



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

**North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership**  
**Tuesday 1 March 2022, 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>	Pg 3	Enclosed	Russell McCutcheon	6.05 – 6.10
3.	<b>Place Frameworks</b> Receive update from Graham Ross and David Carr.	-	Verbal	Graham Ross/ David Carr	6.10 – 6.25
<b>DECISION REQUIRED</b>					
4.	<b>Community Investment Fund</b> West Kilbride Community Initiative Limited – Full Application	Pg 11	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	6.25 – 6.35
5.	<b>Grants</b> Receive report from Rhona Arthur.	Pg 19	Enclosed	Rhona Arthur	6.35 – 6.45
<b>STANDING AGENDA ITEMS</b>					
6.	<b>Learning Update</b> Receive update.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers	6.45 – 7.00
7.	<b>HSCP Update</b> Receive update from Louise McDaid	-	Verbal	Louise McDaid	7.00 – 7.10
8.	<b>Islands Plan</b> Receive update.	-	Verbal	Sarah Baird	7.10 – 7.20
9.	<b>Millport Town Hall</b> Receive update from Lesley Stringer.	-	Verbal	Lesley Stringer	7.20– 7.30
10.	<b>Locality Sub-Groups</b> Receive update from Cllr Gallagher.	-	Verbal	Cllr Gallagher	7.30 – 7.40
11.	<b>Locality Priorities Officer Update.</b> Receive update from Ewan Grant.	Pg 22	Enclosed	Ewan Grant	7.35 – 7.45

12.	<b>Locality Officer and Youth Forum Update</b> Receive report from Louise Riddex.	Pg 24	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	7.45 – 7.55
13.	<b>AOCB</b>	-		Cllr Gallagher	7.55 – 8.00

**Date of Next Meeting:** Date to be confirmed after the Local Government Elections.

## 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**), West Kilbride  
 Community Council  
 Helen Boyle, Skelmorlie Community Council  
 Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council  
 Lesley Stringer  
 Lizzy Barbour  
 Alex Harvie, Cumbrae Community Council  
 Jim Phillips, Largs Community Council

### CPP/Council Representatives

Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer  
 Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer  
 Louise Riddex, Locality Officer

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	14 December 2021 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillor Alex Gallagher</b> (Chair); <b>John Lamb</b> (Vice-Chair); <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>Louise Riddex</b> , Locality Officer (NAC); <b>Alison Wilson</b> , Police Scotland; <b>Alex Harvie</b> , Cumbrae Community Council; <b>Rita Holmes</b> , Fairlie Community Council; <b>Lesley Stringer</b> , Community Representative; <b>Louise McDaid</b> , HSCP Locality Forum; <b>Sarah Baird</b> , Senior Islands Officer (NAC); <b>Rosemary Ramsay</b> , Funding Officer (NAC); <b>Natalie Murray</b> , Co-ordinator (Community Learning & Development) NAC; <b>David Nairn</b> , Wild Oysters Project (Agenda Item 3); <b>Lynne Cathcart</b> , Head Teacher (Skelmorlie Primary School) (Item 4); <b>Barbara Conner</b> , TACT (Agenda Item 5);
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Councillor Todd Ferguson</b> ; <b>Lizzy Barbour</b> , Community Representative; <b>Rebecca Black</b> , Corporate Parenting Team (NAC);

## ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Chair extended a welcome to those present, including Alex Harvie, newly appointed Chair of Cumbrae Community Council.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were recorded.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Action Note</b></p> <p>The Action Note from the previous meeting, held on 14 September 2021, was approved.</p> <p>The Senior Lead Officer provided a brief update and highlighted a number of items, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 3 (COSD) – the important work being done to reduce the cost of the school day;</li> <li>• Item 5 (Senior Islands Office Update) – the evolving Islands Plans, which would be the subject of further consideration later in the meeting</li> <li>• Item 7 (Millport Town Hall) – further progress would be reported later in the meeting; and</li> <li>• Item 12.1 (Men’s Shed) - AOCB – the Men’s Shed and ongoing work to identify suitable premises in Largs.</li> </ul>	

