



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

**North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership**  
**Tuesday 14 September 2021, 6.00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams**  
**Business**

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Timings
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>			Cllr Gallagher	6.00 – 6.05
2.	<b>Action Note</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.</li> </ul>	<b>Pg</b>	Enclosed	Rhona Arthur	6.05 – 6.15
3.	<b>Standing Orders</b> Receive update from Rhona Arthur.	-	Verbal	Rhona Arthur	6.15 – 6.25
4.	<b>Cost of the School Day</b> Receive update from Rhona Arthur.	-	Verbal	Rhona Arthur	6.25 – 6.35
<b>STANDING AGENDA ITEMS</b>					
5.	<b>Learning Update</b> Receive update.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers	6.35 – 6.50
6.	<b>Islands Officer Update</b> Receive update from Sarah Baird.	-	Verbal	Sarah Baird	6.50– 7.05
7.	<b>HSCP Update</b> Receive update from Michael McLennan.	-	Verbal	Michael McLennan	7.05 – 7.15
8.	<b>Millport Town Hall</b> Receive update from Lesley Stringer.	-	Verbal	Lesley Stringer	7.15 – 7.25
9.	<b>Locality Priority Officer Update</b> Receive update from Ewan Grant.	<b>Pg 10</b>	Verbal	Ewan Grant	7.25 – 7.35
10.	<b>Locality Officer and Youth Forum Update</b> Receive report from Louise Riddex.	<b>Pg 14</b>	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	7.35 – 7.45
11.	<b>Grants</b> Receive report from Rhona Arthur.	<b>Pg 18</b>	Enclosed	Rhona Arthur	7.45 – 7.55
12.	<b>AOCB</b>	-		Cllr Gallagher	7.55 – 8.00

**Distribution List**

**Elected Members**

Councillor Alex Gallagher (**Chair**)  
Councillor Alan Hill  
Councillor Tom Marshall  
Councillor Ian Murdoch  
Councillor Todd Ferguson  
Councillor Robert Barr  
Councillor Ronnie Stalker

**Community Representatives**

John Lamb (**Vice Chair**)  
Helen Boyle  
Rita Holmes  
Lesley Stringer  
Lizzy Barbour  
Graham Wallace

**CPP/Council Representatives**

Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer  
Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer  
Louise Riddex, Locality Officer  
Alison Wilson, Police Scotland

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>North Coast Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	1 June 2021 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
<b>Present:</b>	<p><b>Councillor Alex Gallagher</b> (Chair);  <b>John Lamb</b> (Vice Chair);  <b>Councillor Todd Ferguson</b>;  <b>Councillor Alan Hill</b>;  <b>Councillor Tom Marshall</b>;  <b>Councillor Ian Murdoch</b>;  <b>Russell McCutcheon</b>, Senior Lead Officer, NAC;  <b>Rhona Arthur</b>, Lead Officer, NAC;  <b>Rita Holmes</b>, Fairlie Community Council;  <b>Graham Wallace</b>, Cumbrae Community Council;  <b>Robbie Stevenson</b>, on behalf of Largs Community Council;  <b>Lizzy Barbour</b>, Community Representative;  <b>Sergeant Donald Fisher</b> (Police Scotland);  <b>Morna Rae</b>, Senior Manager (Police, Performance and Community Planning), NAC;  <b>Sarah Baird</b>, Senior Island Officer, NAC;  <b>Louise Riddex</b>, Locality Officer, NAC;  <b>Natalie Murray</b>, Co-ordinator (Community Learning &amp; Development) NAC;  <b>Ewan Grant</b>, Community Development Worker, NAC;  <b>Craig McLellan</b>, Modern Apprentice (North Coast Locality Team) NAC;  <b>Melanie Anderson</b>, Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services), NAC</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Louise McDaid, Chair (HSCP)  Lesley Stringer, Community Representative</p>

## ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Chair extended a welcome to those present, including a member of the public who was observing the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were recorded.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Action Note</b></p> <p>The Action Note from the meeting held on 2 March 2021 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"> <li>• Item 3 (Credit Union Presentation) – officers would be following up with the Credit Union on potential ideas for development and funding and would provide an update in due course.</li> <li>• Item 4 (Draft Local Police Plan) – the local priorities highlighted as part of the presentation and the important role of the Police in terms of community wellbeing;</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 5 (Locality Priorities and Locality Partnership Standing Orders) – a further update would be provided later in the meeting and future discussion was anticipated around the potential for ‘chit chats’ in the North Coast and Cumbraes, as well as the importance of considering how to achieve better engagement with Skelmorlie in future;</li> <li>• Item 7 (Islands Officer) – the newly appointed officer would provide a verbal update later in the meeting; and</li> <li>• Item 12 (Grants) – officers were meeting with key older people’s groups around the disbursement of the Elderly Grants budget</li> </ul> <p>The Lead Officer confirmed that a meeting had taken place with the Older People’s Forum to discuss the disbursement of the Elderly Grants budget, but that further work was required to engage specifically with groups from the North Coast and Cumbrae before bringing proposals to the next meeting of the Locality Partnership. In the meantime, any applications for funding would be considered in the usual way, subject to verifying the feasibility of events in light of current restrictions and ensuring proposals contained suitable arrangements around Covid.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• issues in respect of engagement with groups on the disbursement of Elderly Grants funding, including practical considerations around Covid; and</li> <li>• exploring the potential for credit union services to be hosted on Cumbrae</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed to note that a report on the outcome of discussions around the disbursement of Elderly Grant funding would be submitted to the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur</i></p> <p><i>Rhona Arthur</i></p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Ayrshire Hospice</b></p> <p>The Chair advised that, unfortunately, this item had been withdrawn from the Agenda as the presenter was unable to attend.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Locality Priorities and Locality Partnership Standing Orders</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Morna Rae, Senior Manager (Policy, Performance and Community Planning) on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the draft Locality Partnership Impact Report, which the members of the Partnership were invited to digest and comment upon;</li> <li>• the outcome of public engagement work which had taken place over 14 weeks on key themes for the Locality Partnership’s consideration; and</li> <li>• whether the Partnership wished to retain its existing priorities, replace some/all, or refocus existing key themes.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the relationship between the Locality Partnership priorities and the National Islands Plan, particularly around the themes of health and wellbeing;</li> <li>• the term “employability” and its practical application;</li> <li>• the People’s Panel response rate, particularly in relation to North Coast and Cumbraes participants;</li> <li>• the value of extending the theme of social isolation and mental health to cover the wider community and not only young people;</li> <li>• the link between the theme of financial inclusion and food poverty;</li> <li>• digital inclusion/exclusion as part of the broader theme of financial inclusion;</li> <li>• the availability of further Connecting Scotland funding to support digital inclusion;</li> <li>• the establishment of a Dementia Friendly group in Largs and the importance of including dementia as part of the broader mental health theme; and</li> <li>• consideration of action plans as the next step in the process.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed:</p> <p>(a) that the Locality Priorities be refreshed in light of recent community engagement work, to incorporate the related themes highlighted during discussion – Work and Skills; Social Inclusion; Stress and Anxiety; and Financial Inclusion;</p> <p>(b) that a copy of the presentation slides be re-circulated to members of the Locality Partnership; and</p> <p>(c) to note that an update on Standing Orders would be submitted to the next meeting.</p>	<b>Morna Rae</b>
5.	<p><b>Senior Islands Officer Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal report by Sarah Baird, Senior Islands Officer, on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the background to her post, which had been jointly funded as a pilot by the Scottish Government, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Council;</li> <li>• the establishment of an Islands portfolio-holder within the Council;</li> <li>• the implications of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018, its context in terms of community empowerment and the need to ensure Community Planning Partners took ‘island-proofing’ into account when considering policies, services and strategies;</li> <li>• the 13 strategic objectives to be addressed, including issues such as population decline, transport and housing, and digital connectivity;</li> <li>• recent and ongoing meetings with a range of stakeholders around the development of place-based plans for each of the islands;</li> <li>• work with colleagues in Economic Development to secure access to robust data, particularly in respect of Cumbrae;</li> <li>• the particular challenges faced by island communities as a result of Covid;</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the planned timescale for developing Island Plans (by the end of the summer), submitting these to the Council and its partners (by the end of the year) and launching the plans (early in 2022); and</li> <li>the intention to provide further information at the next meeting on the outcome of engagement with stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the innovative nature of the pilot;</li> <li>the importance of island-specific data, to ensure planning based on facts rather than assumptions;</li> <li>the diverse nature of North Ayrshire’s islands;</li> <li>the need to ensure island communities’ ownership of the plans;</li> <li>the issue of accessibility for Cumbrae, particularly for those residents with employment on the mainland;</li> <li>the intention to produce a one-page document setting out the various plans in place and how they relate to one another; and</li> <li>the relevance to communities of outcomes and actions rather than plans and strategies;</li> </ul> <p>On behalf of the Partnership, the Chair extended his thanks to Sarah Baird for her presentation.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<b>Morna Rae</b>
6.	<p><b>Youth Participation and Citizenship</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation by Craig McLellan, Modern Apprentice within the North Coast Locality Team, on the North Ayrshire Youth Citizenship and Participation Strategy 2021-25 which was launched at a recent meeting of the Joint Cabinet. The presentation highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>key elements of the previous strategy, including suicide prevention and period poverty;</li> <li>the four key themes of the new strategy, namely health and wellbeing, poverty and inequality, young people’s voice and rights, and digital connections;</li> <li>the importance of greater engagement with young people, including the theme of “nothing about us without us”;</li> <li>key pressures associated with Covid;</li> <li>next steps following the launch of the strategy; and</li> <li>the opportunity for members of the Partnership to sign the pledge</li> </ul> <p>A link to the Strategy was also provided: <a href="https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/EducationalServices/youth-participation-strategy.pdf">https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/EducationalServices/youth-participation-strategy.pdf</a></p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the availability of statistical information on engagement and how improvements would be measured; and</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the importance of ensuring young people’s voices are heard in relation to Island Plans</li> </ul> <p>The Lead Officer undertook to arrange for Donna Anderson to provide further statistical information on youth engagement to Councillor Ferguson.</p> <p>On behalf of the Partnership, the Chair thanked Craig McLellan for his presentation.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to note (i) that arrangements would be made for the Senior Islands Officer to be invited to attend the Youth Forum and a planned summer pop-up event on Cumbrae; (ii) that efforts would be made via the Youth Forum to encourage a youth representative to join Cumbrae Community Council; and (iii) the content of the presentation.</p>	<p><b><i>Rhona Arthur</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Craig McLellan/ Louise Riddex</i></b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Street Naming Report</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report from the Council’s Planning Service on the naming of a street within a new sheltered housing development in Largs. Appendix 1 to the report provided a number of suggested names for consideration and a plan of the development was shown at Appendix 2.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the value of retaining “St Colm’s” and the need to use an alternative suffix to Place;</li> <li>the importance of seeking to increase the ‘bank’ of suggested names; and</li> <li>the historical importance of John Stewart to the town of Largs.</li> </ul> <p>The Lead Officer undertook to explore the historical connections of John Stewart and add these to the bank of names for future street names.</p> <p>The Partnership (a) unanimously agreed to name the street within the new sheltered housing development in Largs, “St Colm’s Gardens”; and (b) requested that officers seek to increase the bank of names for use in future street naming.</p>	<p><b><i>Rhona Arthur</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Lisa Dempster/ Kirsty Gee</i></b></p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Grant</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report on an application from Largs Running Club for financial support from Largs Town Charitable Trust.</p> <p>Councillors Murdoch and Hill declared an indirect interest in the application, having previously liaised with members of the club about its establishment. The nature of the interest was such that neither Member required to leave the meeting during consideration of the item.</p>	

