



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership

Tuesday 18 June 2024, 6.00 p.m. Conference Room, Largs Academy

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Hill	
2.	Action Note 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?
DECISION REQUIRED					6.10 – 7.00 pm
3.	Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largs Development Trust Full Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Network Scotland Locality Priorities Officer Extension 	Pg 13 Pg 17 Pg 31	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	LP to consider one Expression of Interest and two Full Community Investment Fund applications.
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					6.55 – 7.50 pm
4.	Youth and Education Overview The Locality Partnership will receive updates linking in with the Locality Priorities from Head Teachers.	-	Verbal	Head Teacher Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
5.	Island Plan Receive update on the work of Cumbrae Island Plan.	-	Verbal	Sarah Baird	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
6.	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	-	Verbal	Stuart Dougan David Murray	Discuss progress, learning and partnership opportunities

	by SFRS and Police Scotland in North Coast Locality.				
7.	Locality Priorities Officer Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Deirdre Oakley, Project Officer, Community Learning and Development.	Pg 40	Enclosed	Deidre Oakley	Receive update and consider potential CIF pipeline and promotion.
8.	Locality Officer Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer	Pg 43	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
AOCB					7.50 – 8.00 pm
9.	AOCB			Cllr Hill	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
REPORTS FOR INFORMATION					
10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLD Strategic Quarterly Update Roads Maintenance Programme 2024/25 TACT Update 	Pg 59 Pg 90 Pg 106	Enclosed	Cllr Hill	Locality Partnership are asked to note the report and share as appropriate.
Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 6.00 pm, Clark Memorial Church					

Distribution List

Elected Members

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

Community Representatives

John Lamb (**Vice Chair**), West Kilbride Community Council
Helen Boyle, Skelmorlie Community Council
Alex Harvie, Cumbrae Community Council
Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council
Lizzy Barbour, Community Rep (*Co-opted*)
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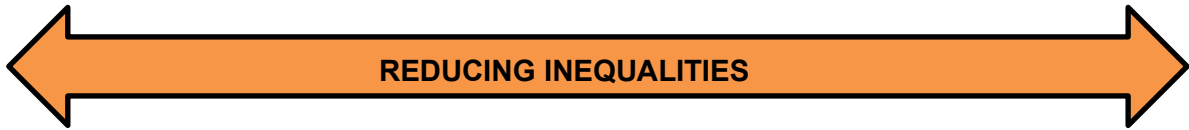
North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership Priorities

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
Largs Scottish Women’s Institute	£15,393
Remaining CIF Balance	£533,541

Meeting:	North Coast Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	5 March 2024 via Microsoft Teams
Present/ In Attendance:	Councillor Alan Hill (Chair) Councillor Eleanor Collier Councillor Tom Marshall Councillor Ian Murdoch John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice-Chair) Carol Campbell, Community Representative (Co-opted) Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer, NAC Deirdre Oakley, Project Officer, NAC Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, NAC Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands), NAC Tony Gilhooly, Active Schools Co-ordinator, NAC Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council Jim Phillips, Largs Community Council Lizzy Barbour, Community Representative (Co-opted) Michael Thomson, General Manager, Vikingar Lynne Cathcart, Head Teacher, Skelmorlie Primary School , NAC Stephanie Fisher, Head Teacher, St. Mary's Primary School, NAC Lesley Dunlop, Community & Locality Planning Assistant, NAC
Also in Attendance:	Claire Fitzsimmons, Senior Manager, NAC (Item 3) Graham Ross, Architect Consultant, Austin-Smith:Lord (Item 3) Nancy McQueen, Organic Growers (Item 4) Sharon Murdoch, Largs Scottish Women's Institute (Item 5) Susan Shepherd, Largs Scottish Women's Institute (Item 5) Gill Faragher, Largs Scottish Women's Institute (Item 5)
Apologies:	Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer, NAC Councillor Todd Ferguson Pamela Miller, NHS Barbara Conner, TACT

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>As the Chair was delayed L Riddex extended a welcome to those present and invited introductions. Apologies for absence were then recorded.</p> <p>Councillor Murdoch declared an interest in Item 5 due to his involvement with the Men's Shed who are linked into the application.</p> <p>In the absence of the Chair, J Lamb Vice Chair assumed the role as Chair.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 5 December 2023 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions confirmed.</p>	

