

Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	1 December 2020 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Present:	<p>Councillor Alex Gallagher (Chair) John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice Chair); 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; Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council; Lesley Stringer, Community Representative; Louise McDaid, HSCP; Thomas Reaney, Head of Service (Recovery and Renewal), NAC; and Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services), NAC</p>
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Joy Brahim Councillor Todd Ferguson Graham Wallace, Cumbrae Community Council Crawford Gillan (for Graham Wallace), Cumbrae Community Council Alan Brown (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service)</p>

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and reminded everyone of the remote meeting protocol.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were recorded.</p> <p>The Lead Officer invited those present, including a representative of the local press, to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Thereafter, the Chair agreed to vary the order of business to consider Agenda Item 3 (Covid-19 Update) next.</p>	
2.	<p>Covid-19 Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update by the Head of Service (Recovery and Renewal) on developments in respect of the Covid-19 pandemic and the availability of interactive dashboard information from www.gov.scot.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the omission of West Kilbride and Seamill from the neighbourhood data which had been presented; and • whether there was any anticipated change to North Ayrshire's Tier classification. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an approach by Ayrshire Civil Contingencies and NHS Ayrshire and Arran for the Hubs to play a part in the roll-out of vaccinations; • meetings which had taken place with all community associations and the support offered, including the development of toolkits and risk assessments; • the fact that around 80% of buildings were now open for a priority purpose, such as after school care; • ongoing meetings with voluntary and third sector organisations to assist them in accessing available funding; • the provision of Scottish Government funding to support vulnerable people in terms of areas such as food and fuel poverty, mental health and wellbeing, support for warm winter clothing and free school meals; • support for festive food, Christmas lights and other (mainly virtual) festive events; • work to support digital participation, including the provision of further devices and connectivity for use within the community; • appointments to support Community Wealth Building work; • Asset Transfer activity; • recovery and renewal work to consider new ways of working in future, the use of buildings and opportunities to look at transport and travel; • work on Cumbrae in terms of social and economic renewal as well as the longer-term future of the Cumbrae water sports centre; • the recruitment of an Islands Officer; and • a recent Joint Cabinet meeting, which had heard from young people on their experience during Covid <p>The Group discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the amount of work being undertaken across all six Localities; and • the need for effective arrangements to be in place to support the timeous roll-out of the Covid vaccine <p>At the request of the Chair, the Lead Officer shared her written notes via the MS Teams 'Chat' (attached for information as an appendix to this action note).</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Child Poverty/Cost of the School Day</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update by the Lead Officer on the work of a Short-Life Working Group on Reducing the Cost of the School Day which had been established by the Council's Cabinet to identify and roll out best practice in this area.</p> <p>The Group discussed the important role of breakfast clubs and free lunches and the need to avoid stigma for young people in receipt of support.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

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<p>6.</p>	<p>CIF Update – Sing Your Song Group</p> <p>Submitted a year 1 grant monitoring report in respect of the West Kilbride Community Initiative which was in receipt of funding support for the ‘Sing Your Song Group’.</p> <p>The Locality Co-ordinator reported on the work which had been undertaken by the group to date and a request to carry forward approximately £1,500 of year 1 funding to mid-January.</p> <p>On a roll call vote, the Partnership unanimously agreed (a) to allow the group to carry forward remaining year 1 funding as requested; and (b) to approve the release of the second tranche of funding to the group.</p>	<p>Rosemary Fotheringham</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Millport Town Hall</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update by Community Representative Lesley Stringer on progress in terms of the Millport Town Hall project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the submission of a £1.5m Scottish Government Regeneration Fund bid for the project; • expressions of interest submitted in respect of other funding sources, including Crown Estates; • the intention to proceed with the asset transfer following the outcome of the Scottish Government funding bid; • a request for the release of CIF funding meantime to allow the procurement of works to proceed; • support and advice provided by the Council, including from its Legal Service; and • ongoing work in terms of building warrants, surveys and energy conservation arrangements for the building <p>On behalf of the Group, Lesley Stringer extended her thanks to the Council, local Elected Members and the Partnership for their continued support.</p> <p>The Group discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether Scottish Land Fund support had been secured; • the number of significant projects which would undertaken on Cumbrae over the next few years, including conservation area work and flood protection, and the need to ensure effective co-ordination in terms of construction traffic on and off the island. <p>The Senior Lead Officer suggested that the Group make contact with Arthur Cowley, the Council’s Senior Manager (Roads) on the co-ordination of works on the island.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Arthur Cowley</p>