	<p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the absence of quotes for some of the items covered by the application;</li> <li>• the national Park Run organisation and associated fees;</li> <li>• the source of other funding referred to within the club's application; and</li> <li>• the likely impact on the club planned programme of continuing consideration of the application to the next meeting</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed:</p> <p>(a) to approve, in principle, an award of up to £3,000 to Largs Running Club from Largs Town Charitable Trust, subject to clarification of costs and quotes; and</p> <p>(b) that it be remitted to officers to make an award, subject to consultation with Elected Members following receipt of the additional information required in support of the application.</p>	<p><b>Rosemary Fotheringham</b></p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Learning Update</b></p> <p>In the absence of a head teacher representative, consideration of this item was continued to the next meeting, if appropriate.</p>	<p><b>Jennifer McGee</b></p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Millport Town Hall</b></p> <p>In the absence of Community Representative Lesley Stringer, the Lead Officer provided a verbal update on the Millport Town Hall project. The following points were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• key milestones in the project, including the issue of tenders (for return by 2 July 2021), plans to move to the building phase by mid-August and a completion target of May 2022;</li> <li>• success in securing Adapt and Thrive Covid recovery funding of £55k, which had been used to engage a clerk of works;</li> <li>• current advertising for a Fundraising and Marketing officer;</li> <li>• the range of variables affecting the final costing of the project;</li> <li>• a request by the group for a further early release of CIF funding, in the amount of £75k;</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed (a) to recommend to the Cabinet approval of a further early release of £75k of the group's CIF award; and (b) otherwise, to note the content of the verbal update.</p>	<p><b>Rhona Arthur</b></p>
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Locality Officer and Youth Forum Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report by Louise Riddex, Locality Officer on activities undertaken in the period April – June 2021.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	