	<p>At the invitation of the Chair, Councillor Murdoch provided a short verbal update on progress in respect of the Men’s Shed project, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• success in attracting committee volunteers, trustees and office bearers;</li> <li>• the charitable status registration process;</li> <li>• work to look at funding opportunities; and</li> <li>• progress in terms of securing temporary premises, with options for permanent premises still being explored, including the potential for asset transfer or new-build premises.</li> </ul> <p>Thereafter, the Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the potential to explore CIF funding for the development of a Men’s Shed in Largs; and</li> <li>• the omission from the action note of a decision which had been taken in respect of the disbursement of Elderly Grants funding by West Kilbride Community Council.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed to (a) confirm that, although omitted in error for the Action Note, a decision had been taken at the previous meeting to delegate authority for the disbursement of remaining 2021-22 Elderly Grant funding to West Kilbride Community Council; and (b) note that officers would liaise with Councillor Murdoch on the potential for a CIF funding application in respect of the Men’s Shed.</p>	<p><b><i>Rhona Arthur</i></b></p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Wild Oysters Project</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation by David Nairn, Project Officer with the Wild Oysters Project, a national project led by the Zoological Society for London, Blue Marine Foundation and British Marine aimed at restoring Britain’s seas to health through the restoration of the native oyster.</p> <p>The presentation highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the introduction of oyster hatcheries at various locations locally, including Largs and Fairlie Marinas;</li> <li>• the benefits of the project in terms of areas such as biodiversity, climate change, carbon capture and eco-tourism;</li> <li>• the educational work being done with schools and university; and</li> <li>• work being done to secure further funding to allow a continuation of the project beyond its current timeframe.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the wide range of benefits which the project could bring to the local area and its marine environment;</li> <li>• the importance of partnership working with the Council and others;</li> <li>• the potential detrimental impact of a fish farm proposal;</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the work of the Clyde Marina Partnership and whether there was any scope for Elected Member involvement;</li> <li>• the importance nationally of the SSSI at Southannan sands;</li> <li>• the carbon capture potential of the project and the importance of the marine environment in tackling climate change;</li> <li>• the Council's Green Jobs fund;</li> <li>• any potential to incorporate habitat benefits into Cumbrae's flood defence scheme project;</li> <li>• the existing Cumbrae Marine Consultation area and the potential for the development of a marine regional park in the longer term; and</li> <li>• the work of the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed to note that the Executive Director (Place) would liaise with the Council's project team to explore further the feasibility of including some wild oyster habitat development as part of the Cumbrae flood defence works.</p> <p>Councillor Hill and Alison Wilson (Police Scotland) joined the meeting during consideration of this item.</p>	<p><b>Russell McCutcheon</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Learning Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal report from Lynne Cathcart, Head Teacher at Skelmorlie Primary School, on the progress being made and challenges faced around the education of school pupils during the pandemic, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the positive boost to children of a recent visit by Santa, arranged by Largs Events;</li> <li>• the significant pressures associated with staffing shortages as a result of the pandemic in general and the new Omicron variant in particular;</li> <li>• the challenges around maintaining in-school learning until the end of the current term; and</li> <li>• the potential for the Wild Oysters Project to provide input to local primary schools.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• concerns around the Covid infection rate within schools; and</li> <li>• plans for a meeting between representatives of the Wild Oysters Project and the local primary schools cluster.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	

<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Adult Volunteering Recognition Award and TACT Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal report from Barbara Conner (TACT) on a new award scheme to recognise the contribution made by adult volunteers to their local communities.</p> <p>The Partnership was advised that the scheme comprised a range of awards (from Bronze for 25-49 hours through to Palladium for outstanding contributions) to mark the level of commitment by volunteers.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether there was any particular timeframe within which volunteering hours had to be accrued;</li> <li>• the extent to which volunteering hours could be backdated; and</li> <li>• whether it was anticipated that volunteers would be recognised with different categories of award as they accumulated hours, or if it was expected that a volunteer would be nominated for just one level of award.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Grants Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation by Rosemary Ramsay, the Council's Funding Officer on the Largs Town Charitable Trust and Largs Common Good.</p> <p>The presentation highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the purpose of the Funds;</li> <li>• the balances available for disbursement;</li> <li>• the eligibility criteria;</li> <li>• the application and assessment process; and</li> <li>• examples of the types of projects which had been funded</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how available funding was generated;</li> <li>• whether the balance of Charitable Trusts could/should be fully expended if their annual administrative/audit fees were significant as a proportion of their overall capital; and</li> <li>• an outstanding application from Largs Park Run for Largs Town Charitable Trust funding</li> </ul> <p>The Lead Officer provided a verbal update on a funding application from Largs Park Run which had been continued from a previous meeting for further information. The Partnership was advised that group had now obtained the required licence.</p>	

