



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership

Tuesday 5 March 2024, 6.00 p.m. via 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 deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 5	Enclosed	Russell McCutcheon	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					6.10 – 6.40 pm
3.	Place Framework The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Claire Fitzsimmons, Senior Manager (Regeneration).	Pg 11	Enclosed	Claire Fitzsimmons/ Graham Ross	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
4.	CIF Promotion/Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Organic Growers, Fairlie and discuss ideas to promote CIF funding.		Verbal	Malcolm & Nancy McQueen, Organic Growers	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work
DECISION REQUIRED					6.40 – 7.00 pm
5.	Community Investment Fund – Full Application <ul style="list-style-type: none">Largs Scottish Women’s Institute	Pg 66	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	LP to consider one Community Investment Fund application.
6.	Formation of Cumbrae Subgroup The Locality Partnership will receive an update regarding the formation of a subgroup for Cumbrae.	Pg 81	Enclosed	Cllr Hill/Rhonda Leith/Sarah Baird	LP to consider formation of a Cumbrae Subgroup.

7.	Street Naming The Locality Partnership are asked to consider two Street Naming reports from Planning for Largs and West Kilbride	Pg 83	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	LP to approve eight street names for two new housing developments.
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					6.55 – 7.50 pm
8.	LDP3 Update/Place Plans The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Alistair Gemmell, Strategic Planning Manager	-	Verbal	Alistair Gemmell	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
9.	Locality Plan Progress Receive update from Locality Officer.	-	Verbal	Louise Riddex	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
10.	Youth and Education Overview The Locality Partnership will receive updates linking in with the Locality Priorities from Head Teachers.	-	Verbal	Lynne Cathcart Stephanie Fisher Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
11.	Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships Officers to discuss with the Locality Partnership the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by SFRS and Police Scotland in North Coast Locality.	-	Verbal	Stuart Dougan Barrie McCutcheon	Discuss progress, learning and partnership opportunities
12.	KA Leisure/Public Health Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update of work undertaken in North Coast Locality.	-	Verbal	Michael Thomson Laura Barrie Pamela Miller	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
13.	Locality Priorities Officer Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Deirdre Oakley, Project Officer, Community Learning and Development.	Pg 90	Enclosed	Deidre Oakley	Receive update and consider potential CIF pipeline and promotion.
14.	Locality Officer Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer	Pg 95	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
AOCB					7.50 – 8.00 pm
15.	AOCB NAC 2024/25 Budget update			Cllr Hill	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
REPORTS FOR INFORMATION					
	CLD Strategic Quarterly Update	Pg 115	Enclosed	Cllr Hill	Locality Partnership are asked to note the report and share as appropriate.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 18 June 2024 venue TBC.

Distribution List

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Councillor Alan Hill (**Chair**)
Councillor Eleanor Collier
Councillor Todd Ferguson
Councillor Tom Marshall
Councillor Ian Murdoch

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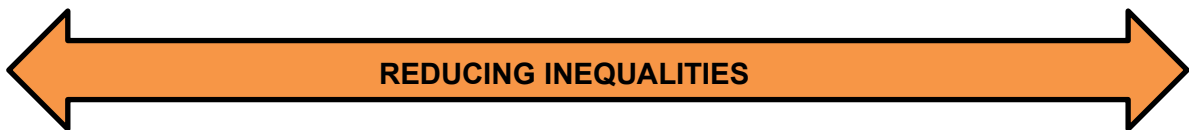
North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership Priorities

Improving
access to
financial
services

Increasing
social
inclusion

Improving
mental
wellbeing

Supporting
skills and work
opportunities



North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership – Community Investment Fund

The North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership CIF allocation to date:	£978,000
Funded Projects	Total Funding Awarded
Organic Growers of Fairlie	£22,800
Clearer Minds	£30,200
Millport Town Hall	£200,000
Sing Your Song (WKCIL)	£14,892
Locality Priorities Worker	£35,948
West Kilbride Technical & Creative Training Programme	£76,605
Local Priorities Worker – extension of support	£41,871
West Kilbride Sports Club	£6,750
Remaining CIF Balance	£548,934

Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	5 December 2023 via Microsoft Teams
Present/ In Attendance:	Councillor Alan Hill (Chair) Councillor Eleanor Collier Councillor Todd Ferguson Councillor Tom Marshall John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice-Chair) Carol Campbell, Community Representative (Co-opted) Nick Hobson, Community Representative (Co-opted) Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer, NAC Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer, NAC Deirdre Oakley, Project Officer, NAC Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, NAC Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland Alex Harvie, Cumbrae Community Council Keith Hammond, Cumbrae Community Council Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council Michael Thomson, General Manager, Vikingar Alicia Train, Head of Centre, Largs Early Years Centre, NAC Carolyn McGinn, HT, Fairlie Primary School, NAC Pamela Miller, NHS Barbara Conner, TACT Lesley Dunlop, Community & Locality Planning Assistant, NAC
Also in Attendance:	Sarah Baird, Senior Officer, NAC Scott Watson, Carbon Neutral Cumbrae
Apologies:	Councillor Ian Murdoch Lizzy Barbour, Community Representative (Co-opted) Gemma Carson, HT, West Kilbride Primary Fiona Comrie, KA Leisure Barrie McCutcheon, SFRS

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 5 September 2023 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions confirmed.</p> <p>The Senior Lead Officer provided a brief update and highlighted the following:-</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4 – Street Naming - street name was agreed as Fleming Way at West Kilbride Community Council. • Item 8 - Helter Skelter Funding Consultation – Cost of MUGA around £140K ex VAT, there will also be groundworks, signage costs. R McCutcheon happy to discuss funding proposals and provide further information. • AOCB – P Miller contacted NHS Estates on 6 September to request lights be fixed. <p>Noted.</p>	
3.	<p>Grants – Community Benefit Fund</p> <p>The Partnership noted that the Largs Common Good Fund had a balance of £4,000 and agreed to award the following: -</p> <p>Archaeology Scotland – Adopt a Monument £2,234.26</p> <p>The Partnership noted that the Largs Town Charitable Trust had a balance of £3,328 and agreed to award the following: -</p> <p>Dementia Friendly Largs & District - £1,000</p>	<i>Rhonda Leith</i>
4.	<p>Locality Action Plan</p> <p>The Partnership were asked to consider the Draft North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Action Plan for 2023/24.</p> <p>The Partnership highlighted that a number of actions within the action plan related to Largs. R Leith advised the Partnership that the action plan would be reviewed in spring/summer 2024.</p> <p>The Partnership approved the Locality Action Plan.</p>	
5.	<p>Carbon Neutral Cumbrae</p> <p>The Partnership received an update on the Carbon Neutral Islands Project on Cumbrae from Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands) and Scott Watson, Community Development Officer, Carbon Neutral Cumbrae.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed and raised questions in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How important it is for this to be linked in with local priorities; • How will locally generated energy be generated; • How older buildings in housing stock can become more carbon neutral; and • How the ideas for the islands can also be utilised on the mainland. <p>S Watson highlighted that information is available on the Carbon Neutral Cumbrae and Carbon Neutral Islands websites.</p>	

	The Chair thanked S Baird and S Watson for their update.	
6.	<p>Youth and Education Overview</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Carolyn McGinn, HT at Fairlie Primary School and Alicia Train, Head of Service, Largs Early Years Centre, on school activity including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rota has been set up for attendance at Locality Partnership meetings; • Christmas is well under way with parties, pantomimes and other activities; • Schools are working closely with parent councils who actively fundraise to support with costs of these events; • Largs Early Years Centre has an Enterprise Craft Group made up of parents who support with costs of events; • Largs Early Years Centre will be hosting a performance by the children including singing and dancing; • Fairlie Primary children were invited to take part in the Fairlie Community Association lighting the village tree event; • Winter Warmer breakfasts are taking place in all secondary schools; • Largs Primary School is running a reverse advent calendar to raise funds for the food bank; • Transition events have begun; • Fairlie Garden Growers support the Early Years Centre and bring food from the allotment for families; • Knitting Natters have knitted scarves and hats for the children for outdoor play; • Collaborative events for all ages are taking place including karate lessons, dance classes; and • Head teachers attended an event round the impact of attendance. <p>Councillor Ferguson enquired whether the West Kilbride young people are able to attend the Winter Warmer breakfast due to the change in timetable. The Chair will check and get back to Councillor Ferguson.</p> <p>The Chair thanked C McGinn and A Train for their updates.</p>	<i>Cllr Hill</i>
7.	<p>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - 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.</p> <p>Inspector Dougan advised the Partnership of the following:-</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Moonbeam – no significant events occurred in the North Coast; • 16 Days of Action – working with Largs Academy around respect; • Vape inputs – insights around Largs regarding littering of disposable vapes and public health aspects. Working closely with Trading Standards regarding the sale of fake vapes; • Community Wellbeing unit has welfare boxes and hygiene kits available for those in crisis. • Prevention of Financial Harm – working with Dementia Friendly Group; and • Festive Road Safety Campaign is underway. <p>The Partnership discussed and raised questions in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement of 40mph limit on the A78 Largs to Skelmorlie road. This has been carried out by unmarked vehicles and helps to influence driver behaviour for a period of time. • Speeding on Haylie Brae. A number of businesses on this road are working alongside Police Scotland in relation to this issue. • Use of Artificial Intelligence to defraud. This is massive and Police Scotland have a cyber crime unit which is growing to help assist with the number of crimes. <p>There representative from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service submitted apologies for the meeting.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>KA Leisure</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Michael Thomson, General Manager, Vikingar.</p> <p>M Thomson highlighted the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active North Ayrshire referrals from people with long term conditions such as Parkinsons; • Mind and Be Active – to assist with mental health; • Aqua classes are very busy; • Funding received to run spin classes for people with Parkinsons starting January 2024; • Weekly Health Walks from Vikingar which also includes a shorter walk for those who are less mobile; • Activator Bus – offering free health checks. Available to local groups. • Laura Barrie will attend the next meeting to give an update on the work of the Wellbeing Alliance. <p>The Chair thanked M Thomson for his update.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Locality Priorities Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from the Locality Priorities Officer highlighting support provided to:-</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second round of Chit Chats; • Simson/Crauford Avenue swingpark; • Supporting Skelmorlie Tennis Club with CIF application; • Mobile banking not possible in Skelmorlie due to branch in Largs; • West Kilbride Yuletide; • Community Open Day West Kilbride Library 19 January; and • Largs Community Larder. <p>The Partnership discussed and raised questions in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider opportunities for CIF Funding as just under £550k available; • Simson/Crauford Avenue issue with land re Housing Revenue Account. Project can't move forward until resolved. R Leith is happy to follow up and report back. It would be helpful if a meeting could be arranged. <p>The Chair thanked D Oakley for her update.</p>	R Leith
10.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from the Locality Officer highlighting support provided to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported volunteers on Cumbrae to start a new youth group which has been very successful so far; • A new adult capacity group has started in Largs which is to upskill adults for employment or volunteering; and • West Kilbride Yuletide was very successful. <p>The Chair thanked L Riddex for her update.</p>	
11.	<p>AOCB</p> <p><u>West Kilbride Community Initiative Limited – 25th Anniversary December 2023</u></p> <p>The Partnership congratulated the WKCIL and will endeavour to support if an event is taking place. The Chair suggested that a chat be held outwith the meeting to see if anything can be done.</p> <p><u>TACT</u></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Barbara Conner highlighting support provided to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banking issue regarding mobile banking; • Two Winter Warmer events taking place 13 and 20 December; and • 12 employability projects funded via No One Left Behind providing pre employability skills. 	Cllr Hill

Largs

Place Framework

June 2023

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ACTION PLAN

This document should be read in conjunction with the Shared Action Plan

CREDITS

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Engagement,
Community Animation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Place Framework seeks to identify priority issues and bring together and co-ordinate place-based actions and initiatives to improve the quality of life in the historic town of Largs.

Largs was one of three towns in North Ayrshire selected as part of a pilot to develop a Place Framework approach, with funding and support from Scottish Government.

This place-based approach seeks to enable and support socio-economic and environmental regeneration in response to local priorities and need, and in line with Council and Government policy objectives. The Largs Place Framework is deliberately aligned with the strategic objectives of the North Coast Locality Planning Partnership. The Place Framework also supports, and should be read in conjunction with, relevant local and national policies to help deliver local impact and outcomes.

The Largs Place Framework draws upon extensive community and stakeholder engagement involving local residents, businesses, community organisations and relevant departments from across North Ayrshire Council. This participatory approach helped identify a set of priorities and actions that call upon all stakeholders with a responsibility for Largs to work together to coordinate impactful action. This is deliberately in line with the collaborative ethos of the 'Place Principle' and promotes community-led action and capacity building where appropriate.

Many of the local challenges and opportunities are well known and documented. The impact of the Covid pandemic has accelerated

However this situation has also inspired local community action which has already delivered tangible impact, whilst local and national policies promoting community wealth building and '20 min neighbourhoods' supporting convenient access to local amenities and facilities are well aligned with the needs of Largs.

Areas of

Focus:

1. Town Centre and 'High Street' Projects
2. Promenade and Seafront Projects
3. Inland Town Parks and Open Space Projects
4. Living Well, Locally – convenient access to local community needs (20 Min Town)

To address these Areas of Focus the Place Framework outlines a series of projects and tasks, set out within an Action Plan. It is intended this becomes a shared term of reference for all stakeholders to help co-ordinate action to secure buy-in, permission and (where necessary) funding to enable delivery.

Some projects and actions are community-led, others Council-led, others rely on other stakeholders to promote and deliver projects. All require coordination and partnership working to succeed. It is intended that the Largs Place Framework Action Plan is regularly monitored and updated to record achievements, plan next steps and future action and identify new priorities and ideas.

By way of a summary a selection of headline projects include:

- Activate vacant / under-used buildings in Town Centre and on Seafront
- Develop ideas for new (community?) uses in Town Centre Churches in case they become available for reuse
- Create fully accessible, high quality streetscape and public spaces in the Town Centre (e.g. Main Street)
- Enhance town gateways (eg. Station and Ferry Terminus and enhancing inter-connection)
- Continue to explore options for improved Town-wide event and Town Centre
- Promenade Improvements: public realm, active travel, quality, seafront destination amenity
- Support more activities and a Town Centre venue for young people
- Establish a community venue / space in the Town Centre (in addition to retaining existing community facilities at the Community Campus and elsewhere)
- Promote and improve awareness / appreciation / accessibility of local heritage, Largs Museum and Skelmorlie Aisle and progress with an Outdoor Museum / trail
- Provide ongoing support for Visitor Economy and enhanced Visitor Experience – Street Ambassadors, consider restored Tourist Information Centre / Hub within the town centre
- Extend active travel network (incl cycling paths) across Largs to key destinations (eg. Community Campus)
- Enhance the V , culture and leisure activities for residents and visitors
- Promote / co-ordinate Largs' sport, leisure and natural assets encouraging active lifestyles / participation – working with existing sports clubs
- Upgrade Aubery Park
- Continue enhancements to Douglas Park and link into Anderson Park
- Identify locations for new allotments / community gardens across the Town

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Introduction



PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Place Frameworks are a new concept in regeneration in North Ayrshire. Largs is one of three settlements included in a Pilot to progress Place Frameworks for these towns. Following on from the Pilot it is intended to produce a Place Framework for each town in the Council area in the longer term.

The Place Frameworks support and are integral to the NAC Regeneration Delivery Plan (RDP) which was adopted in March 2021. This sets out priorities for delivering on the regeneration ambitions of the Council Plan and Community Wealth Building strategy, working in partnership with communities.

The RDP focuses on the delivery of physical regeneration across North Ayrshire through an ambitious project based rolling action programme.. It is intended that the Place Framework will inform this action programme, helping set priorities for securing and delivering against external funding sources including Scottish and UK Government funds.

Each Place Framework is to inform local action and consider the following:

- Build on earlier planning and community engagement work
- generate solutions and new initiatives
- Interpret and articulate commitments made in the strategic plans of Community Planning Partners
- Community led regeneration opportunities/action
- Community capacity to develop and deliver local regeneration
- 20-minute neighbourhoods
- Active Travel networks
- Vacant & Derelict Land sites
- Town Centre Living
- Green/ Open spaces
- Heritage assets
- Tourism
- Locality priorities

The Place Frameworks will inform short-, medium- and long-term Council and community led action and regeneration activity to create attractive and successful places.

The Place Frameworks project will support the Community Wealth Building Strategy adopted in 2020 by North Ayrshire Council. This strategy puts local communities and economies at the heart of decision making and planning. In particular, the development of Place Frameworks aims to deliver on the Land and Assets pillar of the Community Wealth Building Strategy which recognises that the underutilisation of land and assets represents missed opportunities for towns and communities to achieve their full potential.

Funding has been secured from the UK Community Renewal Fund (21/22) and Scottish Government's Place Based Investment Programme (21/22).

PROCESS & TIMELINES

North Ayrshire Council appointed a consultant team in Spring 2022 to progress pilot Place Frameworks for three towns: Saltcoats, Kilwinning and Largs. The team was led by Austin-Smith:Lord, supported by WAVEparticle, who were selected due to their experience of town centre charrettes across Scotland.

In response to the NAC Brief the consultant team developed a three stage process described below and illustrated opposite.

Stage 1 : Analysis and Pre-Engagement

Early activities included:

- Collating and assessing an array of local and national policy and strategy documentation from the perspective of what it means for Largs,
- Developing a list of key stakeholders and preparing engagement activity
- Engaging with Community Planning Partnership and local ward councillors pre May 2022 local elections.

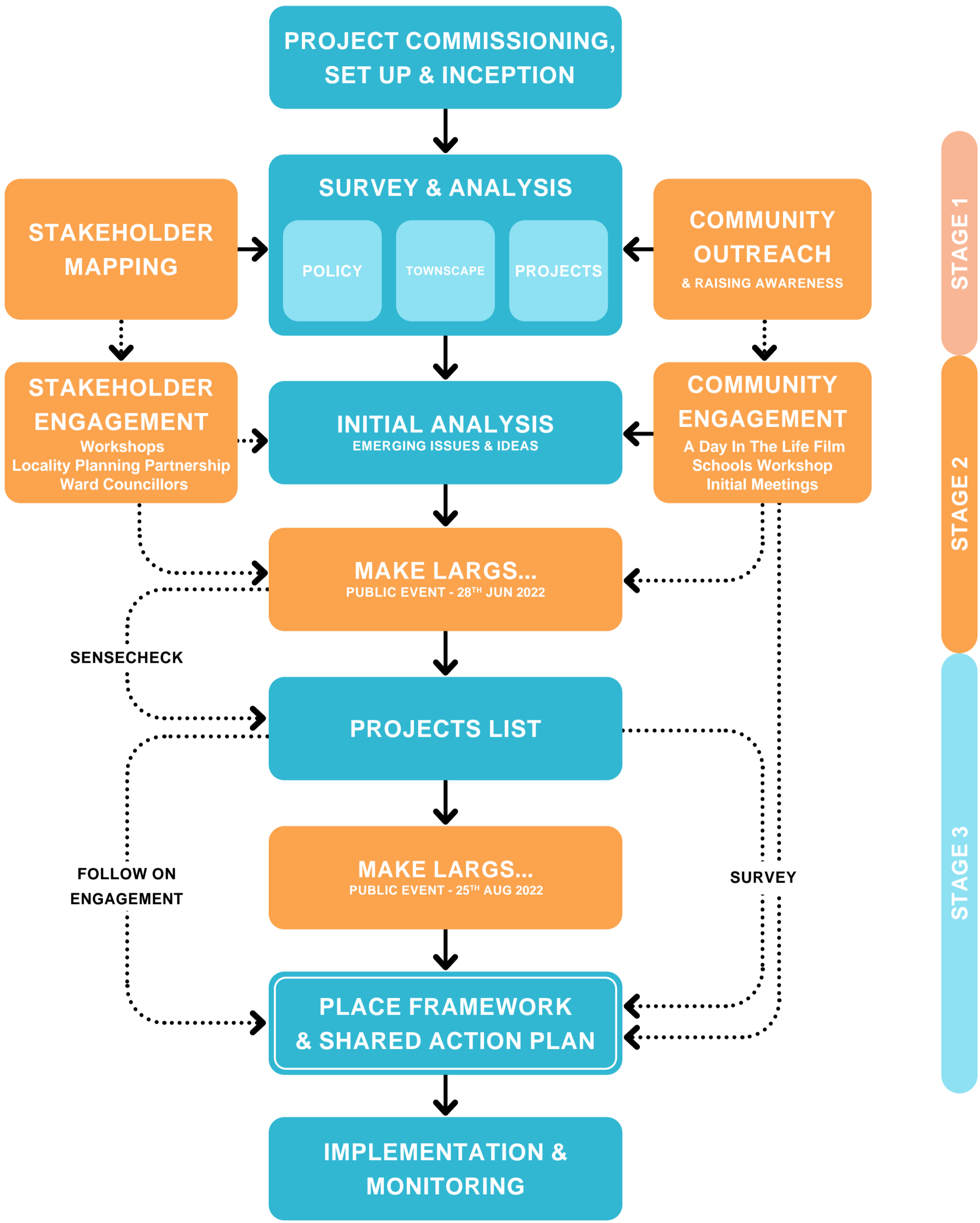
Stage 2 : Engagement

The engagement approach sought to engage with a diverse cross section of local stakeholders in terms of demographics and interest in the town, including local residents, businesses, active community and civic groups, voluntary sector, Council departments and local and national agencies. Further details of engagement activity is outlined in more detail but included schools workshops, interviews with local community reps and businesses, public workshops (with walk and talk sessions,

ideas. These activities progressed either side of local Council elections, and summer holiday periods.

Stage 3 : Developing Place Framework

objectives for the Place Framework were established, a list of emerging projects developed with an associated Action Plan outlining how to progress next steps and identifying 'quick wins' and priority projects and suggesting the partners who should collaborate to make progress.





HOW TO USE THE PLACE FRAMEWORKS

This Place Framework Report is published as a guide for anyone with an interest in the future of Largs. It is intended to provide

place. It takes a local people-centred, action and project-driven approach, suggesting interventions and support required to sustain community action and promote and deliver projects (physical and non-physical).

This Place Framework report is accomplished by a Shared Action Plan that suggests projects aligned with stated objectives; with 'quick wins' potential partners who should consider collaborating to deliver projects are suggested. This is especially important given the Action Plan is 'shared' and is not the sole responsibility of any one organisation.

It is recommended that a group be established, with representatives from the Council, local resident and business community and other key stakeholders. This group should be tasked with reviewing progress against the Shared Action Plan; highlighting achievements and successful delivery, planning next steps and adding new items when deemed necessary. It should be maintained as a rolling programme of Actions.

Place Framework - Successful Delivery

This Place Framework, and the delivery of the projects and actions that emerge, have and should be;

- Developed by and with the Largs community
- Adopted and delivered by the Largs community, businesses, third and public sector partners

This Place Framework aims to be;

- Inclusive and participatory
- Feasible and realistic
- Flexible and responsive
- Action and project focused
- In line with the Locality Planning Priorities
- In line with the principles of Community Wealth Building
- In line with the transition to Net Zero

KEY CONCEPTS

The Place Principle

The overarching ethos of the Place Principle is embedded in the preparation and delivery of this Place Framework.

The Scottish Government and COSLA have adopted the Place Principle in order to improve the lives of people, support inclusive and sustainable economic growth and create more successful places.

We commit to taking:

A collaborative, place-based approach with a shared purpose to support a clear way forward for all services, assets and investments which will maximise the impact of their combined resources.

THEREFORE

We're developing a **Shared Action Plan** as a common terms of reference for all; the **resident and business community, civic groups, the Council, voluntary sector and local and national agencies.**



20 Minute Towns

ScotGov National Planning Framework 4

*"A method of achieving connected and often compact neighbourhoods designed in such a way that people can **meet the majority of their daily needs within a reasonable walk, wheel or cycle (within approx. 800m) of their home.**"*

Sustrans

"...ensure that it is easy for people to meet most of their everyday needs by a short, convenient and pleasant 20-minute return walk."