	<p>The Locality Officer provided a brief update and highlighted the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simson Avenue – a meeting was held yesterday (4 March) and as a result the group are planning to rethink and change the playpark to a natural activity play area as information was received that other areas had difficulty in obtaining insurance. • West Kilbride Community Initiative 25 Anniversary – an event is being planned to be held on 28 May 2024. • Coastal Path – C Fitzsimmons informed the Partnership that if the project overruns past the end of March funding has been promised for the next financial year, however there is an internal back up if this should not come to fruition. R Holmes enquired about the path to Hunterston. C Fitzsimmons informed that the plan is to have a full path from Ardrossan to Inverclyde. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Place Framework</p> <p>The Partnership received a copy of the draft Place Framework for Largs, which identified priority issues and brought together and co-ordinated place-based actions and initiatives to improve the quality of life in the coastal town of Largs.</p> <p>C Fitzsimmons highlighted that Place Framework is part of the North Ayrshire Council Regeneration Delivery Plan. Place Frameworks will be live documents updated according to current needs. Pilots are being carried out in Largs, Saltcoats and Kilwinning. The Regeneration team would like the Partnership to review them prior to publishing on the North Ayrshire Council website to ensure that they meet the current priorities in the area. Place Framework will also be used to inform the Place Plans.</p> <p>G Ross highlighted areas of interest in the report which was distributed with the agenda and advised that there are Action Plans available to support the Place Framework. These will give a reminder of the key issues in late 2022/23 when they were first created and give the Partnership the opportunity to refresh for 2024/25 priorities.</p> <p>Questions were asked and answered in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C Campbell highlighted that there seemed to be no reference to accessibility in the report regarding people who are blind/visually impaired. G Ross advised that in the getting around section there is an accessibility audit which highlights that it is vital to have open spaces that are inclusive and barrier free and accessible. • Largs is the only way to access Cumbrae and the area to access is very congested – work on parking in the area would be useful. G Ross agreed. <p>The Partnership noted (i) the draft Place Framework for Largs and (ii) that any feedback on the draft could be submitted to the Senior Manager, Regeneration.</p>	

<p>4.</p>	<p>CIF Promotion/Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Nancy McQueen from Fairlie Organic Growers.</p> <p>N McQueen highlighted that the group maintains 2 small picnic areas, a pick your own area, a sand pit. They are responsible for looking after raised beds in Pier Road, Victoria Fountain, Main Road and Fairlie Station.</p> <p>For future plans there is a possibility of planting fruit trees and soft fruits for the public and extending the area at the football pitch to include a barbeque area. Future funding may be available from Fairlie Community Trust and the Scottish Government Climate Action Fund to assist with a home growing project to encourage people to grow their own produce.</p> <p>Next year the group will be starting a beeline project extending to the south of the village with boxes of pollenating plants to create a bee corridor.</p> <p>Questions were asked and answered in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R Holmes noted that the project sounds really good and enquired who owns the land. N McQueen advised that it is North Ayrshire Council and they will liaise with Streetscene. • C Fitzsimmons advised that the Shared Prosperity fund is currently open for bids which covers a broad range of interventions. Please see information in link https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/your-community/funding/ukspf.aspx <p>Before leaving the meeting N McQueen enquired about the lack of electronic bus signage in Fairlie. C Fitzsimmons advised that her Team are working alongside SPT to resolve this issue across Ayrshire and the North Coast is included.</p> <p>The Chair joined the meeting at this point taking over from the Vice Chair.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund – Full Application</p> <p>The Partnership received a report from the Locality Officer with details of one Community Investment Fund Application:</p> <p>Largs Scottish Women’s Institute – Full Application</p> <p>Largs SWI have applied for funding support in the amount of £15,393 to facilitate speakers at their monthly meetings, set up a woodworking club and a sewing club. S Murdoch and S Shepherd shared a short presentation with the Partnership which included a breakdown detailing the use of the funds if successful.</p> <p>The applicants left the meeting at this point to allow the Partnership to discuss the application.</p>	

