



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership

Tuesday 7 March 2023, 6.00 p.m. on Microsoft Teams

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Hill	
2.	Action Note and Log Review the action note and action log and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Russell McCutcheon	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
DECISION REQUIRED					6.10 – 6.50 pm
3.	Community Investment Fund The Locality Partnership are asked to consider one Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Applications. • West Kilbride Sports Club	Pg 12	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	LP to consider one CIF Expression of Interest Applications.
4.	West Kilbride Community Initiative - Technical & Creative Training and AV service. The Locality Partnership to receive an update on changes being made to the project which was awarded Community Investment Funding in 2022. A copy of the full application is attached for information.	Pg 23	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	LP to consider changes being made to project.
5.	Grants – Largs Town Charitable Trust The Locality Partnership are asked to consider one grant report for the Largs Town Charitable Trust.	Pg 13	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	LP to consider grant report for the Largs Town Charitable Trust.
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					6.50 – 7.50 pm
6.	Memorials and Plaques The Locality Partnership will receive a report from the Head of Neighbourhood Services on the proposed options in terms of memorials and plaques.	Pg 33	Enclosed	Thomas Reaney	LP are asked to provide feedback on the report proposals.

7.	Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People The Locality Partnership will receive an update from the Youth Participation Officer on Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People. This update links in with the Locality Partnerships priority of Improving Mental Wellbeing.	-	Verbal/ Presentati on	Donna Anderson	Consider ways LP can support this work.
8.	Youth and Education Overview The Locality Partnership will receive updates linking in with the Locality Priorities from Head Teachers. Receive update report from the North Coast Youth Forum.	- Pg 38	Verbal Enclosed	Head Teachers Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
9.	Police Scotland - Wellbeing and Partnerships Receive update from Locality Inspector on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Police Scotland in North Coast & Cumbraes. Locality Partnership to consider opportunities to support this.	-	Verbal	Stuart Dougan	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
10.	Islands Plan Receive update from the Chair on the work of the Cumbrae Islands Plan.	-	Verbal	Cllr Hill	Receive update and consider how LP can further support this work.
11.	Cost of Living Receive update from the Locality Officer on work relating to the cost of living in the North Coast and Cumbraes.	-	Verbal	Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider how LP can further support this work.
12.	Locality Officer Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update on the work of the North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Team during the last quarter.	Pg 40	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider how LP can further support this work.
AOCB					7.50 – 8.00 pm
13.	AOCB • Locality Priorities Officer Post			Cllr Hill Louise Riddex	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 6 June 2023 at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting. Venue tbc.					

Distribution List

Elected Members

Councillor Alan Hill (**Chair**)

Councillor Eleanor Collier
Councillor Todd Ferguson
Councillor Tom Marshall
Councillor Ian Murdoch

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John Lamb (**Vice Chair**), West Kilbride
Community Council
Helen Boyle, Skelmorlie Community Council
Alex Harvie, Cumbrae Community Council
Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council
Frank Alexander, Community Rep (*Co-opted*)
Lizzy Barbour, Community Rep (*Co-opted*)
Carol Campbell, Community Rep (*Co-opted*)
Nick Hobson, Community Rep (*Co-opted*)

CPP/Council Representatives

Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer
Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer
Louise Riddex, Locality Officer
Louise McDaid, North Coast LPF Chair

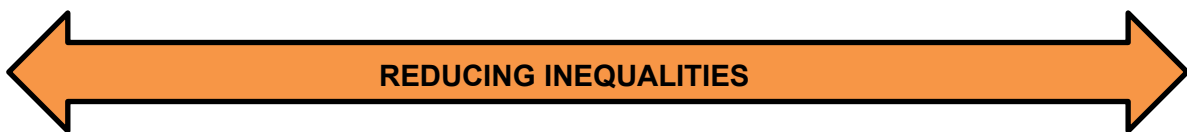
North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership Priorities

**Improving
access to
financial
services**

**Increasing
social
inclusion**

**Improving
mental
wellbeing**

**Supporting
skills and work
opportunities**



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>	

<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; 	

	<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><i>Louise Riddex/ new Lead Officer</i></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>	

