

Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership	
Date/Venue:	6 December 2022 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams	
Present/ In Attendance:	Councillor Alan Hill (Chair); Councillor Todd Ferguson; Councillor Tom Marshall; John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice-Chair) Jamie Black, Largs Community Council; Alex Harvie, Cumbrae Community Council; Carol Campbell, Community Representative (Co-opted); Nick Hobson, Community Representative (Co-opted); Frank Alexander, Community Representative (Co-opted); Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer, NAC; Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, NAC; Donna Anderson, Youth Participation Officer, NAC; Michael McLennan, Partnership Engagement Officer (HSCP); Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland; and Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services, NAC	
Also in Attendance:	Calum Coral and Adam Lyon, Largs and Millport News	
Apologies:	Councillor Eleanor Collier Councillor Ian Murdoch Russell McCutcheon Louise McDaid Sarah Baird	
ACTIONS		
No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair extended a welcome to those present and invited introductions. Apologies for absence were then recorded.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Action Note from the meeting held on 6 September 2022 was approved as a correct record.</p> <p>The Lead Officer advised that all actions had been completed and that the workshop event referred to at Item 6 (Working Groups and Action Planning) had taken place on 12 October 2022.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

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<p>3.</p>	<p>Health and Social Care Partnership Overview</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Health and Social Care Partnership on the Locality Engagement Approach 2023.</p> <p>The Partnership Engagement Officer also provided a short presentation on the new engagement structure: locality engagement (via Locality Conversations), strategic engagement (via Locality Planning Review Groups) and plans for digital engagement.</p> <p>Discussion took place on a number of areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the links to “What Matters to You?” • ways in which Elected Members and community representatives might play a part in encouraging engagement; • the time pressures faced by GPs and possible alternative contacts to serve as a link; • the arrangements being made jointly with the Locality team for events/conversations; • whether there would be an opportunity for a Locality Partnership representative to set on the Locality Planning Review Group; • the importance of driving up community participation and making the work of Health and Social Care more accessible; and • whether Elected Members and community representatives could be involved in the process, rather than only medical professionals and officers. <p>The Partnership agreed to note (i) the contents of the report and presentation and (ii) that the dates for events/conversations would be circulated early in the new year.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Michael McLennan/Jennifer McGee</i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Cost of Living Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal report by the Lead Officer on ongoing activity to tackle the cost-of-living crisis, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the workshop event held on 12 October 2022; • the work of the Child Poverty Board; • a Community Planning Partnership workshop held at the end of August 2022, which looked at what was working, gaps and the improvements that could be made, as well as promoting a ‘no wrong door’ approach among partners; • a series of ‘mini publics’, or focussed mini inquiries, to be launched in the new year on the subjects of employability and food; • the £4m package of support agreed by the Council’s Cabinet in August 2022, which would provide extra benefit payments to help families with their energy costs and provide advice; • the Scottish Government’s winter bridging payments and the Council’s top-up arrangements; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet funding to underwrite the resilience of the community food network in light of increased demand; and • an update on food provision across the North Coast and Cumbraes <p>The Lead Officer also provided links to cost-of-Living information available on the Council's website at Cost of living support (north-ayrshire.gov.uk) and on the Community Planning Partnership website at Community Support – North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership</p> <p>The Locality Officer then provided an update, which included information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a meeting held in West Kilbride in October 2022 to gather information on food provision within the Locality; • ongoing work to set up a food larder in Largs, subject to identifying suitable premises; • the working agreement now in place with Largs Community Council's Access to Food sub-group; • proposals for an information hub, supported by a new post which was being recruited; and • the development of a 'heat hub' in every part of the Locality. <p>The Lead Officer also referred to work by the Chair on the potential for a standalone larder facility in Largs and the availability of some funding for minor adaptations once an appropriate venue had been identified.</p> <p>Discussion took place on a number of areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the lack of a community centre in Largs; • the difficulty of identifying premises for food provision in the town which would be centrally located, of a suitable size and fully accessible; • the potential for a 'heat hub' in Skelmorlie Community Centre and for a hub to be located in Fairlie. <p>The Partnership agreed to note (i) the updates provided and (ii) that further progress would be reported to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Louise Riddex/ new Lead Officer</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Learning Overview</p> <p>In the absence of a Head Teacher representative, no learning update was available.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