Climate and Biodiversity Emergencies

North Ayrshire Council has declared a Climate Emergency.

It is vital that the Place Framework helps proactively inspire climate action at a local level. This needs to include supporting enhanced open space, promotion of active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) and public transport (optimising the presence of a town centre train station and improving bus

existing under occupied buildings, increased town centre living and increased climate literacy and new skills to support a local green economy.

Fact Sheet

Carbon Neutral Council

Summary

North Ayrshire Council has declared a state of Climate Emergency.

This means we have committed to take action now to reduce carbon emissions across North Ayrshire.

We already have a range of measures in place and ultimately our ambition is to become carbon-neutral. This means there is an equilibrium between our carbon emissions and carbon removal.

'Plant trees within social housing developments'	'Healthy, greener homes for everyone, well built'	'Affordable electric cars'	'Young people engaging in Sustainability'
'District Heating Schemes'	'Less poverty'	'Reduction of meat in people's diets'	'Litter free'
	'School grounds have renewable energy'	'Culture change'	

KEY CONCEPTS

Community Wealth Building

North Ayrshire Council is recognised as being at the vanguard of promoting Community Wealth Building. The Place Frameworks are compatible with these aspirations and seek to encourage local business, skills development, promote local suppliers and community led regeneration and ownership of assets.

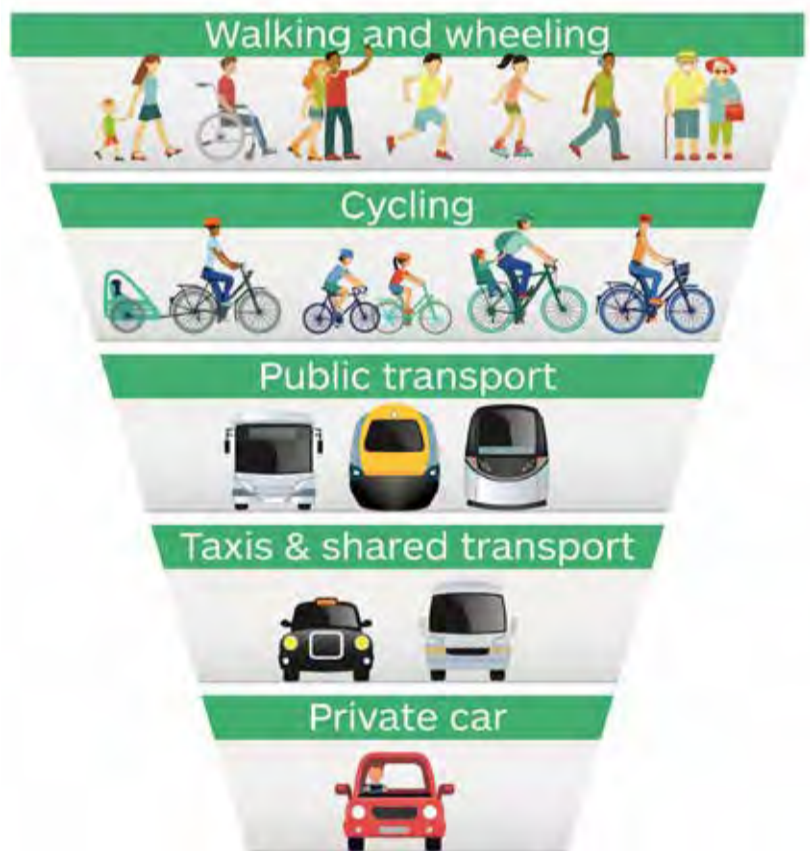
Objectives

<p>COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING COUNCIL We will work across all our services and wider local and regional partners to implement Scotland's first approach to Community Wealth Building.</p>	<p>LAND AND ASSETS We will support the wider regeneration of our communities by maximising all of our land and assets including through alternative uses for community and business benefit.</p>	
<p>PROCUREMENT We will use our spend to actively encourage and support a growing, diverse and resilient local business base, and to support our net zero carbon ambitions.</p>		<p>FINANCIAL POWER We will invest locally and encourage regional and national institutions to invest in our communities.</p>
<p>FAIR EMPLOYMENT We will encourage the creation of fair and meaningful jobs with progression opportunities to unlock the potential of our residents.</p>		<p>PLURAL OWNERSHIP OF THE ECONOMY We will support the creation and sustainability of a range of business models including SMEs, social enterprise, employee ownership, cooperatives, municipal activity and community enterprises.</p>

Hierarchy of Modes

The Place Frameworks emphatically promote the national hierarchy of modes of travel and transport. In line with Scottish Planning Policy and local policy active travel (walking, wheeling and then cycling) is prioritised. Public Transport is also encouraged, maximising the existing train service and supporting improve bus service provision, perhaps via a Community Bus initiative.

Prioritising Sustainable Transport



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Context



LARGS NOW

Largs has enduring appeal. Its location, on the Firth of Clyde, has long been attracting residents and visitors to enjoy the seaside, landscape and history of the place. Its reputation as an attractive place to live in and visit, combined with the re-appreciation of quality local destinations post-pandemic, has ensured that it has proven to be resilient.

However, to an extent, Largs is occasionally a victim of its own success. It struggles to cope with peak demand at high Summer

diminishing its attractiveness for residents and visitors alike.

There have been previous initiatives seeking to progress a Community Development Trust and Business Improvement District. Whilst neither came to pass there is an opportunity and need to bring the local business and resident community together to develop and get behind initiatives to enhance the town. There persists a sense of apathy that needs to be dispelled.

Largs has many great assets, not least its setting, as well as its network of open spaces, sport facilities and town centre. In combination these attributes help sustain a good quality of life. However, in line with community wealth ambitions and in addressing the climate emergency and transitioning in to a green economic future, there is scope for Largs to make progress and avoid being left behind and losing competitive advantage to other comparator destination towns.

PLACE ANALYSIS

Largs Today - Town Structure

Largs enjoys a superb coastal setting, overlooking the Firth of Clyde and the islands and peninsula of Scotland's beautiful west coast. Largs occupies the lands between the shoreline and the westward lower slopes of the Renfrewshire Heights and Knock Hill.

town's physical constraints and within the settlement boundary there are not many areas of vacant, under-occupied or derelict land.

Largs is also quite a linear settlement running along the coastline and the A78 trunk road corridor and beneath the inland hills to the east. Along the shoreline to the west public promenades and a series of public open spaces enjoy a stunning westward aspect to Great Cumbrae and the Firth of Clyde; a vista synonymous of Largs as a seaside resort destination.

The town centre is located immediately inland of the Cumbrae ferry terminal. This historic street pattern and townscape is still detectable in and around Main Street which runs inland from the ferry terminal to the train terminus. In and near the town centre prominent ecclesiastical landmarks further enhance the townscape with Church spires giving Largs it's distinctive skyline.

The presence of the railway in the south, as well as the Gogo Water and Noddsdale Burn running to the shoreline introduce physical barriers within the townscape. Whilst these do create a degree of severance this does not seem

crossing points need to be maintained and improved where necessary.

The accessibility of key destinations, such as the Community Campus, needs to be monitored and improved upon as well as enhancing existing community and visitor facilities, including Vikingar! to ensure the good access to local amenities for Largs, and the wider North Coast catchment.



PLACE ANALYSIS



Town Centre

Whilst reasonably attractive and vibrant Largs' historic town centre and its promenade do not compare favourably with other leading seaside destinations elsewhere in the UK. The everyday pedestrian experience for residents and visitors detracts from the accessibility, convenience and quality of the place, despite the aging demographic of local people. Streets are not easy for

assets it has, bolstered by an active events program and, by many metrics, provides a good quality of life.



Seafront

Largs is renowned for its promenade and seaside setting. Like the Town Centre the seafront relies on its natural setting to enhance the quality of the experience, which is diminished by the dated layout and condition of its streetscape. The potential to retain and enhance what makes Largs special by improving the quality, look and feel of the promenade and seaside paths and parks, alongside a coherent visitor management strategy, would ensure Largs continues to be the leading coastal destination and cater for local residents everyday needs.



Gateways + First Impressions

be. Ensuring a positive arrival experience by train, ferry, bus, bike and car warrants further review. Investment has been made, and is planned, but considering ways to ensure a consistently high standard, perhaps augmented by place branding and

and local people access the town amenities conveniently, as well



North Coast Hub

It is apparent, from initial observations and analysis, that Largs

Coast catchment, including islanders on Cumbrae. Sustaining and enhancing public transport connections to and beyond Largs is therefore paramount for a wider catchment. Furthermore coordinating and supporting local community and economic development to ensure complementary approaches is vital, so that the North Coast and Cumbrae is more than the sum of the parts. Creating not just a 20 Min Town but well connected locality with convenient access to local amenities will continue to be critical to quality of life for all in the area.

POLICY CONTEXT

The Place Framework approach, as outlined earlier, sought to bring together evidence and analysis based upon;

- **Consultation and Engagement (with local communities)** – resident, business, civic, voluntary / 3rd sector – and key stakeholders – including NAC departments and local and national agencies)
- **Place Analysis** – utilising on site surveys and observations as well as map based analysis and data review
- **Policy Context** – assimilating local, regional and national policies aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Scottish Governments draft National Planning Framework 4 and the Town Centre Action Plan Review (2021).

North Ayrshire Council provided an array of relevant background policy and strategy documentation. This included:

- North Ayrshire Council Plan 2019 -2024
- Local Development Plan (LDP 2019)
- Three Towns Locality Partnership Priorities
- Your Town Audit
- Economic Development + Regeneration Strategy
- Economic Recovery & Renewal Approach
- Tourism Action Plan
- Open Space Audit (2022)

Key issues arising from this analysis include;

- An ongoing emphasis on mixed-use town centre, including mixed-tenure housing
- the Community Wealth Building agenda
- Advocating 'Living Well, Locally' promoting the 20 min neighbourhoods concept as a place planning principle to ensure convenient accessibility to everyday services, amenities and opportunities (jobs, learning, active life) local to all,
- Promotion of active travel and public transport modes to reduce car trip generation and prioritise pedestrian and cycle accessibility
- Promotion of the Place Principle calling for partnership working and coordinated delivery
- connected active travel networks

KEY OBJECTIVES

There's place-based decisions. To provide the Place Framework with local focus as well as alignment with key local policy it was

focus on three documents;

- Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2022 - 2030
- The Local Development Plan (2019)
- Locality Partnership Priorities > <http://northayrshire.community/your-community/three-towns/our-local-priorities/>

The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan was published in October 2022 and focusses on delivering on the vision of "North Ayrshire – Fair for All" and has three key themes, declaring that;

Wellbeing – We will address health inequalities. We will promote children and young people's wellbeing. We will enable community wellbeing.

Work – We will increase employment. We will develop volunteering. We will better support our young people.

World – We will work together to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change. We will increase active travel. We will increase carbon literacy within our organisations and communities.

The **Local Development Plan** states that, "North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Vision is that every person in North Ayrshire is valued and should have the best opportunities to live their life to their full potential. This Vision looks forward 20 years and shows how development can help North Ayrshire become **Healthier, Working, Thriving** and **Safer.**"

North Coast Locality Partnership priorities:

- 1.
2. Increasing social inclusion
3. Improving mental wellbeing
4. Supporting skills and work opportunities

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Recent Achievements

Noteworthy and recent successes in the town include;

- Restoring successful events programme in the wake of the COVID pandemic,
- Community-led restoration of Douglas Park,
- Station Gardens
- Progress with Community Larder project

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS - CASE STUDIES

The Douglas Park Project

The Douglas Park Project was formed during the Covid pandemic in June 2020 with the aim of restoring and enhancing Douglas Park. It was set up by volunteers who wanted to improve the park.

Since their formation, the group have been extremely active and park.



Clyde Coast & Cumraes Men's Shed

Clyde Coast & Cumraes Men's Shed was formed in 2021 and moved into its new home in the Brisbane Centre in November 2022. The main aim of the Shed is to help improve men's mental health. It provides a hub where the Men's Shed Trustees and volunteers can bring members together to work in their communities, relax with a cuppa, enjoy conversation and spend some time together making or repairing things.

A short term let has been agreed for the Brisbane Centre with NAC and the group is in the process of taking the building on via a Community Asset Transfer. The Shed has been supported with funding from Place Framework grants.



RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS - CASE STUDIES

New Homes at Flatt Road

In 2021, North Ayrshire Council completed 123 new homes as part of a £20 million investment on the site of the former Largs Academy and Kelburn Primary School. This was the Council's

The new homes are part of the Council's climate change and include features such as a biomass district heating system, heat interface units in each home, smart dual zone temperature controls, solar panel installations, water saving taps and toilets, low energy LED lighting and mechanical ventilation systems.



Largs Skatepark

The refurbishment of Largs Skatepark at Mackerston Park was the result of the hard work and determination of a group of young people. The group gave a presentation to the North Coast Locality Partnership where they argued their case for upgrading the skatepark. They were subsequently awarded £100,000 from the Largs Car Park Fund to deliver the project.

the new skatepark and it subsequently opened in 2018. Since it opened, local skaters who use the park to hone their skills have gone on to take part in national competitions.



Largs Community Garden

A disused railway siding adjacent to Largs Train Station has been transformed by volunteers into a Celtic/Viking themed community garden. The garden opened in 2018 and is a part of ScotRail's adopt-a-station programme. The gardens are tended to by volunteers who also pay an annual membership to support its continued upkeep.



03

Engagement

SUMMARY OF PROCESS & FINDING

Background

The Place Framework approach seeks to embed participatory planning as the basis of community and stakeholder engagement. The aim is to invite and enable local communities (resident, business, civic, voluntary / third sector) and agencies (local and

to inform the decisions around project delivery and to foster partnership working.

The Place Frameworks engagement strategy sought to involve as wide and representative a cross section of the local community as was practical; speaking with well-established groups, businesses and organisations as well as proactively seeking out lesser heard voices. To this end a range of in-person and virtual activities took

enable wider participation whilst also taking cognisance of Covid restrictions and guidance.

Make Largs...

To make the engagement activities more accessible the title (and associated social media hashtag) 'Make Largs...' was adopted for the Place Framework project. To raise awareness of the project and to promote events and activities during all stages of the project North Ayrshire Council's communications team, supported by the Connected Communities and the Regeneration teams and the project consultant team, published web news items, print and digital media articles and social media postings, alongside a local

Timeframe

The events and engagement activities described below commenced in Spring 2022 and continued through until early Autumn 2022. This period spanned the 2022 Council election period with engagement with Elected Members and the Locality Planning Partnership prior to the election campaigns and after the election of new Councillors. Community engagement activities also spanned the school Summer holiday period, with direct interaction with the schools and general public occurring during term time – notably two public events days on 28 June and 25 August 2022.

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All Events are FREE!!!

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TUES 28.JUNE 10am - 8pm

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Walk, Wheel & Talk
Community Chit Chats

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SUMMARY OF PROCESS & FINDING

Approach

The overall engagement approach followed 3 phases. These phases were;

Phase 1 (Discovery Phase) – mapping key stakeholders, making contact, facilitating early / initial engagement to establish key issues and ideas, commencing schools workshops and in-situ events / activities to raise awareness of the project and ‘Make Largs...’ events. Key activities included WAVEparticle facilitating schools workshops, interviewing local people on-street and promoting key projects – all compiled in to ‘A Day in the Life of Largs’

The team also attended the Largs Live events on 25 June to promote the ‘Make Largs...’ events day on 28 June.

Phase 2 (Public Events Day – ‘Make Largs...’) - Community and Stakeholder Engagement focused around two set-piece days of public workshops and events in Clark Memorial Church Hall on 28 June and 25 August 2022, under the ‘Make Largs...’ banner. The days involved school workshops, public workshop sessions, a local business and economy workshop, a walk, wheel and talk tour around the town centre, to the Largs Museum and Skelmorlie Aisle and key coastal locations, and a community ‘chit chat’ show and tell session to close the event.

Phase 3 (Follow Up Engagement + Project Development) – following on from the issues and idea generation focused on the ‘Make Largs...’ events days the project team conducted a follow up online and in-person survey inviting participants to feedback on the emerging Place Framework projects. This activity was further promoted with the Place Frameworks team taking a stall at the Viking Festival on 2 September 2022.

Follow up calls with potential key project sponsors in the community were also conducted to progress projects and seek alignment and assess eligibility for Community Renewal Fund and Place Based Investment Programme support.



A roundtable discussion with residents at Make Largs event



A group of residents attending the Walk, Wheel and Talk tour



Viking festival goers interacting with the council team

SUMMARY OF PROCESS & FINDING

Engagement Process

During Phase 1 – Discovery, prior to the ‘Make Largs...’ events day, the project consultant team, supported by NAC Regeneration and Connected Communities teams mapped out the existing network of community groups and key stakeholders in the town, across the Council and within partner organisations.

A full list of events, meetings and consultees is included in the Appendices for the record. A summary of some of the key

in the following pages.

Local Community Engagement

Early outreach work by WAVEparticle, acting upon guidance from NAC, enabled progress to map key stakeholders and establish contact with local community networks. Key activities included;

- Local schools workshops
- On-street interviews and 1-to-1 meetings with key community organisations
- Preparation of ‘A Day in the Life of Largs’ capturing the key ideas from the previous two bullet points
- The ‘Make Largs...’ events days on 28 June and 25 August 2022
- Online and in person survey of emerging projects
- Engagement with key project sponsors.

Local residents, businesses, community groups and local agencies were represented at a series of events and activities throughout the ‘Make Largs...’ events days. Follow up activity,

liaison with organisations seeking support including Largs & District Museum & Historical Society, Clyde Coast & Cumbraes Men’s Shed, The Douglas Park Project and the Growing Together Outdoor Club at St. Mary’s Primary School.

Elected Members and Locality Planning Partnership

Local ward Councillors and the North Coast Locality Planning Partnership were briefed on the project at the inception stage, prior to the Local Elections in May 2022. The new Councillors

progress and the emerging priorities and projects emerging from the engagement process in Autumn 2022.

The Place Framework sought to embed the Locality Planning Partnership priorities in to the assessment of key projects and action for Largs

North Ayrshire Council and Partner Agencies

and partners including NHS, have been involved in engagement activity at all stages. In parallel with early townscape, policy and data analysis a series of thematic workshops were facilitated in Spring 2022 considering key issues relating to the following topics;

- Communities, Health and Wellbeing
- Local Economy (incl Tourism)
- Getting Around (incl Active Travel)
- Open Space
- Key Sites, Buildings and Assets

Key issues emerging from these thematic workshops included;

- continuing to be proactive in supporting town centre and ‘high street’ regeneration including repurposing vacant properties,
- enhancing and enforcing maintenance of properties and streets / open space,
- supporting local activities to promote Community Wealth Building,
- sustaining the encouraging levels of community activism and capacity emerging during the Covid pandemic,
- helping support local businesses and foster a stronger sense of business community,
- supporting local initiatives to adopt and maintain open spaces,
- an emphasis on developing enhancements to coastal setting and amenity to sustain heightened appreciation by locals and visitors.

Following on from the ‘Make Largs...’ events day all of these key

the emerging projects and priorities, to ensure alignment with local and national policy and funding.

The Place Framework activities ran in parallel with several ongoing public consultation activities, including an active travel project (aligned with the sea wall upgrade) to develop an agreed approach for walking, wheeling and cycling along the seafront / Promenade. This consultation was given a platform during the ‘Make Largs...’ event days to seek to coordinate public engagement.



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Day in the Life of Largs and Schools Workshops

11th May 2022. The WAVEparticle team visited and stayed in the 'Day in the Life of Largs'

The day started with a Collective Schools Workshop at Largs Campus, hosted by Largs Academy and attended by 28 pupils, and their teachers, from Largs Academy and the local primary schools, including Largs PS, St. Mary's PS and Fairlie PS. The group discussed what they thought would help make Largs even better and to identify the key issues for them, their friends and families and develop ideas about how to make a

These initial conversations instructed where the WAVEparticle team would visit next, for example the school children were particularly keen that the team should visit Nardini's Café which is iconic in the town, as well as the local Morrisons café, which was also a favourite meeting place for the pupils. Every subsequent meeting (planned and unplanned) concluded with asking to be directed to a key individual or organisation to meet up with next.

The WA team met with a range of individuals and organisations on-site at locations across the town including: Caroline Le Good Morgan (Chairperson), Wendy Thompson and Angela O'Keefe of the Douglas Park project; Nicole McLaughlan, Assistant Manager of Nardini's; David McKay, Assistant Manager of Morrisons, and his co-worker at the Vikingar Centre; Jean Stuart, a representative of Opportunities in Retirement; Neil Stuart a representative of Largs Museum with a particular interest in promoting the Skelmorlie Aisle; two NAC waste disposal service workers who were emptying the bins at Haylie Brae; Harvey & Frances, members of the Community Resilience Team. The team also had calls with Anne Cowgill, Secretary of the Largs Museum and Denise Fraser of the North Coast Youth Forum.

Emerging issues and ideas for projects highlighted in these discussions included;

- Improve look and feel of Largs campus – the pupils' feedback was that it could be improved with colour.
- More regular cleaning of shorefront and the town.
- Improve cycling infrastructure.
- Improve facilities at the Vikingar Centre and revamp the visitor experience, e.g. ideas included creation of a community café.
- Improve community resources – ideas were shared for a multifunction space that would serve as a venue for community groups to meet, would also accommodate a youth club / nightclub for young people, and that could be resourced through the purchase of one of the churches.
- Prototype a faster model with regards to events licencing for voluntary organisations. For local organisations, such as Douglas Park the current mechanism is overly bureaucratic for the more spontaneous, smaller scale events.
- Celebrate the history and heritage of Largs - feedback was that Largs can be seen to be one-dimensional (mainly the seafront) for tourists. The issues and opportunities with signage were a recurring theme e.g. the need to orient tourists beyond the seafront into the heart of the town and to jewels like Largs Museum and Skelmorlie Aisle.
- Connect the Careers Department of Largs Academy to the Largs Museum and inspire local young people to get involved.

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Local mounted police talking with the council team

Largs Live Festival

On the event day, team members set up an on-street stall along the promenade during the Largs Live festival on the 25th June 2022. This enabled the team to promote the upcoming events and to discuss issues, develop ideas and discuss potential future projects.

Over the course of the morning until 2pm, over 120 people stopped to learn about what was happening and share their thoughts. During this event the most mentioned ideas were:

- Improve parking / parking management.
- Improve accessibility of streets.
- Provide more venues and activities for children and young people
- Upgrade the seafront, including Aubrey Park

Sea Wall /Active Travel Consultation Event

An ongoing consultation conducted by the NAC Active Travel and Sea Wall project teams at the council, the Place Frameworks team had a stall / presence at the Sea Wall public consultation event in the Brisbane Hotel on 27th June 2022.

From 12pm - 3pm, 15 members of the public came along to participate in the consultation discussions with the Place Framework team. Initial thoughts / remarks included;

- Improve parking / parking management.
- Provide more indoor activities for all ages.
- Provide Park and Ride facilities, especially at peak season / events.
- Re-purpose vacant buildings.



Largs Sea Wall



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'Make Largs...' Events – Day 01

Given Largs had not had a Charrette or equivalent activity in recent years the Place Framework project team conducted 2 set piece public engagement events days. 2022, in took place in the Clark Memorial Church Hall from 10am - 8pm.

The event was attended by 45 attendees who visited the various events and workshops throughout the day. The events supported idea generation as well as fostering partnership working and introducing key contacts across the local community to strengthen local networks.

