlighted the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• area mapping currently being undertaken;</li> <li>• Alzheimer Scotland advice and support for local businesses on being dementia friendly; and</li> <li>• the successful Cycling Without Age - Fairlie project.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the importance of being able to reach the socially isolated;</li> <li>• ideas of how to target socially isolated such as a leaflet drop, noticeboard in the town, social media and social engagement calendar; and</li> <li>• linking in with the Community Councils, SFRS, Police Scotland, Estate/letting agents and Community Link Workers based within GP surgeries.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that Rhona Arthur and Louise Riddex to work with the Sub Group to develop ideas for inclusion in the Locality Partnership Action Plan.</p>	<p><i><b>Rhona Arthur/ Louise Riddex</b></i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Locality Co-ordinator Update and Locality Plan Progress</b></p> <p>The Locality Co-ordinator presented a progress report and highlighted a number of points, including the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Cabinet was held in Largs Academy in June with over 70 young people participating;</li> <li>• youth work taken place during the summer hols in Largs. This was a partnership between Community Development, Police Scotland and KA Leisure. It ran alternative weeks – one week being basketball on the Wed night the other week being football on a Fri night. Numbers attending fluctuated but overall it was a good event and some good partnership work. At the end of the programme there was an event with BBQ held. Louise will tie in with the National Youth Training Centre for next year's event; and</li> <li>• Your Voice Your View sessions are now complete, and the draft plan is due to go back out to the communities.</li> </ul>	<p><i><b>Louise Riddex</b></i></p>

# Action Note

	Noted.	
5.	<p><b>Sub Group Chairs Updates</b></p> <p>The Partnership agreed to carry forward this agenda item to the December meeting.</p>	
6.	<p><b>HSCP Locality Forum Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update on the GP Practice changes from Scott Bryan and Theresa Potter. Some tasks currently carried out by GPs will now be performed by other members of the multi-disciplinary team who will be based with GP practices. The multi-disciplinary teams will consist of Advanced Nurse Practitioners, GP Pharmacists, Advanced Musculoskeletal Physiotherapists, Mental Health Practitioners and Community Link workers.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Locality Youth Forum Update</b></p> <p>The Locality Co-ordinator provided a verbal update on the work of the Locality Youth Forum and highlighting the following points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skelmorlie Youth Forum have stopped operating, due to the young people concentrating on their exams at school. They are looking to start a north coast youth forum when the schools return in Mid-August. The group will have representation from the north coast as a whole. The meetings will be held at the Largs campus after school, 1 day a week;</li> <li>• the Skelmorlie Family Fun information day went ahead on 11th August with around 150 people of all ages attending; and</li> <li>• over 100 young people attended the Youth Festival at Kelburn Country Park. The 2-young people from West Kilbride who were involved in the planning of the event were also heavily involved at the festival itself. They were helping with the delivery of some of the workshops and helping with the setup of other activities.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an application from the Viking Bridge Club in respect of the Largs Common Good Fund.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed not to make an award to the Viking Bridge Club as the group membership is restrictive and not an open membership.</p>	<b>Rosemary Fotheringham</b>
9.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Provost Awards 2020</b></p>	

# Action Note

	<p>Rhona Arthur provided the Partnership with update on changes to the Provost Awards which will take place from 2020. The awards will now be divided into multiple events which will be held on a locality basis. There will be four categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Group of the Year</li><li>• Special Achievement of the Year</li><li>• Citizen of the Year</li><li>• Young Citizen of the Year</li></ul> <p>The North Coast event will be held on 16 May 2020 and nominations will open in February 2020.</p> <p><b>Community Wellness</b></p> <p>Rhona Arthur advised the Suicide Prevention taskforce would come to a future meeting to give an update to the Partnership.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i><b>Rhona Arthur</b></i></p>
<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will take place at 6.00 p.m. on 10 December 2019 in Largs Campus.</p>	<p><i><b>Jennifer McGee</b></i></p>

**Meeting ended at 7.35 p.m**



## **Community Investment Fund Application Form: North Coast & Cumbraes Locality**

### **The CIF will support proposals and projects that:**

- Connect with:
  - The North Ayrshire Fair for All Inequalities Strategy;
  - the Community Planning Partnership and Locality priorities; and
  - North Ayrshire Council's values, priorities and business objectives.
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

### **When to apply and how?**

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities, and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round'.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.
  
