

Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	3 March 2020 – Skelmorlie Primary School
Present:	<p>Councillor Alex Gallagher (Chair) John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice Chair); Councillor Todd Ferguson; Councillor Alan Hill; Councillor Tom Marshall; Councillor Ian Murdoch; Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer, NAC; Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer, NAC; Louise Riddex, Locality Co-ordinator (Kilwinning & North Coast), NAC; Patricia Perman, Largs Community Council; Graham Wallace, Cumbrae Community Council; Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council; Helen Boyle, Skelmorlie Community Council; Martin Kaarits, Skelmorlie Community Council; Lizzie Barbour, Community Representative; Lesley Stringer, Community Representative; Theresa Potter, HSCP; Alison Wilson, Police Scotland; Beth Wiseman, Acting Senior Manager (CAMHS); Kerry Allison, Improvement Advisor (HSCP); Michele McColm, Senior Manager (Communications); Laura Kerr, Lifelong Learning Officer (Connected Communities); Thomas Reaney, Senior Manager (Streetscene) (Place); and Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services), NAC</p>
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Robert Barr; and Anne Carson, Largs Community Council</p>

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and expressed his pleasure at being able to hold the meeting in Skelmorlie for the first time.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were recorded and it was noted that Pat Perman of Largs Community Council was attending in place of Anne Carson.</p> <p>At the discretion of the Chair, the order of business was amended slightly.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Action Note from the meeting held on 28 January 2020 was approved as a correct record.</p> <p>The Senior Lead Officer highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the early release of £30k of CIF funding for the Friends of Millport Town Hall project, which had now been approved by the Cabinet; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approval of the North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership sub-group project for the appointment of a Community Development Worker; • progress in terms of the nominations process for the Provost's Recognition awards (noting that this would be the subject of further consideration later in the meeting); • the Action Plan update (which would be the subject of consideration later in the meeting); and • success in terms of arranging for the current meeting to take place in Skelmorlie. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Largs Wellness Model</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Beth Wiseman, Acting Senior Manager (CAMHS) and Kerry Allison, Improvement Advisor (HSCP) which highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the rationale for the redesign of mental health service provision, including a desire to reduce waiting lists, avoid silo working, and address the appetite to do something different; • the range of stakeholder events which had been held; • the positive impact of the Wellness Model on waiting times and CAMHS referrals, as well as improved communication and data sharing across the whole system; • the success of the Kilwinning pilot and work being done to tailor the model to meet the needs of the North Coast and Cumbraes locality; • the role of the school counselling, pastoral care and chaplaincy services, as well as peer support provided by young people; and • work with local initiatives such as The Living Room <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • locality-based provision across the North Coast and Cumbraes; • the various referral routes available to schools and others; • the inclusion of the Clearer Minds project in the work of the overarching group; • the variety of available interventions; and • the age range covered, namely 5-18 <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Kindness</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation by Laura Kerr, Lifelong Learning Officer (Connected Communities) on how kindness might be recognised and promoted within communities.</p>	

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	<p>The presentation included a definition of ‘random’, ‘relational’ and ‘radical’ kindness, why kindness is important, what helps/gets in the way, and what might be done by Community Planning agencies and communities. Examples were also provided of the practical exercise of kindness.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how communities might be involved in supporting kindness; • the example of Police Scotland adopting a kindness approach to signpost vulnerable people to partner agencies, where appropriate; • the courage and culture shift required to support the concept of kindness; • the work being done in schools to seek to embed and recognise kindness; • the need to capture and record the work already being done in communities; • the potential for a workshop event to consider potential approaches to encourage kindness and the elements which might be included in a ‘toolkit’ for communities; and • the resources required to support a culture of kindness and the benefits arising from this investment of effort. <p>The Partnership agreed that kindness should be the subject of a workshop event, with input from the Council’s Communications Team on the components of a community ‘toolkit’ to support kindness.</p>	<p>Michele Gilmour</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Largs Car Park Fund</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Strategy Manager (Streetscene) on the implementation of agreed projects funded by the Largs Car Park Fund.</p> <p>The report provided information on progress and expenditure on the agreed projects to date, the projected year-end balance of £131,779.67 to be carried forward to 2020/21, and the new projects being developed for consideration for 2020/21 and beyond.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Community Charter</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation by Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer, on the background to work being undertaken to develop a Community Charter, or compact, between North Ayrshire and local communities in the North Coast and Cumbraes and the key messages which have emerged from this around volunteering, recycling and building the economy.</p> <p>The Partnership’s views were invited in terms of the draft charter themes of improving our environment, volunteering more and improving social connections.</p>	