	<p>The Partnership unanimously agreed to approve Largs Park Run's application for Largs Town Charitable Trust, in the amount of £3,000.</p>	<p><b>Rosemary Ramsay</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>HSCP Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report and verbal update by Louise McDaid, Chair of the HSCP Locality Forum, on a variety of issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ongoing survey on the HSCP's new Strategic Plan 2022-30;</li> <li>• a recent meeting with representatives of the North Coast and Cumbraes Youth Forum and the invitation for two young people to participate in the Locality Forum; and</li> <li>• the significant harm caused by problem gambling and the work being done to tackle it, including plans for a Gambling Charter and the role of organisations such as Gamtalk UK and Gamblers Anonymous.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• potential funding opportunities to support Gamtalk presentations to local schools;</li> <li>• the demographics of problem gambling and the need to make information available on where to seek help;</li> <li>• the prevalence of betting shops, particularly in poorer areas;</li> <li>• the impact of targeted online advertising;</li> <li>• the petition for a 'Luke's Law' to ban 'free bets' and emails aimed at enticing gamblers;</li> <li>• the relevance of gambling to the Partnership's priorities around mental health and social isolation; and</li> <li>• the potential for KA Leisure's "Champions for Change" initiative to include problem gambling, in addition to drugs and alcohol</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed to note that the Lead Officer would liaise with the HSCP Locality Forum Chair to explore opportunities to develop a CIF funding application for a project aimed around problem gambling awareness raising.</p>	<p><b>Rhona Arthur</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Islands Plan</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report and presentation by the Senior Islands Officer on development of the draft 10-year Cumbrae Island Plan and the proposed next steps.</p> <p>The presentation highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the approach taken with regard to community engagement and the development of economic baseline data;</li> <li>• the key themes emerging from community engagement;</li> <li>• the impact of the pandemic;</li> <li>• the role of action plans as part of the Plan;</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the importance of capturing information on all local projects and activity;</li> <li>• the proposed governance model and reporting arrangements; and</li> <li>• the planned timescale for approval of the Plan</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• community concerns around the robustness of the baseline data;</li> <li>• the opportunity to review and refresh the data;</li> <li>• the extent to which timescales might be flexed to accommodate further examination of the strategy, mission, vision and baseline data;</li> <li>• the rationale for the timeline referred to in the report, in the context of Scottish Government deadlines and the forthcoming local government election period;</li> <li>• the need to bring the diverse interests of the community together, and Cumbrae Community Council's role in this;. and</li> <li>• a planned meeting between the Senior Islands Officer and Cumbrae Community Council the following day.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Alex Harvie lost connection during part of this item.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Millport Town Hall</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal report by Community Representative Lesley Stringer on progress in respect of the Millport Town Hall project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a positive site visit by the Leader and officers of the Council;</li> <li>• agreement of the tender price and the commencement of work on site, notwithstanding that some costs remained provisional;</li> <li>• the creation of six local jobs to date as a result of the project;</li> <li>• the venue's first wedding booking, for March 2023;</li> <li>• the success of a recent crowd-funding initiative, which had raised more than £42k;</li> <li>• a number of recent capital funding awards;</li> <li>• delays associated with the discovery of asbestos within the building and some issues around sewer works; and</li> <li>• the next steps for the project, including a request for the release of the remaining CIF funding</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the impressive progress of the project from its initial inception; and</li> <li>• recent funding success</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership unanimously agreed to recommend to the Cabinet approval of the release of the remaining CIF award to the Millport Town Hall Project.</p>	<p><b><i>Rhona Arthur</i></b></p>



	Alex was able to re-join the meeting during consideration of this item.	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Locality Officer and Youth Forum Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a written report and verbal update by the Locality Officer, who highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the refreshed priorities agreed at the last meeting; and</li> <li>• the need to consider the membership of sub-groups and chairing arrangements</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed that (a) an update on sub-groups be submitted to the next meeting in March 2022; and (b) in the meantime it be remitted to the Locality Officer to progress arrangements in terms of the membership and chairing of the sub-groups.</p>	<b><i>Louise Riddex</i></b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>11.1 Remembering Together – Scotland’s Covid Community Memorial Programme</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer on a national programme of reflection and commemoration, led by greenspace Scotland, to mark the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The Partnership was advised that a programme of public engagement would take place to consider an appropriate memorial for North Ayrshire, which could be in the form of a physical object or a piece of music/art.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to note that the Lead Officer would circulate a briefing note on Covid Community Memorial Programme.</p>	<b><i>Rhona Arthur</i></b>
<b>11.2</b>	<p><b>Locality Partnership Membership</b></p> <p>The Lead Officer provided a verbal update to advise that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• current appointments to the Locality Partnership would come to an end with the local government elections due to take place in May 2022;</li> <li>• following the elections, Elected Members and community council chairs would automatically be entitled to serve on the Locality Partnerships within their ward and area, respectively; and</li> <li>• current community representatives were invited to consider standing for re-appointment to the Locality Partnership.</li> </ul> <p>The Locality Officer advised that, following the recent community council ordinary elections, it was hoped that a representative of Skelmorlie Community Council would be able to attend future meetings of the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

<p><b>11.3</b></p>	<p><b>Street Naming</b></p> <p>Councillor Murdoch referred to a request by one of his constituents to have a street(s) named after his forebearer, John Stewart, given Mr Stewart's importance to the town of Largs. This matter was initially raised at the Locality Partnership meeting in June 2021.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to note that John Stewart's name had already been added to the bank of street names, for the Partnership's consideration when it was next called upon to name a street/development.</p>	
<p><b>11.4</b></p>	<p><b>Report for Information – TACT Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update report on the range of services provided by TACT to support the community and voluntary sector.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p><b>11.5</b></p>	<p><b>Circulation of Presentations</b></p> <p>The Partnership agreed that a copy of the presentation slides for the meeting should be circulated for information.</p>	<p><b>Jennifer McGee</b></p>

**The meeting ended at 8.10 p.m.**

## **Community Investment Fund Application Form: North Coast & Cumbraes Locality**

### **The CIF will support proposals and projects that:**

- Connect with:
  - The North Ayrshire Fair for All Inequalities Strategy;
  - the Community Planning Partnership and Locality priorities; and
  - North Ayrshire Council's values, priorities and business objectives.
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

### **When to apply and how?**

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities, and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round'.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.
  