These events through the day included;

- Schools Workshop – following up on the earlier activities with the Schools
- Lunchtime Workshop – Identifying Priorities for Largs
- Walk, Wheel and Talk – facilitated tours around the town centre and coastal locations, including visits to Nardini's, the Largs Museum and the Skelmorlie Aisle
- Project Ideas Platform – an opportunity for anyone with an idea to help improve Largs to share their ideas and develop their thinking in a community workshop environment

The venue also hosted a drop-in exhibition and all attendees were invited to contribute their ideas via 'Postcards from the Future' emerging and shared in the hall.

Throughout the day project team members also went to local businesses, footfall 'hot spots' and made contact with key local representatives to raise awareness and encourage participation.

At the conclusion of the day of events some of the emerging projects coming out of the day of debate, discussion and co-design included;

- Pedestrianise Tron Place,
- Rebrand as a wellbeing town,
- Largs' role at the heart of the wider North Coast locality – a local hub.
- Re-use / re-purpose vacant and under-occupied buildings (notably the 3 churches apparently scheduled to be vacated in the coming years),
- More growing spaces needed,
- Improve active travel routes,
- Improve and enhance open spaces and parks around town,
- Enhance crossings points / bridge links across the Gogo,
- Improve parking.



Artist sketches annotating ideas generated by local community, shared at public workshops

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DTAS representative explaining Development Trusts to residents at the Make Largs event

'Make Largs...' Events – Day 02

event was held on 25th August 2022, in the Clark Memorial Hall. 46 attendees participated in activities and workshop events throughout the day, from 12 noon til 8pm.

The Hall featured an exhibition featuring work in progress and project ideas and analysis emerging from the work to date and the

Events on the day included;

- Local business workshop – attended by several local businesses from a range of sectors and NAC Economic Development
- Future Funding Workshop – led by Rosemary Ramsay of NAC outlining potential sources of project funding
- Evening Community Chit Chat and Idea Showcase – an

update on achievements, ideas and ambitions and to network / introduce key groups to each other.

Key issues arising from the event included;

- planning innovative future uses for the churches that may become vacant in future years
- improving safe routes to and from the Learning Campus
- provision of Town Centre community spaces, especially for local youth
- improve Vikingar! Facilities
- scope for Largs Thistle FC and others to potentially assist in providing community space in Largs
- and to access the ferry to Cumbrae,
- pedestrian accessibility in and around Largs town centre does not meet the need of an aging demographic
- improve access to the many sport facilities throughout Largs, water sports and dry sports (indoor and outdoor).



Viking Festival goers discussing their ideas with the council team

Viking Festival Stall

Following on from the 'Make Largs...' event was set up on 2nd September 2022 during the Viking festival. A stall was set up in the crafts market during the afternoon. During 3 hours over 100 people, overwhelmingly local and from a wide variety of age groups, participated and shared their thoughts. Paper suveys were also given out so that the residents could provide a more detailed response on the ideas presented so far.

The recurring ideas and projects suggested included;

- Making Tron Place pedestrian priority,
- Upgrading Anderson Park and Douglas Park and improving connections
- More youth facilities
- Enhance heritage trail.

PUBLIC & COMMUNITY

'Make Largs...' Follow Up Event

The Place Framework team returned to Largs on the 14th March 2023 from 4pm - 8:30pm, to provide an update on the emerging draft Place Framework (for discussion), to initiate conversations and any updates on progress regarding the proposed projects and to invite further ideas and suggestions.

There was a drop in meeting session in the afternoon at the Clark Memorial Church attended by reps from Largs Tennis Club, the Largs Museum and local business.

Updates indicated :

- The tennis club have been in dialogue with the Council and others about taking on and restoring tennis courts in Douglas Park, with potential funding support from Sports Scotland / Tennis Scotland. Adjacent former courts would be available for the local Growers group to develop a community garden.
- Largs museum in trialing Saturday opening times. They have received funding to upgrade their security and technology, They look to improve signage and make repairs to the building's roof and rendering in their next funding bid.
- There are a group of local traders and business owners on Boyd Street who are in the process of starting their own business grouping with a focus on art and creativity

In the evening a Community Chit Cat learning that:

- Men's Shed is now open in the Brisbane Centre, and have had great interest already. They are in the process of acquiring 3d printers and a laser cutter. They have also gained ownership of the land in front of the centre. They look to seek further funding in order to repair the building's roof and install a kitchen area.
- It was suggested that compulsory purchasing powers should be used on Anayas.
- The Street Ambassador role will be going into force this year for young people.
- Vikingar! are looking to revisit a feasibility study to consider improving visitor facilities, soft play, a full time use café/ restaurant and a library.
- The heritage centre in the Vikingar! Want to commemorate the Battle of Largs more physically with a monument and more events.
- The Largs Youth Forum has been coordinating with youth groups in other towns. all students.
- There is support for an Outdoor Museum / improved interpretation of all era and aspects of Largs history and heritage (built and natural)

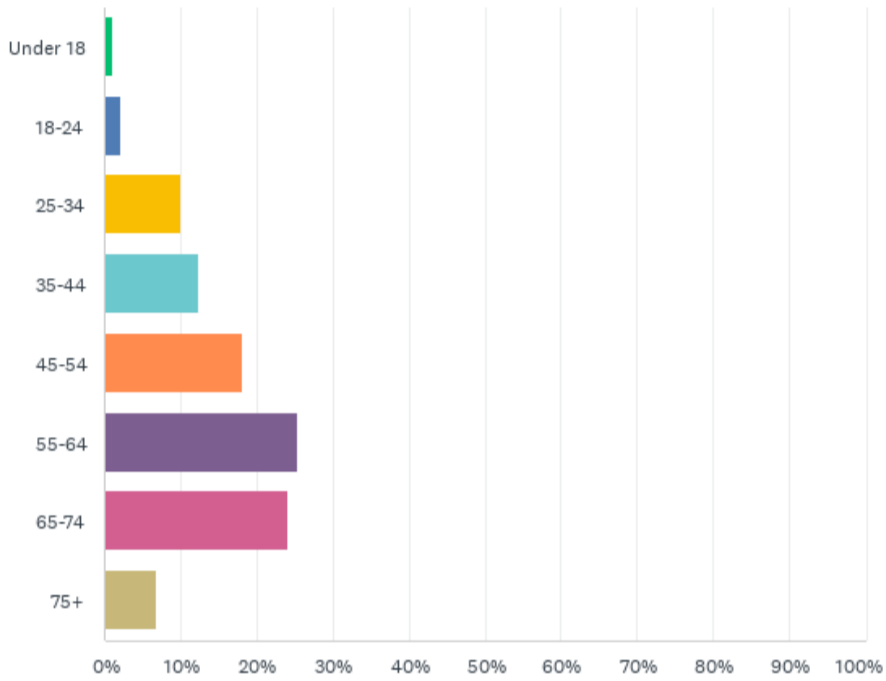
ONLINE SURVEY

Following the 'Make Largs...' events days, and the array of engagement activity leading up to the public works, an emerging list of projects and ideas emerged. These were analysed and bundled in to themes and assessed against alignment with the Locality Planning Partnership priorities and NAC's strategies and policies.

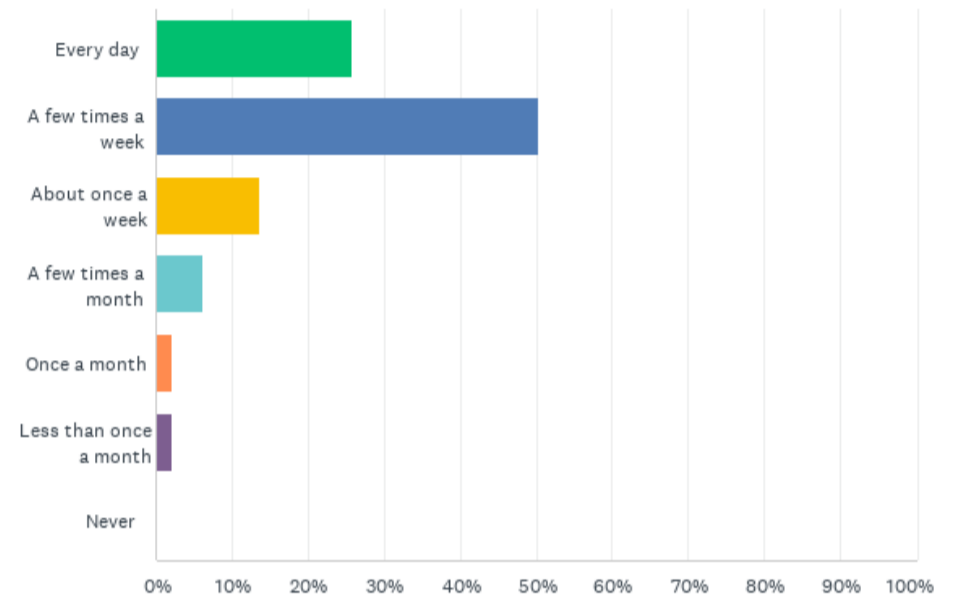
Following a 'sensecheck' a range of relevant departments a 'long-list' of potential project ideas was published online and presented in the Library, accompanied with an survey (online and in person) running from

26 September 2022 to 25 October 2022.

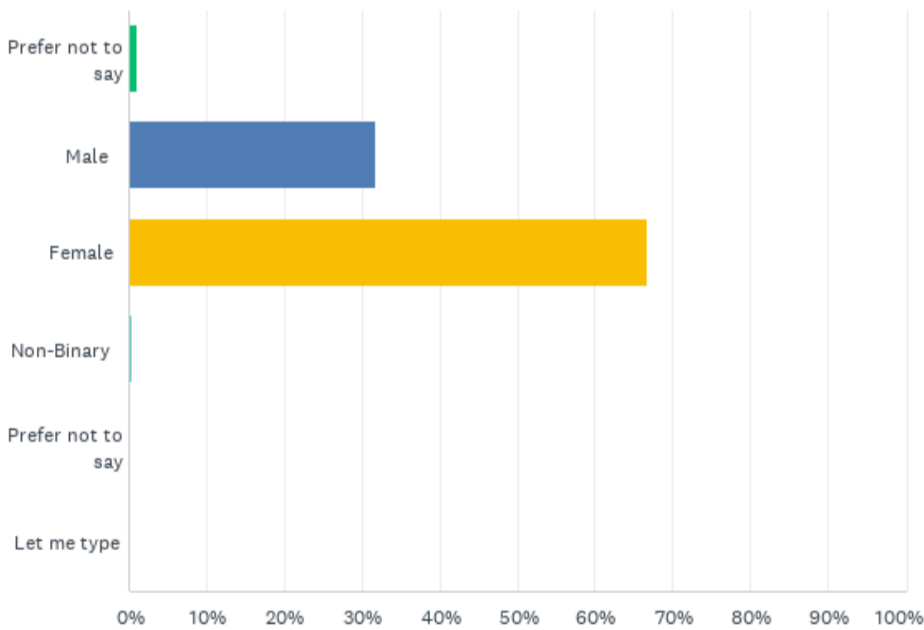
387 responses were received. 89% of respondents live in Largs, 2/3 of respondents were female and 68% of respondents were aged between 45 and 74. 90% of respondents visit Largs town centre at least once a week.



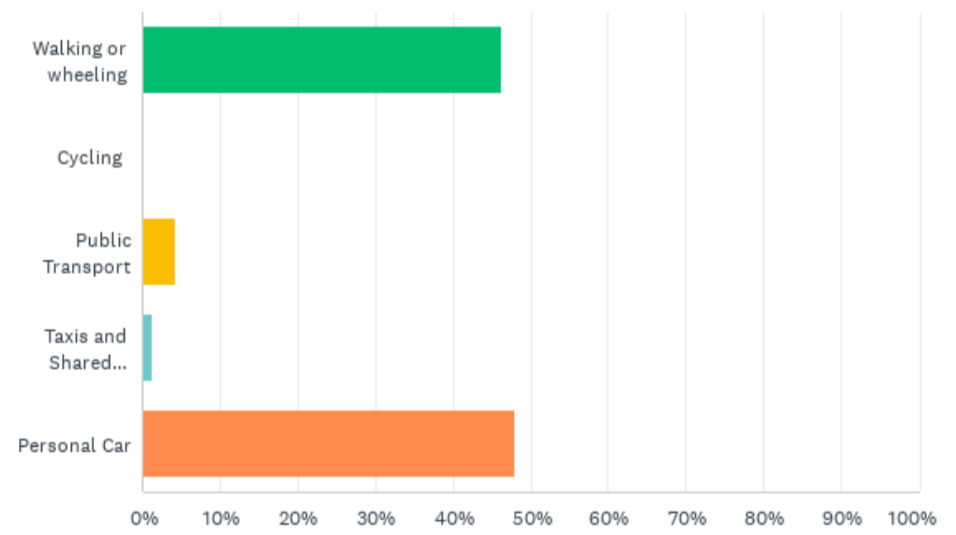
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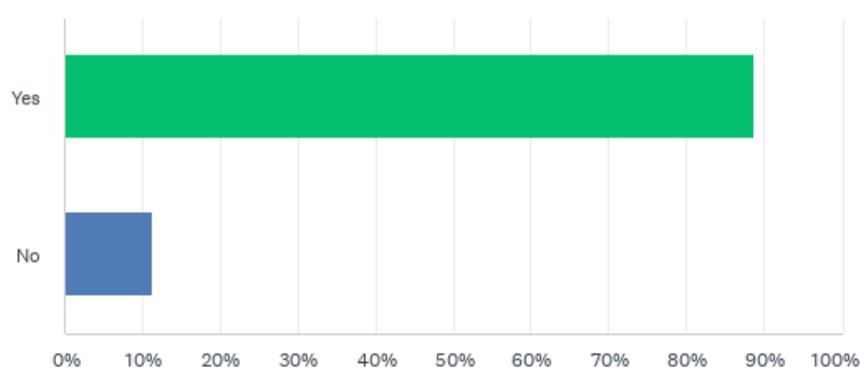
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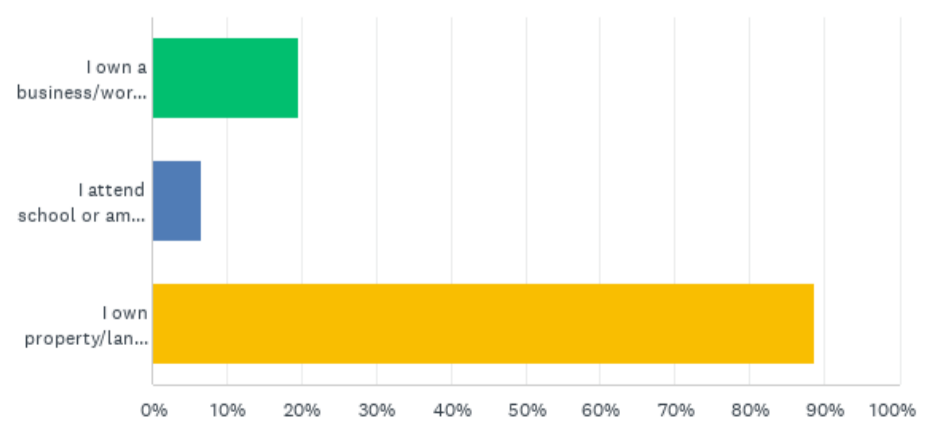
67% of respondents were female and 32% were male.



Overwhelming numbers of respondents either use their personal car or walk into Largs. Public Transport is only used by 4%.



340 of the 383 respondents who answered this question, 89%, were residents of Largs.



89% own property or land in Largs, 20% work or own a business and 7% are educated in the town.

ONLINE SURVEY

MOST SUPPORTED PROJECTS

supported projects (in order) were

1. Repurpose town centre vacant buildings.
2. Improvements to the existing facilities in the Vikingar! needed, e.g. the pool and changing rooms. Also adapt Theatre to host smaller format events.
3. Aubrey Park Improvements such as maintaining street furniture and paths, clean the boat pond, update the playpark, improve lighting, upgrade outdoor gym equipment.
4. Introduce more activities, venues and employment opportunities for young people.
5. Douglas Park Improvements such as refurbish the tennis courts, upgrade the coachhouse, community kitchen in the former aviary, new community allotment

OPEN SPACE (MOST SUPPORTED PROJECTS)

- 1) Aubrey Park Improvements such as maintaining street furniture and paths, clean the boat pond, update the playpark, improve lighting, upgrade outdoor gym equipment.
- 2) Douglas Park Improvements such as refurbish the tennis courts, upgrade the coachhouse, community kitchen in the former aviary, new community allotment.
- 3) Mackerston Park Improvements such as introduce a new scooter park, tiered seating, improve lighting, new crazy golf course on the putting green.



GETTING AROUND (MOST SUPPORTED PROJECTS)

- 1) Parking management needs to be improved through increased parking enforcement, Blue badge parking, park & ride.
- 2) Assess the accessibility of the whole town for walking, wheeling and cycling, starting with the town centre.
- 3) Consider edge of town Park & Ride services during peak seasons/events.



ONLINE SURVEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURE (MOST SUPPORTED PROJECTS)

- 1) Introduce more activities, venues and employment opportunities for young people.
- 2) Promote Largs' visual and performing arts with enhanced venues and additional festivals all year round
- 3) Establish a new community space in a town centre location.



HEALTH & WELLBEING (MOST SUPPORTED PROJECTS)

- 1) Introduce more projects/initiatives to address mental health support.
- 2) Encourage access to facilities in Inverclyde Sports Centre for more sports and training opportunities.
- 3) Introduce a community kitchen to tackle food poverty.



LOCAL ECONOMY (MOST SUPPORTED PROJECTS)

- 1) Provide more spaces for pop-up businesses and shorefront units and building more light industrial/maker spaces.
- 2) Make Largs more than a summer destination, expand the scope of the town' Largs'
- 3) Revitalise the town centre by supporting local even stronger business group.



KEY SITES, BUILDINGS & ASSETS (MOST SUPPORTED PROJECTS)

- 1) Repurpose town centre vacant buildings.
- 2) Improvements to the existing facilities in the Vikingar! are needed, e.g. the pool and changing rooms. Also Theatre to host smaller format events.
- 3) Make the promenade safer, more attractive and more accessible.



04

Place Framework



AREAS OF FOCUS

Place Framework : Projects and Themes

The Largs Place Framework and Shared Action Plan sets out a number of projects and initiatives. These featured projects have been shortlisted from a longer list of potential ideas emerging from the 'Make Largs...' public workshops and the extensive community and stakeholder engagement.

To help navigate the Place Frameworks, and to make this array of projects easier to digest, the 38 projects have been categorised in to six themes, namely;

- Local Community & Culture
- Local Economy
- Health & Wellbeing
- Key Sites, Buildings & Assets
- Getting Around
- Open Space

These six themes are holistic and wide in scope; seeking to respond to local and national priorities for place-based investment and action. The six Place Framework themes are also selected to distill the 14 topics included in the Scottish Government's 'Place Standard' and include an emphasis on 'Delivery'; encouraging partnership working towards action and outcomes.

It is recognised that, as with any regeneration initiative, many projects (often those with highest and multiple impacts) cut across two or more thematic areas. Whilst welcoming this, for the purposes of clarity, the projects are bundled by theme for ease of reference.

Action Plan

This chapter should be read in conjunction with the Place Framework Action Plan and any subsequent revisions. Each of the projects mentioned in this chapter and grouped under the six Place Framework themes are also elaborated on in the Action Plan. See the Action Plan for further details on next steps, prioritisation and recommended project partners

AREAS OF FOCUS

The Place Frameworks are community-led and project / action driven. In response to the analysis of the town and the ideas coming through engagement it is evident that there are some key areas of focus. These are summarised below.

1) Town Centre and 'High Street' Projects

The historic townscape character is detectable in the heart of Largs, but could and should be greatly enhanced. This would improve a sense of arrival, give definition to the 'town centre' as a destination and help complement the sense of openness that the panoramic vistas available from the Promenade and coastal paths.

Whilst the historic town centre has less vacancy in comparison to other equivalent towns, nevertheless there is the prevalent challenge of avoiding a deteriorating environment blighted by vacant and under-occupied buildings and frontage. The quality of the public open spaces in the historic town centre fall below expected standards with respect to accessibility as well as quality of the look and feel of the place.

A combination of repurposing under-occupied buildings, and refurbishing public and open space can help improve the operational and economic performance of the town centre (attracting investment, footfall, new mixed uses) as well as heralding a new era for Largs with refreshed urban environment supporting and sustaining the local everyday economy in tandem with a vibrant, year round day and night time visitor economy.



Getting the Basics Right

The projects outlined in the Place Framework Action Plan are predicated on getting the basics right in place leadership and management. Recurring issues around building and

management and parking enforcement do not have dedicated projects listed as they are deemed to be "preconditions" for a successful place / town.



2) Promenade / Seafront Projects

Largs is renowned for its west-facing coastline. The Promenade and network of coastal parks and paths from the Pencil and Marina north to Aubery Park and beyond are well frequented and appreciated by local people and a great destination and venue for events.

However, as with the town centre, in comparison to equivalent (and competitor) destinations and coastal towns the Seafront deserves improvement and investment. This is necessary to meet minimum standards regarding accessibility but also to improve visitor management and event infrastructure and to enhance, significant, the quality of the experience in certain locations of high profile and impact (eg. at the ferry terminal)

3) Inland Town Parks and Open Spaces

Largs has benefits from a continuous sequence of seafront, coastal parks / open spaces. Complementing these are a series of mature / well established town parks (eg. Douglas Park and Anderson Parks) as well as several under-appreciated formal spaces (including the lawn in front of Vikingar!) and several emerging potential green spaces (some earmarked for potential allotment / community gardens).

Post-pandemic there has been a renaissance in the appreciation of open space for leisure, health and wellbeing and to nurture local community. There is already exciting community-led initiatives coming forward but there's scope for improvement and to redefine certain under-used spaces to bring them in to positive use and contribute to a network of community open spaces.

4) Living Well, Locally - convenient access to local community needs

Analysis, observation and consultation confirm that, notwithstanding significant investment, there remains the need to improve the connectivity and provision of local facilities, services and amenities for communities in Largs (and beyond in Cumbrae and along the North Coast).

Scope to provide community space in the town centre, notably for young people, is undoubtedly an issue. Furthermore improving access to (and community use of) Vikingar! and the Community Campus came through many conversations and consultation as a vital issue for many. These community facilities, in addition to other important and active organisations in the town (eg. Largs Thistle FC), can provide the basis of a network of assets / key destinations that support community cohesion and improve convenient access to local needs.