<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>Rosemary Ramsay</i></p>

<p>8.</p>	<p>Locality Officer Report and Youth Forum Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a report from the Locality Officer on general progress during the period September-December 2022 and specifically in relation to Financial Inclusion, Social Inclusion, Stress/Anxiety and Work/Skills.</p> <p>The Locality Officer also highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the identification of premises for the Largs Men’s Shed, namely the Brisbane Centre; • arrangements for the recruitment of a new Locality Priorities Worker; • successful community engagement on Douglas Park, the outcome of which would be reported to the Council on 14 December 2022; • the West Kilbride Yuletide event, which would be refreshed for next year; • the Youth Forum’s work with the Largs Community Council sub-group on litter and a Participatory Budgeting (PB) bid for funding for pin-badges; <p>The Youth Participation Officer then provided a short verbal update on the outcome of the latest round of PB, details of which were available on social media and would also be circulated by the Locality Officer.</p> <p>Discussion took place on a number of areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recent community engagement on Douglas Park and the respective roles of the Locality Partnership and the Council; • the number and age range of participants in the various youth groups across the Locality; • North Ayrshire-wide initiatives, including Climate Change Ambassadors and Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors; • promoting Climate Change Ambassadors on Cumbrae; <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Louise Riddex</i></p>
<p>9.</p> <p>9.1</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Valedictory</p> <p>The Chair took the opportunity, on behalf of the Partnership, to pay tribute to the Lead Officer and Head of Connected Communities, Rhona Arthur, who was retiring from the Council. Councillor Hill wished Rhona well in her retirement and thanked her for her work over the years, including being instrumental in setting up community hubs during the pandemic. The Chair concluded his remarks by expressing the hope that Rhona would be able to attend the Millport Town Hall opening in light of her involvement in supporting the project.</p>	

	<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>	

<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.



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Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Officer	Update
December 22	Circulate dates for HSCP engagement events/conversations	Michael McLennan/ Jennifer McGee	HSCP are finalising dates for these sessions. Date will be shared in due course.
December 22	Cost of Living	Louise Riddex	Update will be provided at the March 2023 LP meeting.
December 22	To arrange Employability workshop	Louise Riddex	This was held on 8 February 2023.
December 22	Skelmorlie Chit Chat event to be arranged.	Louise Riddex	Date for this event to be confirmed.

Action Key
Complete
In progress
To be completed



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When to apply and how?

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Stevenston
KA20 4HH

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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>



1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation

West Kilbride Community Sports Club (WKCS) and Friends of Kirktonhall Glen (FOKG)

Postal Address for Correspondence

Name of Contact Person Kay Hall

Position in Organisation Secretary of FOKG

Telephone Number

Email Address

2. Brief description of your organisation

Please include its legal status, aims and objectives, activities or services provided and how long it has been in existence.

WKCS is a SCIO

Established in 2013 the Club has undertaken two main projects so far in Kirktonhall Glen in pursuit of its aim of improving sports facilities in West Kilbride. These have been a) upgrading of the formerly redundant tennis courts and b) the comprehensive refurbishment of a previously dilapidated sports pavilion. Both projects were completed within budget and to a very high standard.

The tennis courts are now operated by the relaunched tennis club which has subsequently become one of the largest and most successful in Ayrshire with a membership of around 200 and an extensive coaching programme for young people. The new sports pavilion has been shared between the tennis club and West Kilbride Amateurs football club providing excellent facilities for both.

FOKG is the properly constituted sub-committee of West Kilbride Community Council



Established in April 2021 the group offers a opportunity for all those with an interest in the future of Kirktonhall Glen to take part in discussions about the Glen and how it may be developed and maintained. The group includes representatives from the Community Council, Sports Club, Environmental Group of WK Initiative, children's groups such as Woodland Wakeup, the Bee Keepers & the Civic Society. We are also well supported by Local Councillor interest.

3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us 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
- any partners that are involved.

FUNDING CONSULTANT

We are seeking funding to employ a Funding Consultant to scope the availability of funding for two projects and to complete applications on our behalf.

We have already identified a consultant known to North Ayrshire Council who has agreed to research availability for the following:-

- 1) The potential to raise £800k for the development of a synthetic pitch on the currently derelict blaes area of the Glen. We have already been accepted to submit an application for up to £250k to the Community Ownership Fund COF.
- 2) To identify funding to cover a further 30% of funds needed to complete the upgrading of two pathways in the Glen. The initial 70% is being provided by Pathways For All, the Ian Findlay Fund.

Both these projects will be of benefit to an increasing number and wide range of people in our town.