- Forms should be returned to your Locality Co-ordinator, by email if possible:

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**Support and information will be available for groups who are not successful.** For more information see the guidance form here: <http://www.northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/sites/60/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf>

# APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## Community Investment Fund

### 1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation: West Kilbride Community Initiative Limited (WKCIL)

Postal Address for

Correspondence: ..

Name of Contact Person: Kay Hall

Position in Organisation: Associate Projects Director WKCIL

Contact Telephone Number : .....

E mail address .....

### 2. Brief description of your organisation

*Please include -*

**[a]** Legal status, e.g. voluntary organisation, public/private limited by shares or guarantee;

**[b]** How long has organisation been in existence?

**[c]** Aims & objectives;

**[d]** General activities or services provided

West Kilbride Community Initiative Ltd is a Company Limited by Guarantee and was established in 1998.

The purpose of the Company was to address the decline of the village where green spaces were becoming derelict and 22 shops were boarded up. After much debate, a scoping report and a community consultation it was agreed to regenerate the community by focussing on Arts, Crafts and Culture.

The business now offers 9 working studios along the main shopping streets and the Barony Centre. This centre includes an exhibition space and also houses a Gallery Shop, a café and master studios. The other WKCIL project is run by the Environmental Group and develops and maintains communal green spaces around the village. They also own two fields in the Glen and a nature reserve located in an old quarry.

To ensure sustainability WKCIL has focussed on developing income streams from many activities in the studios and the Barony Centre. The nine studios now owned by WKCIL are fully occupied by working crafters and artists and many previous tenants now add to the creative culture of the village by establishing their own studios.

The Objectives of the Company are broad and include aspects of heritage preservation, recreational activities, education, environmental protection, citizenship and community development. More recently the Company has recognised its important role in providing training and employment and during the pandemic carried out a successful Arts Mentoring Project in partnership with Impact Arts. Ten new artists were offered training in running a business and in organising Community Arts Workshops. All ten have moved on to further work and the strong network they built still remains.

The work of WKCIL is supported by over 60 volunteers. The benefits of volunteering are recognised and the teams are valued as their work is fundamental to the running of the company. Working with WKCIL provides social contact, a positive working environment and gives feeling of purpose by being involved and contributing to the community.

### **3. Title and summary of proposal**

Tell us a bit about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for. Please include where it will be held / delivered, who is your target audience, who will benefit from it and how and indicate any partners that are involved.

Please include -

**[a]** *What outcomes your organisation wishes to achieve;*

**[b]** *Is this a new service / project?*

**[c]** *Does a new organisation need to be set up?*

*Please ensure that all of the above information is supplied. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected.*

This is a new project offering technical and creative training and an AV service. The project will be based around training in audio visual skills and activities and will offer practical and creative ways of making, recording, editing and lighting individual work and an opportunity to train in more managed events such as presentations, performances and events. Creativity will be high priority.

Alongside this training we will offer a share and repair café service where participants may pool their knowledge and expert advice may be offered.

Our aims are:-

- a. To provide a community resource covering all aspects of AV requirements
- b. To provide technical training across a wide range of AV devices and share pathways for possible employment opportunities
- c. To offer a share and repair café offering advice and knowledge
- d. To explore the different AV needs of various organisations and create checklists
- e. To encourage participants to employ a problem-solving approach to any AV challenges
- f. To develop opportunities and ideas for a range of creative projects and to link participants to people with projects being developed elsewhere
- g. To engage with a wide range of residents in West Kilbride and North Ayrshire with a particular focus on younger and older people

We intend to develop this new project under the auspices of WKCIL a well-established third sector Company Limited by Guarantee with a proven track record.

#### **4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?**

Please include -

**[a]** *How you will approach reducing inequality*

**[b]** *How this proposal fits with North Coast's priorities of:*

1. *Work and Skills*
2. *Social Isolation – Older People*
3. *Stress and Anxiety – Younger People*
4. *Financial Inclusion*

#### **REDUCING INEQUALITY**

Since January 2022 bus transport is free for anyone who is under 22, over 60 or for other specific reasons. The 585 bus service therefore offers easy access to West Kilbride from communities across North Ayrshire.

Our project is designed to deliver hands on experience for anyone interested in video and sound production. This area of creativity appeals to a wide range of age groups and also introduces participants to the world of sound and film related employment.

West Kilbride offers a range of paid and free workshops as well as many opportunities in volunteering and these would be advertised for visitors to our creative centre.

Our new project provides a hub where creativity could be offered to anyone with a mobile phone and then extended by introducing a variety of AV equipment. AV technology is valued by many age groups and offering experience and skills in this area can help to build an individual's motivation and confidence

#### **NORTH COAST Priorities**

1. *Work and Skills* – this project offers a wide range of training in AV skills and opens up opportunities for employment. We will work with North Ayrshire's Employability Team to identify opportunities for participants and we also bring a wide range of contacts from our experience in this field.
2. *Social Isolation – Older People* – the hub offers a base for social contact and our Share and Repair café mirrors the model offered by Men's Sheds and would be complementary to local developments in the North Coast. Our Environmental Group also offers social contact for older people and many and varied projects have been developed by the team. The café would also appeal to our current membership which has increased over the years and includes many isolated women as well as well as men.
3. *Stress and Anxiety – Younger People* – the area of AV development appeals to a younger audience with music and videos playing a significant part in their everyday lives. Our activities will provide enjoyable distraction. We will also offer participants the chance to be creative and productive both of which contribute to a sense of achievement. Any failures are easily rectified by careful editing and revisiting and this offers a positive thinking experience. Exploring alternatives is a strong tool in dealing with stress and anxiety and success changes the way we think about ourselves.  
We also have many links throughout our community to offer activities in creative health and green health.
4. *Financial Inclusion* - We will seek ways to support the financial needs of our participants especially when this would further their working opportunities and creative developments. We have experience of applying for match funding and are aware of financial support for young people, addressing mental health issues & social isolation and in supporting the elderly.

