

# Action Note

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| <b>Meeting:</b>                    | <b>North Coast Locality Partnership</b>  |
| <b>Date/Venue:</b>                 | 1 March 2022 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams   |
| <b>Present/<br/>In Attendance:</b> | <p><b>Councillor Alex Gallagher</b> (Chair);<br/> <b>John Lamb</b> (Vice Chair)<br/> <b>Councillor Todd Ferguson</b>;<br/> <b>Councillor Alan Hill</b>;<br/> <b>Councillor Ian Murdoch</b>;<br/> <b>Russell McCutcheon</b>, Senior Lead Officer, NAC;<br/> <b>Rhona Arthur</b>, Lead Officer, NAC;<br/> <b>Julie McAleese</b>, HeadTeacher, Cumbrae Primary School;<br/> <b>Alex Harvie</b>, Cumbrae Community Council;<br/> <b>Lesley Stringer</b>, Community Representative;<br/> <b>Lizzi Barbour</b>, Community Representative;<br/> <b>Sarah Baird</b>, Senior Islands Officer, NAC;<br/> <b>Louise Kirk</b>, Senior Manager (Regeneration) (Place) NAC;<br/> <b>Rachael Graham</b>, Regeneration Officer, NAC<br/> <b>Louise Riddex</b>, Locality Officer, NAC;<br/> <b>Denise Fraser</b>, Community Development Worker (North Coast), NAC;<br/> <b>Ewan Grant</b>, Locality Priorities Officer (North Coast), NAC;<br/> <b>Melanie Anderson</b>, Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services) NAC</p> |
| <b>Also in Attendance:</b>         | Graham Ross, Austin Smith Lord;<br>Katie Trotter, North Coast Youth Forum; and<br>Kay Hall and Drew Kirkland, West Kilbride Community Initiative   |
| <b>Apologies:</b>                  | Councillor Robert Barr<br>Councillor Tom Marshall  |

## ACTIONS

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| 1.  | <p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Chair extended a welcome to those present.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were recorded.</p>  |             |
| 2.  | <p><b>Action Note</b></p> <p>The Action Note from the meeting held on 1 June 2021 was approved as a correct record.</p> <p>The Senior Lead Officer and Lead Officer provided a brief update and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 3 (Wild Oysters Project) - discussions were taking place between the Wild Oysters project and officers working on the Cumbrae flood defence works;</li> <li>• Item 6 (Grants Update) – funding had now been disbursed to Largs Park Run in the amount of £3,000;</li> <li>• Item 7 (HSCP Update) – exploration of the potential for a CIF project aimed at problem gambling would be informed the outcome of a Scottish Government funded pilot project for schools;</li> </ul> |             |

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|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 9 (Millport Town Hall) – Cabinet had now approved the release of the remaining CIF award to the Millport Town Hall project;</li> <li>• Item 11 (Remembering Together – Scotland’s Covid Community Memorial Programme) – a briefing note on the programme had now been circulated and progress was anticipated in terms of the project itself; and</li> <li>• Item 11.2 (Locality Partnership Membership) – it was hoped that attendance from Skelmorlie Community Council could be encouraged, failing which, alternative representation could be sought for Skelmorlie</li> </ul> <p>At the invitation of the Chair, Councillor Murdoch provided a short verbal update on ongoing work in respect of the Men’s Shed project (Item 2) and issues around the identification of a suitable site/premises.</p> <p>Noted.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>3.</b></p> | <p><b>Place Frameworks</b></p> <p>Louise Kirk, Senior Manager (Regeneration) provided a short verbal report on Place Frameworks, which had Scottish and UK Government funding. She introduced Graham Ross of consultants Austin Smith Lord, who had been appointed to lead on the project alongside officers of the Council.</p> <p>Graham Ross gave a presentation on the preparation of place frameworks and action plans for Largs, Saltcoats and Kilwinning, which would take into account not only the physical environment, but also social and economic factors. The importance of community engagement, particularly with lesser heard members of the community, was emphasised, as were issues such as the need for deliverable outcomes, alignment with funding opportunities and the concept of 20-minute neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the importance of partnership working, the need to avoid duplication of effort, the relationship with Place Plans for planning, and Largs’s position in the context of the wider North Coast and Cumraes locality.</p> <p>The Senior Manager (Regeneration) undertook to have the presentation slides circulated for information to members of the Partnership.</p> <p>Noted.</p> | <p><i>Louise Kirk/<br/>Jennifer McGee</i></p> |
| <p><b>4.</b></p> | <p><b>Community Investment Fund</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a full Community Investment Fund application from West Kilbride Community Initiative for a project to provide training in audio video skills and activities, alongside a ‘share and repair’ café service.</p>  |   |