- 1) The synthetic pitch will provide a multi sports area which will be available for a range of activities. It is of particular interest to our very active Football Club which provides access to teams from early primary upwards and is keen to promote girls' football. KA Leisure may also be encouraged to provide activities during school holidays when we have a synthetic pitch as their coaching is currently not available to our children.
- 2) Both pathways are a H&S risk. The section from Orchard Street to the Pavilion will be the main access during darker nights and requires lighting. There is also a gradient problem at the bridge. The pathway from the Catlinn Garden to the pavilion is full of trip hazards with uneven surfaces and steep gradients. All these issues will be addressed by this development. Eventually the extended and upgraded pathways will provide a safe surface for walkers, families with small children and wheelchair users. Resilient and safe pathways will be



constructed for access to the sports area of the Glen which currently offers football and tennis.

WKCSC and FOKG are working in partnership to carry out this work. Once the initial scoping for potential funding has been completed we will be in a position to revisit our ambitious plans and consider all options.

We are fairly confident about raising the 30% needed to complete the pathways funding but realise the synthetic pitch fundraising is challenging

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

Please include:

- The outcomes you aim to achieve
- How you will approach reducing inequality
- How this proposal fits with the Locality Partnership priorities of 1. Improving access to financial services 2. Increasing social inclusion 3. Improving mental wellbeing 4. Supporting skills and work opportunities

West Kilbride is one of the only communities in North Ayrshire which does not have a synthetic pitch. We aim to provide a multi sports synthetic area in the centre of our town with upgraded pathways in order to be able to offer easy access to the area. These projects will address North Ayrshire priorities in the following ways.

- Wellbeing
- Work
- World

Our ambition is to offer healthy activities within our township. Currently most of our sports activities involve the regular ferrying of children and young people to sports grounds elsewhere. There is obviously significant expense and wasted time in doing this as well as involving the use of carbon fuels. Locally provided facilities will provide easy access for a wide demographic of our population in a safe environment.

The projects continue to involve a considerable number of volunteers - planning, managing, developing and maintaining services and activities. Our committees are well run and active. Our seven coaches should be particularly praised for their voluntary commitment.

Sports and healthy activities cross all social boundaries. West Kilbride is no different. Football is one of the most popular sports in our town and our tennis club is one of the most successful in Ayrshire.

Unfortunately, our football facilities are inadequate and do not service the needs of our community. Neither is there a facility for our netball players and Keep Fit groups who are also seeking a local all-weather practice area. This multi-use, all weather facility will open up opportunities for children, young people and adults.



These two projects are intended to address the need for well-maintained access and a multi sports provision.

5. What engagement has taken place in relation to the project?

Please include the number of people who have been engaged with or consulted as well as the range of people.

PATHWAYS – a questionnaire was circulated to community groups and was published online. 130 people responded positively

SYNTHETIC PITCH – in an earlier consultation 42 people responded with most stating they would wish for the derelict red blaes area to be upgraded to a synthetic multisport area. The need for fencing around the synthetic pitch was highlighted because of dog fouling and Kilwinning Sports Club was held up as a model of excellence (we have taken advice from Kilwinning).

In both consultations the questionnaire was posted online. The offer of email comment was offered, and posters were circulated for the synthetic pitch.

6. How will the project be managed?

Please include:

- How the finances will be managed
- Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in North Coast? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities
- If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans

The finances will be managed by West Kilbride Community Sports Club

The Funding Consultant will be managed by a voluntary committee including John Wilson WKCSC, David Hutchison FOKG and Kay Hall FOKG

The ensuing projects will be managed by a voluntary committee involving West Kilbride Community Sports Club, West Kilbride Football Club and Friends of Kirktonhall Glen.



7. Amount of funding being requested

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

Amount of funding requested (£) **6750**

Please give a breakdown of cost and recent quotations where appropriate.

Funding for 15 days of consultancy at £450 per day.

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on the monitoring and evaluation processes planned or in place.

This is a short-term project. The consultant will meet regularly with Kay Hall who will report progress to the others. Issues may be raised in this way whilst ensuring a single line of communication.

Evaluation is straight forward as potential funders will be listed and the committee will analyse the potential to complete the projects and will also consider variations for the next steps.

Community Investment Fund Application Form: North Coast & Cumbraes Locality

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Community Investment Fund

1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation: North Coast LP Sub Group

Postal Address for

Correspondence: C/O CLD Base, St Johns Primary School, Morrison Ave, Stevenston..

Name of Contact Person: Louise Riddex

Position in Organisation: Locality Officer

Contact Telephone Number :01294 475900.....

E mail address Iriddex@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.....

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'.

Amount of funding requested: £76,605 over 3 years

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
TOTAL	£5949			

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: 7th March 2023

Subject: To advise the meeting of an application received in respect of the Largs Town Charitable Trust Fund.