## 5. Please give an overview of the engagement that has taken place in relation to the project

*Please include the number of people that have been engaged with/ consulted*

At the end of 2017 an extensive public consultation was carried out across the village called 'I want that Chats'. The pandemic has delayed the implementation of our response but work continues.

The consultation was comprehensive and involved delivering 1700 leaflets door to door. Facebook notifications were provided on Creative Works, The Barony Centre and West Kilbride People pages. A Film invitation was produced by local teenagers and the local press covered 3 public consultation sessions 3rd, 5th and 26th of August. A Stakeholder session was held on the 16th August. Feedback trees were distributed to key sites around the village, the Barony, Nisa, the Library, the Community Centre, Steamers, the Butchers and Co-op. 333 pieces of feedback were collected and 24 individual offers of help.

The resulting comprehensive information was collected and is ranked in order of frequency: -

- Art, craft, music and film were the four main strands of activity people want to see and take part in at the Barony.
- Exhibitions were popular – particularly local artists but also community art projects (where the community collaborates to make the output).
- Classes, workshops and demonstrations – in a wide range of creative activities with a focus on local artists/makers and interest in taster sessions across numerous materials and topics
- Music – a broad spectrum of musical genres, requests for performances, lessons and sessions that the public can join
- Film – a strong focus on regular movie nights, festivals, filmmaking
- Material based activity from ceramics to book binding. Within this category textiles feature strongly in a variety of forms – decorative sewing and quilting to dressmaking and knitting groups
- Drama and literature – from play, pie and a pint to creative writing • Enterprise – micro business support, pop-up selling events, festivals, a focus on local produce
- Kids – classes and amenities for younger people and collaboration with schools
- Food and drink – from cooking to gin tasting
- Social dimension - Gathering space – connecting via making, addressing vulnerable communities

Many of these activities have now been addressed and continue to have a high profile. However we now have the opportunity to develop another creative area -

- Film making for adults and children
- Using tech resources and access to engage the teenagers
- Repair café

Since November 2021 we have been meeting with a network of people to seek views on the viability of this project and also to ensure we do not detract from what is already happening in North Ayrshire. We have engaged with North Ayrshire Officers, individual creatives, local people with relevant experience and a range of colleges. We have already held discussions in the following areas and met with relevant people:-

- SCQF- how we might engage in providing accreditation
- Becoming an Assessor
- Exploring partnerships with a college
- Apprenticeships
- Ayrshire Film Company

We have more networking planned and intend to meet with contacts from the Cally Centre, further colleges, North Ayrshire Council, tutors involved in supporting school leavers and community members who are involved in music and theatre.

## **6. Please tell us how the project will be managed**

*Please include -*

**[a]** *How the finances will be managed*

**[b]** *Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in North Coast? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities*

**[c]** *If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans*

**[d]** *Is there evidence of partnership working in relation to the project within North Coast locality?*

**[a]** The finances will be managed by the Finance Officer employed by WKCIL. Regular updates will be available using the SAGE system and income and expenditure will be checked at our regular meetings.

**[b]** Volunteering is a key strength in all the work carried out by WKCIL supporting both Craft Town Scotland and the Environmental Group. Our AV group will have a committee made up of volunteers and lead contributors in this project will offer their time. The funding will be used to employ a lead AV engineer who has extensive experience in this area of work and an administration assistant for support. Included also would be funding to employ specialists in the field to share their expertise and experience in specific projects.

**[c]** WKCIL holds the expected range of HR Policies and as part of WKCIL this project would adhere to these policies and guidelines. The paid posts will be engaged in the short term on a freelance basis.

**[d]** We will work closely with NAC seeking advice from the Locality Officers, the Employability Team and we hope to engage with the Men's Shed developments in North Coast.



## 7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details of the amount of funding being requested and any **other** funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and 'in kind'.

<b>Amount of funding requested:</b>	<b>£76,605 over 3 years</b>
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Please include detail on -

**[a]** Breakdown of costs if available;

**[b]** Recent quotations where appropriate

### Year 1 FUNDING BEING SOUGHT 2022-2023

Bespoke	AV Computer	1	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Black magic	web presenter	1	£569.00	£569.00
sony zV1	camera	3	£700.00	£2,100.00
tential sync	timecode system	3	£360.00	£1,080.00
Azus	Broadcast screen system	1	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5949</b>			

We have already started to seek match funding for the equipment and have applied to PB Funding, the Cooperative, three local Trusts. We will seek ways to identify sources of income as we move towards running the project as a business.

