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Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	6 June 2023 – Clark Memorial Church, Largs
Present/ In Attendance:	Councillor Alan Hill (Chair) Councillor Ian Murdoch John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice-Chair) Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council Frank Alexander, Community Representative (Co-opted) Lizzy Barbour, Community Representative (Co-opted) Carol Campbell, Community Representative (Co-opted) Mark Semple, Police Scotland Barbara Conner, TACT Ewan Grant, Community Development Worker, NAC Lynne Cathcart, Head Teacher, Skelmorlie Primary School Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer, NAC Sarah Baird, Senior Officer, NAC (Agenda Item 3 onwards) Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer, NAC (Agenda Item 3 onwards) Deirdre Oakley, Project Officer Lesley Dunlop, Community & Locality Planning Assistant, NAC
Also in Attendance:	Shona McAllister, Programme Manager, Regeneration, NAC
Apologies:	Councillor Todd Ferguson Nick Hobson, Community Representative (Co-opted) Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, NAC

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were then recorded.</p> <p>In terms of Standing Order 11, F Alexander declared an interest in item grant application from age concern.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Action Note from the meeting held on 7 March 2023 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 (Community Investment Fund) - the application has been to Cabinet and has been approved. Item 6 (Memorials and Plaques) – options will be taken to Cabinet in September. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Item 9 (Police Scotland – Wellbeing and Partnerships) – Safer Shores is in action.• Item 10 (Islands Plan) – Update report issued with LP agenda Senior Officer happy to answer any questions.• Item 11 (Cost of Living) – Working Group to be taken forward by L Riddex and J McGee. <p>Noted.</p>	
4.	Communities and Place Fund <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Shona McAllister on the Communities and Place Fund which launches in June 2023.</p> <p>The Fund is a central pillar of the UK Government’s Levelling Up agenda and provides funding for local investment by March 2025.</p> <p>The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills.</p> <p>There are four themes within the Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People & Skills• Local Business• Multiply• Communities & Place <p>The Communities & Place Grant has been created to help communities deliver projects that support local priorities and help communities thrive and grow.</p> <p>Additional information was given in answer to questions raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The figures provided for both years are for the whole of North Ayrshire.• There will be a dedicated website and information will also be shared via partners.• The evaluation team is still to be decided. Outside expertise may be brought in for this purpose.• There are national guidelines regarding how the fund should be utilised.• The short timescale (19 June – 21 July) is to enable monies to be distributed as soon as possible.• There are budgets for other themes of the fund, and these can be made available.• S McAllister will look at the supporting evidence required when making an application such as estimates for work to be carried out as the short timescale may make this difficult to obtain.	

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	<p>S McAllister encouraged the Partnership to share information with their networks when it goes live.</p> <p>Rhonda Leith and Sarah Baird joined the meeting at this point.</p> <p>Shona McAllister left the meeting following her presentation.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Grants – Community Benefit Fund</p> <p>The Partnership received reports on Elderly Grants and Largs Common Good Fund application from the Viking Festival.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that the Elderly Grants are approved.</p> <p>F Alexander asked when the grants would be paid to organisations. R Leith will find out and pass on the information.</p> <p>In respect of the Largs Common Good Fund application from the Viking Festival the Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount requested is 90% of the full fund available for the year. • The Viking Festival have lost £30,000 funding from Event Scotland. • J Lamb raised that if the payment is made in full it limits applications for the remainder of the year. • It was suggested that £6,000 is approved and the group are directed to apply to the Communities and Place Fund for further funding. <p>The Partnership agreed that the Viking Festival be allocated £6,000 and given information on the Communities and Place Fund to allow them to make an application for further funding.</p>	<p><i>Rosemary Ramsay</i></p> <p><i>R Leith</i></p> <p><i>Rosemary Ramsay</i></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Locality Priorities Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a report from Deirdre Oakley.</p> <p>Additional information was provided:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the development of youth facilities and community larder. The Garrison may take the larder forward. • Tennis group would like an all weather court and have been given information to contact Tennis Scotland. • There will be a Community Information/Consultation day regarding Craufurd/Simson Avenue Swing Park to help inform decision. • West Kilbride Yuletide is in the planning stages. • The next Chit Chat in Largs will be supported by the Men’s Shed. • Supporting all local groups regarding priorities. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycling Without Age – there is a Trishaw in storage at Vikingar that we are looking for people to be trained to use. The marketing material has just arrived and will be distributed. There is a volunteer recruitment event in West Kilbride village hall tomorrow. B Conner suggested that information could be put on the TACT national database. F Alexander enquired about the proposed cycle route. This will be along the prom at the moment. F Alexander suggested tying in with the Saturday morning park run in Largs which takes place every week at 9.30am. L Barbour added that there are a lot of volunteers who do the tail walk at the back of the walk who may want to use the Trishaw. It was suggested to get the local paper involved to get the message out. D Oakley added that they need someone to co-ordinate the bookings and admin. L Cathcart suggested that perhaps it could be a volunteer opportunity for those undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh award as they are always looking for these. F Alexander added that there is an upcoming Boys Brigade expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award who may take up the opportunity to use the Trishaw.• An open day will be held in the library on 19 July regarding the Cost of Living.	
6.	Youth and Education Overview <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Education representative L Cathcart, Head Teacher, Skelmorlie Primary School.</p> <p>Schools are all doing well and very busy making plans for next session and looking at budgets.</p> <p>Questions were asked: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• R Holmes enquired about funding for school trips. L Cathcart responded that it is difficult trying to be creative and they are using the budget for buses. Skelmorlie Primary had a recent trip for the whole school to the Science Centre with help from the Parent Council. This is different for other schools.• L Barbour asked if schools could join together for joint trips. L Cathcart replied that this happens for residential trips.• L Cathcart advised that transition days to Largs Academy will be full days rather than a half day as it is more cost effective.• The Chair asked if there are any school specific issues? Also do they have a football team? There is currently no football team however the school have outside activities every day.• The school recently held an event where the pupils raised issues and North Ayrshire Council representatives came and listened to them. The pupils really enjoyed this.• The school held a Day of Action where litter was picked and weighed, posters were put up and this will link into all schools.• The pupils are also undertaking their own independent litter picks outwith school. <p>F Alexander suggested inputs from emergency services such as Police, SFRS, RNLI, Coastguard which could contribute to</p>	