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

Background

An application has been received in respect of the Largs Town Charitable Trust Fund.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

The balance available for disbursement is bullet pointed below:

- The Largs Town Charitable Trust Fund has a balance of **£3,436.41**.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

To consider the application for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

Please note that there are insufficient funds to meet the full amount of grant requested.

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Date: 20/2/23

APPENDIX 1

LARGS TOWN CHARITABLE TRUST APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2022/23

Largs Town Charitable Trust Criteria - In terms of the trust deed there are 3 purposes for which assistance may be given:

Purpose A - the prevention or relief of poverty;

Purpose B - the provision of recreational facilities or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended; and

Purpose C - the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Town Charitable Trust
Haylie House Residential Care Home	Contribution towards the replacement of Nurse Call System. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply and installation of equipment (inc. VAT) - £5548.32 Haylie House are contributing £548.32.	£5,000	None

Connected Communities, Finance and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

Finance: A quote confirming the cost has been provided for the replacement system. Largs Town Charitable Trust has £3,436 available, the organisation would have to be willing to fund the deficit from their reserves.

Legal: The applicant provides residential care accommodation for the elderly, who could be described as persons in need by reason of age, ill health and/or disability in terms of Purpose C. The funding will be used to replace the Nurse Call system which will benefit the residents by providing assurance they can easily call for help at any time. The new system will also minimise disturbance to other residents when it is used. Haylie House restricts residency to people from the local community and those whose close relatives live in Largs so has a sufficient connection to Largs for the purposes of this Trust.

The grant purpose will provide relief to those in need by reason of age, ill health and/or disability and the application accordingly meets the criteria of Purpose C.

Note that as the Trust funds are primarily held for Purpose A, the Trustees may only award a grant for Purpose C if there is a surplus of funds held for Purpose A due to insufficient eligible applications meeting that Trust purpose to exhaust the annual total amount available.

In addition, note the Trustees should be satisfied that granting the application will be a beneficial use of the trust funds. In particular, they should be satisfied that the grant will provide a benefit to the whole community.

Connected Communities

Haylie House Residential Care Home provides care accommodation for elderly people from the local community and is seeking grant funding towards the cost of replacing their Nurse Call System.

In terms of the Largs Town Charitable Trust Fund criteria, this application meets the criteria of Trust Purpose C - the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.



Locality Partnership: North Coast

Date: 7 March 2023

Subject: Memorial benches, plaques, memorial trees and other options for bereaved families

Purpose: To note the proposed options in terms of memorials and to provide feedback on this.

Background

North Ayrshire Council has a longstanding history of providing memorial benches and plaques to offer bereaved families the opportunity to remember their loved ones in a lasting and meaningful way. Over time, the large accumulation of benches and plaques, challenges with suitable locations, maintenance, and sensitivities of removing tributes, led to the temporary suspension of the service and the investigation of alternative approaches.

North Ayrshire Council recognises and acknowledges the desire of many members of the public to remember loved ones with a memorial in the surroundings with which they were familiar. These requests are agreed and accommodated wherever possible, but any decision must recognise the needs of the wider public. The Council will therefore ensure that the memorial process is managed and implemented for the mutual benefit of all. This can also be to the benefit of the community if the memorial enhances or makes the location more attractive by helping to maintain the character of the area. The principles will ensure that requests for memorials are responded to in a consistent, efficient and sympathetic manner.

The objectives of a memorial offer are to ensure that:

- Unique remembrance spaces for local people are provided to celebrate and mark the lives of loved ones;
- The memorial offer and service is clear and easily understood;
- The response to contrasting needs is balanced and appropriate;
- Quality provision is offered at an affordable price without constraints by space or deterioration in inclement weather;
- The use of public spaces is not compromised and ensure the quality of attractiveness is maintained for the use of all residents and visitors;
- Any memorial is appropriate for the location in which it is placed;
- All memorials are cost-neutral and low maintenance for the Council;

- Costs of supply and installation are affordable and are covered by the applicant of the memorial.

The following responsibilities and requirements are proposed for the Memorials Policy. Following agreement, the Policy will be reviewed every five years:

- The location and types of memorials for individuals will be agreed with applicants.
- Priority will be given to applicants that are resident In North Ayrshire or have a direct connection with the area. Other applications will be considered on a case by case basis;
- Memorials should have some community benefit either as street furniture or by enhancing the appearance of the local area;
- The cost of supply and installation of any memorial will be covered by the applicant and paid for prior to installation;
- The responsibility for the maintenance of any memorial is clearly defined and communicated prior to installation;
- The Council will accept no responsibility if a memorial is damaged, vandalised or stolen;
- In the event of damage by accident, vandalism or it becomes unsafe and beyond economical repair, the Council reserves the right to remove and not replace the memorial;
- Once installed the memorial can only be repositioned with the agreement of the Council;
- Any plaques or wording must be a suitable size, colour and type face and agreed with the Council in advance;
- Once installed the memorial will become the property of the Council and any routine maintenance costs will be covered by the Council.
- Any plaques will remain the property of the applicant and must be maintained in good condition;
- No additional structures or mementoes e.g. fencing, wreaths, flowers, can be placed on or at the memorial at any time.

