

Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	7 March 2023 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Present/ In Attendance:	Councillor Alan Hill (Chair) Councillor Eleanor Collier Councillor Todd Ferguson (Agenda Item 7 onwards) Councillor Ian Murdoch John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice-Chair) Alex Harvie, Cumbrae Community Council Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council Jamie Black, Largs Community Council Frank Alexander, Community Representative (Co-opted) Lizzy Barbour, Community Representative (Co-opted) Carol Campbell, Community Representative (Co-opted) Nick Hobson, Community Representative (Co-opted) Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer, NAC Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer, NAC Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, NAC Donna Anderson, Youth Participation Officer, NAC Deirdre Oakley, Youth Worker Thomas Reaney, Head of Neighbourhood Services, NAC Diane McCaw, Committee Services Officer, NAC
Also in Attendance:	Kay Hall, West Kilbride Community Sports Club David Hutchison, West Kilbride Community Sports Club
Apologies:	Councillor Tom Marshall

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present, including Rhonda Leith and Deirdre Oakley who were attending their first meeting of the Locality Partnership. 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 December 2022 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"> • Item 3 (Health and Social Care Partnership Overview) – dates for engagement events/conversations were being finalised and would be shared in due course. • Item 4 (Cost of Living Update) – on Agenda. 	Jennifer McGee

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 6 (Islands Plan/Carbon Neutral Islands Group) – future meetings would include opportunity for remote attendance – Senior Lead Officer will confirm arrangements with Sarah Baird and advise at next meeting. Item 8 (Locality Officer Report and Youth Forum Update) – Clyde Coast and Cumbraes Men’s Shed was jointly opened by North Ayrshire Provost Anthea Dickson and Chairman of Scottish Men’s Shed Association. Trustees and volunteers celebrated the opening at the Brisbane Centre. All Locality Partnership members were invited to attend to have a look over the premises at any time. Item 9.2 (Role of Locality Partnership) – Employability workshop took place on 8 February 2023. <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Russell McCutcheon/ Sarah Baird</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Locality Officer (Kilwinning and North Coast) on a CIF expression of interest from West Kilbride Community Sports Club (WKCSC) and Friends of Kirktonhall Glen (FOKG).</p> <p>Representatives from West Kilbride Community Sports Club outlined the background to the application and reasons for the funding request to employ a Funding Consultant to scope availability of funding for two projects, namely the raising of funds for (i) the development of a synthetic pitch on the currently derelict blaes area of the West Kilbride Glen; and (ii) upgrading works to two pathways in the Glen, and to complete applications on behalf of the organisations.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that the proposal be progressed to a full application to Cabinet.</p>	<p>Louise Riddex</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>West Kilbride Community Initiative – Technical and Creative Training and AV Service</p> <p>The Partnership received an update report by the Locality Officer on changes being made to the project which was awarded Community Investment Fund support in 2022. A copy of the full application was attached for information.</p> <p>The representative from the West Kilbride Community Initiative outlined how the project previously approved was progressing and difficulties which had been encountered. As an amendment prior to commencement of Phase 2, the Group would prefer to advertise the 2 posts as Creative Manager and Creative Support Worker. There would be no additional cost and the project would otherwise run as originally stated in the application approved by Cabinet.</p>	

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	<p>The Partnership agreed the slight change to the posts, as this was not fundamentally different from previously agreed proposals.</p>	<p>Louise Riddex</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Grants – Largs Town Charitable Trust</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Lead Officer on an application received in respect of the Largs Town Charitable Trust.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the funding of the deficit gap between the amount requested and the amount available within the Trust; • legal advice in terms of Purpose A (the prevention or relief of poverty) and Purpose C (the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage), with funds primarily held for Purpose A; • whether cash reserves and turnover information for the Care Home was available; and • any benefit to the community as a whole. <p>The Partnership agreed to defer consideration of the application in the event that an application is received which is more directly related to Purpose A.</p>	<p>Rhonda Leith</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Memorials and Plaques</p> <p>The Partnership received a report for the Head of Neighbourhood Services on the proposed range of options in terms of memorials for bereaved families including benches and plaques, living or metallic memorial trees, memorial rocks, sponsoring flower beds and digital remembrance.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • areas where memorial benches could be placed, including swing parks and the cycle path between Largs Marina and Fairlie, given that Largs Promenade area had reached capacity; • that benches already established will remain as long as they are in a suitable condition; • the varied monetary value for the range of options detailed; • whether first preference would be given to North Ayrshire residents and those with a connection to the local area; • updating the Council website with the options once approved; • concerns regarding ensuring memorials remain free from vandalism; and • the building of an exhibition board by Clyde Coast and Cumbraes Men’s Shed to allow all plaques removed from memorial benches to be reinstalled within the flood defence area. 	