### Year 2 FUNDING BEING SOUGHT – 2023-2024

2 DAY WEEK 6 HOUR DAY 48 WEEKS

**Course coordinator @ £35 p/h = £20,160**

**Admin assistant @ £18 p/h = £10,368**

**TOTAL = £30,528**

### Year 3 FUNDING BEING SOUGHT – 2024-2025

2 DAY WEEK 6 HOUR DAY 48 WEEKS

**Course coordinator @ £35 p/h = £20,160**

**Admin assistant @ £18 p/h = £10,368**

**Specialist Consultant Training Advisor - 2 days a week for an 8 week course**

16 days @£500 per day £8000 + vat £1600 = £9,600

**TOTAL = £40,128**

## 8. Monitoring and evaluation process

*Please include detail on –*

**[a]** *What monitoring and evaluation processes are planned/ in place*

WKCIL is currently updating its Development Plan with the help of CEIS and as part of this we intend to create a development time frame for the project so we may detail our plans and monitor our expected progress.

We will create a journal/diary to record use of our hub and outreach service and this will include times, events, workshops and numbers attending. We will map out methods to record qualitative and quantitative information.



**Locality Partnership:** North Coast Locality

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**Subject:** To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2020/2021 Elderly Grants Fund.

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

**Background:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Elderly Grants Fund award for 2020/21 was carried over to 2021/22. Groups were invited to apply for grant funding to be used for one or more of the following activities:

- Addressing digital exclusion
- Reducing social isolation
- Increasing confidence to re-engage in activities etc post COVID-19 restrictions

Please note the 2021/22 Elderly Grants Fund was fully disbursed in autumn 2021 and the 2022/23 Elderly Grants Fund will become available in the new financial year.

**Key Points for Locality Partnership:**

- The 2020/2021 Elderly Grants budget for the North Coast Locality is **£13,785**.

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

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**Date:** 14.2.22

APPENDIX 1

**ELDERLY GRANTS FUND  
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2020/21**

**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 towards the purchase of 2 laptops for use at the Forum's weekly elderly lunch club to support digital inclusion. The laptops will be used to instruct people in the use of Facebook, Zoom etc and will also address social isolation by enabling users to contact family and friends through face-to-face online platforms. The laptops will also be available for use in Cumbrae Forum's drop-in centre.	£ 965	£ 965	£ -
Age Concern Largs	Contribution towards installation of sound/loop system at the Cameron Centre, maintenance and repairs to club roof and purchase of a laptop. This will ensure that elderly citizens will continue to be able to enjoy activities and events which encourage them to get out and about, socialise and meet friends.	£ 7,331	£ 7,331	£ -
Fairlie Old Folks Welfare	Funding will assist with the running costs of the Semple Centre to provide a safe	£ 1,357	£ 1,357	£ -

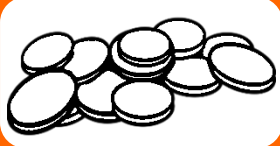
Committee/Semple Centre	comfortable space for the elderly to meet and enjoy various activities and social interaction that will combat social isolation and encourage engagement with the wider community.			
Skelmorlie Senior Citizens	Contribution towards trips and meals to encourage elderly citizens to leave their homes and socialise with their community. In particular, the group plans to run a Christmas party which they have not been able to do for the past 2 years.	£ 1,461	£ 1,461	£ -
West Kilbride Community Support Group	Contribution towards providing administrative and capacity building support to local groups that already support the elderly. This support will help facilitate the delivery of activities to reduce social isolation and encourage confidence in the elderly to participate in activities such as social events, crafting and singing groups, complementary therapies and pop-up cinema events. Funding would also be used to cover costs of hall hire and refreshments for planned activities.	£ 2,671	£ 2,671	£ -
		£ 13,785	£ 13,785	£ -



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Reporting Period –



## Financial Inclusion

- Successful in gaining phase 3 Ipad devices which will be distributed to Skelmorlie Literacy group learners at the start of the new course free of charge
- Continue to support Largs Thistle community group in their efforts to facilitate groups and activities for North Coast community
- Continue to support the village larder with any issues or queries that interfere with the daily running of the larder
- Supporting the organisation of summer pop up days to be facilitated throughout the North Coast



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## Progress Report

Reporting Period –



### Social isolation – older people

- Facilitated Digital literacy course in Skelmorlie Community Centre focussing on basic entry level IT literacy/ipad navigation.
- Currently working on building on the successful Digital literacies course by applying for connecting Scotland to receive ipads in order to facilitate a further literacy course focusing solely on how to become IT literate with ipad tablet devices. This group concentrates on becoming IT Literate and how to become digitally connected. This allows participants to confidently communicate outwith their locality aiding in combatting social isolation and inclusion.
- Currently halfway through walk leader training with the aim of facilitating a walking group 'stroll with it NC' aiming to combat mental health issues.
- Looking to work in partnership with Largs Thistle to create a walking football group for over 60's