	The Partnership agreed that the proposal proceed to the North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet for approval.	Rhonda Leith
6.	<p>Formation of Cumbrae Subgroup</p> <p>The Partnership were asked to consider the report outlining the formation of a subgroup for Cumbrae.</p> <p>The Sub Group would deal with Cumbrae issues and report back to the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>Questions were asked and answered in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R Holmes enquired if there would be any conflict with issues that concern the mainland such as the ferries. The Chair responded that there will be no issues as the group will be a subgroup which would deal with Cumbrae issues such as tourism and health and report back to the Locality Partnership. Issues concerning ferries could go to both meetings. <p>The Partnership agreed to approve the proposal.</p>	R Leith
7.	<p>Street Naming</p> <p>The Partnership were asked to consider two Street naming reports in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site of former St Mary's Primary School, Largs - one name required. <p>R Leith informed of the four suggested street names. S Fisher enquired if there was any way that the pupils of St. Mary's Primary School could vote on the name? The Chair agreed that this could be a lovely idea. S Fisher asked if the information could be forwarded, and the vote would take place on Friday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site north of Summerlea Road and west of Snowdon Terrace, West Kilbride – seven names required. <p>J Lamb enquired if the report with the suggested names could be taken to the West Kilbride Community Council meeting for their opinion to be taken into consideration. This was agreed. J Lamb will forward the results following the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Collier asked if as the site is on the Geese Fields could this be memorialised somehow.</p>	<p>L Dunlop</p> <p>J Lamb</p> <p>L Dunlop/SNN Team</p>
8.	<p>LDP3 Update/Place Plans</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Alistair Gemmell, Strategic Planning Manager.</p>	

	<p>A Gemmell highlighted the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Place Plans are a community-led plan setting out proposals for the development and use of land. • Once submitted to and then registered by the planning authority, Local Place Plans are to be taken into account in the preparation of the relevant Local Development Plan. • They must be prepared by a Community Body. • They must be a proposal as to the development or use of land or buildings. • They must fulfil the legal requirements. • The deadline for submission is 30 June 2024 but this can be flexible. <p>R Holmes thanked A Gemmell for the information and advised she would be in touch.</p> <p>The Chair thanked A Gemmell for his update.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from the Locality Officer highlighting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the report included was an update of work undertaken by the Locality Officer's team and updates from other teams will be added in as they are received. • The Locality Officer will send the form to other Partners for completion. <p>Cllr Collier thanked the Locality Officer for their update however advised that Citrus Energy no longer provide advice to non-business customers they give advice under Lemonade. L Riddex thanked Cllr Collier for the information and advised that she will update the plan.</p> <p>The Chair thanked L Riddex for her update.</p>	<p>L Riddex</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Youth and Education Overview</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal updated from Lynne Cathcart, Head Teacher, Skelmorlie Primary School and Stephanie Fisher, Head Teacher, St. Mary's Primary School highlighting the following:-</p> <p>St Mary's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC Bitesize attended at St. Mary's to make a short film entitled Doon the Watter with Primary 7 children highlighting the best bits of Largs. • St. Mary's won a noise pollution art competition with the school receiving a prize of £500 and the children who participated receiving £25 each. • Burns speaking competition - one of St Mary's pupils was the overall winner. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheds were lost in the recent storms and a parent has donated a new shed. <p>Skelmorlie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit trees have been planted on behalf of Skelmorlie Environmental Trust – apple, pear, cherry and plum The school recently held a Scottish concert which included dancing, poetry and singing. Community gardens will be launched on 27 March. <p>All Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All primary schools are involved in enhanced transition at Largs Academy over a four week period. There is a whole day event next week involving a scavenger hunt. Activities led by Active Schools are having a great impact. The athletics competition is very popular with Arran, Cumbrae, Fairlie and St. Mary’s participating. Largs Academy ski trip was very successful. Cumbrae recently had an HMIE inspection. Douglas Park Nursery also had an HMIE inspection with the result of very good. Cumbrae will be working with a local artist to help the children create art for an exhibition at the Garrison over Easter. <p>The Chair enquired if there is anything the schools would like to raise and highlighted that CIF funding is always available for local projects. Any application would have to come via the Parent Councils.</p> <p>The Chair thanked L Cathcart and S Fisher for their update.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>As no one was in attendance from Police Scotland or Scottish Fire and Rescue no update was received.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>KA Leisure/Public Health Update</p> <p>P Millar submitted her apologies for tonight’s meeting but has provided a report which will be shared with the Partnership.</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Michael Thomson.</p> <p>M Thomson passed on apologies from L Barrie who was unable to attend due to a change in circumstances. He gave the following update on her behalf:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Wellbeing Alliance met at the Townhouse today showing videos and brochures regarding activities which could be shared at the next Locality Partnership meetings. <p>Vikingar</p>	<p>L Dunlop</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment recently completed on the Viking Attraction Museum including upgraded audio/visual of the Viking tour. The relaunch date is planned for 6 April. • Easter programme in place with events run by Just Dive including mermaid and scuba sessions. It is hoped that future monthly sessions can be organised and that perhaps some could be free of charge. • In conjunction with Largs Community Council a cinema night was organised for a Friday evening which was a great success. Dates have been arranged for the remainder of the year. • Vikingar are offering a safe zone for the Euro 2024 matches in their theatre. <p>L Barbour suggested sharing promotional information with the Partnership. L Barbour asked if activities have been considered for people with additional support needs. M Thomson informed that ASN swimming lessons are taking place currently with two different lessons which he hopes to develop further. L Barbour is happy to connect to see if she can offer any support. L Dunlop to share L Barbour's email address.</p> <p>S Fisher enquired if there could be a quiet session arranged for the inflatable that Vikingar have as it is very popular with the children however it is reported as being very busy which prevents them from attending. M Thomson will discuss this with his management team.</p> <p>The Chair thanked M Thomson for his update.</p>	L Dunlop
13.	<p>Locality Priorities Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update report from D Oakley.</p> <p>Key points were highlighted in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWAS Largs chapter has been established and being utilised. • Largs Food Hub opened on 27 February and week 1 had 22 members sign up. Really good feedback has been received and the logo has been agreed with the volunteers. The opening times are every Tuesday 2.30pm – 5.30 pm and Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm. • The Millport Larder logo has been agreed and it will be known as the Millport Community Shop. The fridge freezer and shelving has been ordered. • D Oakley is working with L Riddex to organise CIF workshops to encourage more applications. 	
14.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a report from the Locality Officer. L Riddex highlighted the new format for updates that will be used going forward.</p>	