<p><b>13.</b></p> <p><b>13.1</b></p> <p><b>13.2</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Community Development Post</b></p> <p>Louise Riddex provided a short verbal update on the appointment of Ewan Grant as the new CIF-funded Locality Priorities officer.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p><b>Report for Information – Roads Maintenance Programme 2021-22</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Council’s roads, structures and street lighting maintenance programme for 2021-22. Appendices 1a and 1b set out the approved programme for 2021/22. Appendix 2 provided details of the process for prioritising works. The assessment matrixes used for scoring and ranking for carriageways/footways and structures was contained at Appendices 3 and 4, respectively.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The Partnership was advised that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on 7 September 2021 via MS Teams.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><b>Jennifer McGee</b></p>

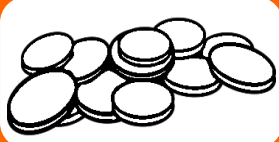
**Meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.**



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# North Coast & Cumbrae Locality Priorities Officer Progress Report

Reporting Period –



## Financial Inclusion

- Working with West Kilbride Village Larder as a point of contact to help in their endeavours to provide food provision to community members in West Kilbride and the larger North Coast community. Currently helping the group as they are extending their opening days
- Liaising with Largs living room in facilitating an employability hub covering the North Coast area
- Facilitated community consultation day within Largs Thistle football ground, asking what cost-effective events/programmes the community would like to see within Largs Thistle, as they are keen to make Barrfields a community hub for use by community members throughout the North Coast
- In the process of facilitating a meeting between the West Kilbride Village Larder and the North Coast Cookhouse, this has not been done yet due to conflict in schedules on both sides however once this has been facilitated there will be an opportunity for both groups to share resources/provisions which will benefit the wider North Coast community



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## Progress Report

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### Social isolation – older people

- Liaising with Bill Spiers looking to facilitate an IT literacy course with members of the community within Skelmorlie
- Once I have established an IT literacy class, I will be liaising with Bill further to identify vulnerable elderly people within Skelmorlie who cannot attend classes but are interested in learning IT/Ipad skills to facilitate doorstep basic IT literacy
- Completed walk leader training and will be facilitating walking groups for local residents around the Largs promenade area
- Will work closely with Largs living room to help facilitate various social isolation programmes they aim to facilitate
- Working closely with the North Coast Community Cookhouse, in facilitating a food delivery service to vulnerable people throughout the North Coast. The group are currently looking at adding another delivery day each week to compliment the deliveries already being done.