CONNECTION TO SKELMORLIE



Promenade / Shoreline Projects

Living Well, Locally

LINK TO CUMBRAE

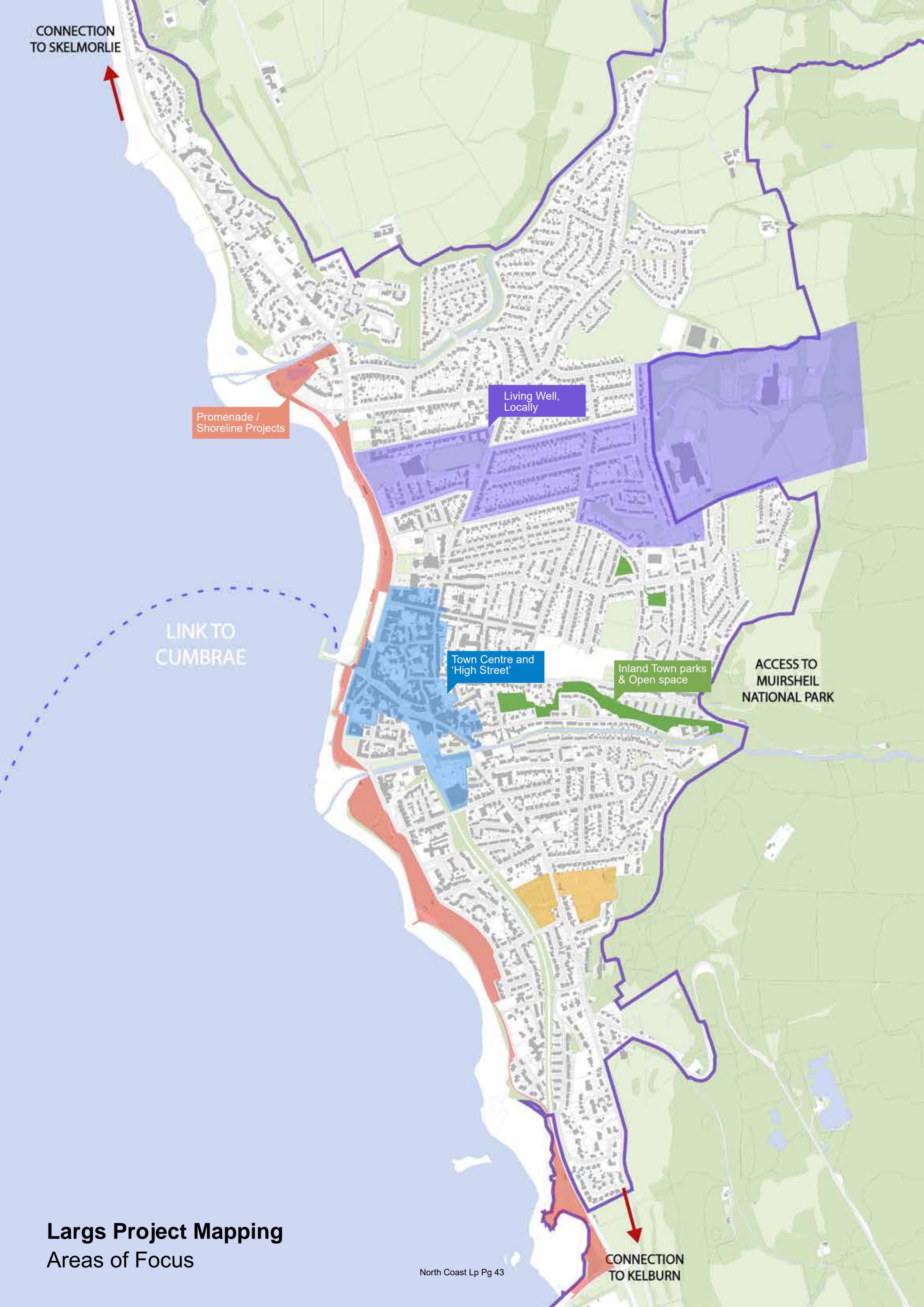
Town Centre and 'High Street'

Inland Town parks & Open space

ACCESS TO MUIRSHEIL NATIONAL PARK

Largs Project Mapping Areas of Focus

CONNECTION TO KELBURN



CONNECTION TO SKELMORLIE

Key:

- Open Space
- Vacant Units
- Heritage Locations
- Churches
- Vikingar!
- Largs Campus
- Tron Place Pedestrianisation
- Inverclyde Sports Centre
- i Town Centre Tourist Information Point
- ★ Heritage Locations
- ★ Project Locations
- 🌳 Parks
- 🚆 Train Station
- 🚢 Ferry Terminal
- NC21 Cycle Route
- Additional Crossing Points
- Green Links
- Train Station to Ferry Terminal Link
- Safe link to school
- Street Improvement
- Trainline
- Muirshiel National Park Boundary
- Inverclyde Connection
- Ferry Route

LINK TO COMBRAE



Inverclyde National Sports Centre

Aubrey Park

Vanduara

New Clubhouse

Alexander Ave Park

Largs Campus

Vikingar!

Allotment?

Nardini's

Allotment?

Skelmorlie Aisle

Allotment?

Largs Terminal

Tron Place

Scott's Park

Three Sisters

Allotment?

War Memorial

Main Street

Plane wreckage in the hills

ACCESS TO MUIRSHEIL REGIONAL PARK

Mackerston Park

Anderson Park

Douglas Park

NC21 Cycle Route

Allotment?

Haylie's Chambered Tomb

Rockland Park

Pencil Monument

Marina

CONNECTION TO KELBURN

Largs Project Mapping

Emerging Priority Projects

1. Activate vacant / under-used buildings in Town Centre and on Seafront
2. Create fully accessible, high quality streetscape and public spaces in the Town Centre (e.g. Main Street)
3. Enhance town gateways (eg. Station and Ferry and inter-connection)
4. management and parking
5. Promenade Improvements: public realm, active travel, quality, event management / infrastructure
6. Support more activities and a Town Centre venue for young people
7. Establish a community venue / space in the Town Centre
8. Develop ideas for new (community?) uses in Churches in case they become available for reuse
9. Promote and improve awareness / appreciation / accessibility of local heritage, Museum and Skelmorlie Aisle and consider an Outdoor Museum / trail
10. Restore a T
ongoing support for Visitor Economy
11. Extend active travel network (incl cycling paths) across Largs to key destinations (eg. Community Campus)
12. Enhance the V , culture and leisure activities
13. Promote / co-ordinate Largs' sport, leisure and natural assets encouraging active lifestyles / participation
14. Upgrade Aubery Park and extend coastal path over Noddsdale Burn
15. Continue enhancements to Douglas Park and link in to Anderson Park
16. Identify locations for new allotments / community gardens



New Clubhouse

Vikings! Improvements

Watersports Facility along coast



Repurpose Churches

Repurpose Vacant Buildings

Improve link to Ferry Terminal

Enhance & Promote Largs Museum

Promenade Enhancements

Tron Place

Main Street Improvements

Reconfigure Train Station

Enhance Cycle Infrastructure

Mackerston Park

Fomalise Route

Expand Skatepark

Largs Project Mapping
Town Centre Projects

MAKE LARGS

LOCAL COMMUNITY & CULTURE

Whilst there are numerous active and well established community-led organisations and groups in Largs (e.g. the Community Council, Largs Museum) and some emerging groups (e.g. Douglas Park Group, Largs Youth Forum) there is a prevalent sense that there is a level of apathy in the local community.

Supporting existing groups and seeking ways to enliven and engage the wider community will greatly assist in delivering projects and ensuring groups recruit and are sustainable over time.

The lack of a town centre venue for community activities, and perceived shortcoming with existing venues, coupled with the availability of existing vacant spaces, and the prospect of some of the landmark churches becoming available, presents an interesting and potential exciting opportunity to bolster its local community and culture.

EMERGING PROJECTS:

1. Establish a Town Centre Community Hub / Space / Venue **(LLC01)**
2. Provide more Activities and Venues for Young People **(LLC02)**
3. Arts and Creativity **(LLC03)**
4. Heritage Trail and Outdoor Museum / Public Arts Strategy **(LLC04)**

PROJECTS



LLC01 **Establish a Town Centre Community Hub / Space / Venue**

Locate a new community centre/ hub in the centre of Largs. Scope to repurpose a vacant unit / space within town centre, or potentially one of the soon to be vacated churches. Promote BookingLive.

LLC02 **Provide more Activities and Venues for Young People**

More indoor activities during colder months, need for a Youth Hub (ideally in the Town Centre), provide more employment opportunities and sustain and enhance mental health support/ guidance.

LLC03 **Arts and Creativity**

Scope for promoting visual and performing arts in Largs, with enhanced venues. Also further promote and add festivals all year round.

PROJECTS



LLC04

Heritage Trail and Outdoor Museum / Public Arts Strategy

Extend and promote heritage trail, interpreting and celebrating Largs rich and varied history (Neolithic, Viking, Brisbane through to WW2 history).

Increase appreciation for Largs' natural heritage: sea, coast and hills / Muirsheil Regional Park.

MAKE LARGS

LOCAL ECONOMY

Largs has a comparatively active local economy, with relatively few long term vacant business units in the town centre. Nevertheless there is scope to bolster the support of the various facets and sectors of the local economy, including tourism.

There is clearly an opportunity to enhance Largs' strong reputation as a visitor destination with a quality and diversity staycations and re-appreciation of local tourist highlights.

North Ayrshire continues to be at the vanguard of the Community W a role as the hub for the North Coast local economy. Scope to transition the Largs economy to anticipate the opportunities emerging from the green economy, particular with respect to tourism, energy and local supply chains would align with these big initiatives.

EMERGING PROJECTS:

1. Revitalise Town Centre - Visitors and Everyday **(LLE01)**
2. Boost and Enhance T **(LLE02)**
3. Support Local Businesses **(LLE03)**
4. Provide spaces for more Pop-Up Businesses and Start Ups **(LLE04)**

PROJECTS



LLE01

Revitalise Town Centre - For Everyday Offer and Visitors

Develop "Town Team": business grouping, support, mentoring, grant funding, town champion?

Support local independents and retail – what are the priorities?

Scottish Towns Partnership – Scotland Loves Local = Largs Loves Local

Town Branding / marketing?

Digital support needed?

Business Support – town centre space to network. Scope for shop unit (at the Gallowgate / Promenade?)

PROJECTS



LLE02 Boost and Enhance Tourism Offer

Y

Indoor tourism destination = more than a summer destination.

Restore T

Expand, enhance and promote heritage trail and outdoor museum.

Support existing hospitality / tourism / hotel / accommodation = Gap analysis

Scope to promote local arts/creativity and health / active / nature tourism / branding.



LLE03 Support Local Businesses

Develop "Town Team": business grouping, support, mentoring, grant funding, town champion?

Support local independents, retail, F+B / hospitality, hotel - agree the local priorities

Business Support –town centre space for business to network / access guidance. Scope for shop unit (at the Gallowgate / Promenade?)

Digital support needed. Scope for mentoring.



LLE04 Provide spaces for more Pop-Up Businesses and Start Ups

shorefront vacant units, build more small light industrial / maker spaces.

MAKE LARGS

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Largs has an abundance of assets vis-à-vis health, wellbeing and active living. There is a big opportunity to better coordinate and partner between the numerous sports organisations, businesses and venues in and around the town.

The prospect of making this an integral and emphatic part of 'spa town' model of the 19th century) – was suggested as a way to boost participation, enhance community wellness, attract visitors and boost the local economy with an emerging market.

EMERGING PROJECTS:

1. Health & Wellbeing Town (**LHW01**)
2. New Community Allotments (**LHW02**)
3. Community Kitchen / Fairer Food (**LHW03**)
4. Community Sports Network / Active Town (**LHW04**)
5. Inverclyde National Sports Centre (**LHW05**)
6. Town Centre Watersports Facility (**LHW06**)

PROJECTS



LHW01

Health & Wellbeing Town

Town Branding / Promotion - highlight natural and existing assets Largs already has.

Developing activities, events, businesses, cuisine that would

Lucrative future market / competitive advantage?

LHW02

New Community Allotments

Progress new community growing areas – Douglas Park, Anderson Park, Holehouse Road, Alexander Avenue? Others?

LHW03

Community Kitchen / Fairer Food

Community Council seeking to tackle food poverty. Scope to start a community kitchen?

Promote Veg Box and Seed Library at Library.

PROJECTS



**LHW04
Community Sports Network /
Active Town**
Support / promote network of array of
dry and watersports.

Largs Thistle eager to support / host
wider community activity.

**LHW05
Inverclyde National Sports
Centre**
Encouraging access to facilities for
more sports, teaching / training,
physical and mental health
opportunities.

**LHW06
Town Centre Watersports Fa-
cility**
A new facility along the coast for
boat hire, snorkling, wetsuit hire to
complement existing watersports
facilities nearby (e.g. Yacht Haven)

MAKE LARGS

KEY SITE, BUILDINGS & ASSETS

Whilst there are very few vacant and derelict sites, nor many landmark buildings that require enhancement or present a near future opportunity to address community need and ensure these important buildings continue to serve the town. These assets, including the Churches and Vikingar! can and should play a , social and economic role in Largs in the coming decades.

EMERGING PROJECTS:

1. Repurpose Town Centre Vacant Buildings (**LKS01**)
2. Establish Future Uses for Church (**LKS02**)
3. Vikingar! Improvements (**LKS03**)
4. Largs Museum and Skelmorlie Aisle (**LKS04**)

PROJECTS



LKS01 Repurpose Town Centre Vacant Buildings

Anayas, Helter Skelter, etc...

Building Owners, Occupiers, NAC and others? – targeted intervention required.

Repurposing Property Grant Fund.

Ideas for vacant units: soft play, youth café, boat rental, climbing centre, etc...

LKS02 Establish Future Uses for Churches

Establish Future Plans for 3 Churches and consider repurposing as a new community hub and for indoor activities.

PROJECTS



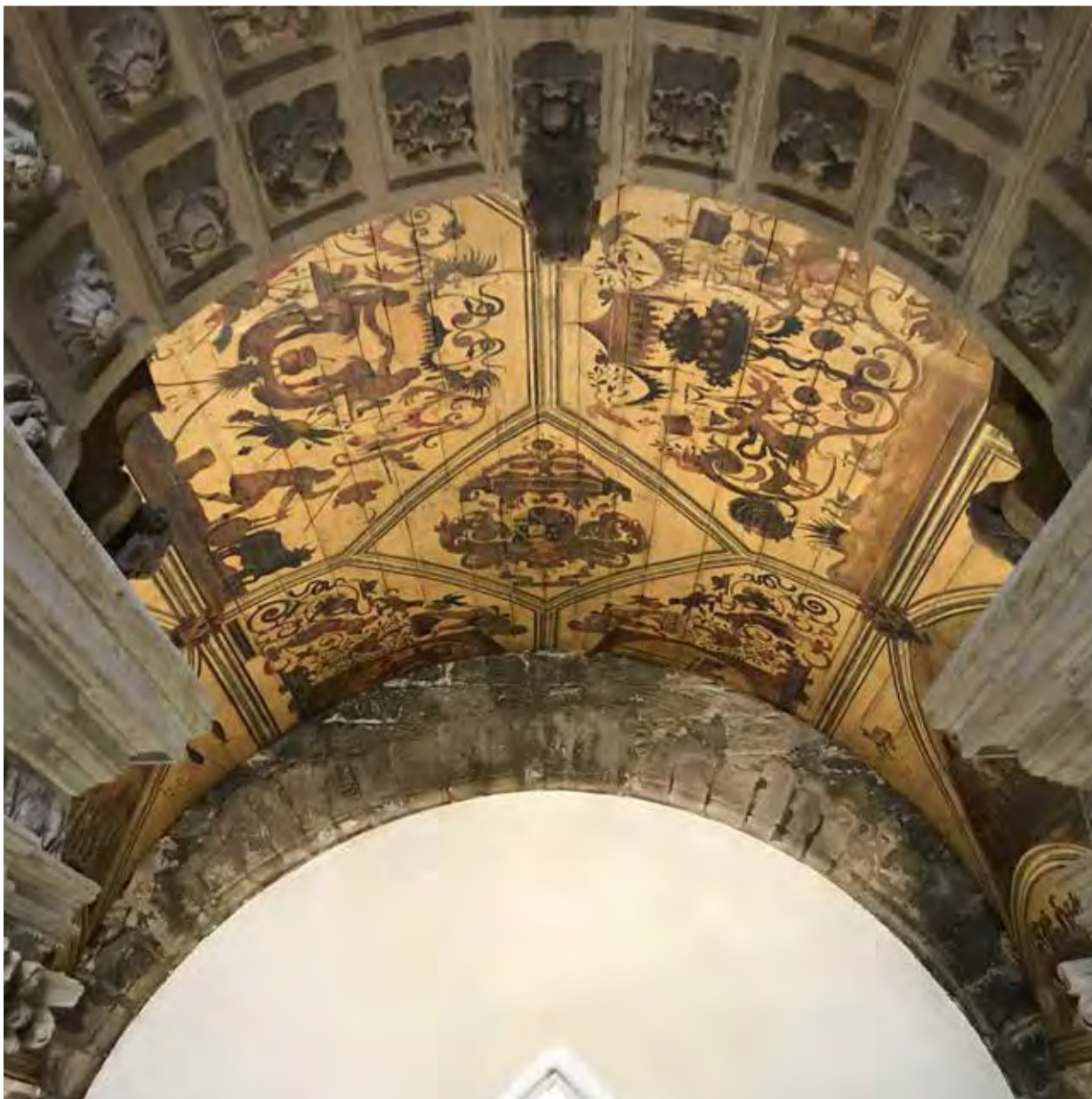
LKS03

Vikingar! Improvements

Improvement of existing facilities needed, i.e. changing rooms and pool.

Provide catering / café facilities?
Enhance external spaces / outdoor facilities / destination.

Theatre to host smaller format performances / conferences / events?



LKS04

Largs Museum and Skelmorlie Aisle

heritage assets needed.

Improve accessibility to Skelmorlie Aisle.

Museum Team Succession Planning required to sustain in the medium / longer term.

MAKE LARGS

GETTING AROUND

the mindset and shift trips from the car to other modes requires investment in public transport and active travel, across the whole town. This aligns with national policy priorities, including climate change mitigation and net zero targets, and also contributes to the 20 min Town concept promoted by Scottish Government.

Creating quality, pedestrian priority town centre public realm will address disability accessibility issues and ensure an inclusive environment attractive to visitors and catering for Largs aging demographic.

EMERGING PROJECTS:

1. Accessibility Audit (**LGA01**)
2. Train Station (**LGA02**)
3. Train Station to Ferry Terminal link (**LGA03**)
4. Improve Morrison's to Main Street Bridge Link (**LGA04**)
5. Safe Route from Campus to Promenade (**LGA05**)
6. Gogo and Noddsdale Burns (**LGA06**)
7. Optimise Parking and Improve Parking Management (**LGA07**)
8. Community Bus and advocate for improved Public Transport Service Provision (bus and train) (**LGA08**)
9. Improve Cycle Infrastructure (**LGA09**)
10. Ferry Marshalling Arrangements (**LGA10**)
11. Event / Peak Season Management and Marshalling (**LGA11**)
12. Improve W (**LGA12**)

PROJECTS



LGA01

Accessibility Audit

Assess whole town, starting with Town Centre, for walking, wheeling and cycling. Target 'quick wins' in key routes.

LGA02

Reconfigure Train Station

and experience with cycles, taxis, buses and link to ferry.

Main St public realm = improve sense of arrival! Scope to increase prominence of Station.

LGA03

Main Street Improvements - incl. Train Station to Ferry Terminal link

Improve accessibility and active travel routes from the station to the ferry terminal.

PROJECTS



LGA04

Improve Morrison's to Main Street Bridge Link

Improve, refurbish and formalise route from the Morrisons, over the bridge across the rail line, through the train station and into the Main Street.

Improve accessibility and public realm.

LGA05

Safe Route from Campus to Promenade

Pedestrian footway widths, crossing points to destination / anchor institutions.



LGA06

Gogo and Noddsdale Burns

Active travel crossing points. Improve biodiversity along rivers.

LGA07

Optimise Parking and Improve Traffic Management

Focus on improving parking management: park & ride, blue badge parking, event management, parking enforcement.

LGA08

Community Bus and advocate for improved Public Transport Service

Introduce improved shuttle bus coverage and times, consider community bus, seek enhanced rail service timetabling and frequency.

LGA09

Improve Cycle Infrastructure

Include full update on Active Travel Plan with links to Town Centre, Promenade, Douglas Park, Anderson Park, Largs Campus, Inverclyde Sports Centre, Train Station, Marina

PROJECTS



**LGA10
Ferry Marshalling
Arrangements**
Continue to review and implement
improvements).

**LGA11
Event / Peak Season
Management and Marshalling**
Consider scope for edge of town Parks
and Ride (electric shuttle bus?) at
peak season / events.

Parking marshalling alongside tourist
ambassadors.

**LGA12
Improve Wayfinding and
Interpretation**
See reference to Outdoor Museum.
signage (in-situ and online)

MAKE LARGS

OPEN SPACE

Quality open spaces are characteristic of Largs with great access to nature with the coastline and Regional Park close by. The town parks are of varied quality, with the Promenade requiring enhancement to ensure it, and the Town Centre,

visitors that Largs should provide. By enhancing these critical open spaces it will enhance the everyday quality of life for local residents.

Recent initiatives to enhance other open and green spaces demonstrate the local community's passion to enhance local parks and under used open space.

EMERGING PROJECTS:

1. Douglas & Anderson Park Enhancements (**LOS01**)
2. Town Centre Public Realm Enhancements (**LOS02**)
3. Largs Seafront Destination - Masterplan (**LOS03**)
4. Promenade Improvements (**LOS04**)
5. Aubery Park Improvements (**LOS05**)
6. Mackerston Park Improvements (**LOS06**)
7. Improved and additional play and active spaces (**LOS07**)
8. Open Space Enhancements (**LOS08**)

PROJECTS



LOS01

Douglas & Anderson Park Enhancements

Two key open spaces, adjacent to each other connecting the coast to the hills.

Douglas Park: Refurbish tennis courts, upgraded coachhouse, improve maintenance, install info points, provide space for an allotment?

aviary, install a shelter / bandstand

Anderson Park: Introduce a community

promotion, improve footpath quality, create stronger physical links with Douglas Park. Ensure the parks complement each other. Reintroduce community greenhouses.

LOS02

Town Centre Public Realm Enhancements

Enhance public realm / streetscape in principal locations, such as Main Street, to a higher quality to prioritise pedestrians and improve quality, look and feel of the Town Centre generally.

Tron Place, to create a quality central 'town square'.

PROJECTS



LOS03
Largs Seafront Destination - Masterplan
Produce a coherent masterplan for locations along the coastline: from Largs Marina / the Pencil Monument to Aubery Park and beyond

LOS04
Promenade Improvements
Target being best seafront destination in Scotland / UK – quality, facilities, look and feel.

Improve public realm / planting, seating, active travel routes, play along the entire Promenade - consider

and on promenade?

Support the plans for the improvement of the sea wall.



LOS05
Aubery Park Improvements
Improve park as a whole: upgrade children's playpark, new gym equipment, reinstate the former lido, public art space, introduce new crossing across the Noddsdale Water to potentially extend coastal path.

LOS06
Mackerston Park Improvements
Expand the skatepark to include new tiered seating, a scooter park and new fountain on putting green...

LOS07
Improved and additional play and active spaces
Local interventions to provide suitable local and accessible play / active spaces for all ages.

LOS08
Open Space Enhancements
Interventions to enhance open space to address Open Space Audit assessments.

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Next Steps

MAKE LARGS

DELIVER POSITIVE CHANGE

Early momentum is critical in progressing the actions and projects emerging via this Place Framework. Even prior to the Place Framework, Ayrshire Council and a range of other community partners.

Quick Wins / Early Action

Running in parallel with the Place Framework process progress has been made on live project ideas and initiatives. Largs Museum has received funding, associated with the Place Frameworks, to enhance their displays and visitor experience. The Men's Shed has opened within the former Brisbane Centre and is already engaging with many across the town and North Coast, promoting new skills and upcycling materials. Progress has been made to seek and secure funding to improve tennis courts in Douglas Park, alongside promoting a community allotment garden. Early discussions to consider progressing a feasibility study for Vikingar! have also been initiated as a result of the Place Framework activities.

Recommendations

The previous Chapter and the associated Action Plan sets out the recommended Place Framework Projects categorised for ease of reference into six Place Framework themes; Local Community & Culture, Local Economy, Health & Wellbeing, Key Sites, Buildings & Assets, Getting Around, Open Space.

To enable prioritisation and progress to deliver these Place Framework Projects the following is recommended;

1) Establish a Place Framework Coordination Group

Action Plan and reports to the Locality Planning Partnership. The PF Coordination Group governance and arrangements should be tailored to suit each place. It could be envisaged that this be led / coordinated by NAC Regeneration team with representatives from the local resident and business community, elected

2) Publish, Monitor and Update the Place Framework Action Plan

The Place Framework Action Plan should be periodically updated and published, becoming a dynamic document, with new actions and priorities added and achievements noted and celebrated. It should be considered a 'Shared Action Plan' and an accessible term of reference for all stakeholders to help coordinate action across the town.

least every 6 months.