### Stress and anxiety – younger people

- Aiming to pick up a previously ran sports group to combat anti-social behaviour/mental health issues in young people in the North Coast alongside completing various citizenship/employability courses.
- Continue to facilitate various youth work activities with the group alongside looking at the possibility of creating a newsletter that will be run by the young people
- Liaising with Largs academy to form as a safe space for LGBT yp in the North Coast, with the end goal of creating a North Coast LGBT Youth forum.
- Continue to facilitate various youth work activities with the group alongside looking at the possibility of creating a newsletter that will be run by the young people working with NAC Ranger service to ensure young people take ownership of green spaces in West Kilbride

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



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Work continues with interested groups in Douglas Park. Louise is still looking at alternative venues for some of the groups. Met with housing at a potential site and am awaiting feedback from them. Still in discussions with estates re what can and can't be done within DP.

Have organised an event in Skelmorlie in March to engage with the community on what they would like to see happening around the priorities. This will be on Wed 23 March 7-9pm in Skelmorlie Community Centre.

Detached Youth Work has now restarted. This is a combination of targeted work at Barrfields and streetwork.

Next meeting of the Friends of Kirktonhall Glen group due to take place in the next couple of weeks.

New priorities are now active for the locality. These are work & social skills, social inclusion, stress & anxiety, and Financial Inclusion. A discussion needs to be had with LP on how we want to take sub groups forward for these new priorities.

The next Locality Network Meeting is due to take place in West Kilbride Community Centre on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. This event brings paid employees from different services who work in the community together to facilitate discussions on where we could be working together to best meet the needs of the community, avoiding any duplication. This meeting will be used to get to know everyone on the room, and what their role is etc. Future meetings we will look at a locality Priority and how people can work together to tackle the priority.

Community PB applications have now closed and we are awaiting next steps.

## CAT

1. **Douglas Park** –Nursery have been invited to complete a full application and have been offered support and assistance from PC and EG, their Governance Structure will probably need to be revised.

Meetings with other parties with an interest in the Park are ongoing but are unlikely to be via the CAT process.

2. **Cumbrae Toilets** – CDCD – Final steps will hopefully be concluded soon, with Legal and the group.



## General





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3. **West Kilbride Toilets** – no update
4. **West Kilbride Glen** – 3 groups have now expressed an interest, for 3 different initiatives – we connected them and await their feedback re potential joint working (no further update).
5. **Bowencraigs Football Pitches** – we are still waiting for the formal application – Pam contacted the group but still no response – to be followed up again to seek update.
6. **Brisbane centre, Largs** – We now have 1 group with an interest in the facility and another with interest on hold. They will be invited to complete the full application.

Continuing to support The Cumbrae Wave group in their aspirations to take on the Cumbrae Watersports Centre. They now have SCIO status, have a part time Project Delivery Coordinator in place. This post was funded through North Ayrshire Venture Trust. Group are working through a process of how they can take on asset transfer and communicating with Sports Scotland.

Two of the NC Youth Forum members have recently become Climate ambassadors and attended a couple of the COP 26 events for young people. Following on from this, there have been discussions on a couple of projects the forum will be getting involved in, the first one is for the junior members of the forum, who are going to be involved in a 'wild oysters' Project, which will see the young people taking care of their own 'nursery' and becoming young scientists. The second project that the forum has discussed is to tackle litter in and around the Largs area and they may partner with Largs Community Council to take this project forward.



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## Update

North Coast Community Cookhouse Continuing to run.

Working with Various groups on funding support.

The North Coast Youth Forum group are in the process of setting up their own bank account, which will allow them to access more funding opportunities.

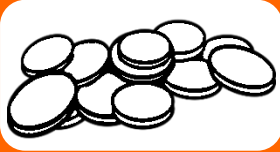
West Kilbride 'The Village Larder' is going well.

Their opening times are now Tues & Fri 9-12 and Thurs 6-8pm.

Visits to the larder for the final quarter of last year averaged 21 per week. And continuing at 21 so far this year. Larder now has 85 members.

Getting lots more "best before" donations from the coop, which everybody enjoys - it's mainly fruit/veg and bakery products. Also get donations from olio weekly. Also getting more donations of food via basket in the coop plus from both churches.

At Christmas the larder supported 55 families with vouchers to the total of £900.



## Financial Inclusion



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## Update

Adults Digital Literacies course due to restart in Skelmorlie.

The chit chat that was scheduled to run has been postponed for now.

Continuing to support Men's Shed group. Set up a site meeting for them with David from PMI to look at potential sites for a shed. They have applied to PB for start up funding. They put an expression of interest in for a CAT on the Brisbane Centre. They have decided to leave taking it any further at the minute as theres another group interested in it, but if that group decide not to take it any further then the Men's Shed group will look to pursue it. The group are holding an online information meeting Mid Feb to update the community on what they have been doing. They are also looking at visiting other Men's Sheds to see how they are set up.

Met with Millport Town Hall to look at support for when the Town Hall is up and running, particularly around Youth Work and funding for groups. Team will be attending the event they are holding in April. We will promote our Community Leadership Programme and engage on what training groups would like. We will also have the funding officer there with a stall.