- Forms should be returned to your Locality Co-ordinator, by email if possible:

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**Locality Coordinator (Kilwinning & North Coast)**  
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**Support and information will be available for groups who are not successful.** For more information see the guidance form here: <http://www.northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/sites/60/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf>

# APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## Community Investment Fund

### 1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation: North Coast LP Sub Group .....

Postal Address for

Correspondence: C/O CLD Base, St Johns Primary School, Morrison Ave, Stevenston..

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Name of Contact Person: Louise Riddex .....

Position in Organisation: Locality Officer .....

Contact Telephone Number : .....

E mail address .....

### 2. Brief description of your organisation

*Please include -*

**[a]** *Legal status, e.g. voluntary organisation, public/private limited by shares or guarantee;*

**[b]** *How long has organisation been in existence?*

**[c]** *Aims & objectives;*

**[d]** *General activities or services provided*

*The North Coast Locality Partnership provides support for the communities of the North Coast to Help them do what is needed to tackle the issues that they have identified as priorities for their Local area. These are outlined in the Locality Plan. The partnership meets four times each year And looks at any action required. They then make sure that it is allocated to the most relevant Partners to tackle the work.*

**Our Locality Partnership** is made up of:

- The Chair – Cllr Alex Gallagher
- All other Elected Members for the North Coast Locality
- Russell McCutcheon – North Ayrshire Council (Senior Lead Officer)
- Rhona Arthur – North Ayrshire Council (Connected Communities)
- Health and Social Care Partnership Representative
- Police Scotland Representative
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Representative
- Third Sector Interface Representative
- The Chair of the Community Council
- Connected Communities – Locality Co-ordinator

**Co-opted members:** We can also co-opt representatives who have knowledge or expertise in specific areas of the Locality Partnership's work (this is known as Participation by Experience)



### **3. Title and summary of proposal**

Tell us a bit about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for. Please include where it will be held / delivered, who is your target audience, who will benefit from it and how and indicate any partners that are involved.

Please include -

**[a]** *What outcomes your organisation wishes to achieve;*

**[b]** *Is this a new service / project?*

**[c]** *Does a new organisation need to be set up?*

*Please ensure that all of the above information is supplied. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected.*

*After a CIF application from the Living Room for a Community Development Worker, the LP sub group met to discuss this. It was decided that there would be greater benefit to the North Coast and Cumbraes communities for NAC to employ a Community Development Worker dedicated to the delivery of the LP priorities across the North Coast and Cumbraes.*

*Time will be nominated for dedicated delivery to support the development of the Living Room project. This was discussed with the Living Room, and they were more than happy with this proposal.*

*This is a new post/service and will be dedicated to a distinct range of activities supporting financial inclusion, mental health and the reduction of social isolation. It is envisaged that the post holder will work with local groups to develop Community Investment Fund applications, external funding applications and stimulate growth and development of support for these priorities.*

*The broader work of the existing NAC Community Development Worker post in North Coast & Cumbrae with young people, individuals, groups and organisations will continue. No new organisation requires to be set up as NAC will take responsibility for the employment of the Community Development Worker.*

*The purposes and proposed outcomes of the work include:*

*To support the Locality Partnership and Locality Officer to tackle the issues of the Locality, as outline in the LP Priorities.*

*To identify and support social/community assets.*

*To identify and assist partners/community groups to develop additional CIF proposals in line with Locality Priorities.*

*To identify and lever in (with support) additional funds to support CIF and other local projects.*

*To build on existing, and develop new networks, to encourage participation by experience, engaging on a one to one basis with community members to build individual and community confidence to explore sharing of experiences.*

*Liaise with other partners, including the wider council, to ensure that goals are met and delivered within agreed timeframes.*

*Work in partnership with The Living Room project to address the needs of the community.*

#### **4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?**

Please include -

*[a] How you will approach reducing inequality*

*[b] How this proposal fits with North Coast's priorities of:*

- 1. Social Isolation – Older People*
- 2. Financial Inclusion*
- 3. Stress and Anxiety – Younger People*

*The provision of a Community Development Worker will fit with all of the North Coast priorities as this is what they will be employed to do. The partnership with the Living Room will also assist in this.*

*We know that there are inequalities within the communities of the North Coast and Cumbraes.*