Note: Unauthorised memorials may be removed by the Council taking account of the sensitivities around this.

Options

Memorial Benches and Plaques

The existing memorial option of procuring a memorial bench and/or attaching plaques to benches is nearing saturation point in some areas and it is proving difficult to support the wishes of individuals in specific locations.

To provide this service in the future, consideration must also be given to the length of time a memorial stays in place and to consider potentially bringing assets back into circulation after a period of time.

Alternatively, the option to purchase a bench with a prefabricated memorial could remain. However, the asset would be placed in a location identified by the Council and agreed with the applicant, such as parks and open spaces rather than the already congested coastal areas.

North Ayrshire Council will be responsible for all installation work. If the bench is to be placed on grass it will usually be fitted to a concrete base. Memorial plaques will require to be made of brass, stainless steel or aluminium and will be a maximum agreed size. Any inscription on plaques will require approval by the Council prior to fitting. The engraved plaque will be fitted to the bench by the Council.

It is proposed that this would be cost neutral to the Council with actual costs paid by those requesting the bench and/or plaque. It should be acknowledged that the costs of a memorial bench could be significant as the bench will be placed in a public space and will need to be durable, hard wearing and be of a higher specification than a typical bench used in someone's garden.

Living Memorial Tree

Dedicating a tree provides a living, growing memorial to a loved one and a poignant way of remembering them.

The Woodland Trust offer this facility across the UK and can range from individual trees to whole areas of woodland and it is proposed that North Ayrshire consider a similar initiative.

This would not only provide a remembrance to a loved one but also contribute to the global climate challenge. This would also complement the Councils tree planting strategy and areas of woodland/open space could be set aside for memorial trees.

Metallic memorial trees

Metallic memorial trees positioned in high amenity areas would offer a unique opportunity to remember family members and loved ones.

Metallic memorial trees are able to provide up to 640 memorial leaves in one location, creating a focal point for visitors and a single point of focus for families. The assets could become an attraction to visitors, require little to no maintenance, have a reduced impact on resources and would be cost-neutral.

Officers have identified an opportunity to promote this as a memorial offering. Once installed, the tree then has anodised gold-effect aluminium 'leaves', engraved with a loved ones' details, affixed securely to its branches over time. Leaves would be attached by Streetscene maintenance operatives. Similar trees have been installed successfully in other locations including across the UK and internationally.

The tree is manufactured from laser cut steel, stands at 3.2m in height, and has 640 spaces for memorial leaves. The tree is fixed to the ground with a two-part concrete foundation. The materials and manufacturing process are designed to withstand all weather conditions including exposed locations. Having purchased a memorial leaf, people can arrange the engraving of names, dates of birth and death with the possibility of a personalised message on the reverse and return it to be attached to the memorial tree. The tree memorial acts as a striking piece of public art, large enough that most leaves remain out of reach but still providing legibility of the messages engraved.

As with any public realm asset, the risks from anti-social behaviour must be considered. If this is an offering that is considered, then potential locations for this will be discussed further as appropriate. The tree is exceptionally robust, and the leaves themselves are securely fixed to the tree with pop rivets.

It is estimated that the cost of implementing this initiative could be cost neutral over a 5-7 year period.

Memorial Rocks

Memorial rocks and stones offer a simple natural way to remember loved ones. Rocks can be placed on a beach or thrown into the sea, potentially being washed up for others to find. They can be placed in a park or open space where loved ones enjoyed or potentially into areas specifically created to house the memorials.

Sponsoring flower bed

Sponsoring a memorial flower bed and remembering loved ones by planting some of their favourite flowers offers an appropriate memorial. Flower beds would be available in coastal locations as well as parks and open spaces.

Digital Remembrance

Not all bereaved family and friends are local and may not be able to easily visit physical memorials.

A digital page of remembrance would offer people from all over the world the chance to log in and view memorials at any time.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

It is proposed that the North Ayrshire Council memorial offer provides a range of affordable options to bereaved families and friends to assist them to celebrate a life and remember a loved one. Choice and affordability will be key with responsibilities made clear from the outset.