Continuing to work with the individual who is interested in having a dog park in Largs. She has completed a survey which over 300 people completed with the majority being in favour of having a dog park. We are now working with David from PMI to look at potential sites. We will also be having a discussion on the logistics and if the project will be taken forward as a community group or a social enterprise.

Continuing to support the Dementia Friendly Largs & District group. The group are now constituted with SCIO status.

Cycling without age – We have been working with various groups, discussing the possibility of them coming together to ensure the rickshaw stays in Largs and is utilised. North Coast Youth Forum and Dementia Friendly Largs are 2 groups who have already said they are happy to be involved. We are also working with KA Leisure on different options. We are also exploring options for storage of the rickshaw.



## Social Inclusion



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Simpson/Craufurd Ave Sing Park - Initial meetings have taken place with Streetscene, Cllr. Ferguson and community members to get a group together for consultation on reinstating the swing park or similar in the area. Working with community members to take this forward and for an established community group in the area to 'adopt' the group and provide support with funding etc.

Working with the Skelmorlie community council to try and organise a street party in June. Have sourced and help complete a funding form to raise funds for the event. Discussions and planning for the street party are ongoing.

## Update

Skelmorlie & West Kilbride Youth groups will continue to have a session on mental health in each of their terms. Groups are now running face to face.

North Coast youth forum (NCYF) - The group have been successful in receiving PB funding to purchase 2 laptops. This will allow the chair and secretary to administer the group's business and set up and maintain the proposed NC youth forum website, which we have applied for funding for.

The NC youth forum website will have a space dedicated for mental health resources and the young people are also hoping to receive mental health training with this funding.

Three members of the group are currently going through 'See me' training with Largs Academy.

The group are also in the process of setting up their own bank account, which will allow them to access more funding opportunities.

One of the NC youth forum members are going to be helping set up and maintain Largs Community Council social media pages and attend their meetings.

Two of the groups members have recently become Climate ambassadors and attended a couple of the COP 26 events for young people.

Soundsystems Project – A 2 day music project will take place on the mainland in March/April that will be open to all localities.



**Stress  
and anxiety**



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Continue to attend the Largs Wellness model meetings Mental health and wellbeing survey has went out on social media platforms as well as posters being displayed with QR code in school.

2 new Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Project delivery officers are now in post. They will cover the full of North Ayrshire. They are currently carrying out a mapping exercise of what services are available.

## Update

Looking at options for this priority as this is one of our new priorities. One of the potential pieces of work is an employability group in partnership with the Living Room, however we have been unable to arrange a meeting due to changes that are going to be happening with the Living Room.

Employability worker has been doing an Employability roadshow across North Ayrshire offering guidance, support and opportunities. Further engagements expected in the future.

Discussions have taken place with Largs Academy to provide PDA in youthwork to Largs Academy pupils and this has been put on the option sheet as a subject choice for this coming year.

## Work & Skills

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**Locality Partnership: North Coast**

**Date:** February 2022

**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 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 Chair and Secretary of the group are both now in receipt of laptops, thanks to a successful funding application. This will allow the chair and secretary to administer the group's business and set up and maintain the proposed NC youth forum website.*

*The NC youth forum website will promote and inform the community of what the group are doing as well as having a mental health section specifically for young people to access which would help with resourcing and signposting.*

*Mental health plays an important role in the youth forum's agenda. Three of our young people have completed 'See Me' training through Largs Academy and 2 members have signed up to be CAMHS allies. A representative from CAMHS has engaged with the group on a couple of occasions and will continue to do this throughout the year. The young people are also working closely with the Partnership Engagement Officer from HSCP in consulting about an Instagram account to provide content, what it should look like and information surrounding Mental health and wellbeing.*

*The group have 2 young people who have been chosen to be climate change ambassadors for North Ayrshire and are planning to attend a 'legacy' conference in Edinburgh later this month. The forum will look at projects that will tackle small changes at a local level. The young people have been talking about being involved in a litter campaign that would raise awareness amongst their peers and hopefully work closely with the Largs Community Council and Streetscene on a joint effort.*

*The 'Wild Oyster Project' has invited the younger members of the group to become 'young scientists' and they will adopt a nursery, where they will look after and visit the site once a week.*

*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. Representatives will attend meetings where possible and 2 of our young people are helping the Community Council with their social media.*

*Dementia Friendly Largs and district have arranged to visit the group and deliver a presentation to them. The group hope to work in partnership with them, KA leisure and Cycling without Age to provide those that are less mobile some time out by taking them a ride along the prom on a Trishaw. This project will tackle social isolation and loneliness and young volunteers can work towards gaining award qualifications.*

*The youth forum are working great as a committee now and the group members will be taking on extra tasks and roles within the youth forum and starting projects that would benefit their peers. This would be centred around the needs of all young people in the North Coast. The group will have the opportunity to take part in a residential with team building activities and further training in early April this year. All group members have discussed about the opportunities of completing further awards out with their curriculum at*

*school and one of the awards mentioned was the Duke of Edinburgh award. As the group are all different ages it will be at 3 different levels and we will work towards (Bronze, Silver and Gold)*

### **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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