

Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	1 September 2020 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Present:	<p>Councillor Alex Gallagher (Chair) John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice Chair); Councillor Robert Barr; Councillor Joy Brahim; 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; Valerie Lundie, Largs Community Council; Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council; Lizzie Barbour, Community Representative; Lesley Stringer, Community Representative; Gavin Paterson, HSCP; Anne-Marie Hunter, Engagement and Participation Officer, NAC; Mhari Lindsay, Senior Customer Officer, People and ICT, NAC; and Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services), NAC</p>
Apologies:	<p>Cllr Todd Ferguson Louise McDaid</p>

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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. It was noted that Valerie Lundie was in attendance as the Largs Community Council representative following the resignation of Anne Carson as Chair.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Action Note from the meeting held on 3 March 2020 was approved as a correct record.</p> <p>The Senior Lead Officer provided a brief update on the work of the Council during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and indicated that some matters from the last Action Note may not have been actioned as a result of the need to prioritise essential services. Thereafter, he highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 4 (Kindness) – a workshop event would be arranged to promote the Kindness ‘toolkit’, although this had not yet been actioned in light of Covid-19; Item 6 (Community Charter) – this work had been delayed in light of Covid-19 but would be progressed post-Covid; and 	<p>Michele McColm</p>

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3. Community Support

The Partnership received a short presentation by the Locality Partnership Lead Officer which highlighted the following:

- some background information on the Partnership's priorities and the outcome of the recent Best Value Audit;
- the significant work undertaken by community groups, volunteers and local businesses in the North Coast and Cumbraes during the Covid-19 lockdown; and
- the potential for harnessing community empowerment to take advantage of opportunities such as credit unions and community food systems

The Partnership discussed:

- the local lockdown which had just been announced in respect of Glasgow, East Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire and the potential for further local lockdowns in future;
- the availability of funding from Dalry Parish Boundary Trust and the donations already made by the Trust to purchase electronic temperature readers for Care at Home operatives and to support the North Ayrshire Food Bank;
- the excellent work of the Community Hubs and local organisations during lockdown;
- the success of working with local groups during lockdown to identify local solutions (such as the food voucher scheme on Cumbrae) and the value of empowering staff and volunteers to act;
- the positive sense of community which had emerged during lockdown;
- the commitment shown by local businesses and partners to work together;
- the importance of employability as an issue moving forward, particularly following the conclusion of the furlough scheme;
- the challenge of sustaining community involvement in future, given that members of the community may have less time to volunteer;
- ongoing work being done by groups such as Largs Resilience and Millport Support Group to continue to assist vulnerable members of the community who may have lost confidence while shielding;
- the active involvement of the community on Cumbrae in the island's local resilience plan;
- the continued relevance of the Partnership's priorities;
- difficulties which had been experienced by some older members of the community with regard to methods of paying bills during lockdown;
- the potential for a second wave of Covid and measures to respond to this, including the provision of online events to provide support;
- the need for a 'blended' approach to the provision of support and the importance of responding to different local needs; and
- issues around stress/mental health and digital skills/access to technology experienced by young people while learning from home.

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	<p>The Partnership was also advised of reports being submitted to the Council's Cabinet on (a) the subject of Recovery and Renewal and (b) the proposed appointment of an Islands Officer for Arran and Cumbrae. It was noted that the role of the proposed Islands Officer would be the subject of consultation with local island groups.</p> <p>Councillor Barr undertook to provide the Chair with details of a Trust administered by solicitors J&J McCosh, in order that information on available funding could be shared with local groups on Cumbrae.</p> <p>The Partnership undertook to give further consideration to its existing priorities, to ensure that they continued to meet the needs of the locality in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Councillor Hill joined the meeting during consideration of this item.</p>	
4.	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Gavin Paterson (HSCP) on the work of the Health and Social Care (HSCP) Locality Forum, including information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the production of the HSCP's next Strategic Plan, which would be prepared on the basis of a 1-year transition plan to be developed by March 2021, followed by a 10-year plan; and • plans for engagement with service users, staff and others on two questions, namely what mattered to them with regard to health and social care and how they kept themselves well; and • a questionnaire issued to members of the health and social care forums pending arrangements for the next meeting of the forums in mid-November. <p>Noted.</p>	
5.	<p>LP Officer update.</p> <p>Submitted an update report by the Locality Co-ordinator.</p> <p>The Locality Co-ordinator also provided a verbal update including information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contact made with the CIF-funded Sing Your Song project with regard to year 1 monitoring of this 2-year project; • renovation work undertaken to Douglas Park, Largs, by local volunteers and plans for a funding application to assist the group in gaining charitable status; • a woodland project which would be the subject on a CIF funding expression of interest; and • work being undertaken on the subject of financial literacy 	

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	<p>The Lead Officer advised of delays/amendments to some CIF-funded projects as a result of Covid-19 and advised that a report on this matter would be submitted to the Council's Cabinet, including a proposal to extend the deadline to achieve matched funding for Millport Town Hall.</p> <p>The Chair, on behalf of the Partnership, expressed his appreciation of the work undertaken by officers during the Covid-19 lockdown. Lesley Stringer also recorded her thanks for the recent assistance provided by officers to the Millport Town Hall project. Councillor Barr added his thanks for the hard work of officers from a range of Council Services.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
6.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will take place at 6.00 p.m. on 1 December 2020.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<i>Jennifer McGee</i>

Meeting ended at 7.35 p.m.