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	<p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • challenges around engaging with vulnerable or hard-to-reach members of the community and the need to break down perceived barriers; • the extent to which volunteering on Cumbrae is undertaken largely by older members of the community and the need to encourage volunteering by families and young people; and • the positive role of accreditation in encouraging and supporting volunteers. <p>The Partnership agreed to explore options to take progress the Community Charter and engage with those in the community who might be harder to reach.</p> <p>Councillor Murdoch left the meeting during consideration of this item.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur</i></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Sub-Group Updates</p> <p>The Partnership was invited to note the content of the Locality Co-ordinator's report, which captured progress in terms of the work of the Sub-Groups around the three priorities.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the extent to which the three priorities were interlinked; • the benefit which would be associated with having a Community Development worker in place; • the opportunity to hold a facilitated workshop in order to prioritise the work of the new member of staff and discuss how the Partnership's three priority areas interlinked <p>The Partnership agreed that a facilitated workshop be arranged to consider the role and priorities of the new Community Development worker, as well as considering options to progress the Community Charter.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur</i></p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Theresa Potter on the work of the Health and Social Care (HSCP) Locality Forum, including information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the latest health advice around COVID-19; • the opportunity for local groups to apply for North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership Participatory Budgeting (PB) funding and a potential Living Room PB application; • work with local groups on the 'Thinking Different, Doing Better' experiential learning process; • the annual HSCP 'What Matters to You' review, which will take place over the first week in June 2020; • work taking place with Mental Health Youth Ambassadors; and 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> production of 2,000 pocket guides to wellbeing services, with funding support from PB and sponsorship from Unison. <p>Theresa Potter undertook to take back to the Care at Home team concerns raised by Councillor Marshall around waiting times and funding for Care at Home packages.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Theresa Potter</i></p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Locality Action Plan</p> <p>The Lead Officer provided a short verbal update on Locality Action Plan and progress made with regard to the identified priorities, including ongoing work being undertaken by Cycling Without Age, The Living Room and Clearer Minds, and the community hub potential associated with the Flatt Road housing development.</p> <p>The Lead Officer undertook to circulate a copy of the Action Plan.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur</i></p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership received a report on the balance of available funding and on a number of applications received for Nurturing Excellence in Communities.</p> <p>The Lead Officer advised that Nurturing Excellence in Communities funding would move to Participatory Budgeting next financial year and that information on alternative funders would be made available.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed (a) to award the following:</p> <p>Nurturing Excellence in Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Kilbride Parent Council £1,000 West Kilbride Early Years Centre £1,000 Skelmorlie Bowling Club £700 Largs Karate Club £500 Soundsystems Project CiC* £1,000 West Kilbride Out of School Care £1,000 <p>*subject to the group operating in the North Coast and Cumbraes Locality</p> <p>(b) that groups within the Skelmorlie area be encouraged to apply for funding; and (c) subject to satisfactory assessment, the balance of available funding for the current financial year be disbursed under delegated powers.</p> <p>Councillor Ferguson and community representatives Graham Wallace and Lesley Stringer left the meeting during consideration of this item.</p>	<p><i>Louise Riddex</i></p>

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11.	Locality Co-ordinator Update The Locality Co-ordinator referred to the nominations process for the Provost's Recognition awards and invited members of the Partnership to consider making nominations. The Partnership was also advised of a special 'Kindness' award which had been proposed to recognise a group or individual. The Locality Co-ordinator undertook to circulate further information on the nomination process for the Provost's awards. Noted.	<i>Louise Riddex</i>
12.	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will take place at 6.00 p.m. on 2 June 2020 in Cumbrae Parish Church. Noted.	<i>Jennifer McGee</i>

Meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.