- Many of our local residents are older people, and they may face specific challenges in relation to social isolation, bereavement and access to services. This is an increasing population trend. By 2026, it is estimated more than a third of residents will be aged 65yrs+. The Living Room will provide a town centre location where people can drop in either for a chat and a coffee or to get help to access more specialist support. It will also be a place where older people themselves can get directly involved through volunteering.*
- While the North Coast and Cumbraes has traditionally been viewed as a more affluent part of North Ayrshire there are individuals and families who really struggle with issues relating to poverty. The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2016 registered the datazone of Largs Central & Cumbrae 04 within the top 15% most multiply deprived areas in Scotland. The Living Room will act as a community hub to access relevant services, including the establishment of a job club in which the Community Development Worker would be fully involved in.*
- While a range of services are available within the larger town centres the more rural communities do not have the same access to services. Providing this community hub within Largs will make it a shorter journey for people than travelling to Greenock, Irvine or further afield.*

*There will also have a particular focus on the Locality Partnership priority of stress and anxiety of younger people. Links will be made with the Largs Wellness model (including schools, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and other health services) to ensure young people get the most appropriate support when they need it. Volunteers at the Living Room have been trained in safeTALK suicide alertness training, to give them skills to recognise people at risk and connect them to services. The Community Worker would also be tasked with liaising with partners to gather information on what the needs of the young people are, and then providing appropriate opportunities for them to participate in.*

*Financial Inclusion has proved to be a difficult priority to tackle within the Locality Partnership. The Community Worker would be tasked with carrying out an audit/mapping of what services are currently provided, then looking at what additional services could be put in to help address this priority. They would Liaise with Better off North Ayrshire to try to provide, where possible, some of the like for like services that are available throughout the rest of North Ayrshire.*

**5. Please give an overview of the engagement that has taken place in relation to the project**

*Please include the number of people that have been engaged with/ consulted*

*For this specific post and engagement took place with the sub group members of the Locality Partnership, as well as with the NAC North Coast & Cumbrae Community Development staff.*

*The Living Room carried out specific engagement previous to their CIF application including:*

*At an information evening in June 80 local people attended to find out more. Many volunteers have already given their time in renovating the premises and signing up for volunteering within the Living Room when it is running. 38 volunteers attended the safeTALK suicide alertness training. There are commitments from other local churches.*

*There is support for this project from the local schools, CAMHS and health services via the Largs Wellness Model.*

*There have been discussions with the NAC Locality Officer, Community Link Worker and Elected Members.*

*National providers such as Christians Against Poverty and Care for the Family are keen to work with us locally.*

*Local groups have linked in, with storage being provided for the Largs First Responders and Largs Community Events group within the premises.*

## **6. Please tell us how the project will be managed**

*Please include -*

**[a]** *How the finances will be managed*

**[b]** *Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in North Coast? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities*

**[c]** *If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans*

**[d]** *Is there evidence of partnership working in relation to the project within North Coast locality?*

*Full management of the Community worker will be the responsibility of the NAC Community Development Team.*

*The proposal contributes to both employment and volunteering opportunities as the Community Worker would be helping to support the volunteers within the Living Room project, as well as trying to recruit more volunteers to help tackle the Locality Priorities.*

*There will be a partnership between NAC, Locality Partnership and the Living Room.*

*Appropriate training and PVG checks will be provided for all volunteers.*

## 7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details of the amount of funding being requested and any **other** funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and 'in kind'.

<b>Amount of funding requested:</b>	<b>£35,947.85</b>
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*Please include detail on -*

**[a]** *Breakdown of costs if available;*

**[b]** *Recent quotations where appropriate*

*This would provide a Community Development worker for 21hrs per week for 1.5yrs*

## 8. Monitoring and evaluation process

*Please include detail on –*

**[a]** *What monitoring and evaluation processes are planned/ in place*

*NAC monitoring/evaluation processes will be used. Locality Partnership will also be asked to help evaluate the effectiveness of the post against their Locality Priorities.*



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# North Coast & Cumbrae Progress Report

Reporting Period – Oct-Dec 19



## General

Looking at working with The living room, Largs to set up a space where people can come in to the facility and carry out a job search and get job advice etc.

Since opening, the Living Room has engaged with over 100 clients, with a team of 40 volunteers.

## Update

Work continues on establishing local need with the Community Planning Partnership's statistical team. This has included an in-depth study of data and consideration of a place-based approach with an external partner. The Chair of the sub group continues discussions with partners.

The Living Room are looking at a project which will include a debt advise service.

Through the Living Rooms CAP partnership, will be the following initiatives will be launched in Spring 2020:

CAP Money Course - a DWP approved course to teach and develop budgeting skills

Life Skills - a friend group offering practical skills and ways to live a brighter future.