### Stress and anxiety – younger people

- Facilitated North Coast youth fest in Largs marina. This was a very important event as it allowed young people from across the North Coast to meet and interact with each other, there were opportunities for young people to meet & interact with various local agencies such as the Samaritans
- Working closely with Largs Library to utilise the community room to facilitate a mental health focused youth group within the area which will be organised as soon as the library opens up for business after the renovation
- Working with Cumbrae gardens community hub to establish an LGBT youth group in the hub to utilise a safe space for young people to attend
- North Coast youth groups back up and running as normal within Skelmorlie & West Kilbride community centres, this is an important group for the young people that attend and the group does weekly check ins on mental health and well being before each session
- Facilitated various 'pop-up' days throughout mainland North Coast/Cumbrae - allowed young people to interact and get to know the connected communities youth work team and all the services we provide

For further information contact: Ewan Grant, NC & Cumbrae Locality Priorities Officer,



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Reporting Period – June-Sept 21



## General

Work continues with interested groups in Douglas Park. There are around 6 different project ideas for the park now. Louise & Ewan are working at pulling this together and finding suitable alternative venues for groups that won't be able to be accommodated in the park. Next meeting with elected members/trustees is mid Sept.

Team have continued to deliver streetwork throughout the summer and this will continue throughout the year. Will be looking at partnering with KA leisure for some activities after the success of the last event.

North Coast youth forum- The forum has been working hard. They were fully involved in the planning and delivery of the summer pop up days and youth festival. All these events were very successful.

Halls centre and libraries are opening in line with NAC guidance. Some restrictions still in place for these buildings.

Growing beyond tomorrow project that has been proposed for the Glen in West Kilbride have been granted a temporary occupational licence for the red blaes pitch. This is on a short term basis of August until mid-end October.

Friends of Kirktonhall Glen group also have an interest in developing the glen and have been having meetings and consulting with the community around what they would like to see happening.

Supporting WK adult education committee who are planning to start re-delivery of classes in WK community centre and addressing any concerns surrounding COVID safety.

Continually, supporting the West Kilbride Yuletide committee with being the point of contact between them and building services/Streetscene, To get works done which will allow the committee to proceed with their event this year.

Supporting Largs Colts (Bowencraig), with community concerns and any queries they may have whilst they are going through Asset transfer process.

Partnering with Largs Thistle, Active Schools and Arts and Culture – a summer taster session was provided, which was very successful. A Community wide consultation day was held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>



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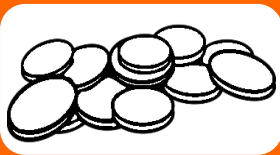
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August, where various groups attended the event to provide information and support, as well as various activities throughout the day. Results of the consultation have still to be collated.

## Update

North Coast Community Cookhouse Continuing to run well. They are now looking at what provision they can put on over the Christmas period.

West Kilbride 'The Village Larder' is going well. Numbers dropped during the summer holidays, which seemed to be common across all larders. They are now looking at amending their opening times to include early mornings and an evening to make it more accessible to all.



## Financial Inclusion



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## Social isolation – older people

### Update

The North Coast Youth Forum helped in the planning of 2 events over the summer holidays. 1 in Skelmorlie which over 200 people attended, and 1 in Millport, which is due to be on 5 Sept.

These events were for the whole community including older people. Lots of activities were on offer for the elderly to take part in and also free refreshments if they just wanted to have a tea, biscuit and a chat.

Team are looking at Adult Education classes that could be offered. This will include things like digital literacies/intro to computing.



## Stress and anxiety – younger people

### Update

Skelmorlie & West Kilbride Youth groups will continue to have a session on mental health in each of their terms. Group is still running digitally. Numbers attending aren't very high but it's an important group for those who are attending.

WK Youth group continuing to run well, it is an important group for the young people who attend as there has been several incidents around school bullying that staff have supported.

Summer programme for young people was held at Largs thistle football grounds. This involved working in partnership with Largs Thistle and arts and culture to provide young people with:

- Free drama workshops
- Various youth activities
- Mural project – where yp designed and worked with a local street artist to provide a mural for the back of the football stands

Summer pop up days were held at West Kilbride Community Centre, West Kilbride glen, Skelmorlie Community Centre and Cumbrae. All were well attended and young people enjoyed activities.

North Coast youth fest took place at The Pencil in Largs, over 70 young people were in attendance and partners attended from Green Health Partnership; Samaritans; Triple Act Theatre Company; Libraries; Arran Outdoor Centre; Heritage and Culture; KA leisure and Active Schools.



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North Coast youth forum (NCYF) - the group have been successful in applying for funding and now have hoodies and banners. Young people have permission to wear these in school. A couple of members of the group set up a meeting with HT @ Largs Academy and following summer break will present to their year groups to raise awareness and promote group.