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<p>6.</p>	<p>Islands Plan</p> <p>The Chair provided a verbal update on matters including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a recent meeting to discuss the Islands Plan and a proposal for Cumbrae’s participation in the Carbon Neutral Islands project (as one of six islands selected); • plans for a further meetings, the next of which would hopefully include attendance by Community Energy Scotland, and the mechanism for reporting back to the Locality Partnership; and • the funding available via the Carbon Neutral Islands project, which could be used to hire someone to raise funds and develop projects; <p>The Lead Officer also provided an update on funding set aside for community energy projects, to be reported to the Council’s Cabinet in January 2023, and on work by officers to identify further government funding opportunities.</p> <p>Discussion took place on a number of areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contact made by Councillor T. Ferguson with the Nature Scot team who were working on the Kames Bay project; and • the timing and format of future meetings of the group to maximise the opportunity to attend. <p>The Partnership agreed:</p> <p>(a) to note the updates provided; and</p> <p>(b) that, if possible, the format of future meetings of the Islands Plan/Carbon Neutral Islands group would include the opportunity for remote attendance.</p>	<p><i>Sarah Baird</i></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer on an application received in respect of the Largs Common Good Fund.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed the nature of the survey undertaken; whether any work needed to be done of other trees in recreation areas within the Locality; and the necessity of work on Common Good land being funded by the Common Good.</p> <p>The Lead Officer undertook to raise with the relevant Service of the Council whether any other trees within the Locality needed to be trimmed.</p> <p>The Partnership then unanimously agreed to make an award of £720 to the Douglas Park Project from Largs Common Good Fund.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur</i></p> <p><i>Rosemary Ramsay</i></p>

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	<p>Rhona thanked the Partnership for their good wishes and advised of the appointment of her successor, Rhonda Leith, who would be joining the Council in the new year. Rhona also referred to the recent refresh of the Locality Partnership’s Standing Orders and to proposals to review the approach to the format of Agendas, including an opportunity for greater input from CPP partners.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>9.2 Role of the Locality Partnership</p> <p>Community Representative Jamie Black referred to the role of the Locality Partnership in considering wider-ranging issues around employment/job creation and discussion projects in the Locality, such as XLCC.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the opportunity to discuss issues such as the lack of small business units and LDP3; • potential input from the Council’s Economic Development team; • the role of the new Locality Priorities Officer in supporting the development of priorities and sub-groups to consider these; and • the positive contribution which might be made by chit-chats to focus on particular topics and/or areas within the Locality; and • a recent Skelmorlie chit-chat, which had attracted only modest attendance. <p>The Partnership agreed:</p> <p>(a) to invite suggestions for future Agenda items;</p> <p>(b) to arrange a focus meeting towards the end of January 2023 to look at the work being done through the Employability ‘mini public’ and receive some facts and figures from the Council’s Economic Development team; and</p> <p>(c) if possible, to arrange a further Skelmorlie chit-chat, to take place prior to the next meeting of the Locality Partnership.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur/Russell McCutcheon</i></p> <p><i>Louise Riddex</i></p>
<p>10.</p> <p>10.1</p>	<p>Any Other Business – Reports for Information</p> <p>Community Planning Inquiry</p> <p>Members of the Partnership were invited to note the opportunity to contribute to the open consultation at Community Planning inquiry - Scottish Parliament - Citizen Space</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

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<p>10.2</p>	<p>TACT Update Report</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>10.3</p>	<p>Community and Locality Planning Conference</p> <p>The Partnership was invited to note that the Community and Locality Planning Conference would take place at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday 28 January 2022 in Saltcoats Town Hall and that registration was via email to communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>The Partnership was invited to note that dates for meetings in 2023 would be confirmed in due course.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Jennifer McGee</i></p>

Meeting ended at 6.30 p.m.