

Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	2 March 2021 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Present:	<p>Councillor Alex Gallagher (Chair) Councillor Joy Brahim; Councillor Alan Hill; Councillor Ian Murdoch; Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer, NAC; Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer, NAC; Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council; Graham Wallace, Cumbrae Community Council; Lesley Stringer, Community Representative; Lizzy Barbour, Community Representative; Superintendent Derek Frew (Police Scotland); Alison Wilson (Police Scotland); Amanda McLaughlin, Senior Member Support Officer (First Alliance Credit Union); Denise Fraser, Community Development Worker, NAC Morna Rae, Senior Manager (Community Planning, Policy & Performance); Craig McLellan, Modern Apprentice (North Coast Locality Team); Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services), NAC</p>
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Tom Marshall Councillor Todd Ferguson Louise McDaid, Chair (HSCP) John Lamb (Vice Chair) (having lost electronic connection to the meeting)</p>

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair extended a welcome and invited those present to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were recorded.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Action Note from the meeting held on 1 December 2020 was approved as a correct record.</p> <p>The Senior Lead Officer provided a brief update and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 2 (Covid-19 Update) – the declining number of Covid cases across North Ayrshire and the availability of detailed information from the interactive dashboard on the Scottish Government website; Item 2 (Covid-19 Update) – confirmation that the West Kilbride and Seamill information omitted from the data presented had since been provided to Mr Lamb; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 3 (Previous Action Note) – readvertisement of the Community Worker/Project Officer post; • Item 3 (Previous Action Note) – clarification provided to Mr Lamb on the eligibility criteria for the Trust referenced by Councillor Barr, including advice that the geographical area covered by the Trust did not include West Kilbride; • Item 4 (Community Support) – good progress in terms of the roll-out of vaccinations; and • Item 11.2 (Fairlie Coastal Path) – following discussion with the Chair of Fairlie Community Council, information was being forwarded to the Active Travel Team. <p>The Lead Officer advised that a further update on Item 6 (Child Poverty/Cost of the School Day), would be circulated by email following the next meeting of the short-life working group.</p> <p>Community Representative Lesley Stringer provided a brief update on Item 7 (Millport Town Hall), advising of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the award of £1.5m in Scottish Government funding; • an application for Islands Green Recovery funding (to purchase solar panels) and a £50k funding submission to Magnox; • the expectation of final Scottish Government approval with regard to the asset transfer; and • success in securing almost all of the required funding for project, including contingency funds, with the final figure for the project likely to be clearer following the tendering deadline. <p>On behalf of the Partnership, the Chair extended his congratulations to the Millport Town Hall project on their success to date.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Councillor Hill joined the meeting during consideration of this item.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Credit Union</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Senior Member Support Officer (First Alliance Credit Union) on the work of the organisation, the challenges it faced, and discussions with the Council to seek funding in support the provision of small loans.</p> <p>Among the points highlighted, were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the significant support required to encourage Credit Union members to engage digitally during the current Covid restrictions; • the rationale for assisting prospective borrowers to use online credit check tools in order to gain necessary information on their credit history, assess the lending risk, and provide a degree of financial management education; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the need to safeguard the savings of Credit Union members when considering lending with high default risk;• proposals around the provision of small loans to non-members who would otherwise struggle to find appropriate sources of lending due to their poor credit record, and discussions with the Council around funding to support this activity; and• the added value to individuals and communities of providing borrowers with the skills to handle their finances in future. <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the extent to which the Credit Union operated in the North Coast and Cumbraes locality;• the valuable role played by the Credit Union and the community benefits of joining as a saver; and• the importance of the education provided to borrowers <p>Members of the Partnership were invited to contact the Credit Union for any further information required.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
4.	Draft Local Police Plan The Partnership received a report on the Draft Local Police Plan 2021-23. Superintendent Derek Frew highlighted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the timescale for review and the rationale for undertaking this interim review;• national and local context for priority setting and the factors taken into account;• the 14 national priorities, which included issues such as counter-terrorism and human trafficking;• local priorities around serious crime, safer communities, acquisitive crime, community wellbeing and road safety; and• the role of the Police in terms of community wellbeing, including examples of some of the partnership work undertaken; <p>Members of the Partnership were invited to contact Superintendent Frew for any further information required.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Graham Wallace and Craig McLellan left the meeting at this point.</p>	