It is proposed that North Ayrshire Council will limit prices to the actual cost of each memorial selected. Therefore, the Council will not generate any surplus from its memorial offer.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

It is proposed that the Locality Partnership consider and provides feedback on the range of memorial options for implementation including:

- Benches and Plaques
- Living Memorial Tree
- Metallic Memorial Trees
- Floral Beds
- Memorial rocks
- Digital remembrance
- Bespoke requests on a case by case basis

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Date: 23 February 2023

Locality Partnership: North Coast

Date: February 2023

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 Youth Forum are looking to start a new project. It is a litter campaign where we are trying to get all pupils at Largs academy to sign up to. We are looking to purchase tie pin badges which we have applied for the funding. All pupils will receive a badge which will give them discounts at their favourite shops, however, they will be encouraged to put all litter in the bins as well binning litter which is lying on the ground. This is off the back of a recent consultation on the Largs litter campaign in partnership with Streetscene and Largs Community Council and posters have been designed for shop windows and small businesses with an Emoji theme and are now displayed in various shops in the town and at the school. Streetscene have produced posters for bins in the area and these follow a previous campaign and theme that includes Largs landmarks.

The youth Forum was unsuccessful with their youth participatory budget application for the listed project above. We have since applied again for the locality participatory budget and if successful, we should be able to start the project late March.

3 of the youth Forum members were involved in a working group with other community members from the North Coast locality in the shortleeting of locality participatory budget funding applications. This was a great experience for the trio. Although they have done this as a group for the youth pb, it was more the being part of a wider group, mostly not the same age and their views were being listened to and accepted as equal responses. I spoke with them after the session and they felt really good, just to being listened to from adults and treated as equals

The NC Youth Forum

The proposed NC youth forum website was started by a web developer who was employed by North Ayrshire Council, but their contract has ended before the site was developed completely. We are currently looking for another website developer to assist the young people with this process. 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 have links to the Largs Academy Clearer Minds project with input to their Instagram account. The young people, working in partnership with HSCP have designed the logo for 'the daily positive NA' Instagram account and one of the youth forum members sits on the steering group for regular input from a young person's perspective. This has changed as the 3 members have now left the forum. After the AGM we will be looking for other members to go through the same training and carry on the great work, promoting and sharing information to their peers.

The youth forum will be looking to start further development through awards. Some members will be involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award and others who are younger will be looking to start the Dynamic Youth Award. Both are recognised accredited awards.

We will also be looking for new climate change ambassadors after the AGM

The 'Wild Oyster Project' is on hold at present.

The youth forum is in a transition period where 3 of our older members have now left the Forum. The group will look to promote the youth forum to recruit new members.

I have spoke with the point of contact at Largs Academy who deals with participation and democracy, and they are looking to identify new potential group members

We will be looking to have the NCYF AGM late in April

Key Points for Locality Partnership

Action Required by Locality Partnership

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Date: 21 February 2023



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Work with the groups around Douglas Park is ongoing.

Detached Youth Work restarted after Christmas break. Not many young people out on the streets. Detached work will run until end March then will finish when the funding comes to an end.

This quarters Locality Network Meeting due to take place on 28 Feb at West Kilbride Community Centre.

Work continues with Largs Place framework. Next event due to take place on 14th March with a community chit chat, as well as taking a look at the place based improvement funding.

Deirdre Oakley is now in the Locality Priorities officer post in the North Coast & Cumbrae. Deirdre will be in post 21hrs per week for 18 months.

The NC Youth Forum have been working on a project with Largs community council centred around a litter campaign.

The young people in the group are promoting the project to their peers within the school community.

The project is to reward litter pickers with discounts from local businesses. All that takes part within the school will get issued with a tie pin and will get a discount from certain shops and café's within the Largs locality if they display the badge.

The group failed in attempt to obtain funding from the youth pb but have now applied for the locality pb funding which is the same amount. They will find out around March if they are successful in their application

In the UK, most children under 5 years do not get enough physical activity for health and many also have a poor diet. As a result, more than one in five children are overweight or obese by the time they start primary school. Many children attend nurseries for childcare, but not all nurseries provide healthy environments. Currently, I and another health improvement practitioner are supporting a study in Ayrshire which will test whether an American programme called NAP SACC (Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Childcare) can improve children's health by making nurseries in the UK a place where children can be physically active and eat healthy food. The study will test whether NAP SACC UK improves children's physical activity, food intake and obesity levels. Currently there are 7



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intervention nurseries in Ayrshire, with one in the North Coast & Cumbrae locality.