	<p>The same template will be used for all Localities. Additional information will be included as it is developed further.</p> <p>L Riddex attended the Men's Shed one year anniversary event on Saturday which was excellent. L Riddex thanked everyone for their hard work.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch agreed that the event was a success and thanked L Riddex for all her work and support.</p>	
15.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>NAC 2024/25 Budget update:</p> <p>The budget was agreed last Wednesday with the Council Tax Freeze being agreed, no charge for Brown Bins and extra funding for Roads.</p> <p>D Oakley left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Chair raised that the funding for the Locality Priorities Officer post which was previously agreed via CIF is due to come to an end. The Chair invited L Riddex to outline the post details. L Riddex informed that the post is for 21 hours per week. Seventy percent of the work in the evaluation that was shared earlier in the meeting was undertaken by D Oakley. She has made a huge difference in things happening towards the locality priorities and supporting individuals.</p> <p>A discussion ensued where the Partnership agreed that the post was invaluable. The question of cost to the CIF fund was raised and L Riddex informed that the previous application was for £41,871 for 18 months in 2022 but this may increase with wage rises that have occurred since that time.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that this post should continue.</p>	L Riddex
12.	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>The Partnership was invited to note that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 18 June 2024 venue to be confirmed.</p>	Lesley Dunlop

Meeting ended at 8.05 p.m.

Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

Please see notes on reverse before completing this form.