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<p>5.</p>	<p>Locality Priorities and Locality Partnership Standing Orders</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation by the Senior Manager (Community Planning, Policy and Performance) on the Locality Priorities and Locality Partnership Standing Orders refresh. The current mandate for stakeholder engagement was included in the Agenda.</p> <p>The Senior Manager (Community Planning, Policy and Performance) highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examples of the progress been made against the existing priorities; • the context for a refresh of the Locality Partnership priorities and the options in terms of retaining the existing priorities (in place since 2017), replacing some or all of the priorities, or refocussing the existing priorities to make them more targeted; • the information gathering work undertaken to date and the various mechanisms available to contribute (such as CONSUL and Twitter); • feedback received so far, including around the importance of access to services and transport, social isolation and employability; and • the intention to extend the review process until the June cycle of meetings to allow for more proactive outreach and additional opportunities for feedback. <p>The Lead Officer referred to the intention to review the Standing Orders relating to Locality Partnerships, to include opportunity for a wider community voice and to consider options around the term of office of members.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the disparate nature of the communities in the North Coast and Cumbraes and the potential of local 'chit chats' similar to those in place in the Irvine locality; and • the importance of seeking to achieve better engagement with Skelmorlie <p>The Partnership agreed that (a) stakeholder engagement on the Locality Priorities continue; and (b) officers present the outcome to the June meeting for consideration, together with an update on Standing Orders.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur Morna Rae</i></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Food System</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation by the Lead Officer on the context for a local food system, including the levels of food poverty revealed by the pandemic, and the community wealth building approach used to build a North Ayrshire food system. The following points were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of Scottish Government funding to build a more varied and dignified approach to food provision; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the potential components of a food system, including community fridges, targeted hot food daily, community café, community shops, food bank, learning opportunities and a community pantry; the need to ensure environmental health standards and training are in place; the toolkit being co-produced with community groups around stock supply, Covid guidance, volunteer recruitment and training, Environmental Health and insurance; and the role of local anchor organisations such as Millport Support Group, West Kilbride Covid Support Group and Largs Community Resilience; <p>Members of the Partnership were invited to help promote the food system approach with local groups who may be interested in setting up sustainable local food provision. It was noted that more information could be provided by the Locality Officer on request.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
7.	<p>Islands Officer</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Senior Lead Officer on the recent appointment of a new Islands Officer, Sarah Baird, as part of a 3-year pilot with the Scottish Government, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Council.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed the importance of respecting the individual nature of the islands and recognising that there was no single 'islands' approach to fit all.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Street Naming</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Council's Planning Service on the naming of a street for a residential flatted development on a site adjacent to Craig Hill Place, Fairlie.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to name the development "Craig Hill Court".</p>	<p><i>Lisa Dempster/ Kirsty Gee</i></p>
9.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>Submitted update report by the Locality Co-ordinator on activities undertaken in the period January – March 2021.</p> <p>The Community Development Worker highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> readvertisement of the Community Worker/Project Officer post; the decision of the Douglas Park Group not to proceed with the CAT application, albeit that work continued to be undertaken in the park; plans for further detached youth work to engage with young people in Largs; and 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> progress in terms of Food with Dignity projects, with the West Kilbride Pantry/Larder expected to be operational soon, the Millport Support Group working with Newton Bar to prepare hot lunches to more than 100 people across the island, and the North Coast Community Cookhouse now delivering hot meals on a Friday <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> whether any coordination work on Food with Dignity activity was feasible to avoid gaps and duplication; and the important role of meal delivery on Cumbrae in terms of addressing social isolation <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>In the absence of the Locality Forum representative, a report on the work of the Health and Social Care (HSCP) Locality Forum was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
11.	<p>Learning Update</p> <p>The Partnership was advised that Head Teachers had been invited to provide an update on learning activity, but that none was available to attend on this occasion.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that a learning update would be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.</p>	
12.	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership received a report on an application for financial support from Largs Common Good Fund and on the position with regard to the Elderly Grants budget.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed as follows:</p> <p>(a) not to award funding to the CPR Group from Largs Common Good Fund as the application did not meet the criteria for this fund;</p> <p>(b) that the Grants Officer make contact with the CPR Group to provide advice on alternative sources of funding;</p> <p>(c) with regard to the Elderly Grants budget (i) to carry forward the budget of £13,785 from 2020/21 and (ii) that it be remitted to officers to convene a meeting with key older people's groups and the current groups who disbursed the Elderly Grants, to consider the issues affecting older people in order to consider how the carried forward budget might be spent.</p>	<p>Rosemary Fotheringham</p> <p>Pam Crosthwaite</p>

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13.	Report for Information The report received an update report, for information, on The Ayrshire Community Trust Noted.	
14.	Date of Next Meeting The Partnership was advised that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on 1 June 2021 via MS Teams. Noted.	<i>Jennifer McGee</i>

Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.