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	<p>education. L Cathcart replied that this is already in place and that the pupils write a letter requesting the visit. They have had visits from SFRS and Police. D Oakley suggested that the Coastguard would be good regarding Safer Shores.</p> <p>The Partnership also received a report from Ewan Grant on the work of the North Coast Youth Forum.</p> <p>Additional information provided on a number of matters, including: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The team is currently in transition as senior members have left and they have four new members and four members undertaking Duke of Edinburgh Awards.• Website is being developed to update the work of the team and also highlight mental health work.• Members of both the Youth Forum and LGBT Forum will be attending a residential which will include BeeYou ambassador training.• The LBGT forum visited Arran Pride at the weekend.• F Alexander noted that the Take Time on Road excludes Millport and Skelmorlie. E Grant responded that there will be an event on Cumbrae but not one in Skelmorlie.• F Alexander noted that there is an event planned on 3 August at the Largs Pencil from 1-4pm and asked if it could be moved to Broomfields as it is more accessible on the bus route. E Grant replied that they have had events here before which were well attended.• C Campbell noted that the recent Chit Chat held at the Field Study Centre on Cumbrae was not well attended as it isn't very accessible. D Oakley explained that venues were very hard to source. The Garrison and DA Hall had bookings for the suggested dates so was unavailable and the Town Hall has not yet reopened. Suggestions of the Hideaway, perhaps the café may stay open for future events. Using the school was suggested however there is no keyholder on the island so that could be an issue. <p>Noted.</p>	
7.	<p>Police Scotland – Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>The Partnership received a report 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">• Continued work on wellbeing. The team is well established and signposts people to the appropriate supports.• Information about scams is being distributed.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locality teams are linking in with trading standards regarding the sale of vapes to young people. The seizure and removal of vapes will continue. Also linking in with schools to get the message across.• Safer Shores is fully activated and is having an impact. It is getting the message across that this is a lovely area to visit and encouraging people to enjoy but leave as they find it.• Quad bikes will be delivered next week and will be deployed in specific areas.• Hoping to arrange access to football pitches over the summer. <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Wellbeing and Partnership There was no one in attendance from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service therefore no update was received.	
9.	Pupil Travel to Largs Academy The Partnership received a verbal update from J Lamb regarding pupils travelling to Largs Academy. J Lamb highlighted that has been reported that pupils travelling from West Kilbride to Largs Academy have not been paying their train fare. There are over 150 pupils. If the Transport Police stop them and they have no ticket, they could be charged. J Lamb highlighted that pupils from West Kilbride are in the Largs cluster so why is North Ayrshire not supporting transport to Largs Academy? The following responses were provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• L Cathcart informed that West Kilbride is not part of the Largs Cluster it is Ardrossan, however a request can be submitted to attend Largs Academy. The new campus in Ardrossan will be built to accommodate West Kilbride children. Largs Campus was never built to incorporate children from West Kilbride.• The Chair added that if West Kilbride was in the cluster for Largs transport would be provided as part of the North Coast Locality.• Young people can also access free bus travel to travel to any school.• Councillor Murdoch agreed that the recent change in timetable does not help as the pupils arrive too early or late.• L Cathcart advised that the school has an agreement for the pupils from West Kilbride to arrive 10 minutes late. The issue has been raised with Scotrail by both the school and parents.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair advised that historically a private bus was paid for by parents. From the council perspective if they provide this service for one area, they would have to provide it for all. <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>F Alexander advised that there is movement to clear the area at Sutton/Barrfields Football Ground and a funding application may be received. Largs Thistle Community Club have been involved. Restorative Justice have cleared out the brambles. There is the possibility that the toilet block could be made into a store. R Holmes added they have made two applications to windfarms regarding planters and youth work.</p> <p>F Alexander requested that the spreadsheets regarding carriageway resurfacing be shown in town order. R McCutcheon agreed that this can be done.</p> <p>C Campbell raised that there are no crossings on Cumbrae. There is one particular corner (Kames Bay/Kelburn Street) that is very dangerous as the kerb has been lowered so you could walk right into the road. Raised bumps were requested but they have been told they are not allowed due to not being able to put them on the other side of the road as well. R McCutcheon agreed to investigate.</p> <p>A consultation will be held to decide how to use the Helter Skelter funds.</p> <p>A Cost of Living Fund Meeting will be arranged.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Island Plan Delivery Group was to be arranged and a date would be advised in due course.</p>	<p>R McCutcheon</p> <p>R McCutcheon</p> <p>D Oakley</p> <p>L Riddex and J McGee</p> <p>S Baird</p>
13.	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>The Partnership noted that the next meeting would take place on 5 September 2023 at 6.00 p.m. in the Clark Memorial Church, Largs</p>	<p>Jennifer McGee</p>

Meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.