Largs Community Council have invited a young person from NCYF to attend meetings. Tema to work with Young People to determine who will attend the Community Council meetings, and who will attend LP meetings.

Soundsystems Project – online and in person music project working with young people throughout the 6 localities and will be delivered over the Autumn. This project will provide young people with a young stem leader qualification and an insight into music design, production, songwriting etc.

Largs Wellness Model – focussed meetings were held throughout the summer to ensure any support that young people needed was in place. Survey to be carried out with young people through various mechanism. His will be around Mental health and wellbeing, what support they feel they need, what's already available, and their thoughts on it. This is being done across North Ayrshire.

For further information contact: Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, 01294 475910, 07980964858. [lriddex@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:lriddex@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

**Locality Partnership: North Coast**

**Date:** September 2021

**Subject:** Youth Forums and Citizenship and Partnership work

**Purpose:** This report is to inform the North Coast Locality Partnership about Youth Forum, Youth Citizenship/Partnership activity, planned and actual for the North Coast Area.

**Background**

*The North Coast Youth Forum is a newly established group. We will strive to benefit the lives of young people in the North Coast area. We aim to achieve this by involving them in the decision-making process and giving them a voice.*

*The young people were successful in their Participatory Budgeting bid to purchase North Coast youth forum banners and hoodies and this has been key to establishing their identity across the locality. They have been wearing their hoodies over the summer at any events that we have had on and banners have been displayed at both Skelmorlie and Cumbrae fun and information days, as well as represented at the recent Viking festival.*

*Funding was secured to hold a fun and information day in both Skelmorlie and Cumbrae. These were both very successful with over 200 people attending Skelmorlie fun day and over 150 attending Cumbrae's fun day. Following on from this success, it would be good to make this a regular annual event, where the young people are able to 'give back' to their communities.*

*The forum also played an integral role in planning the North Ayrshire summer youth fest day and for the North Coast, this was held near the pencil in Largs and again was a brilliant day with over 80 young people attending on the day.*

*The forum are settling into their roles as a committee and constituted group and will seek to establish a bank account, that will allow them to apply for future funding.*

*With schools returning, the forum will now meet on a Thursday after school, with one of their first tasks being to apply for PB funding to run another fun and information day. As well as applying for funding, the young people have expressed an interest in becoming mental health ambassadors and a guest speaker will be invited along to the group to discuss this further. We have also invited the young people to take part in local Community council or Locality partnership meetings to represent the young people's voice.*

**Key Points for Locality Partnership**

*Members of the Youth Forum will be happy to have an input to and support the partnership where necessary.*

**Action Required by Locality Partnership**

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**Completed by:** *Denise Fraser*

**Date:** 06 September 2021



## **Locality Partnership: North Coast Locality**

**Date:** 14th September 2021

**Subject:** To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2021/22 Elderly Grants Fund.

**Purpose:** To consider the applications as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

**Background:** Applications have been received in respect of the 2021/22 Elderly Grants Fund.

### **Key Points for Locality Partnership:**

- The 2021/22 Elderly Grants budget for the North Coast Locality is **£13,785**.
- Officers will continue to work with local groups to explore how the remaining funds can be used to support the needs of older people.

**Action Required by Locality Partnership:** To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

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**ELDERLY GRANTS FUND  
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2021/22**

Grant Allocation for North Coast LPP Area    £            13,785

<b>Group</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Grant Allocated to Group</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>
The Cumbrae Forum	Contribution to refit and restore of premises	£            965	£            965	£            -
Age Concern Largs	Contribution towards: Annual Insurance, Replacement Chairs and Patio refurbishment to reduce mobility hazards. Also seeking support towards summer outing to Oban and Christmas Pantomime.	£            7,331	£            7,331	£            -
Fairlie Old Folks Welfare Committee	Funding will assist with running costs of the Semple Centre	£            1,357	£            1,357	£            -
Skelmorlie Senior Citizens	Contribution towards Christmas Party for Senior Citizens	£            1,461	£            1,461	£            -
<b>***Age Concern West Kilbride</b>	<b>N/A - Do not wish to apply this year.</b>	£            2,671	£            -	£            2,671
		£            13,785	£            11,114	£ <b>2,671</b>