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	<p>The Partnership (a) expressed support for the range of memorial options contained within the report; and (b) otherwise noted the report.</p>	Thomas Reaney
7.	<p>Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Youth Participation Officer on Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People, which linked in with the Locality Partnership's priority of Improvement Mental Wellbeing.</p> <p>The update included information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• mapping of mental health and wellbeing services for ages 5-25;• a participatory budget funding bid for the creation of a mural project;• support work with families and young people within schools;• a youth equality programme to support LGBT+ young people;• the recent application for LGBT Silver Charter Mark;• the creation of a mini BeeYou Ambassador Programme within primary schools;• the development of the summer road show and fun days to promote positive health and wellbeing; and• the refresh of the Mental Health Toolkit within schools. <p>Councillor Todd Ferguson joined the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• mentoring pathways in terms of mental health support for young people;• support for all initiatives in relation to children's health and wellbeing;• the importance of ensuring any Mural Project is well monitored; and• support the Partnership could provide in sharing information to young people within the community. <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Youth and Education Overview</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update report from the Locality Officer on the work of the North Coast Youth Forum.</p> <p>The update provided information on a number of matters, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ongoing work to build resilience within the Youth Forum; and• a participatory budgeting application for pin badges, in conjunction with Largs Community Council litter picking sub-group.	

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	<p>The Partnership expressed disappointment at the lack of school representative at the meeting and asked that this be fed back.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Jennifer McGee</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Police Scotland – Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Police Scotland on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Police Scotland in the North Coast and Cumbraes.</p> <p>The update provided information on a number of matters, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the cost of living impact on people’s wellbeing; • referrals to the Community Wellbeing Unit; • ongoing fraud prevention work in connection with financial harm; • the work of the Campus Officer within Largs Academy; • work with the Council’s Trading Standards service on issues around the sale of illegal ‘vaping’ products; • the forthcoming use of quad bikes to tackle anti-social behaviour; and • Police Scotland personnel changes. <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • areas where the use of quad bikes would be beneficial; • the valuable partnership working carried out within the locality area to address local concerns; • a proactive awareness campaign regarding high value car thefts; • work with the Health and Social Care Partnership in terms of rehabilitation schemes for those potentially criminalised through drugs issues; • the Police Scotland operation ‘Safer Shores’ which aimed to prevent crime and disorder on North Ayrshire beaches; • partnership work to tackle spring wildfire setting; and • ownership of the Portencross Pier which is in a state of disrepair. <p>The Police Scotland representative indicated that the forthcoming patrol matrix with regard to operation ‘Safer Shores’ would be circulated to the Partnership when available.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Stuart Dougan</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Islands Plan</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Chair including the following:-</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Island Delivery Group appointment of Scott Watson as Community Worker to help deliver the Carbon Neutral Islands Project; • discussion in terms of the current position and next steps for potential projects; • the possibility of organising a more ‘in detail’ meeting to discuss progress in terms of the Islands Plan; • the success in securing Skills Initiative Fund monies; • the allocation of Island Cost of Living Emergency fund monies; and • the issue of delivery of food to the Island. <p>The Chair advised that a report would be provided to the next meeting on the outcomes and achievements from the Skills Initiative Fund monies.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Councillor Ian Murdoch left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p>Sarah Baird</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Cost of Living</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Locality Officer on work relating to the cost of living in the North Coast and Cumbraes including the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a workshop held in West Kilbride in October; • the potential for a Larder within Largs Library premises which will be progressed in the next financial year; • attendance levels at heat hubs across the Locality; and • the continuation of the Skelmorlie heat hub as a social group. <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the establishment of a Working Group to meet on a monthly basis to consider prioritising some of the issues raised at the meeting and to identify areas where the Locality Partnership could make a difference; • the potential for any Working Group to recruit additional members geographically; and • Cumbrae being treated separately through the work of the Island Delivery Group. <p>The Partnership agreed to the establishment of a Working Group to drive forward some of the issues discussed at the meeting.</p>	<p>Louise Riddex/ Jennifer McGee</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Locality Officer on the work of the North Coast and Cumbraes Locality team during the last quarter including:-</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ongoing work in terms of the Largs Place framework, with the next event taking place on 14 March 2023;• Deirdre Oakley having filled the post of Locality Priorities Officer;• the Skelmorlie Chit Chat taking place on 11 April 2023;• the process around Chit Chats and Working Group discussions feeding into the Locality Network meetings;• responses required in terms of the Employability Workshop presentation Questions which were issued;• discussion in terms of the establishment of an employability hub within Largs Library; and• the continuing focus on financial inclusion. <p>Noted.</p>	
13.	Future Meetings The Partnership noted that the next meeting would take place on 6 June 2023 at 6.00 p.m. (meeting will be in person - venue to be confirmed).	<i>Jennifer McGee</i>

Meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.