Update

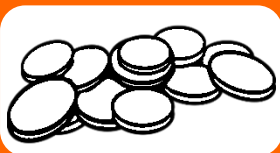
Work is still taking place in the background to develop the Larder in Largs. Building works are unable to be done until the new financial year. The larder suggestion came from the cost of living workshop the Locality partnership took part in.

Been unable to attend the last 2 Largs Access to Food groups meetings due to other commitments, however communication has been in place to keep everyone up to date. Acces to food group and Largs church of Naz have applied for PB funding to continue to run food provision and Education in Largs. The common Ground and cook classes that church of Naz have been doing have been very well attended. They now have a tutor in at the provision after school to help young people with their homework and basic skills.

West Kilbride 'The Village Larder continues to run well. They have seen a rise in attendance, as well as donations. The larder participated in Yuletide event by giving out free hot chocolates and selling home baking.

West Kilbride Yuletide event is took place on Fri 2 Dec. This event was enjoyed by over 1000 people. As the majority of activities were free at point of access, this made it more accessible to all. The feedback from the event was that it was very much enjoyed by those who attended and it was great to feel the community spirit.

Back at the start of winter there were various 'heat hubs' set up in partnership with community groups/organisations. These included Fairlie Village Hall, The Cameron Centre, Skelmorlie Community Centre, and The Garrison on Cumbrae. Unfortunately due to low/no attendance, the Fairlie one had to stop. All others are reporting good attendance, with positive feedback. The hubs are due to finish at end of March, however Skelmorlie has went so well that they have decided to continue to run it as a social gathering/group.



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A mini enquiry around the cost of living took place on Cumbrae mid February. This went well and actions are being noted and will be discussed in line with the islands plan/fund.

Team starting to look at planning summer programme, and discussions have taken place with Largs Thistle, and the Mental Health & Wellbeing workers to look at what can be programmed for free in the North Coast during the summer.

Trading Standards have delivered a Scam Awareness session in the West Kilbride & Largs libraries.

Largs Academy have access to a dedicated education outreach Welfare Rights Officer in the last quarter 7b referrals were received from education staff. Since August 2022 families referred have benefited from financial gains in excess of £80,000.

Across the North Coast school cluster there are over 40 extra-curricular sporting opportunities for young people to attend free of charge on a weekly basis, this ensures that regardless of a young persons age/stage and background. There are a range of volunteers from School level right through to University level.



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Update

Mens shed premises have now been assigned and the guys have been working hard to have the centre ready for the grand opening on 4th March. They held open doors day Fri 24th & ~Sat 25th Feb. This went very well with 70-80 people attending.

Have been continuing to work in the background on the Cycling Without Age project. Have now secured funding and a site to hold the container for a Rickshaw to be held in Largs. One container is in place, will be working to recruit volunteers to operate.

Continue to support the West Kilbride Adult Education group where required.

Continue to support all Community Associations and Community Councils in the North Coast area. Working through some issues within some of the associations at the minute.

Continue to support the Dementia Friendly Largs group.

LGBT Youth Forum continues to run. Liaising with Campus officer to look at what events can be run in the community to promote LGBT awareness.

The Older Adults and Adult's with Physical Disability Social Work Team have made referrals to other services to promote social inclusion such as day services or community link workers.

Various activities on offer at local libraries such as Bookbug, Toddler group, Messy and sensory play sessions, Lego Clubs, after school drop in, school holiday activities. Adults - Knit & Knatter, Board games/cards group, Chatty group (chat and a cuppa), film club.

We are working with young people and families who do find themselves excluded as they live on the Island of Cumbrae. We are supporting a parent who is in the process of looking at starting a youth club on the island for the young people. We support young people and their families to attend community groups and clubs. One colleague is attending mindfulness classes in Largs with a parent.

Young Carers newsletter outlining all activity across all localities



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Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do within North Ayrshire Active Schools. Each programme, delivery session, event and extra-curricular club holds inclusion at the face ensuring that every young person within our care is getting the best opportunity possible for them with no barriers. Within our team we have 3 Active Schools Community Partnership Officers who have a remit of supporting young people who sit both inside and outside the school system as well as 10 Coordinators who have remits to support on a weekly basis within schools and the community. Within the North Coast I deliver bespoke inclusion programmes in schools to support young people who struggle with things such as mental health, school day demands, home life etc One of the main programmes I have designed and currently delivering is the Power Project which is based around supporting a young persons wellbeing through the methods of cold water therapy,

An additional outdoor community notice board has been installed in West Kilbride.