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<p>8.</p>	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>Submitted update report by the Locality Co-ordinator on activities undertaken in the period September – December 2020.</p> <p>The Locality Co-ordinator highlighted elements of the report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ongoing operation of Community Hubs, supported by voluntary groups; • the willingness of some community groups to provide ongoing support in terms of ‘food with dignity’ projects, including a community larder/pantry initiative in West Kilbride and the provision of pre-cooked meals on Cumbrae and in Largs (also covering Fairlie and Skelmorlie); • the recruitment of a Community Worker, including plans for interviews to take place in December or early in the new year; • arrangements in terms of the distribution of the mental health pocket guide for children and young people; • the availability of wellbeing and literacy support and arrangements to publicise this; • recent youth and street work undertaken in Largs with support from the Campus Police officer; <p>The Group discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the possible duplication of community meal provision on Cumbrae and the need for co-ordination on this; • the use of the DA Hall for food preparation; • the feasibility of youth/street work around Anderson Park in Largs being extended to include Douglas Park; and • whether the Community Development Worker post would be an internal or external appointment <p>Community Representative Lesley Stringer undertook to follow up on the issue of community meal provision on Cumbrae.</p> <p>The Locality Co-ordinator undertook to look into including the Douglas Park area within the scope of ongoing youth/street work.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Lesley Stringer</i></p> <p><i>Louise Riddex</i></p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Louise McDaid, the Locality Forum representative on the work of the Health and Social Care (HSCP) Locality Forum, including information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a meeting of the Forum held in October 2020, which had discussed the increase in mental health issues in light of the pandemic and the positive role of Community Hubs; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the feasibility of continuing community hub work in the longer term, something which would be discussed by the Integration Joint Board; • the ongoing review of Locality Forum arrangements and the potential for combining the work of the Forum and Partnership in line with the model now in place on Arran; • production of a new Joint Strategic Commissioning Plan by the Integration Joint Board by March 2021, to be informed by a robust needs assessment; and • the issue of gambling, its impact of individuals and communities particularly during the pandemic, and work to engage with Gambling Anonymous <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the benefits of combining Locality Forum and Locality Partnership work and whether this should be the subject of consideration at the Localities Conference; • the impact of Covid on mental health and whether sufficient resources were available to support what was likely to be rising demand for services in this area; and • the demographics of those affected by gambling issues <p>The Group agreed (a) to recommend that combining the work of Locality Forums and Partnerships be the subject of discussion at the Localities Conference; and (b) otherwise, to note the content of the update.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur</i></p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Grants/PB Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update by the Lead Officer on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Government funding used to support local groups and the availability of funding for initiatives such as festive food; and • the promotion, via social media, of participatory budgeting and the intention to use online voting to agree the distribution of funding; <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p>	
<p>11.1</p>	<p>Largs Common Good Fund</p> <p>Submitted a funding application from Barrfields User Group (trading as Barrfields Theatre Group).</p> <p>Councillor Hill, in his capacity as Chair of Barrfields User Group, declared an indirect pecuniary interest in this application and took no part in its determination.</p> <p>The Partnership unanimously agreed to award a grant of £4,000 from Largs Common Good Fund to Barrfields User Group.</p>	<p><i>Rosemary Fotheringham</i></p>

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11.2	Fairlie Coastal Footpath The Chair of Fairlie Community Council referred to ongoing works to the coastal footpath in Fairlie and requested further information. The Senior Lead Officer undertook to arrange for the Active Travel Manager to provide an update to Fairlie Community Council and consider the wider dissemination of information on this work. The Partnership discussed how information local projects might be collated and shared.	Russell McCutcheon Rhona Arthur/Louise Riddex
12.	Date of Next Meeting The Partnership was advised that arrangements for the next meeting would be intimated at a later date. Noted.	Jennifer McGee

Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.

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Appendix

Lead Officer Notes on Community Support

Work of the HUB

Calls received by hub 2371 Shielded group 207

Approximately 500 related to food requests

2500 health-related and nearly 5000 prescription deliveries

22 period poverty

36 mental health

135 social isolation

Identifying the approach for vaccination with Ayrshire Civil Contingencies and NHS A&A

Meetings held with Community Associations and support regarding planning for restrictions changing. Toolkits and risk assessments

Ongoing meetings with third and voluntary sector to ensure that they're supported through the crisis – business teams doing similar

Support for SG Vulnerable people over £455k disbursed and reclaimed from SG for NAC

Further £705k to go – support for Scottish Welfare Fund and Discretionary Housing Payment, FSM, food fuel, digital participation, warm winter clothing and mental health

Food system in Louise's report

Support for festive food

Christmas Lights

Connecting Scotland – 185 devices and connectivity for shielded group through orgs and with digital help, 554 to come mainly focused on families

Community Wealth building

Team in place

Steven Reilley/Stuart Munro

Work with Louise/Denise and our new LP Priorities Officer

Still £200k of CIF left for CWB/CIF Projects

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Stakeholder mapping to outline where CWB/Employability/Regeneration/NAC – CLD/TACT align and work together

Community Asset Transfer

Bowencraig – released end of Sept by KAL and temporary licence to occupy agreed with Largs Colts – longer term CAT under way

Council

Recovery and Renewal in the Council

Many discussions ongoing about future working environment

Transport and travel related to that

Discussions that Russell's been convening for Millport looking at islands' recovery and the appt of the Islands Officer which is mid-recruitment – Water Sports Centre – Thursday

Joint Cabinet and hearing from young people – mid Nov