3) Aligning Projects with Funding

In order to progress projects North Ayrshire Council and project partners must continue to assess alignment with internal and external sources of funding. As part of the PG Action Plan review process cited in item 2 above it is suggested that NAC provides an update to the PF Coordination Group, and that if Funding opportunities arise that the Place Framework Action Plan provides the basis for a review of potential projects.

Next Steps

Early and immediate Next Steps emerging from the Place Frameworks process include;

Next Step / Task	Action / Involvement
Identifying priority projects aligned with immediate / early funding opportunities (including the Community Renewal Fund and Place-Based Investment Programme)	NAC with relevant project sponsors
Arrange an ongoing programme of support for local Community Groups including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct support (mentoring, capacity building, funding guidance) Arrange a programme of networking opportunities (including regular 'chit-chats') 	NAC Connected Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress thinking on the best way to coordinate community-led projects, including monitoring the Place Framework Shared Action Plan; Progress discussions with DTAS towards establishing a Community Development Trust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAC Local Community Groups

MAKE LARGS

DELIVER POSITIVE CHANGE

The tasks listed in the table are expanded upon with project descriptions on following pages (see Place Framework reference).

Place Champion

partnership with project sponsors from the local community, voluntary sector, local business community and local and national authorities and agencies. A Place Champion would report to the Place Framework Coordination Group. In the absence of a dedicated Place



Continue to Engage with the Community

Develop stronger message / engagement with local residents and businesses

Good energy, ideas and commitment but needs nurturing / support – tackle apathy

What would have best impact? NAC Connected Communities and other?



Support existing Community Groups

Map and share live list of community groups / activities.

Drive to widen participation and avoid volunteering burden relying on a few: Community Council, Heritage Society / Museum, Events and Sports Clubs, others...NAC.



Specific, Dedicated Support for Youth Groups

Youth Forum and others to focus on Mental Health



Networking Opportunities

NAC, local community groups - mentoring and support.

Promote awareness / use of BookingLive in reference to venue hire options.



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Dedicated Funding Workshops / Ideas Showcase

NAC, local community groups - mentoring and support.

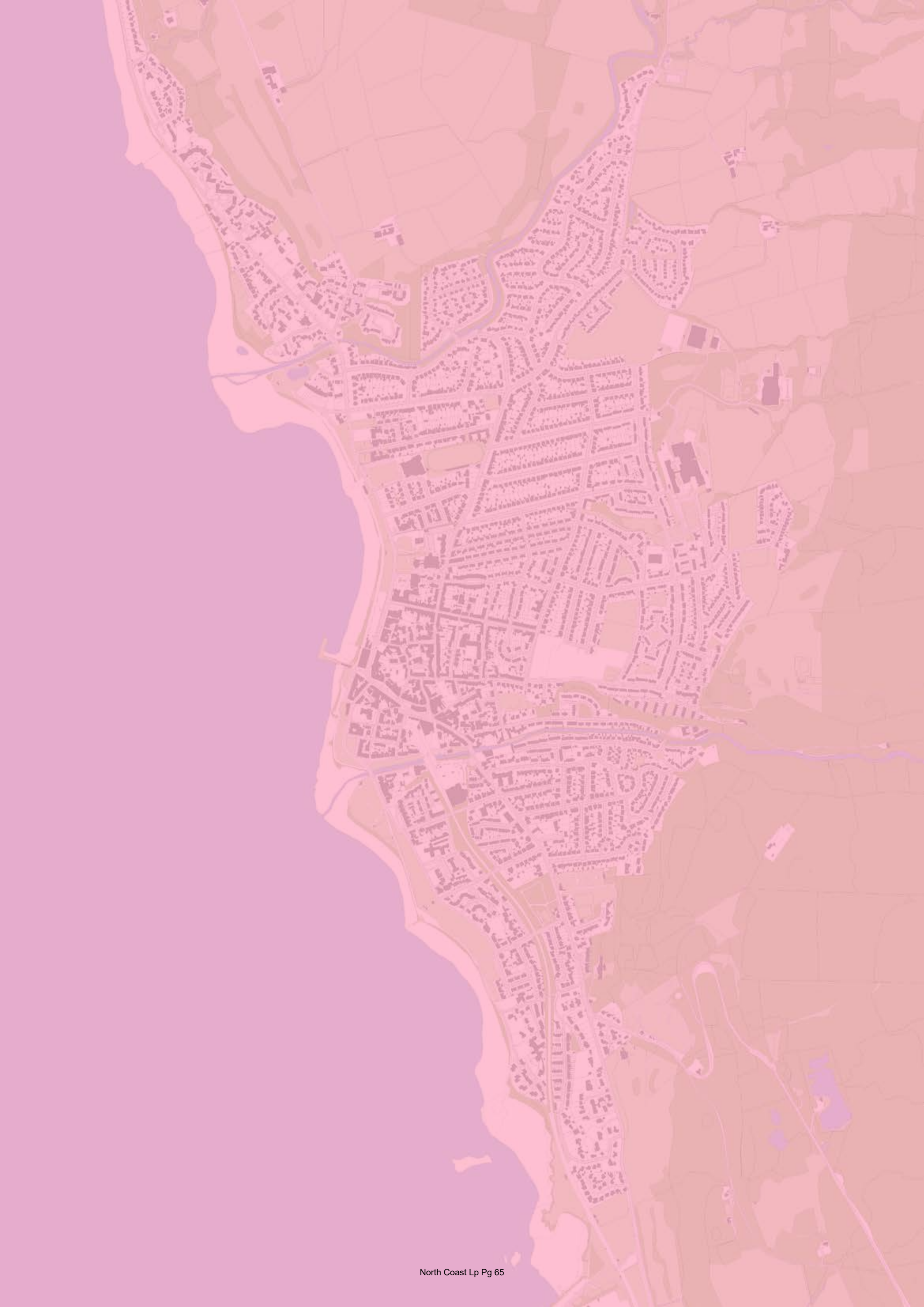
Promote awareness / use of BookingLive in reference to venue hire options.



Establish a Development Trust

Setting up a Development Trust would give more agency to the local community to progress projects forward.

NAC, DTAS, Community Council, Heritage Group, Sports Club, Community Partners





The CIF will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
 - The North Ayrshire [Fair for All Inequalities Strategy](#);
 - the [Community Planning Partnership](#) (CPP) and [Locality priorities](#); and
 - North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) values, priorities and business [objectives](#).
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

When to apply and how?

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities, and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round'.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form (attached), which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.
- Forms should be returned to your Locality Officer, by email if possible:

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Locality Officer (Kilwinning & North Coast)
Economy and Communities
Community Development Team
St John's Primary School
Morrison Avenue
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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
Largs Scottish Women's Institute

Postal Address for Correspondence

Name of Contact Person: Sharon Murdoch

Position in Organisation: Promotions and Funding Officer

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.

Largs Scottish Women's Institute (SWI)

We are a constituted group that is affiliated to the National SWI and the Ayrshire Federation of the SWI. Largs SWI was formed in May 2023 and held its inaugural meeting in September 2023. We currently have 52 full time members and approximately 20 guests who come to our meetings on an ad hoc basis. Our organising committee is made up of 6 members with elections taking place at our June AGM 2024. The committee meets once per month to discuss matters arising and to review previous and plan future group meetings.

Monthly group meetings (to which all local women are invited to attend) are held at The Cameron Centre, 17-19 Lade Street, Largs KA30 8AZ on the first Wednesday of each month and with weekly coffee/walk meetups each Tuesday at 11.00am held at Sharps.



Aims: We are women supporting women to live their best lives by experiencing lifelong learning, fun and lasting friendships. Activities are member led reacting to suggestions/ideas provided by all members who are from varied backgrounds/ages. We are currently providing the best possible activities on the minimal budget funded by the membership fees, relying on the goodwill of local businesses, crafters and friends of the institute. Please refer to calendar of events attached to this application.



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.

Largs SWI Community Investment Fund Bid

The bid is split into 3 parts (Largs SWI, Largs SWI Woodworking Club and Largs SWI Sewing Club) with costings below over 2 years:

Largs SWI = £1500 (year 1); £1500 (year 2)

Largs SWI Woodworking Club = £1560 (year 1); £3120 (year 2)

Largs SWI Sewing Club = £5883* (Year 1); £1830 (Year 2)

(* including £4053 for 6 sewing machines & start up equipment)

Total Funding Request Year 1 = £8943

Total Funding Request Year 2 = £6450

Total Funding Cost for 2 years - £15,393

Details of each project are as follows:

Largs SWI

We wish to diversify our monthly Calendar of Events (running from September to June) in the Cameron Centre to include professional speakers who can bring their knowledge and resources. This would include collaboration with local businesses, other community groups and those businesses/groups who currently deliver to SWI Ayrshire Federation and National SWI. We also wish to cover monthly running costs to ensure sustainability of the Largs SWI. All of this will benefit our members and



local women by increasing social inclusion, improving well-being, making learning fun and enhancing skills.

Largs SWI Woodworking Club

In partnership with Clyde Coast & Cumbrae Men's Shed and following the hugely successful trial workshop on 8th February, Largs SWI intends to roll out a series of woodworking workshops to the membership and local women in the community. Funding will provide workshops at the Men's Shed (Bath Street), utilising their equipment, materials and skills, to create individual projects of the women's choice. Women learning new skills, including confidence building, communication, team working and challenging gender stereotypes will enable them to undertake practical projects in the home and garden.

Largs SWI Sewing Club

To provide a community hub for sewing classes in the Cameron Centre for beginners and inspiration and encouragement to more experienced sewers in the form of weekly drop-in sessions. Focusing initially on general sewing, the club will ultimately take its direction from the members themselves whilst offering sewing challenges, technical help and masterclasses throughout. Utilising second hand and personal clothing and dead-stock fabric for environmentally friendly reasons: recycling, reusing, repairing and up-cycling clothing, accessories and items for the home.

Offering a welcoming, friendly, fun and positive place to meet likeminded individuals, from any social demographic, and learn new skills. To provide a safe place that can help lessen loneliness and social isolation of individuals in the community. Open to all ages of women initially with a men's equivalent club to be formed if there is demand. Access will also be opened to other women's groups such as Largs Girl Guides (with their leaders present).

The club will access the collective knowledge, expertise and experience of members of the community so that they can help each other throughout their membership. To train the Trainers ensuring a group of people can deliver the classes and pass on the skills. A nominal fee will be charged to ensure attendance however no women will be excluded from classes due to financial hardship.

The funding will provide the initial outlay of purchasing 6 sewing machines, equipment etc and ongoing running costs such as hall fees, supplies and servicing of equipment. Sadly, Singer Giving were unable to support our funding bid for 6 new sewing machines due to over subscription.



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

Outcomes/impact for individuals

Skill development and empowerment: Women gain new skills in sewing, clothing repair, woodworking and crafting, fostering a sense of accomplishment and self-reliance.

Creativity and self-expression: Sewing and woodworking provides an outlet for creativity and individuality, allowing women to express themselves through their clothing and woodwork projects.

Mental and emotional well-being: Sewing and woodworking can be a meditative and therapeutic activity, reducing stress, anxiety, and depression and sharpening focus.

Financial benefits: Learning to mend clothes, make their own garments from pre-loved clothing and using recycled wood for household and garden projects can save women money.

Social inclusion: These classes will reduce social isolation and loneliness and encourage the forging of friendships. Women with access and mobility issues will be included via online access of (sewing) classes.

Outcomes/Impact for community

Social cohesion and support: Creating safe and warm spaces for women to connect (with each other, male counterparts and the community), build friendships, and share experiences, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

Cultural exchange and knowledge sharing: Women of different backgrounds and ages can share their traditions, techniques, and stories, promoting cultural understanding and appreciation.

Economic benefit: The club will contribute to the local economy by supporting local businesses, other clubs (i.e. CCC Men's Shed) and the Cameron Centre (where we hold our events).

Environmental impact: Sewing and woodworking can promote sustainability by encouraging clothing repair, upcycling, and the use of natural fabrics and materials, reducing waste and our carbon footprint.



We anticipate the following take up in year 1:

Largs SWI: 60+ places

Woodwork Club: 60+ places

Sewing Club: 135+ places

We anticipate the following take up in year 2:

Largs SWI: 60+ places

Woodwork Club: 120+ places

Sewing Club: 135+ places

Total number of places offered: Year 1: 255+ ; Year 2: 315+

Total Funding requested: Year 1: *£8943; Year 2: £6450 = **£15,393 over 2 years**

This breaks down to approximately: £13.50 per person per annum

* This includes capital expenditure of £4053 on sewing machines etc that will still be available for the use of the Largs Community after 2 years



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.

In applying for this funding, we are responding directly to the positive interest shown by women in the Largs area.

An initial consultation at our first meeting, with 66 women present, and ongoing Facebook reviews and surveys over the past 3 months have shown clear interest in:

- The continuation of the Largs SWI
- The formation of a sewing club
- The formation of a woodworking club

We currently have 275 members on our Largs Women's Facebook Page who contribute to feedback and give ideas for various projects and plans we suggest.

We also have 87 members of the private Largs SWI Facebook page; many are regular contributors to the page.

We have a six-member committee plus a list of volunteers who will be available to support the SWI, sewing club and woodwork club.

15 Largs SWI members took part in the trial woodworking session, along with 9 men from CCC Men's Shed.

We have an initial waiting list of 70+ women to start attending sewing and woodworking sessions once they are in place (and on a successful funding bid). This is only within the 2 Facebook pages we run, we are confident it will increase when opened up to the wider Community.



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

We are a new organisation, affiliated to the National Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) and the Ayrshire Federation of the SWI.

This requires us to provide the following financial management:

- A bank account with strict financial controls including a treasurer and two signatories for all transactions
- Membership fees are paid annually (in September) to National SWI and Ayrshire Federation
- Annual Accounts are provided to the National SWI following June AGM
- Sufficient funds will be available within the account to remain viable as an institution

The proposed project contributes to volunteer opportunities in the shape of:

- Providing training opportunities to help run and support the key staff members in the running of the Sewing Club (train the trainers)
- Male volunteers in CCC Men's Shed, offering instruction, support and guidance
- Largs SWI organising committee (currently 6 members)
- Monthly tea and baking rota's, speakers, local businesses, Ayrshire SWI Federation
- Volunteer helpers for fundraising events and at monthly meetings

Hard and soft skills will be learned through both volunteering and taking part in all of these projects and therefore employability skills will improve.

There will be no staff requirements.



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 (£) **£15,393**

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

Please see attached spreadsheets

We have received no other funding.

All money currently in our account has come from Largs SWI membership fees only.



8. Monitoring and evaluation process

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

Outcomes/Impact on Individuals

Skill development and empowerment: We will track the number of participants who complete projects, learn new techniques or express increased confidence in their practical abilities

Creativity and self-expression: We will monitor the variety of projects undertaken, the use of personalised designs or embellishments, and the overall enthusiasm for creative exploration

Mental and emotional well-being: We will gauge the participants' feedback on their emotional state during and after club sessions, and track any reported improvements in mental well-being

Financial benefits: We will conduct surveys to track the amount of money saved through recycling and upcycling projects

Social inclusion: We will track the number of online participants taking part in our sessions and measure improvements of all participants' feelings of inclusion, isolation and loneliness before and after classes

Outcomes/impact on Community

Social cohesion and support: We shall measure the attendance, participation in social activities, and the development of supportive relationships within the clubs

Cultural exchange and knowledge sharing: We will track the diversity of participants, the exchange of cultural practices and the emergence of shared traditions within the clubs

Economic benefit: We shall track all collaboration with local businesses, other clubs and the Cameron centre. We shall monitor any potential job creation with the community

Environmental impact: We shall track the amount of clothes, and recycled wood used, through recycling and upcycling and the preference for eco-friendly materials among club members

Largs Community Sewing Club Running Costs

Forecast Costs Year 1	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Totals
Start up Costs Purchase of equipment	£4053.00													£4053.00
Hall Hire £30 per class (Cameron Centre)		£120.00	£120.00	£120.00	£60.00	£60.00	£120.00	£60.00	£210.00	£120.00	£60.00	£300.00	£150.00	£1500.00
Servicing Costs (£120 per machine)													£720.00	£720.00
Materials (sewing notions)		£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£300.00
Sub-totals Year 1	£4053.00	£145.00	£145.00	£145.00	£85.00	£85.00	£145.00	£85.00	£235.00	£145.00	£85.00	£325.00	£895.00	£6573.00
Number of classes		4	4	4	2	2	4	2	4	4	2	6	3	41
Number of places		12	12	12	6	6	12	6	18	12	6	24	12	138
Nominal fee £5 per place to aid retention		60	60	60	30	30	60	30	90	60	30	120	60	£690
Totals Year 1														£5883.00
Forecast Costs Year 2	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Totals
Hall Hire (Cameron Centre)		£120.00	£120.00	£120.00	£60.00	£60.00	£120.00	£60.00	£210.00	£120.00	£60.00	£300.00	£150.00	£1500.00
Servicing Costs (Sewing Machines)													£720.00	£720.00
Materials (sewing notions)		£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£300.00
Sub-totals Year 2		£145.00	£145.00	£145.00	£85.00	£85.00	£145.00	£85.00	£235.00	£145.00	£85.00	£325.00	£895.00	£2520.00
Number of classes		4	4	4	2	2	4	2	4	4	2	6	3	41
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Nominal fee £5 per place to aid retention		60	60	60	30	30	60	30	90	60	30	120	60	£690
Totals Year 2														£1830.00
Number of women reached over 2 years		276												
Total amount required for 2 years														£7713.00

Project Breakdown

Description	Cost per item	Number Required	Total Cost
Singer Heavy Duty Sewing Machine 4423	£349	6	£2094
Sewing Machine Trolley Bag	£60	6	£360
Fabric Scissors (Right Handed) 24cm	£35	6	£210
Fabric Scissors (Left Handed) 21cm	£25	1	£25
Pro Snips	£10	6	£60
Seam Ripper	£10	6	£60
Soft Tape Measure x 2	£3	3	£9
Sewing Guage	£5	6	£30
Machine Needles (Universal/Jeans/Jersey)	£20	6	£120
Glass Headed Straight Pins	£6	6	£36
Hand Sewing Needles (x30)	£2	1	£2
Coats Moon Thread (10 x 1000m)	£13	6	£78
Fabric Chalk	£5	6	£30
Cutting Mat A1	£25	6	£150
Rotary Fabric Cutter	£15	6	£90
Metal Ruler 100cm	£12	6	£72
Plastic Ruler 30cm (x20)	£4	1	£4
Dressmaking Tailors Ruler Set	£15	1	£15
Steam XL Power Generator Iron	£90	1	£90
Ironing Board with XL Steam Unit Holder	£130	1	£130
Pinking Shears	£25	1	£25
Sewing Dress Form	£165	1	£165
Translucent Tracing Paper Roll (0.75 x 20m)	£30	6	£180
Pencils (x10)	£6	1	£6
Bobbin (x10)	£12	1	£12
Total			£4053

Largs SWI Projected Sustainability Costs

Year 1

Projected Cost 2023/2024	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May (AGM)	June	
Hall Hire (Cameron Centre)	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	60	30	
Refreshments	10	10	10	50	10	10	10	10	50	10	
Craft & Activity Materials	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	60	40	40	
Printing - Paper & Printer Ink	5	50	5	5	5	5	5	50	46	5	
Quarterly Federation Travel			28			28			28		
Speakers/Piper		75	50		30	75		75			
Total	85	205	163	125	115	188	85	225	224	85	£1500 PA

Year 2

Projected Cost 2024/2025	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May (AGM)	June	
Hall Hire (Cameron Centre)	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	60	30	
Refreshments	10	10	10	50	10	10	10	10	50	10	
Craft & Activity Materials	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	60	40	40	
Printing - Paper & Printer Ink	5	50	5	5	5	5	5	50	46	5	
Quarterly Federation Travel			28			28			28		
Speakers/Piper		75	50		30	75		75			
Total	85	205	163	125	115	188	85	225	224	85	£1500 PA

Largs SWI Projected Men's Shed Costs to cover materials & PPE

Year 1

Projected Cost	2 weeks- Group A- 10 women	2 weeks- Group B- 10 women	2 weeks- Group C- 10 women	2 weeks- Group D- 10 women	2 weeks- Group E- 10 women	2 weeks- Group F- 10 women	Totals
September	£250						
October		£250					
November			£250				
January				£250			
February					£250		
March						£250	
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60	
Sub-Total Cost	£310	£310	£310	£310	£310	£310	£1,860
Nominal Retention Fee (deduction)	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£300
Total Cost	£260	£260	£260	£260	£260	£260	£1,560
Total Women Attending per month	10	10	10	10	10	10	60

Nominal Fee of £5 per 2 week block to aid retention

Each women receives 1 item @ cost of £25 per 2 week block

Women pay difference to Men's Shed if item costs more than £25

i.e. planter £35 - woman pays additional £10

Additional items made in 2 week block are either bought by women or donated to Men's Shed to sell

* no December session as Men's Shed focusing on own projects

Year 2

Projected Cost *dependant on Assessment Management Transfer of Men's Shed to increase hours available	2 weeks- Group A- 10 women	2 weeks- Group B- 10 women	2 weeks- Group C- 10 women	2 weeks- Group D- 10 women	2 weeks- Group E- 10 women	2 weeks- Group F- 10 women	2 weeks - Group G- 10 women	2 weeks - Group H- 10 women	2 weeks - Group I- 10 women	2 weeks - Group J- 10 women	2 weeks - Group K- 10 women	2 weeks - Group L- 10 women	Totals
September	£250	£250											
October			£250	£250									
November					£250	£250							
January							£250	£250					
February									£250	£250			
March											£250	£250	
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60	
Sub-Total	£310	£310	£310	£310	£310	£310	£310	£310	£310	£310	£310	£310	£3,720
Nominal Retention Fee (deduction)	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£600
Total Costs	£260	£260	£260	£260	£260	£260	£260	£260	£260	£260	£260	£260	£3,120
Total Women Attending per month		20		20		20		20		20		20	120

Summary		Year 1	Year 2	
Total Cost		£1,560	£3,120	£4,680
Women Supported		60	120	180

Title of Meeting : North Coast and Cumbrae Locality Partnership

Date: March 2024

Subject: Cumbrae Island Plan Sub-group

Purpose: To seek approval from the partnership for the establishment and governance of a sub-group specifically focused on the delivery of the Island Plan on Cumbrae

1. Introduction

- 1.1 It is recognised that Scottish islands face unique challenges, and as a result of this the Cumbrae Local Island Plan has been produced. This paper recommends the establishment of a sub-group to oversee the delivery of the plan which would report to the Locality Partnership on progress and issues and allow the Partnership to monitor the delivery and provide support where needed,

2. Current Position

- 2.1 With the introduction of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018(the 'Act') and the National Islands Plan (NIP), which sets out how Scottish Government, local authorities and other public agencies will work to improve outcomes for island communities, there was an opportunity to test new ways of working across island communities and businesses, local government, Scottish Government (SG), community planning partners and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).
- 2.2 This led to the development of Island Plans for both Arran and Cumbrae, focused on "island proofing", or making sure that the unique aspects and difficulties of island life were respected and addressed. Consultation for the development of the Cumbrae plan saw around 1 in 3 residents take part.
- 2.3. The Cumbrae Island Plan is a ten year plan with a long-term strategic focus developed with and for the community. The overall vision and themes are expected to remain in place until 2032, with an annual action plan which is reviewed and updated as needed.
- 2.4 The Arran Local Island Plan is now linked directly to the work of the Arran Locality Partnership, and this has proved to have direct benefits in terms of oversight and progress against the actions of the plan. While Cumbrae differs

in that it is one part of the overall North Coast and Cumbrae Locality, it is clear that there would be a benefit in having a group which oversees progress on the Cumbrae Plan and which has links to the Locality Partnership. This reflects both the singular nature of the island community and the expectations nationally as to how island proofing is supported.