## Financial Inclusion



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## Update

Fairlie organic growers have decided that they will not move forward with Asset transfer at Douglas Park. However, they have asked for support in providing an accessible compost toilet facility on site

Opening the Shutters group is going well with over 20 people having attended. Group continues to meet weekly and now has a volunteer working with them.

Contact has been made with Cumbrae seniors forum, who are confident that they are self-sustaining, however, relations will be maintained to offer any support necessary.

Libraries are hosting a taster session of 'fun with tech' for elderly people in Largs for the writers group. This could be a way forward in reducing social isolation and loneliness amongst the elderly population.

Partnership work with HSCP Locality Planning Forum (HSCP LPF) has been happening and we are hoping to hold an event on this priority in Skelmorlie. This may be some sort of intergenerational event.

Social Isolation and Loneliness training pack is being developed by NHS. I will be attending a focus group meeting in Feb to look over the pack and make comment.

The Living Room hosted a Dementia Awareness Evening with Alzheimer Scotland and Alzheimer's Research UK with over 30 visitors.



**Social isolation –  
older people**



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## Update

Clearer Minds Project still going really well. The leader of the council hails this as a fantastic CIF project.

Met with Mental Health Ambassadors and HSCP LPF members to develop a Z pocket file on mental health services that are available to young people. Successful Youth PB bid for £1000 and £500 donation from UNISON will allow these to be printed and distributed to every pupil at Largs Academy, as well as all P7 pupils from the cluster schools in North Coast & Cumbrae.

Mental Health Awareness session will be delivered in West Kilbride in February. This will be a 2 hr session open to all. This was a piece of work in partnership with HSCP LPF.

Family Learning Worker is looking at having a Mental Health Level 5 course. This will be open to pupils and parents in the first instance but with the opportunity for community members to participate. The PTA received Nurturing Excellence funding to go towards bursary's for the course.

The West Kilbride youth yuletide were successful in their bid for the youth PB. The young people are hosting the enchanted forest at the event.

Meeting was held with Steven Low from Helter Skelter in Largs. The building is in disrepair however, previous quotes have been given to fix the roof and make the building watertight, which would provide a venue for young people to meet. The committee consists of only a few members and it was suggested that a consultation be carried out with young people to get their views on if there is a need for a facility like this in Largs, what would it look like and would it be run by and for the young people? Support for funding is required.

Skelmorlie & West Kilbride Youth groups will continue to have a session on mental health in each of their terms. There are 35 young people registered at the West Kilbride Group and 22 at the Skelmorlie Group.

Will be attending the meetings for the Largs Wellness Model.



**Stress  
and anxiety –  
younger people**

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**Locality Partnership:** *North Coast*

**Date:** *January 2020*

**Subject:** *Youth Forums and Citizenship and Partnership work*

**Purpose:** *This report is to inform the North Coast Locality Partnership about Youth Forum, Youth Citizenship/Partnership activity, planned and actual for the North Coast Area.*

**Background**

*The North Coast Youth Forum is a newly established group. We will strive to benefit the lives of young people in the North Coast area. We aim to achieve this by involving them in the decision-making process and giving them a voice.*

*We started running the North Coast youth forum again in December 2019. We now have the meetings after school on a Wednesday afternoon and already we have looked at a few projects we want to work on.*

*Our first objective is to elect a main committee. This will be done after all members reads and understands the roles of each committee member then we will elect by vote.*

*The feedback we received from last year's Family fun day in Skelmorlie in the North Coast youth forum have taken this project on and have already been successful in securing some funding to run it again this summer coming.*

*The youth forum will start the planning of this event within the next month. Most of the activities that were there last year will be there with some new additions.*

*The North Coast youth forum will also be part in the planning of the North Ayrshire youth fest. They will take responsibility along with the other localities youth forums to plan, organise and contact any other partners or businesses that will be at the event. Again, they will be part responsible to apply for funding to make sure the event goes ahead.*

*The main focal point of the festival is bringing the young people together to interact and work together, make new friends and most importantly to have fun.*

*Other pieces of work the youth forum has discussed are:*

- intergenerational work- to break down barriers between young/old people and to tackle social isolation.*
- Primary school discos throughout the North Coast.*
- Helping with the planning and working at the Yuletide event in West Kilbride*
- Helping with the Christmas light turn on in Skelmorlie*

## Key Points for Locality Partnership

Members of the Youth Forum will be happy to have an input to and support the partnership where necessary.

## Action Required by Locality Partnership

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**Date:** 08<sup>th</sup> January 2020