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|                                       | <p>Kay Hall and Drew Kirkland provided a short verbal report on the project, including its background, work undertaken to date, the potential scope of the project and further work to be carried out.</p> <p>The Partnership (a) expressed its support for the West Kilbride Community Initiative project; and(b) agreed to recommend Cabinet funding in principle in the amount t of £76,605 over three years, to be delivered on a phased basis.</p>   | <b>Rhona Arthur</b> |      |                   |        |                           |        |                            |        |                                       |        |                        |
| <b>5.</b>                             | <p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report by Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer on applications received in respect of the 2021/22 Elderly Grants Fund (carried over from 2020/21).</p> <p>After consideration, the Partnership agreed to make the following awards:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">The Cumbrae Forum</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£965</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age Concern Largs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,331</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fairlie Old Folks Welfare</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,357</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Skelmorlie Senior Citizens</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,461</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Kilbride Community Support Group</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,671</td> </tr> </table>   | The Cumbrae Forum   | £965 | Age Concern Largs | £7,331 | Fairlie Old Folks Welfare | £1,357 | Skelmorlie Senior Citizens | £1,461 | West Kilbride Community Support Group | £2,671 | <b>Rosemary Ramsay</b> |
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| West Kilbride Community Support Group | £2,671  |                     |      |                   |        |                           |        |                            |        |                                       |        |                        |
| <b>6.</b>                             | <p><b>Learning Update</b></p> <p>Julie McAleese, Head Teacher of Cumbrae Primary School provided an update, including information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the positive impact of the easing of COVID-19 restrictions (such as the reintroduction of assemblies, an end to staggered start and finishing times, the re-introduction of in-person Parent Council meetings and events, and the resumption of transition visits for P7 and P1);</li> <li>• the distribution of funding from the Cost of the School Day working group and its use on Cumbrae for the purchase of self-colour t-shirts (for sports and other events), gym shoes and wellies; and</li> <li>• a variety of other initiatives on Cumbrae, including work with the Field Studies Centre, a Scottish Book Trust-funded project with a local author and a photographer and plans for the school to keep chickens to support learning on sustainability.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p> |                     |      |                   |        |                           |        |                            |        |                                       |        |                        |
| <b>7.</b>                             | <p><b>HSCP Update</b></p> <p>In the absence of the HSCP representative, there was no update provided.</p>   |                     |      |                   |        |                           |        |                            |        |                                       |        |                        |

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| <b>8.</b>  | <b>Islands Plan</b><br><br>The Partnership received a verbal update from Sarah Baird, Senior Islands Officer on the 10-year Islands Plan and associated action plans, which had now been approved by the Cabinet and could be viewed online at <a href="https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/business/islands-recovery-renewal.aspx">https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/business/islands-recovery-renewal.aspx</a><br><br>The Partnership was advised on the next steps in terms of the draft governance model and the planned launch of the Islands Plan in the week commencing 7 March 2022.<br><br>The Senior Island Officer undertook to circulate information on plans for the launch of the Islands Plan on Cumbrae on 10 March 2022.<br><br>Discussion took place on the challenges presented by current ferry provision for Cumbrae.<br><br>Noted. | <b>Sarah Baird</b>  |
| <b>9.</b>  | <b>Millport Town Hall</b><br><br>The Partnership received a presentation from Community Representative Lesley Stringer on the Millport Town Hall project, from inception, through its funding journey, to the obstacles encountered and overcome. It was anticipated that the new facility, which had seen the creation of employment for six local people, would now open in October 2022.<br><br>On behalf of the project, Lesley Stringer expressed her appreciation of the significant CIF funding contribution which had helped the group access financial assistance from a variety of other funders, and thanked the Partnership and Council officers for their support. The Chair reciprocated by recognising the extraordinary work of volunteers and the local community in bringing the project to fruition.<br><br>Noted.                  |                     |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>Locality Sub-Groups</b><br><br>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Chair on the Locality Sub-Groups, including the potential to expand the number of sub-groups to reflect the Partnership's four priorities, as well as encouraging community representatives to take the lead on the sub-groups.<br><br>The Senior Lead Officer emphasised the officer support which would be available to any community/community council representatives interested in chairing a sub-group.<br><br>The Partnership agreed to continue to a future meeting consideration of the number of sub-groups and their chairing arrangements.   | <b>Rhona Arthur</b> |

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| <p><b>11.</b></p>                    | <p><b>Locality Priorities Officer Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report and verbal update by Ewan Grant on the Locality Priorities on a number of current initiatives, including the involvement of young people in the Friends of the Glen in West Kilbride, work with PC Ross Pollard on creating a safe spaces for the LGBT community in Largs, plans for the creation of a North Coast walking group and a mental health group, and a digital literacy project with older people in Skelmorlie.</p> <p>Noted.</p>  |                              |
| <p><b>12.</b></p>                    | <p><b>Locality Officer and Youth Forum Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Louise Riddex on a number of initiatives, including West Kilbride Larder and plans to locate a Cycling without Age tri-shaw near Vikingar in Largs. Further information on the future of The Living Room was anticipated towards the end of the month.</p> <p>Katie Trotter of the North Coast Youth Forum also provided a short verbal update on the work of the group, including completion of See Me training, the selection of two members of the group as Climate Change Ambassadors, a litter campaign, work with the Wild Oysters Project, and social media assistance being provided to Largs Community Council. Consideration was also being given to involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme and a residential team-building event was planned for April 2022.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |                              |
| <p><b>13.</b></p> <p><b>13.1</b></p> | <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>As it was the last meeting prior to the local government elections, Councillor Ferguson took the opportunity to thank the Chair for his chairmanship over the previous five years. Officers added their own thanks. The Chair reciprocated, thanking Members, officers and community representatives for their support.</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 would be arranged following the Local Government Elections on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.</p> <p>Noted.</p>   | <p><b>Jennifer McGee</b></p> |

Meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.