2.5 Proposed membership of this unique sub-group of the Locality Partnership would be as follows:

Representatives of:

- Cumbrae Community council
- Cumbrae Development Company
- Millport Town Hall
- The Cumbrae Forum
- Cumbrae Tourist Association
- Cathedral of the Isles group

- Local Elected Members
- Cumbrae Primary School Head Teacher

Attendance and engagement of appropriate officers from community planning partners would also be expected.

3 Proposals

3.1 It is proposed that the partnership approve the establishment and governance of a sub-group specifically focused on the delivery of the Cumbrae Local Island Plan.

Name: Rhonda Leith

Designation: Head of Service (Connected Communities)

Date: 26 February 2024



Locality Partnership: *North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership*

Date: *5th March 2024*

Subject: *Residential Development at Former St Marys Primary School Site, Linn Avenue, Largs*

Purpose: *Decide 1 street name for the new development.*

Background

Housing Services, North Ayrshire Council has contacted Planning Services requesting a new street name for the development of 26 houses and flats on the site of the former St Mary's Primary School, located off Linn Avenue in Largs. 9 houses and 8 flats would be within a new street. The remaining 9 houses would face onto Linn Avenue and would be numbered as part of the existing street.

The Council has a statutory obligation under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to give a name to each new street built within the Council area, and this name, along with street numbers, becomes the postal addresses.

An outline plan of the development is available as an appendix.

The development requires 1 new street name.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

A proposed street naming and numbering plan is available along with a list of proposed name suggestions.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

Choose 1 new street name for the development.

For more information please contact: *Lisa Dempster or Kirsty Gee, Planning Technicians, 01294 324319, snn@north-ayrshire.gov.uk*

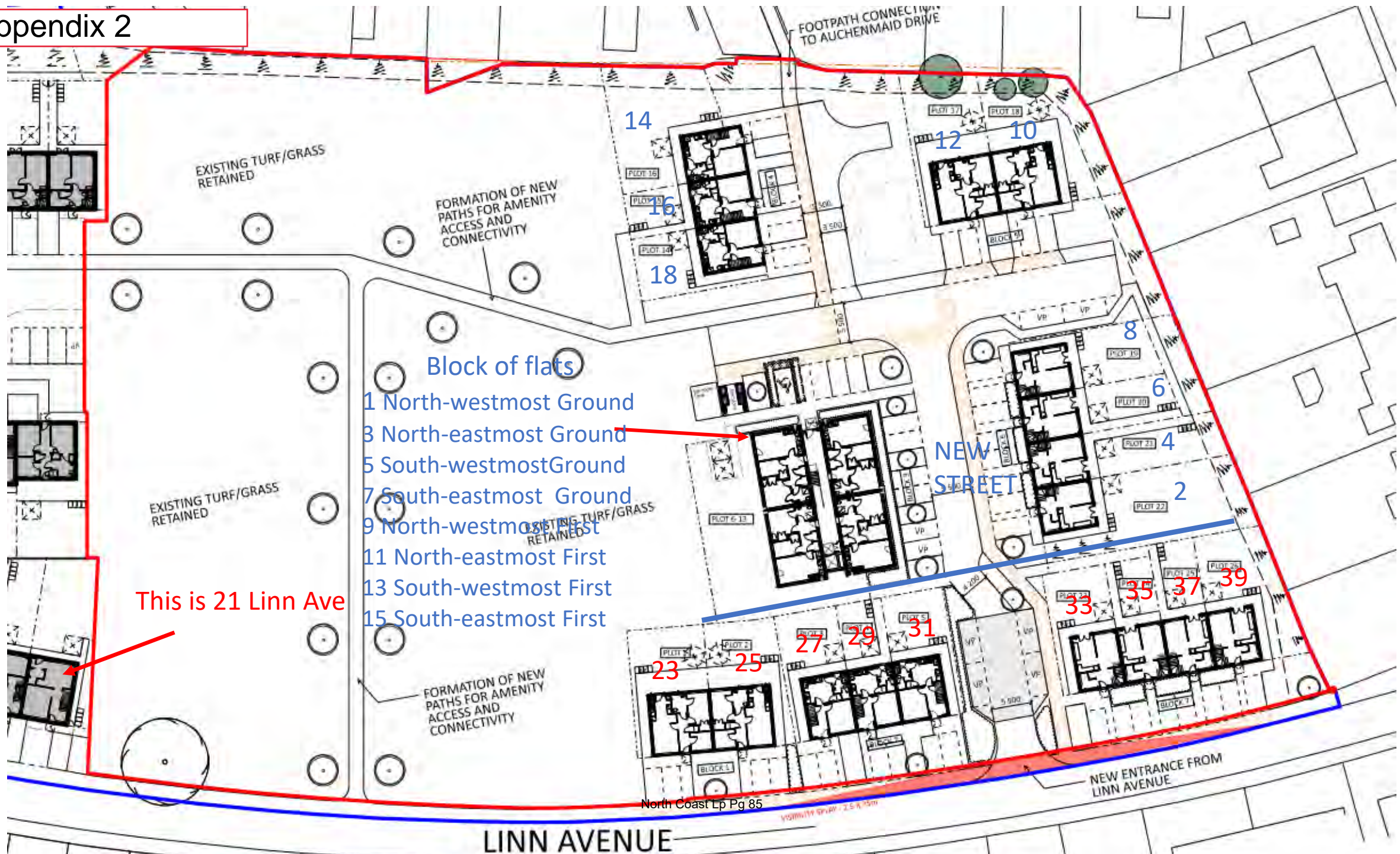
Completed by: *Lisa Dempster and Kirsty Gee*

Date: *21st February 2024*

Appendix 1

Street Name Suggestions	Background
St Marys Gardens	To commemorate the former school on the site. St Mary's Primary is now located within Largs Campus at Alexander Avenue.
Burrell Place	Sir William Burrell and his wife are buried in Largs because the town was a favourite holiday home for them. After the refurbishment of the Burrell Collection in Glasgow, the Burrell Trust replaced Sir William's headstone in Largs Cemetery.
Braille Court	The Royal National Institute for the Blind Scotland has contacted the Council to request that Louis Braille is commemorated in a street name within the locality. It is 200 years since the visually impaired French educator Louis Braille developed the code at the age of 15 using a combination of six raised dots arranged in a 3 x 2 matrix. Today there are braille codes for over 133 languages. RNIB Scotland state that "Braille continues to be a crucial tool, fostering inclusivity and equal opportunities for blind and partially sighted people worldwide."
Sessions Wynd	The actor/comedian John Sessions was born as John Marshall in Largs in January 1953. He died in November 2020 and was a regular on TV shows including Whose Line is it Anyway, Have I Got News for You in addition to numerous roles in film/TV and radio dramas.

Appendix 2



EXISTING TURF/GRASS RETAINED

FORMATION OF NEW PATHS FOR AMENITY ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

FOOTPATH CONNECTIVITY TO AUCHENMAID DRIVE

EXISTING TURF/GRASS RETAINED

EXISTING TURF/GRASS RETAINED

Block of flats

- 1 North-westmost Ground
- 3 North-eastmost Ground
- 5 South-westmost Ground
- 7 South-eastmost Ground
- 9 North-westmost First
- 11 North-eastmost First
- 13 South-westmost First
- 15 South-eastmost First

This is 21 Linn Ave

FORMATION OF NEW PATHS FOR AMENITY ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

NEW STREET

NEW ENTRANCE FROM LINN AVENUE



Locality Partnership: *North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership*

Date: *5th March 2024*

Subject: *Residential Development at Site to North of Summerlea Road and West of Snowdon Terrace, West Kilbride*

Purpose: *Decide 7 street names for the new development.*

Background

Persimmon Homes has contacted Planning Services requesting new street names for the development of 220 houses on a Site to North of Summerlea Road and West of Snowdon Terrace, West Kilbride. Fourteen houses would face onto Summerlea Road and would be numbered as part of that street. Twenty-one houses would face onto Snowdon Terrace and be numbered as part of that street. The other houses would be formed within 7 new streets.

The Council has a statutory obligation under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to give a name to each new street built within the Council area, and this name, along with street numbers, becomes the postal addresses.

An outline plan of the development is available as an appendix.

The development requires 7 new street names.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

A proposed street naming and numbering plan is available along with a list of proposed name suggestions.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

Choose 7 new street names for the development.

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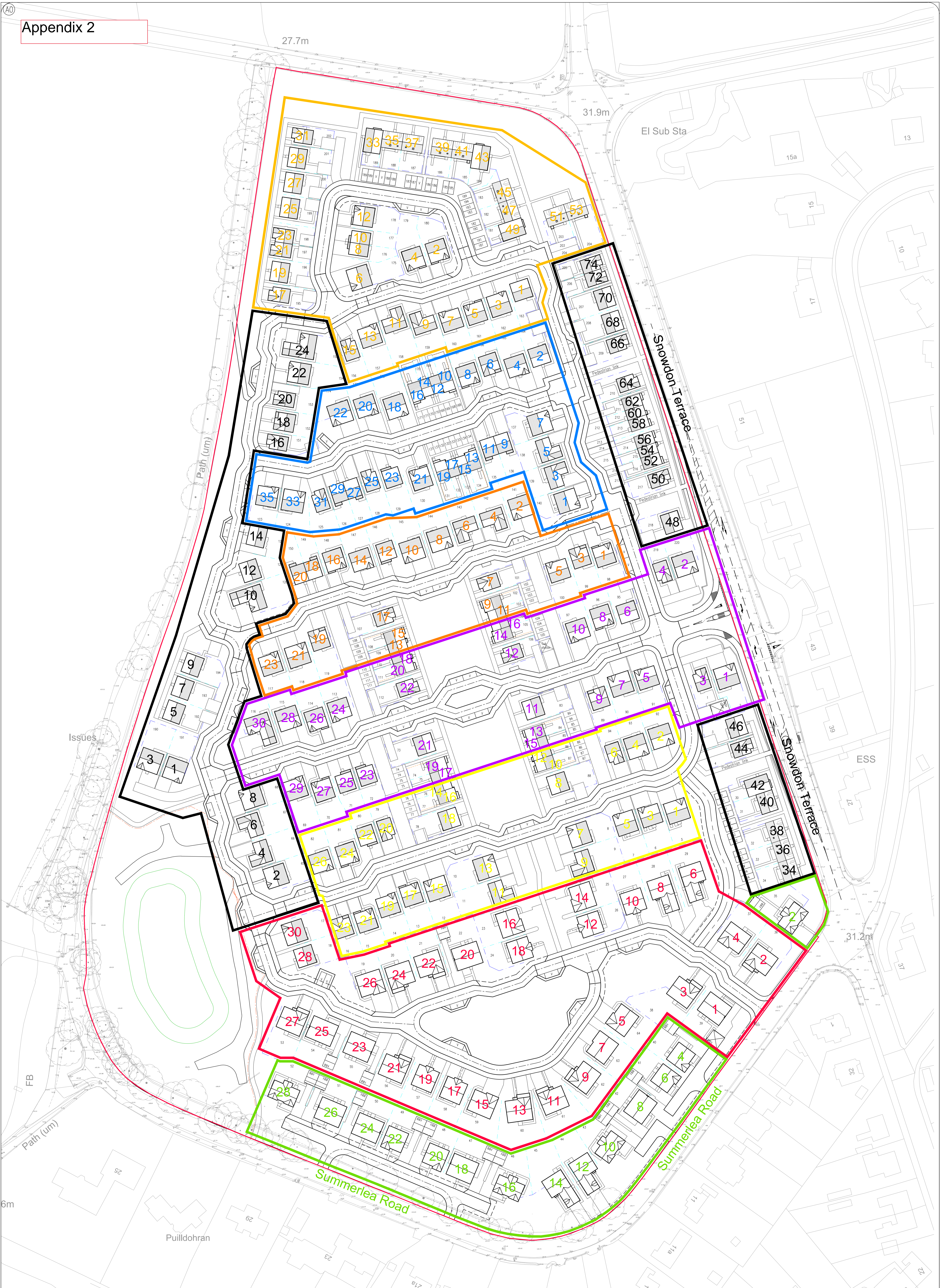
Completed by: *Lisa Dempster and Kirsty Gee*

Date: *21st February 2024*

Appendix 1

Street Name Suggestions	Background
	The first 13 suggestions are local features shown on historical maps.
Aldwood Place	Placename shown on 1745 Herman Moll map to north of West Kilbride
Bastion Craig Way	Rock formation to west of golf course, 1910 O.S. map
Bell Stane Way	Rock formation to west of golf course, 1910 O.S. map
Braid Road	Former property to north of West Kilbride, opposite Carlung Estate, now demolished 1856 O.S. map.
Brither Rocks Way	Rock formation to west of Seamill Hydro, 1910 O.S. map
Craig View	Former name of Crionmhor/Mulloch Mhor off Portencross Road, 1896 O.S. map
Crosshill Way	Former property on south-east side of junction of Snowdon Terrace and Portencross Road, now demolished, 1910 O.S. map.
Holland Road	Former house off Portencross Road, now demolished, 1910 O.S. map.
Osmund Road	Former name of Whinhurst House off Portencross Road, 1910 O.S. map.
Redholme Drive	Former name of No. 20 Fullerton Drive, 1910 O.S. map
Skaru Kraig Way	Place name shown on 1654 Joan Blaeu map, north of Bastion Craig, possibly rock formation.
Warmelyn Wynd	Place name shown on 1745 Herman Moll map to north of West Kilbride.
Weather Heugh Road	Former property on the site of what is now No. 9 Ardrossan Road, 1910 O.S. map.
Wilson Road	Named for Charles Wilson who lived in Seamill. Rector of Auchenharvie Academy

	& Stevenston High School. Awarded OBE in 1980. Deid 1993.
Boyd Orr Road	Named for John Boyd Orr, also known as 1 st Baron Boyd-Orr. He was raised in West Kilbride from age 5 and became pupil-teacher at the village school. Known for research into nutrition, he was Director-General of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization 1945-48. He was awarded Nobel Peace Prize for work alleviating post-war food shortages. Died 1971
Munroe Fleming Road	Named for Alexander Munroe Fleming who lived in West Kilbride. Awarded MBE in 1983 for services to the Boys Brigade. Died 1986.
Braille Court	The Royal National Institute for the Blind Scotland has contacted the Council to request that Louis Braille is commemorated in a street name within the locality. It is 200 years since the visually impaired French educator Louis Braille developed the code at the age of 15 using a combination of six raised dots arranged in a 3 x 2 matrix. Today there are braille codes for over 133 languages. RNIB Scotland state that "Braille continues to be a crucial tool, fostering inclusivity and equal opportunities for blind and partially sighted people worldwide."
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<p>WARNING TO HOUSE PURCHASERS Please Refer to Part 1 of the Planning Application</p>		<p>PROJECT TITLE POSTAL ADDRESS LAYOUT</p>	<p>DRAWING TITLE PORTENCROSS WEST KILBRIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION</p>	<p>SCALE 1:500 @ A0</p>	<p>DATE January 24</p>	<p>DRAWN PH</p>	<p>REVISION</p>	<p>PERSIMMON HOMES WEST SCOTLAND</p>
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North Coast & Cumbrae Locality Priorities Officer Progress Report

Reporting Period – Dec 2023 – Feb 2024

Financial Inclusion

Social Isolation

Work and Skills

Stress and Anxiety

- **NORTH COAST & CUMBRAE CHIT CHATS**

Latest Chit Chat held in Largs. Fairly well attended with a good number of groups giving updates on their activities. Conversation Café section had to be cut short as we run out of time. All comments will be recorded and distributed to the wider group.

Planning for the next Chit Chat on Cumbrae will start next week.

- **CRAUFURD/SIMSON AVENUE SWINGPARK**

No progress on this yet. Email has been sent to Denise Fraser and John Beattie (TACT) asking for an update.

- **YULETIDE**

Yuletide was a resounding success.

Excellent feedback received and the group are in a good financial position for next year.

- **Community Open Day**

Open Day around the topic of Cost of Living was held on Wednesday 31 January 2024.

Event wasn't terribly well attended as there was a storm that day. A good range of organisations had set up stalls on the day.



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- **CWAS LARGS CHAPTER**

One volunteer trained as a Pilot still needs to complete cycles to familiarise himself with routes, trishaw etc.

Millport Charter now able to carry out training so waiting on a date to get more pilots trained.

Communication has broken down considerably since Millport Chapter became involved. Eileen McAulay to be contacted to set up regular updates.

- **LARGS FOOD HUB**

Fridge has been delivered and Freezer to be delivered on Monday 12 February 2024.

Volunteers have been recruited, Constitution developed and Committee elected.

Name of the Larder will be 'Largs Food Hub'

Bank Account applied for.

Proposed opening day – Tuesday 27 February 2024, all going well.

Sundry payment will be made when bank details are received and stock will then be purchased.

Ideas for logo for marketing purposes are with the design team.

Additional shelving has been ordered for storage area.

Additional Lighting to be installed at rear of the Library

Ring doorbell to be installed for Safety reasons

Food Hub will be open every Tuesday from 2.00 – 5.00pm and Fridays from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Later and weekend openings will be considered at a later date.

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- **MILLPORT COMMUNITY SHOP**

Initial meeting with volunteers held.

Name of Larder will be 'Millport Community Shop'

Larder will be housed in and outhouse facility in the Garrison

Ideas for logo for marketing purposes are with the design team.

Fridge, Freezer and Shelving have been ordered.

- **WKCIL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Meeting to be held with Louise Riddex and Ann Wilson (TACT) to discuss this.

Email sent to Ann Wilson re availability for meeting.

- **CIF**

EOIs have been received from Skelmorlie Tennis Club, Largs CDT and Largs SWI

EOI Meetings have been held and support mechanisms to be put in place for full applications.



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**Stress
and anxiety –**

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Self Evaluating Previous Year's Plan:





Team: NC Locality






Lead Partner/Officer:

Louise Riddex

North Coast Locality Partnership Action Plan 23/24 Self evaluation/progress update

Action	Traffic Light Score	Impact
<p>Increase access to information in relation to money advice, energy support and what is on in the local community.</p>	 Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of 'Warm/Heat' Hubs in the Locality with services being available to advise. • Citrus Energy available to give the community info and advice. This service can be accessed through Food Larders. • Regular communication on what groups are available for all ages. • Meetings with partner agencies at quarterly networking meetings to discuss potential partnership working and how they can benefit local groups. • Various Cost Of Living information events have been arranged within the Locality.

<p>Work with local businesses to provide discounts for young people.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Coast Youth Forum working in partnership with Robbie from Largs Community Council on a litter campaign in which young people receive a badge in return to get discounts on products from local businesses on the promise that the young people discard their litter appropriately. • Over 600 pupils signed up for this project. • Letters from youth forum have been handed in to local businesses to sign up to this litter campaign, to offer a discount to young people wearing the badge. As of yet, no local businesses have sent word back to the youth forum however we will continue to work on this with the help of Robbie and Largs Community Council.
<p>Work in partnership with Mens Shed to secure the Brisbane Centre through Community Asset Transfer.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAT (Community Asset Transfer) paperwork has been submitted and group are awaiting feedback. • Supported Mens Shed by sending them funding opportunities to look at for when the CAT is complete.
<p>Provide youthwork and adult learning opportunities to improve knowledge and Wellbeing.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of youth groups within the North Coast improving knowledge and mental health and wellbeing: Skelmorlie youth group, West Kilbride youth group, Largs Drop in group, North Coast LGBT Forum, North Coast Youth Forum. • Delivery of PDA (Personal Development Award) SQA level 6 Youth Work course within Largs Academy to S5-S6 pupils • Assist various groups on relevant funding • Supported Volunteers to register with Youth Scotland and start youth provision on the island of Cumbrae. • Worked with groups to build their capacity, and become SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
<p>Work to redeliver Cycle Without Age initiative in the Largs community.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers identified and signed up for Training. • Storage for Trishaw has been organised and is now situated at Vikingar. • Communicating with Cycling without age Scotland to look at how to drive the project forward.

<p>Work in partnership to make Largs a dementia friendly town.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work with the Largs Dementia Friendly group • Organising another memory walk in the summer open to local community. • Dementia Tour Bus training delivered at Cumbrae Gardens Engagement Hub.
<p>Increase access to community larders.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largs Larder opened 27/2/24 • Work continues on provision of a Larder on Cumbrae. Volunteers have come forward, premises have been identified. Now looking at working with volunteers to become a constituted group and look at how Larder will function.
<p>Support local Community Groups on Cumbrae to deliver on their Priorities.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an opportunity for Island groups to apply for Cost Of Living Funding. Only 1 group from Cumbrae applied. • Support was given to volunteers to start up a Youth Group on the Island. • Support was given to Millport Town Hall with NAVT Funding. • Cathedral Group have been in touch with Locality Officer and supports is available if/when required.
<p>Work with volunteers to establish a youth work provision on Cumbrae.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support and guide the Cumbrae youth group volunteers to ensure they reach a level of competency where they can appropriately facilitate youth work provision and organise relevant training required such as child protection and committee skills training.
<p>Engage and work in partnership with local agencies and community groups to address each of the North Coast priorities.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate face to face meetings and have regular correspondence with other partner agencies through meetings such as: Network meetings, Chit Chats, Community Councils Community Association Youth Forum • 3 x Expression Of Interest applications heard at meetings in Jan-Feb.

Deliver accredited courses to young and older people.



Amber

- Young people from the North Coast youth forum attended a residential to complete BE-U Mental Health awareness training and became peer mentors to other young people within the North Coast.
- 5 Young people currently in process to complete their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.
- Delivery of PDA youth work course which includes a work placement in which the learners will attend youth groups and deliver sessions including issue-based talks over a 5 week period giving them experience in youth work delivery. There have been several young people who completed PDA that have become youth work apprentices within the service.

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North Coast Locality KPi Stats

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KPi1 – Number of adults engaged in CLD activity

163

KPi9 – Number of adults with improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes in CLD activity.

67

KPi6a - Number of children (under 12) engaged in CLD activity

11

KPi10 - Number of children and young people with improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes in CLD activity

27

KPi6b - Number of young people (12 and over) engaged in CLD activity

37

KPi11 – Number of community groups receiving capacity building support through CLD activity

19


CC_09b – Number of volunteering opportunities participated in within CLD

55

Op_CLD_P39 - Number of young people that participated in a youth employability programme or activity.

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Financial Inclusion



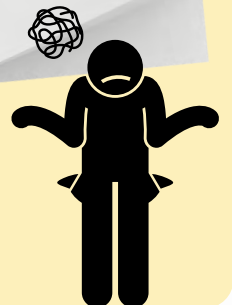
West Kilbride Yuletide event was very successful with free activities available to the community.

**West Kilbride Larder continues to run well.
Largs Larder (Largs Food Hub) is due to open Tues 27th Feb.
Work is underway for provision of a larder on Cumbrae**



Over £20,000 of Participatory Budgeting Funds distributed to the Locality

6 provisions of CLD youth work available across the Locality free of charge.





- **Supported 7 Groups with Funding Applications**
- **Cost Of Living Awareness event held in West Kilbride Library with various stallholders in attendance.**
- **Largs Access to food Group continue to bring in funding and support other local groups. These include Largs Church of Nazarene and the Largs Foodbank.**
- **Largs Foodbank now have a larger provision one day a week.**
- **Skelmorlie Community Centre ‘Heat Hub’ runs every week.**
- **Islands Cost Of Living Fund applications have been shortleeted. Only 1 application was made from Cumbrae.**
- **Largs Church of Nazarene continues to provide various food with dignity programmes.**
- **Work has started on the provision of a food larder on Cumbrae. Premises have been identified and volunteers have came forward.**

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Games Drop-In started in Largs Library. The aim is to support and develop numeracy skills in a discrete manner. Allowing adults to learn new skills



7 Young People completing Personal Development Award in Youth Work. They have submitted 2 of the 3 units and are on course to complete the 3rd unit by April which includes a work experience element within Youth Groups..

2 Young People who have attended West Kilbride Youth Group for numerous years have now progressed on to volunteer to be peer mentors to new P7s who have joined the group.








Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities

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- **West Kilbride Adult Education provide various adult learning opportunities ranging from Genealogy to Yoga to History & Literature.**
- **Working with various groups in the Locality to build their knowledge and skills on the Community Asset Transfer process.**
- **Junior Rangers at Haylie Cairn with Archaeology Scotland and representative from Largs Museum are putting together an online education pack for one of their books. The JR group also gives our older members, who are now classed as young helpers, the opportunity to learn through mentoring younger teens, and the skillset required, primarily for Ranging, but also in the wider world- social skills, team leading, etc.**
- **Largs Academy have 12 senior pupils currently completing the North Ayrshire Sports Academy (NASA) The course is inclusive and open to all interested. Pupils have completed a large selection of Nation Governing Body SQA courses , Scottish sports future courses , First aid and gained experience delivering 40+ hours volunteering across the Largs cluster delivering extracurricular clubs and events.**
- **Adult Capacity Building group running within Largs library with the aim of upskilling community members by completing training opportunities such as food handling, committee skills training and literacy training, with the end goal of having readymade staff feeding into community groups.**
- **CLD numeracy and Literacy groups in Largs Library, as well as ESOL classes.**
- **West Kilbride Media project, which is CIF funded, has advertised the North Coast Community Media Project Manager post. Interviews are scheduled to take place on 15th March.**





NAC Mental Health Toolkit which was devised a few years ago is currently going through a refresh. Engagements are taking place with Young People across NA to gather their views. .

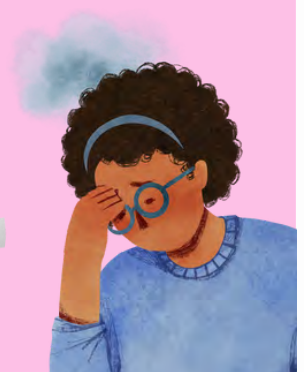


Clyde Coast & Cumbrare Men,s shed are having their AGM on Wed 28th Feb and their 1st anniversary in the Brisbane Centre on Sat 2nd March. CAT paper work is submitted

Love Yourself



Wellness Wednesday is running weekly at Cumbrae Gardens in Largs delivered by Your Entire Self (YES). The day aims to provide hour slots broken up to provide mindfulness and meditation, an international group, open about suicide group, walk in 1-2-1 cuppa sessions, trips, energy healing sound baths and gongs. The group has developed to the point they now have a waiting list.





Improving Mental Wellbeing

- **Mindful Mandate (Mens MH Group) has low numbers attending. Currently working through a bespoke programme aimed at supporting participants.**
- **Largs Wellness model has restarted meeting looking at best ways to support young people with MH and Wellbeing,**
- **Clyde Coast and Cumbrae Mens shed continues to welcome new members.**

Increasing Social Inclusion

Dementia Tour Bus training delivered at Cumbrae Gardens Engagement Hub.



Taking part was carers, NAC staff and community members in an immersive experience to understand how difficult life is with dementia. This was particularly effective for some adults caring for their parents with dementia to understand from their parent's point of view.

Largs Community Council hosted a very successful Mobile Cinema night in Barrfields, Around 150 people went along to watch the movie Barbie. They will be looking at putting another movie night on in the near future.



West Kilbride Youth Group has been opened up to P7s. There are now 21 Young People registered at the group. Group have been taking part in teambuilding/getting to know you games.





Increasing Social Inclusion

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- **Clyde Coast and Cumbrae Mens Shed have been working in partnership with Largs SWI teaching them new skills within the shed.**
- **Cumbrae Youth Group is now up and running on a Friday evening, being run by volunteers.**
- **Various groups in the North Coast are being supported through the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) process.**
- **Skelmorlie Youth Group continues to run with an average of 10 young people attending every week.**
- **2 Young People from the North Coast Youth Forum are working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.**
- **West Kilbride Age well group have compiled a West Kilbride Activities guide. They also put on an information event in West Kilbride Village Hall where various services were there to provide information and support.**
- **NC/LGBT youth forum are currently working in partnership with the Largs Community Council designing a consultation to send out to North Coast young people to discuss what equipment they would want to see in a potential park within Surrey Glen.**
- **Active Schools are organising a residential opportunity for care experienced and vulnerable pupils for the 20th /21st Feb. Pupils have been identified through Largs Academy guidance team. The Residential will offer the pupils an opportunity to step outside their comfort zone and experience a fun fully inclusive 2 days of physical activity at Sport Scotland Inverclyde facility in Largs.**
- **Working with Skelmorlie Primary Rights Respecting Committee trying to address issues they have identified.**

The mens shed have been operational in premises for nearly a year. In that year they have accomplished many things. They have been very successful at attracting members to join the shed. They currently have over 70 members.

Whilst they have their time being creative in the shed making things such as bird feeders, clocks, raised beds and wooden Christmas Trees, to name a few, they have also embarked on other projects.



Work with Largs SWI

The shed were approached by the fairly newly formed Largs SWI to see if they would be interested in collaborating with them to teach the women new skills within the shed. To date 2 sessions have taken place and they have been very well received by both the shed and SWI members. SWI have submitted a CIF application and one of the projects within it is with the Mens Shed.



Burns Supper

Since they are in premises that are specifically for them, the mens shed spoke to TOC H to see if they could utilise their side of the building to host their very first Burns Supper. This event was attended to capacity and was a great success.



It had been identified by staff who facilitate the group, that the youth group running within the West Kilbride Community Centre had not been fulfilling the capacity which it had previously due to external factors such as young people moving on to further education and exam pressures. As a team we agreed that the group should be opened to young people in the primary 7 class of West Kilbride Primary. We went to the school and done an informal input, and discussed how we would like the young people to come along to become members of the group.

The following evening 15 young people turned up, and as of the last week – we had 20 participants registered from the primary 7 class at the school. We designed a programme with the young people and have mixed some issue-based talks such as online safety and healthy eating with fun activities such as laser tag and bingo games.

This has had a massive impact on the young people’s mental health as they are learning how to become responsible citizens through alternative learning provided by youth workers, whilst having a safe space to have fun and be with their friends with trusted adults present.



I really enjoy coming to the LGBT group because it lets us express our feelings to people we know won't judge us and we feel safe. It makes me feel happy knowing that the people and workers around me fully support me. I would feel more alone because I couldn't talk to anyone who will be able to change things so I am happy that I feel like I make a difference to my friends and the LGBT people in the school.



“It has been a great experience working with and sharing ideas with an adult group. It is good to know that they needed our help and maybe work together in the future”.

“I really enjoyed myself during youth work week. Getting to speak with people in the school that I usually wouldn't speak to”.

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STRATEGIC QUARTERLY UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2024 - DONNA ANDERSON, ANNE-MARIE HUNTER & DENISE FRASER



An Introduction to the CLD Strategic Themes

This quarterly report focusses on the CLD strategic priorities outlined in our North Ayrshire CLD Strategic Plan that ties into North Ayrshire locality priorities.

The full plan can be viewed here: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/CorporateServices/ChiefExecutive/CommunityPlanning/community-learning-development-plan.pdf>

YOUTH WORK

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Youth Work is an educational practice contributing to young people's learning and development. Youth work engages with young people within their communities; it acknowledges the wider networks of peers, community and culture; it supports the young person to realise their potential and to address life's challenges critically and creatively and it takes account of all strands of diversity.

ADULT LEARNING

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Community based adult learning covers a wide variety of learning opportunities which target learners who have multiple barriers to opportunity, focusing on disadvantaged individuals and communities. Using a Social Practice Model, learning is built around the experience and needs of the learners and is underpinned by the three core principles of the Adult Learning Statement of Ambition - Learning is Lifelong, Life-wide and Learner-centred.

CAPACITY BUILDING

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Community Capacity Building is the support that community groups access to help them address issues which are important to them. 'Capacity' describes the range of resources that people have – knowledge about their area or common interest, skills and ideas, shared experiences, and material resources like funding and community spaces.

Joint Cabinet

During National Youth Work week, the Joint Youth Cabinet meeting took place with over 100 young people from across out schools. With 5 key topics being discussed we have now collated young people feedback.

During the round-table discussions, the format included a combination of listening to the experience of young people directly and encouraging the young people to also share feedback using a QR code via the Council's Youth Participation digital platform.

The discussions centred around, Youth Peoples Voice and Democracy, Crime and Personal Safety, Financial Literacies and Education, Mental Health and Wellbeing and secondary school life in North Ayrshire.

Theme 1 – Young Peoples Voice – Democracy Matters

We asked young people three key questions in relation to youth voice:

- *What powers could be added or used to help young people make decisions?*
- *What types of support might young people need to build their own capacity in their community?*
- *How can we make sure everyone in our communities is involved in decision making processes?*

Setting up **opportunities** within a school setting such as a teacher/ pupil boards would be effective. Whilst also using Pupil Councils to engage in relevant topics. Young people felt that **more interaction** is needed to support young people between schools and communities to make them aware of opportunities and to be consulted on all matters. Young people had also noted that Joint cabinet should be for young people that asked to attend, not selected.

To help build capacity within communities young people stated that they would like to see a **wider provision** of groups and opportunities for those who feel 'too old' for youth groups targeted at a younger age. They felt that although they have free bus travel it is often unreliable and stops them from getting more involved in their community. Mainly young people felt that they need to know what is available to them to join in, this includes opportunities for groups, community learning and volunteering.

Lastly by ensuring all young people are involved in decisions that affect them, not just young people that are selected for various groups and committees would have better results. Tools like social media, drop ins, working with their MSYPs and targeted promotion of these would benefit them and their communities as a whole. A popular piece of feedback was the importance of **closing the engagement loop** and always feeding back result to young people to know what has happened as a result of their participation.



Theme 2 – Youth Crime and Personal Safety

In partnership with Police Scotland we asked young people the following:

- *How do you feel the introduction of the free bus travel has impacted your feelings of personal safety and reduction or increase of youth crime?*
- *Increased antisocial behaviour and young people putting themselves in vulnerable situations at local beaches/ shore areas. Why do you think this is and what can we do to reduce this?*
- *With so many young people on social media, specifically snapchat, we have seen a rise in online abuse. What can be done to reduce this and support young people with online behaviour and abuse?*

Young people seen both the positive and negative impact of the free bus travel scheme, for many they felt it had **increased their chance to travel freely**, without relying on parents and carers, and also foregoing the cost gives them access to more opportunities such as social interaction, going to clubs, reducing barrier to employment amongst others. Although these greatly benefit young people they did feel that there has been an **increase of anti social behaviour** on buses, which can make them feel uneasy or intimidated. Furthermore with free transport buses are much busier now, in particular to and from school with it already being unreliable but not being able to get on the bus when needed due to overcrowding and not getting to school on time regularly.

Beaches were a concern to young people in North Ayrshire with feeling of **increased ‘bad behaviour’**, alcohol and drug intake and feelings of social pressures to ‘fit in’. Suggestions to combat this included more bins for litter, having a specific young person hotline to report anti-social behaviour, an increase in beach CCTV with life guards and police patrols during busy times. Other suggestions included more **beach friendly activities** including beach sports and games, alcohol free barbeques and a young persons alcohol free beach bar to promote responsible behaviour.

Lastly when speaking to young people about the affects of social media, young people agreed about the **social pressures** to be online and an increase in online bullying. Many young people agreed that having training for parents to spot the signs and support their young person would be beneficial, likewise to have more youth friendly tools to cope with online bullying, likewise a campaign that promotes the health benefits of disconnecting would be received well.

Theme 3 – Your School (NIF)

Our third theme targeted questions were around the National Improvement Framework for Education, here we asked



- *In general (not specifically in relation to your school) do you think young people feel that they have genuine opportunities to contribute to decision making?*
- *In general what do you think are the greatest barriers to young people achieving their potential in school?*
- *What do you think are the 3 most important things that schools should prioritise in order to help young people get the best out of their education?*

Pupils felt that there are **opportunities to have your voice heard** through Joint Cabinet, pupil councils, leadership programmes, school captains, various committees and access to surveys. Although they felt this was more for senior pupils and there is a lack of these opportunities for S1-S3. Some young people felt that when giving their views that it 'doesn't make a difference', or that it is not taken seriously, and by not receiving feedback on what they have said it 'doesn't create change'. It was noted that there needs to be **more opportunity for minority groups** to have the opportunity to create change particularly around racism. Young people felt that an agreed joint action plan when engaging with young people should be made to detail what is to happen and support the feedback that should follow.

When discussing barrier to achieving potential, the most popular opinions included:

- Lack of funding
- Bullying
- More allocated study time within school
- The impact of the cost of the school day
- Lasting impact of COVID
- Pupils who are disruptive having no consequences for their actions resulting in less teaching time

This was followed by young people prioritising things that were important which were:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Study time
- Security/ safety within the school setting
- Disruptive behaviour being challenged
- Cost of the school day
- Equalities

Theme 4 – Financial Literacies and Education

A topic picked by our young people was around financial education with 3 key questions being asked.



- *Where would you go to get information on finance, saving, debt and spending?*
- *What more could the council and partners be doing to educate young people on life skills and money management?*
- *What are your main concerns when it comes to finances as a young person?*

The majority of young people **did not know where to turn to for this information**, with some saying parents, teachers or going into a bank itself. Although this made some young people uncomfortable as have never approached a bank before. Young people stressed the importance of this being **part of the curriculum** to focus on financial education throughout their time at school.

Pupils said more support was needed around **life skills and money management** from S2 upwards that would cover all aspects of money management, as one young person stated “*it isn't just maths it should be in all of our subjects in some way.*” It should be supported by schools and outside organisations coming in to support with different areas.

With finances being such a vast subject area particular areas of concern for young people were:

- Inflation/ cost of living
- Barrier to further education due to financial pressures
- Budgeting
- Housing
- Being independent
- Good debt V bad debt

Theme 5 - Health and Wellbeing

Our last theme focussed on health and wellbeing with some broad themed questions.

- *Do you think you receive enough information about alcohol and drugs?*
- *Low school attendance is a significant concern. Some people say the reasons for this are rising anxiety levels due to the pandemic. What do you think are the reasons for the drop in attendance?*
- *Building and maintaining resilience is important for supporting positive mental health and wellbeing. What do you think is the best way to positively improve your long-term mental fitness?*

Young people felt the topic of alcohol and drugs is **covered well in PSE**, although many feeling it needs to be from S1 onwards, with topics of vaping going into primary schools.



Some felt what is taught is 'tame' compared to what they see in the outside world and needs to be **more hard hitting** with real like examples and having more up to date resources and information. With a clear message of the 'don't do it, its bad' message does not work. Young people felt that a **peer led approach** to this would work well in a school setting.

Young people who responded in relation to low school attendance had felt that the main reasons for this included:

- Mental health and wellbeing issues and concerns
- Young people simply feeling 'overwhelmed with school and life'
- Many young people referencing bullying and feeling 'unsafe'
- Young people are still feeling the impact of COVID, with home learning and feelings of isolation still impacting their learning.

Pupils had said that creating alternative curriculums and accepting the classroom environment doesn't work for everyone could help with this.

To support young people with their wellbeing it was noted that young being supported to create balance in their life would be beneficial, learning coping mechanisms when things feel overwhelming and **feeling validated** when they express their concerns. Participants said that there is concerns about disclosing that you are having negative feelings and being told they are not 'unwell' enough to access a school or community councillor. This **adds to the stigma** that still surrounds mental health and wellbeing, a suggestion being to have more in depth training on mental health for school staff and for peer supporters.



Members of Scottish Youth Parliament



The 5th February seen us celebrate our MSYPs past and present and celebrate the power of youth voice here in North Ayrshire where we continue to ensure that young peoples voices are at the forefront of conversation, engagement, policy and discussions.

The announcement evening our new members who now form part of the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) for the next 2 years was full of excitement for young people and guests alike.

SYP is a youth led organisation; the democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people where young people aged 14-25 from all over Scotland represent the views of young people within their constituencies. Within North Ayrshire we have four young people who became our members of the Scottish Youth Parliament - two who cover the Cunninghame North Constituency and two covering the Cunninghame South Constituency. They form part of the national Scottish Youth Parliament membership with over 150 young people ranging in age from 14 to 25 tasked with representing their constituencies in all 32 local authorities throughout the country alongside several national voluntary organisations.

The 4 democratically elected members from North Ayrshire's job is to listen to, and recognise, the issues that are most important to our young people, ensuring that their voices are heard by decision-makers, both locally and nationally, their role is to be the voice for our young people across our schools and communities. SYP exist to provide a national platform for our young people to discuss the issues that are important to them, and campaign to affect the change they wish to see.

Here in North Ayrshire they form an integral part of our Youth Participation Structure and our Child Centered Council approach, where young people are central to decisions being made about them – with them being key decision makers in these processes. All 8 candidates continue to be involved and have reformed our North Ayrshire Youth Council Executive Committee.



This election process started in November 2023 but due to national issues with the online voting platform, our Council took the decision to restart to ensure fairness and integrity, and return back to paper ballots using the Single Transferrable Vote system, allowing voters to rank their candidates in numerical order. This allowed for our young people to complete their ballots, meanwhile taking part in a voting process that is used both locally and nationally with our 16+ population. True democracy in action! This has resulted in record breaking numbers for our participation rate which was fantastic to see with **4230** votes cast - this is over 50% of our full secondary school population. Our elected MSYPs for the next two years, will work within our schools and communities on specific projects, both locally and nationally whilst representing the views of their peers.

Cunninghame North MSYPs



Adam Johnson
Largs Academy



Rhyan Gorrie
Garnock Campus

Cunninghame South MSYPs



Emma Burns
Irvine Royal Academy



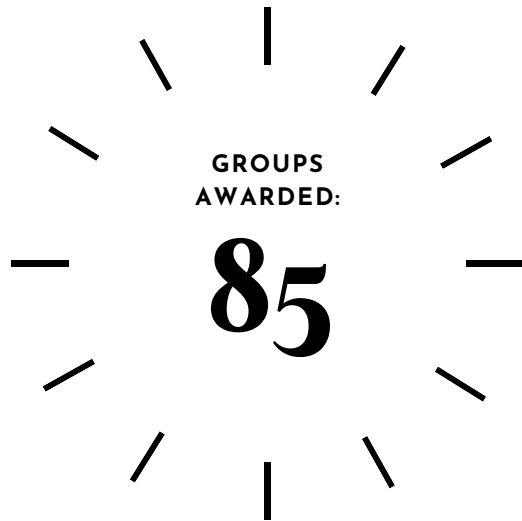
Freya Fitzsimmons
St Matthews Academy

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Youth Participatory Budgeting

North Ayrshires Youth PB results were announced on Monday 11th December.



VOTES:

5,740
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North Ayrshire Executive Committee



Our newly formed Executive Youth Committee has now elected in its committee. This group is made up of young people from across North Ayrshire and covers all six localities, covering seven of our nine secondaries. The group is the overarching youth voice group for North Ayrshire and welcomes new members to join.

The role of the 'Exec' is to support our youth participation structures such as Joint Youth Forum, Joint Cabinet, MSYPs and Youth Council meetings. With both planning and facilitating the activities and events. Central to the 'Exec' are our four Members of Scottish Youth Parliament. The group will support their local activity throughout the next two year term.

Supported by Community Learning and Development workers this network of young people will develop and carry out local consultations and engagement with their peers and work on specific projects, led by the voices of young people across North Ayrshire.

The group is open to young people aged 12-25 in North Ayrshire. If a young person is interested in joining they can email youthwork@north-ayrshire.gov.uk for more information. Likewise if any partners would like to work with the group they can email the central mailbox.



Climate Change Ambassadors

Our group of ambassadors continue to work on a range of activities, opportunities, signposting and events around climate change and sustainability.

Working with the Bee You Ambassadors group, they had many discussions around what issues young people face in their local communities and how they could use their training to benefit young people.

It was recognised that some work around suicide prevention had to be prioritised. Throughout North Ayrshire the statistics for youth suicides were particularly high. They felt a project highlighting this could give young people local signposting/ support services, would address the matter head on in a proactive manner.



Following on from the Kindness Mural Consultation it was decided that a tree planting project would take place within the Kilwinning Locality. The Climate Change Ambassadors funded the 16 trees and the time capsule for this joint project. With the aim of creating a community garden where young people could use green spaces to be with nature and feel calm.

Working in conjunction with Eglington Rangers Service to store and protect the trees through the winter. Ambassadors attending site visits and facilitate filling the time capsule with the ambassadors. The first date of planting had to be pushed back due to adverse weather making it hard for planting. The plan moving forward to February 2024 to enable the snow to pass. Within this time the two groups held a time capsule session to write a letter to their future selves, create a scrap book of memories looking at present times and projects that they have been involved in. The group continues to meet fortnightly.



Youth Work Modern Apprenticeship Programme



As our six senior modern apprentices are nearing the end of their course the focus has been on supporting them into positive destinations. Throughout their time they have developed a wide range of skills such as communication, interpersonal, ICT, planning and problem solving to name a few, alongside this they have

developed the required knowledge through the completion of their SVQ level 7 in Youth Work to become a competent and reflective Youth Work practitioner.

All of the apprentices have been added to our sessional list and will continue supporting young people and groups across the authority. Four have secured placements on the Community Development course at Glasgow University with 3 already communicating with colleagues regarding their first year placement. These MA's will continue to be supported through the team both in terms of placement but also with the qualification through accessing the small library of academic books and knowledge of colleagues.

Regarding employment, over and above their sessional opportunities, two have already gained full time employment, one has a full time position as a classroom assistant in Dreghorn Primary School and the other has secured a clerical position within the Housing team. The other four continue to apply for a variety of roles including mentoring positions and classroom assistants all being successful in gaining interviews.

During this time the MA's were supported with a range of support to improve their interview skills, this includes encouragement to apply for positions, providing references and also conducting mock interviews. MA's have feedback this level of support was beneficial to them in building their confidence and consolidating their knowledge in order to fully respond to questions.

We wish them all the best for their future.



Youth Work Modern Apprenticeship Programme

"Over the course of the apprenticeship, I have developed so many new skills and built amazing relationships with my colleagues and people within the community. I can honestly say my time as an apprentice has been some of the best moment of my life so far and has built me up into a completely new person from when I started. I joined the apprenticeship without much knowledge of what youth work was but thought it would be something I would enjoy; I had no idea the number of skills and opportunities it would provide me with and how much I'd thrive in the type of environment the team has created. Something I think the apprenticeship does best is allowing you to really throw yourself into the work you have a high interest. For example, I came in with an interest in working with young people surrounding mental health and they really allowed me to flourish within this type of work and build my knowledge around mental health through, programmes and training. All this as well as pushing me to try new things and come out of my comfort zone has helped me develop my confidence and do things within my professional and personal life, I never thought id be able to do.

Now that my apprenticeship is coming to an end my manager and team have played a major role in helping me with my next steps. Through their support and interview prep I have successfully landed a job within Dreghorn Primary as a classroom assistant and a placement in Glasgow University doing community development , two things I never would have been able to do without the qualification and experience I've gained within the past 18 months. As much as my apprenticeship has come to an end, I know the support within the team goes further than the 18 months and I always have a group of people to come back to ready to help and celebrate the wins with." - Modern Apprentice - Youth Work



Young Parents Group



The newly formed young parents group is open to young parents 25 or under and based in Stevenston weekly.

Working in partnership with the lifelong learning team this project is aimed to support young parents in a health and wellbeing environment, this will increase the confidence of parents and support improvement in their physical, mental, emotional and relational wellbeing for them and their children.

Designed by our MHWB Project Delivery Officer the group splits into activities suitable for the leaning and development of babies attending and also parents interacting in sessions. Using the first hour to focus on the baby/ child development through activities which is led by the lifelong learning team, using the second hour for the development of the parents.