Update

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

Focus groups were facilitated in Largs (in-person) and online for residents of the isle of Cumbrae to engage with the HSCP around current mental health and wellbeing being support in primary care. People were given the chance to share their views and experiences to help contribute to the future direction of the service and how support is provided in our communities. A report will be published in March detailing the feedback which people in the community will have access to. Equally, the LP will have access to the findings in the report. #

We have a range of health and wellbeing in our libraries including printed and eBooks. We have created book displays to tie in with national events.

The service has been slow in starting however now that we are starting to get referrals in we can see there is a need fo support in this area. We are currently supporting a few young people who suffer from very high levels of anxiety. We have used the YROC programme and anther colleague is about to start the LIAM project with a young girl. We provide weekly support giving the young people a safe space to discuss their



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thoughts and feelings and how these are impacting their well-being. We also deliver the "Worry Workshop" to all primary schools from P4-P7.

Members of staff from the Largs education cluster participated in ASIST (Applied Suicide Prevention Skills Training) on Feb 2nd 2023 with a further 5 participating in SafeTalk (Suicide Awareness for Everyone) on Decemebr 9th 2022.

Opening the shutters mental health and wellbeing group, private supportive online facebook page, Whats app & returning face to face.

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Looking at a NA wide update and rewrite of the Mental Health Toolkit to bring up to date and add in resilience, suicide prevention, mindfulness and coping strategies. Currently in planning stages before consultation phase with young people.

Community Mapping: Exercise to establish what supports and resources are available in North Ayrshire in regard to MHWB.



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Work & Skills

Work & Skills (Employability) workshop took place for Locality Partnership members. Unfortunately this was very poorly attended. Louise to forward on presentation and the 3 questions that were asked on the night and is looking for responses. Louise to meet with Employability team to follow up on actions from the workshop and any future responses.

Delivered accredited food hygiene training REHIS to members of several groups (eg community larders, cooking cafe's) which underpins future employment in the hospitality industry. Further training opportunities provided in basic nutrition and cooking group facilitation further linking to community food work roles..

In collaboration with Lifelong Learning, ran first Forest Fun session on Cumbrae during the school mid-term break. Although not necessarily the Work aspect, it taught how to rockpool safely and responsibly: tuning fine motor skills, assessing risk, identifying coastal creatures, social skills and empathy with other life. Also in planning process with Organic Growers of Fairlie to deliver a workshop on how to run bat walks. This will be open to other Community Groups and designed to provide a new skillset to groups, building the capacity to run their own bat walks, and share nocturnal nature with their local communities. This is scheduled to go ahead in late April.

North Ayrshire Active schools run a range of leadership programmes that aim to develop the skills and employability of young people through the vehicle of sport in order to support them in progressing into a positive destination. Programmes on offer within the North Coast: North Ayrshire Sports Academy- An academic year long volunteer coaching programme for S5-6 pupils run by the NA Active Schools Team where young people can attain a range of sporting qualifications as well as first aid, child safeguarding and ACES trauma training. This programme has had huge success with young people moving onto places at college, University and apprenticeships across North Ayrshire. Largs Academy Sports Leader- This programme is based during curriculum time run by the PE department within the academy where pupils can attain a range of sports qualifications, workshops and delivery session opportunities in order to support their grades to gain access to College and/or University. Largs Academy Rugby Leadership- This programme is based during curriculum time run by the PE department within the academy where pupils can attain a range of sports qualifications, workshops delivery session opportunities specific to Rugby development in order to support their grades to gain access to College and/or University. Largs Academy has strong connections with Ayrshire college , with young people taking on dual education courses in both school and college on a weekly basis.



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Currently agreeing times with Largs academy to deliver a leavers' programme (that's being run across all secondaries in North Ayrshire). This will support young people who have no initial positive post school destinations in mind.

Working with Ceisayrshire and libraries to set up an employability drop in facility in Largs - we hope to agree this in the next couple of weeks. Working with Mackley construction to fill vacancies they have for the flood prevention works on Cumbrae.

Other general activity that may be of interest - with Developing Young Workforce we are organising a careers event for young people, parents and carers to inform on jobs, Modern apprenticeships, and career opportunities in North Ayrshire. This will be held on 28th March 6-8pm in Ayrshire College, Kilwinning campus.

PDA (Personal Development Award) in Youth work continues to be delivered in Largs Academy. Now looks like only 2 will complete full course with 1 other completing part of the course. 4 candidates moved on to employment opportunities and were therefore unable to continue the course.

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