

Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	14 September 2021 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Present:	<p>Councillor Alex Gallagher (Chair); John Lamb (Vice Chair) Councillor Todd Ferguson; Councillor Alan Hill; Councillor Ian Murdoch; Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer, NAC; John Doherty, Head Teacher, Largs Academy Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council; Graham Wallace, Cumbrae Community Council; Inspector Alison Wilson (Police Scotland); Colin Duff, SKS (observing) Sarah Baird, Senior Island Officer, NAC; Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, NAC; Natalie Murray, Active Schools Co-ordinator (Community Learning & Development) NAC; Ewan Grant, Community Development Worker, NAC; Craig Stewart, Committee Services Officer (Committee and Member Services), NAC</p>
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Tom Marshall Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer, NAC Lesley Stringer, Community Representative</p>

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair extended a welcome to those present.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were recorded.</p> <p>The Lead Officer invited those present, including a representative of SKS, to introduce themselves. Thereafter, the Chair agreed to vary the order of business to consider Agenda Item 3 (Cost of the School Day) next.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Action Note from the meeting held on 1 June 2021 was approved as a correct record.</p> <p>The Lead Officer provided a brief update and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 3 (Credit Union Presentation) – officers had since followed this up and funding had been secured through the Scottish Government Financial Insecurity Fund; • Item 12 (Elderly Grants) – funding papers had been received for consideration; • Item 7 (Islands Officer) – (a) Donna Anderson had been in touch with Councillor Ferguson and had provided him with further statistical 	

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	<p>information on youth engagement; (b) to note that the summer pop-up event at Cumbrae had been a great success with over 150 people attending and getting advantage from it;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 8 (Street Naming) – officers had captured a range of suitable names for future street naming has been added to the database; and • Item 9 (Grant) – to note the position regarding award of grant to Largs Running Club in the sum of £3,000 following receipt of additional information that was required in support of the application. 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Cost of the School Day</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from John Doherty, Head Teacher of Largs Academy, on the Cost of the School Day.</p> <p>Following the presentation, Members of the Partnership asked a number of questions and were provided with information in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The roll out of digital technology for pupils, to assist with learning remotely, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic; • The Pupil Equity Fund; and • Discussion around mental health and physical wellbeing and measures that had been put in place for this. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Learning Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from John Doherty, Head Teacher of Large Academy on the above.</p> <p>Following the presentation, Members of the Partnership asked a number of questions and were provided with information in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SQA Update for 2021/22; • Largs Academy School Improvement Plan 2021/22 including matters such as the Curriculum, pupil leadership, learning and technology, relationships, etc.; and • Apprenticeships, and skills particularly in relation to Ayrshire College at Kilwinning. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Senior Islands Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal report by Sarah Baird, Senior Islands Officer, on the above.</p> <p>Following the update, Members of the Partnership asked a number of questions and were provided with information in relation to:-</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The anticipated timescales for the development of Island Plans, for submission to the Council and its partners (by the end of 2021) and the launching of the plans early in 2022; • The outcome of engagement with stakeholders around the development of place-based plans for each of the islands; and • The formation of a steering group with appropriate terms of reference which would meet on a weekly basis to take matters forward with regard to the 13 strategic objectives to be addressed, including matters such as transport and housing, population decline and digital connectivity; • The particular difficulties including accessibility for Cumbrae; and • Work was progressing well with regard to producing a one-page document detailing the various plans in place and how they linked with one another. <p>Noted.</p>	
6.	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to continue this item to the next meeting of the Partnership.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
7.	<p>Millport Town Hall</p> <p>In the absence of Lesley Stringer, Community Representative, the Lead Officer provided a verbal update on the Millport Town Hall project. In particular, the following points were highlighted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council was working closely with the Group to advise them as they seek to close a funding gap (brought about by Covid-related cost increases); and • Discussion on crowd funding, which had been taken forward by the Group, and the importance of capturing any learning and experience from this, which could be used for the benefit of other similar projects requiring funding in North Ayrshire. <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Locality Priority Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Ewan Grant, Community Development Manager, on the above.</p> <p>The Partnership noted the terms of the report, and verbal update given, that covered activities undertaken in the period June – September 2021.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
9.	<p>Locality Officer and Youth Forum Update</p>	

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	<p>The Partnership received a report by Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, on activities undertaken in the period June – September 2021.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p>Locality Officer and Youth Forum Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by Louise Riddex, Locality Officer on activities undertaken in the period June – September 2021.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
11.	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer on applications received in respect of the 2021/22 Elderly Grants Fund.</p> <p>After consideration, the Partnership agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to approve a grant of £965 to The Cumbrae Forum; (b) to approve a grant of £7,331 to Age Concern Largs; (c) to approve a grant of £1,357 to Fairlie Old Folks Welfare Committee; and (d) to approve a grant of £1,461 to Skelmorlie Senior Citizens. 	
12.	<p>Standing Orders</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update by Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer, on the above.</p> <p>The Partnership noted the terms of the update given, particularly discussion that had taken place at the CPP Senior Officers Group and changes around the geographic basis with the final version being submitted to a future meeting of the Community Planning Partnership for approval.</p>	
12.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>12.1 Men's Shed</p> <p>Councillor Murdoch discussed the issue of Men's Shed and the location of a suitable premises in the locality for this. It was noted that Councillor Murdoch would arrange to take this matter forward with appropriate officers, including obtaining possible CIF funding for this.</p> <p>12.2 Update from Natalie Murray, Active Schools Co-ordinator</p> <p>The terms of a verbal update on this area of work was given by Natalie Murray. It was agreed that there may be merit in including a future agenda item, on this particular area, given all the good work that was taking place.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Councillor Murdoch</i></p>

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13.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The Partnership was advised that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on 14 December 2021 via MS Teams.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Jennifer McGee</i></p>

Meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.