Now the group is established sessions have been created to encourage learning for both parents and their babies, within a range of different topics including

- Messy Play
- What is mental health and how can this be linked between you and your baby
- Multiply input
- BookBug
- Worry and Fears session for parents (creating a social network)
- Resilience of a parent
- Baby Sensory
- Crafting
- Relax Kids
- Baking
- Baby Massage- attachment process and postnatal depression

The group is designed to be fun and exciting for both parents and their little one. They provide a great opportunity to try new activities and meet new people, creating lasting memories. The programme encourages parents to interact with other parents and share a variety of good and bad experiences. It creates perfect opportunities to get advice, meet new friends and catch up with their peers at each session.



Young Parents Group

As a result of this programme young parents that are attending have increased confidence, created a support network within the group and enjoy each session. 15 young parents have joined the group and this increases each week.

Attending these sessions allows the children to interact with other babies and their parents, promoting socialisation and interaction. This can help to develop parents and babies social skills and build confidence in this new chapter of their lives.



"This group has been a lifeline to me as we don't get to see anyone anymore since baby came along, the group is the thing that I look forward to every week. Meeting the other parents and getting support from each other is amazing, each week Dionne has something on for the kids but also an activity for the parents. I am sad that it will only be lasting 10 weeks, I really hope it can get extended. We have made friends for life, mums mental health is just as important as babies! The impact its had on myself and the other parents is more than words can say, we need more of this in our communities." Young Mum - Young Parents Group



Bounceback Programme - Dreghorn Primary

We delivered the Bounceback programme to Dreghorn Primary in this quarter, the programme focussing on mental health and wellbeing led by the North Ayrshire Bee You Mental health Ambassadors in delivering to Primary 6/7 school aged young people to then, in turn, become mini Bee You Ambassadors for their primary school.



The six, 1-hour sessions, has most recently been delivered to Dreghorn Primary School Primary 6/7 pupils. The programme allows the ambassadors who are all aged between 16 and 21 the chance to share the valuable information they have learned throughout their journey completing mental health programmes with these young people who are aged 11 and 12. This allows the primary group to then share this learning to help support their schools emotional awareness as Mini ambassadors for the younger aged classes within their school. The programme helped supports all 27 of the Dreghorn pupils involved in learning these workshops with their own resilience through topics that they are currently experiencing within.

The Ambassadors all have completed Mental Health First Aid and/or the Mental Health UKs Your Resilience programme so in delivering what they have learned only reaffirms the learning that these young people have already had further increasing their resilience and confidence.

Once the programme is delivered, the pupils continue to be Mini Bee You Ambassadors for the primary school, with the school deciding on how their roles will continue to support their peers.



Boyceback Programme - Dreghorn Primary

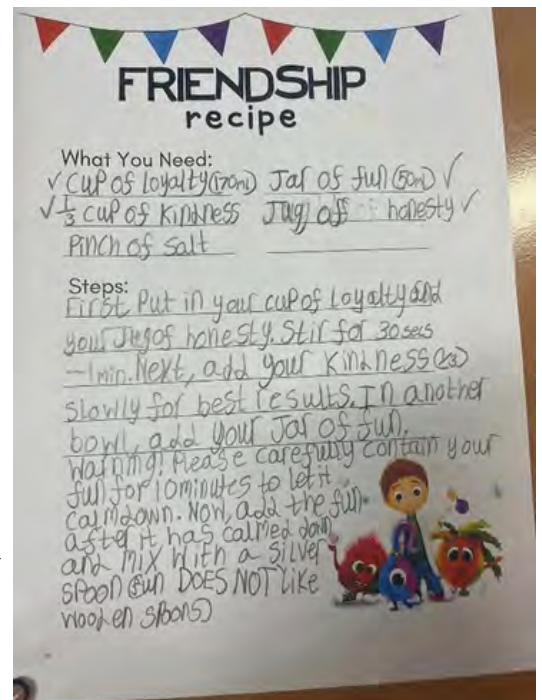
The interactive sessions have educated young people on:

- What is Mental Health
- Resilience
- Social Networks
- Friendships
- Making Decisions
- Self Care

This programme has become widely sought after across North Ayrshire primary schools.

"You all helped me realise not to care so much about what others think, you are all amazing there was nothing I didn't like, I have learned to believe in myself and try stop doubting myself if I fail. I think everyone deserves a visit from you all, I had so much fun well done 100/100." Pupil - Age 11

"The programme was really good at covering lots of different topics to help children cope with day to day pressures and scenarios. The key points from the programme that really supported the class was to think about what people are like on the inside, be positive and kind and resilience in having real life scenarios to help work through, this programme was pitched at a good level for the age group. The children responded well to the ambassadors as they were approachable and the children could relate to them." Mrs Brown- Teacher



Irvine Royal Academy - Mental Health Day



Our Mental Health and Wellbeing worker was asked to support Irvine Royal Academy MHWB day this quarter by creating a 1 hour workshop to help pupils aged 11/12 with the start of their secondary school journey, to have a understanding of 'What is Mental Health'. This was run on rotation for a full day for all pupils in 1st year.

This workshop covered 'What is Mental Health', using the North Ayrshire Council Youth Services handouts and a mix of interactive activities, such as body mapping, this is where we get the pupils to draw around a member of the class then in groups we give the pupils scenarios and they then can draw or write on the body map how these scenarios made them feel and what it might look like on the body.

Within our 'What is Mental Health' handout we looked at mental health vs physical health, there is an activity within this that encourages the young people to recognise qualities within themselves that they like, this is held within the class and encouraged to be continued at home. On the back of this handout are the QR codes for the North Ayrshire community mental health and wellbeing mapping these QR codes direct you to what groups and resources are available across our localities for wellbeing support, this is explained to the group and encouraged to highlight to their parents/carers.



"Thank You so much to Vicki and her team for their support of our young people. They thoroughly enjoyed the workshop; we look forward to working again with you soon."

Mrs Marwick



Your Resilience – The Hive – Ayrshire College



Your Resilience supports young people's mental health resilience. The education programme is focused on building resilience through life's transitions in 14–20-year-olds, equipping them with the tools and resources to manage their mental health now, and in the future.

The HIVE (Hope, Inspiration, Vision in Education) is a facility within Ayrshire college that many of the students arrive with no qualifications, and often no clear idea of what they want to do next. The HIVE aims to help you to achieve next steps and using the Your Resilience programme, we dedicated time to help these young people in their journey towards positive destinations.

Strong relationships have been established with the team and Ayrshire College The HIVE to support the young people that attend in helping them with their mental health and emotional awareness to move onto future courses or employment.

The programme was run weekly in Ayrshire College with current HIVE pupils (Intro to careers and bridge to careers). Sessions are 1–2-hours covering Resilience, Exam Pressure, Friendships/Decision Making, Social Pressures, Managing Studies and Juggling Time. Along with open conversation work through the appropriate workbook for groups age ensuring the group understand the tasks and the tool kits provided to help them manage their own life scenarios and support their Mental Health and Wellbeing.

At the end of the completed sessions and workbooks the young people have a opportunity to give feedback, they will then receive their certificate.

18 certificates went out to Intro to careers and 19 to Bridge to careers in this quarter.



Your Resilience - The Hive - Ayrshire College

"Working with young people who have previously disengaged from education within the HIVE at Kilwinning Campus, Ayrshire College, our course's aim is to prepare students to enhance their Employability skills, Confidence, Teamwork, Communication, self-esteem, and motivation which will support them into employment or mainstream courses.



Many of our students are Care experienced, have ASN, ADHD, Behavioural issues, Autism, Anxiety, Depression, Trauma and Mental Health issues. Vicki has been delivering Resilience sessions to over 50 of our students. The sessions have been invaluable for our students, through completing the workbook it has provided the students with an opportunity to take part in open discussions with relatable topics. Vicki and her staff have been amazing and were able to create a safe environment, build positive, trusting relationships with our young people, equip them with the tools and knowledge to reach out with any concerns and have better resilience which has had a positive effect on their mental wellbeing. I am hoping this partnership can continue, which will enable us to reach out to a lot more young people who will benefit from these sessions." Caroline McCulloch - Employability & Engagement Officer

"I liked this course because I learned more about mental health, it raised more awareness. My favourite part was the friendship part because it made me think about who I spend my time with" Participant - Age 18



New Scots

The Film Making Project

The film project project has made a profound difference in the lives of the young people involved. By providing a platform for self-expression, the project has helped them overcome isolation, fostering a sense of belonging and community. The creative process of writing, action, filming, recording, and editing has not only honed their artistic skills but also served as a powerful tool for personal growth. Through engagement with peers, these young individuals have forged meaningful connections, breaking down barriers and building confidence. This holistic approach has not only empowered them in the realm of arts but has also contributed to their overall well-being and integration into their new communities.

The commitment of the young people, who dedicated 11 months to the project, is noteworthy. From conceptualisation to editing, they exhibited an extraordinary level of skill and dedication. The creation of a comprehensive behind-the-scenes documentary adds depth to their accomplishments, illustrating the profound impact the project had on the participating young people. The successful premiere at the Harbour Arts Centre, Irvine in January signifies not only artistic achievement but also community engagement.



New Scots

Nova Scotias Football

Nova Scotia's Boys Football team, established with a modest group in January 2022, has burgeoned into a thriving community initiative. From its inception, the team has expanded both in numbers and interest, currently boasting over 30 boys from diverse backgrounds. Beyond honing football skills, the group has evolved into a vital social network, fostering friendships and teamwork among resettled and unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people of various nationalities.

The support garnered from the Prince's Trust has been instrumental in the team's growth. Collaborations with organizations like Street Soccer Scotland, Killie in the Community, and Spike Wheat Scots have ensured the team's sustainability. Now, with two age groups formed in January 2024, Street Soccer Scotland oversees the over 16s team, with transitional staff support from CLD, while the under 16s group operates as a partnership with CLD, Spike Wheat Scots, and Killie in the Community providing coaching expertise.

Looking ahead, plans include participation in small tournaments during Spring and Summer, providing not just a platform for football development but also fostering personal growth among the boys. Nova Scotia's Boys Football team stands as a testament to the positive impact community sports can have on skill development, health, well-being, and resettlement



New Scots

Ukrainian discovery Award

The Ukrainian Discovery Award, launched at the Argyll Centre in Saltcoats, has rapidly become a transformative force and holds a crucial role in supporting the resettlement of older Ukrainian guests. With a membership exceeding 20 individuals and a consistent influx of new participants the impact is palpable. The introduction of a weekly cooking group and a craft café has not only provided creative outlets but has also fostered a sense of community and connection.

Recent visits to cultural landmarks such as Rozelle House, Glasgow University, and the Hunterian Museum have not only enriched their experiences but have also facilitated integration and cultural understanding. The Ukrainian Discovery Award has evolved into a vibrant hub for social engagement, skill-building, and cultural exploration, contributing significantly to the well-being and integration of the Ukrainian community in North Ayrshire.



The Multiply Project

The Multiply team's collaboration with Trindlemoss in delivering a numeracy support group for Additional Support Needs (ASN) adults has proven to be a resounding success. Working in tandem with Ayrshire College, the team has secured a project agreement that paves the way for learners to receive accreditation in the community for their numeracy skills. This initiative is a remarkable opportunity for community-based adult learners, particularly those taking their initial steps back into education and learning.

The impact of this endeavour extends beyond skill acquisition, offering a transformative experience for adults seeking to re-engage with education. This initiative is poised to make a lasting difference by providing a supportive environment for numeracy learning and accreditation, creating pathways for individuals to thrive in their learning.

Multiply provision is free and can be accessed via our referral form: <https://forms.office.com/e/MDXDeF1QUw?origin=lprLink> or by emailing multiplyinfo@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



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Participatory Budgeting

Current PB updates:

- In this round of PB, the funding was split into three different categories – Youth PB, Locality PB and funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, with a sum of **£198,377** overall.
- Locality & UKSPF results were announced on Monday 20th November with Youth PB results announced on 11th December.



Participatory Budgeting 23/24 Results Overview:

LOCALITY PB -
SUCCESSFUL GROUPS:

93

3,131 VOTES

UK SHARED PROSPERITY
FUND -
SUCCESSFUL GROUPS

8

793 VOTES

YOUTH PB -
SUCCESSFUL GROUPS:

85

5,740 VOTES

To view all successful projects in your locality, please click link below:
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Community Asset Transfer

We will support our community groups in their ambitions to own and lease assets via our Community Asset Transfer Policy.

The Community Asset team continues to work alongside TACT's Community Asset Transfer Development Worker, John, who provides valuable assistance and support to community groups exploring or looking for advice on taking on an asset within their communities. Particular areas of support provided have focussed on supporting groups with their governance documents and for some in preparation to go to court in respect of common good land; liaising with DTAS on particular issues such as what it means for a group who are interested in an asset within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and site visits for groups who are interested in submitting an initial expression of interest in a particular asset.

The Community Asset Team have been ensuring that all paperwork that is uploaded to the website is accessible for all and we continue to work on improving the asset transfer process.

Current CATs over 6 localities at different stages from initial enquiry to final stage:

Arran

Brodick Bowling Club

Three Towns

Ardeer Park changing rooms has now received cabinet approval - Whitlees Community Centre - 3 Towns Men's shed - Initial interest from Ardeer Thistle Youth Academy

Kilwinning

Blacklands Hall - Auld Dirrans Centre

Irvine

Maress Road - Maress Playing fields

Garnock Valley

Dalry Public Park Sports Pavilion, brick built and dis-used Pavilion (old pavilion adjacent to swing park and old tennis courts) - Knox Institute - The Shed, Ladysmith Road

North Coast

Douglas Park tennis courts - Douglas Park Nursery - Cairnies Quay - Bowencraigs Playing fields (final stages) - Brisbane Centre - Simson/ Craufurd Avenue Swing Park.



Community Leadership

Our innovative Leadership Collective, will deliver capacity and learning opportunities built on the expressed needs of our communities. We will support our environmental capacity projects such as tree planting, coastal care and our growers programmes.

Our community development team along with our partners from TACT, Green Health Partnership, HSCP and Ayrshire College, have supported over 200 adults to develop their knowledge and skills through opportunities offered via our 'Leadership Collective'. This includes; Volunteer training, Naloxone training, committee skills training, REHIS, First aid, Mental Health first aid, trauma awareness training, funding fares and funding workshops



CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING
FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

MON 26/2 ONLINE, 6.30 - 8PM

WED 28/2 REDBURN CENTRE IRVINE, 10AM - 12

Child Protection Awareness Session



To register please scan the QR code or contact Elaine Walker on 07818228733



North Ayrshire Council
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Food Insecurities

The Fairer Food Network & Larder Updates



- Currently 14 food larders across North Ayrshire supporting over 3000 households with a dignified food provision.
- Two new larders in Largs and Millport will be opening in 2024 and a subsidised food model is supported on Arran.
- The fifth quarterly payment has been made to all larders under the revised funding model. Weekly footfall will be monitored and reported on quarterly, and that figure will dictate the payment for the next quarter. Larders with up to 30 households per week will receive £1000 per quarter. There after, it will be a cost per head calculation of the remaining funding pot. This model was reviewed and agreed at the NAFF meeting In November 2023.
- The quarterly NAFF meeting was held on Teams on 29 November 2023. The group heard from SP Energy about the priority list for energy support in the event of powercuts. Gerry Gilmurray also offered to host drop ins at the larders to promote to members.
- Facilities Management had provided the network with a range of reuseable period products as part of period dignity week. There had been a mixed response from members and a mixed uptake. All remaining items were to be returned to Facilities Management as this was not to be an ongoing offer.
- There has been ongoing support to the larders and during the first quarter of the year, the senior manager and the Fair For All Development Officer visited all larders to get an update on their current financial status, any concerns and any highlights.
- The Tap End Larder, Stevenston is continuing to get on going support as their new employee settles into post. There have been various issues highlighted around centre security which are in the process of being dealt with. They have also been awarded one years funding for WIFI, a new laptop and phone via the digital fund.
- Argyle Community Shop volunteers and Saltcoats Link up have been receiving support in relation to ongoing internal difficulties between the two groups.
- Ardeer Larder have reduced their operational days and times but support can be given out with these time via an appointment.
- Support is being given and appliances ordered for the new larder at Largs Library. It is hoped it will open later in February and is currently awaiting a bank account.
- Millport Larder - Appliances have been ordered for this new larder. No proposed date has been scheduled for it to open.



Food Insecurities

Publicity and Promotion

Over the festive period, Comms continued to roll out information and promotional video clips advertising the larder network. Despite this, numbers have remained steady with no significant increase in demand.

Community Planning created and circulated a festive period support brochure for NA wide.

Sustainable Food Places

Scottish Government launched The Good Food Nation Plan in February. Further information can be found at <https://consult.gov.scot/agriculture-and-rural-economy/national-good-food-nation-plan/>

North Ayrshire Food Forum

The North Ayrshire Food Forum attempted a third meeting on 27 November as a hybrid model but there was a very poor attendance so the meeting was cancelled. No date has been rescheduled.

In other news.....

Survey

A survey of larders members from 50% of the larders was undertaken. 53% said that they had been using their larder for less than 6 months. This indicates that they are being used in the manner that was anticipated. 89% were happy with the range of food offered but despite access to the larder, 63% said that they still skipped meals to ensure that others in their household were being fed.

Community Planning

The Council's Planning Service are putting together research aimed at gaining an understanding of how North Ayrshire residents access food throughout the area. As an important part of that, they are seeking views of the experience had by both Foodbanks and Community Larders. The views will be important in making future policy decisions including whether to support certain types of development in certain places such as Local Shops or Supermarkets.



The Older Peoples Voice & Engagement Hubs



The Older Peoples Voice Conference

The Conference was an inclusive success seeing participation from over 50 older people from all over North Ayrshire.

The day was focussed on the following key elements:

- To have representation from all localities
- Ensure people attending felt connected
- To finalise a participation structure for older people in a way their voices can be heard
- Complete mapping of all community provision for older people
- Educate, inform, and report findings of older people's voice consultation
- Listen to what the current issues are and provide the opportunity for networking with peers and local and national services

The day would aim to ensure:

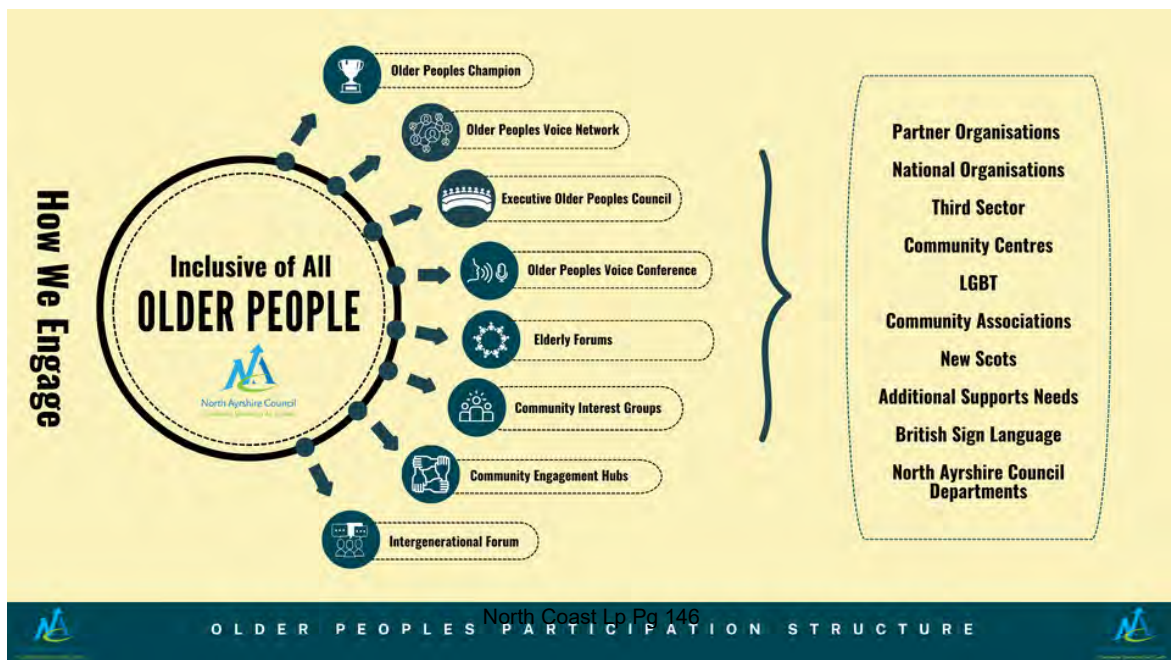
- A clearer understanding of what is most important to older people
- Gaps in service provision were addressed to determine how improvements could be made
- Single Points of Contact for each locality, were introduced to every older person to help establish a dedicated action plan for their area.
- Participants were encouraged to share any concerns they may have
- Helpful information and signposting was provided to support services for older residents



The conference was all about ensuring that older people remain at the forefront of the Council's decision-making and is a positive next step forward in the right direction to establish the Council's Older People's Voice Participation Structure – a key area of importance in North Ayrshire's Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan.



With the poor weather conditions leading to the ferry's being cancelled Connected Communities worked with partners in Arran Community & Volunteer Services to ensure our older people had the opportunity to still take part online.



The Older Peoples Voice & Engagement Hubs



Engagement Hubs

The engagement hubs aim to provide a needs-based programme of activities which were set out by initial consultations with residents and community members.

The provision is aimed at decreasing social isolation as well as improved physical and mental health.

At present there are 28 activities running across 4 hubs weekly featuring:

Chair exercise classes, chair dance classes, bingo, quizzes, tai chi, MS support groups, seniors forums, mental wellness support groups, Community Councils, entertainment committees, digital support groups, lunch clubs, live entertainment, trips, ESOL groups, over 50s discovery award groups, coffee mornings, football reminiscence groups, tea and a blether sessions and sewing groups.

Over the festive period there have been many festive lunches and events run by the CLD team, groups using the hubs and the hub committees, providing free lunches and visits from local School choirs.



CAPACITY BUILDING



Funding Success

Four of the hubs Committees at the David White Centre, Vennel Gardens, Watt Gardens and Montgomery Court as well as two groups have been supported to apply for funds to support and continue their activity within the hubs and been funded a total of £6,000.



Montgomery Court Committee

The committee have gone from strength to strength since forming in the last 6 months, running weekly coffee afternoons and supporting CLD activity weekly including bingo and a sewing group.

Pictured above is the committees Burns Lunch which went down very well with free soup, haggis, neeps and tatties as well as poetry and deserts.



Networking and Funding

LPP Grant Awards

A total of **£7,234** was awarded by the Locality Planning Partnerships from November 2023 to January 2024.

External Funding Levered In

A total of **£274,290** external funding has been levered in by third sector organisations from November 2023 to January 2024.



Funding Support and Advice to Community Groups & Colleagues

- **3** funding workshops and drop-in sessions were delivered from November 2023 to December 2024.
- **9** funding updates circulated to community organisations and colleagues from November 2023 to January 2024.
- **774** members have now joined North Ayrshire Virtual Funding Centre
- **200** log-ins to Grantfinder and **579** searches carried out for the period November 2023 to January 2024.

Community Benefits Wish List

4 wishes have been delivered this quarter, with 39 wishes delivered in 2023. A total of 74 wishes have been delivered through the Community Benefits Wish List since it launched in October 2021.

Wishes delivered this quarter:

- Largs Foodbank: donation of £300 from RJ McLeod (December)
- Stanley Primary School Parent Council: donation of £100 from Carruthers (January)
- Irvine Youth Legacy Centre: donation of £100 from Carruthers (January)
- Organic Growers of Fairlie: donation of £200 from RJ McLeod to purchase paint for their raised beds (February)

Around 10 wishes are in discussion with contractors, but are unlikely to be delivered until spring/summer 2024 as they require better weather.

The next issue of the Community Benefits Newsletter will be circulated to contractors in late February/early March, with a focus on new wishes on the list.

A review of the Wish List is currently underway in partnership with the Third Sector Interface, who are hosting a forum on community benefits with representatives from across the sector.