Organisation name	Largs Community Development Trust
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Brief details of organisation	<p>Largs CDT is a community development trust, constituted in Summer 2023. Broadly, the Trust aims to improve the lives of people living in Largs and the North Coast community, including <i>'The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability...'</i> (4.1 'Purposes', LCDT constitution).</p> <p>We are currently engaged in several projects which aim to improve the lives and environment of the town, such as restoring the Mackerston Fountain on Largs promenade, tidying up the area around Barrfields and putting it to productive use, and this project.</p> <p>The Trust is currently applying for 'Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation status (SCIO) with the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). We anticipate this will be granted by August 24.</p>
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Locality	North Coast & Cumbraes
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Amount Requested	£60,000
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Timescale	Immediate
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Brief Overview of Proposal	<p>The aim of the proposal is</p> <p>(1) to take on lease for a three year period, premises at 36 Boyd Street, Largs to operate as a Community Hub which will become a thriving base for the local community providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available safe meeting space for community organisations and volunteers. - A place for Information and Signposting. - A base for the LCDT to "to undertake initiatives throughout Largs to enhance the educational, economic,
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	<p>environmental and social potential of residents enabling them to turn the community's vision and the Locality Partnership's priorities into reality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop appropriate links with other community based organisations. ie. OIR/ CC. - A space to hold advice sessions from third party organisations such as Debt management, CHAP, Citizens Advice and Women's Aid. - To provide a space for a satellite base for Credit Union services. - To host and operate a community radio station providing the opportunity to gain valuable skills for young people in Largs. - To work with local young people to develop initiatives targeted at their own age group including training etc. - To work with local businesses to further develop the Brisbane Quarter proposals. <p>(2) Project to incorporate double width pool steps for better all abilities access and 10 tablets to be used for fitness classes as outlined in our earlier EOI.</p>
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Timescale	ASAP
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Contact Details	<p>Heather Meldrum -</p> <p>Alan Hill –</p>
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The Community Investment Fund (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?

- Groups should have an initial discussion with the relevant Locality Officer. Their contact details are available by emailing communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.
- Initial interest in a CIF application should be via an expression of interest form sent to the Locality Officer. This will be discussed by the LP or an associated working group.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.



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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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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
Parent Network Scotland

Postal Address for Correspondence

Name of Contact Person Jackie Tolland

Position in Organisation CEO

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.

Parent Network Scotland (PNS) is a national charity providing education and training to parents since 1990. PNS provide a 'parenting journey' through our Scottish Parent Academy to support parents to gain the skills and qualifications to support a more nurturing, resilient family life. Educate families living in Scotland and the general public in more effective ways to care for children, and in the importance of sound relationships.

ii) Assist parents and carers, especially those most in need, to improve and enrich family relationships. In furtherance thereof, but not otherwise, the company shall seek to

a. To provide courses and ongoing support for parents and carers

b. To design and adapt courses to the needs of parents

c. To provide information and resources to assist parents in their efforts to enhance family well-being

d. To provide individuals with accredited training and certification in the delivery of Parent Network Scotland courses and ongoing

support; and to authorise, oversee and support them in all aspects of their work for, and in association with, Parent Network Scotland

e. To provide opportunities for parents to deliver the services provided by Parent Network Scotland, especially those who have previously participated in its courses

f. To provide training for professionals working in the fields of child care, education, health and family welfare

g. To co-operate, and work in partnership, with statutory and voluntary sector agencies providing similar and complementary services

h. To insure that the parents voice is heard in the development of national and local policies relating to family life.

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.

Parent Network Scotland (PNS) is a national charity who has been in operation in Scotland since 1990. We support families through the Scottish Parent Academy:-

- delivering of a wide range of course for parents starting with our evidence-based Parenting Matters and programmes ranging from the early years to teenage years
- builds parenting skills, confidence, and resilience to manage family relationships
- supports parents and carers on an on-going basis to become the Volunteer Parent Group Leaders in their own community. Our methodology of delivery is 'for parents by parents'; all PNS work has a peer led approach which is empowering and effective in its sustainability post programme. Building local legacy project and developing hubs is a way of ensuring families are supported locally and that support is sustained over a longer time by those who live and work locally.

This programme will consist of 2 Parent Facilitator who will support Volunteer Parent Group Leaders to enhance the offer and range of opportunities to families on the North Coast. Through the Scottish Parenting Academy (SPA) Parent Network Scotland (PNS) provide evidence-based parenting programmes and capacity building in local communities across the North Coast. We intend to target 105 families in the lifetime of the programme and employ a team comprising of 2 fully trained peripatetic facilitators and a part time Volunteer Co-ordinator (year 2) to support the project.

The project will offer courses to explore relationships, coping strategies, reduce stress, build stronger connections with their children. Using our SPACE programme (supporting Parents and Children Together) will help unpick their own negative experiences of parenting and build on their strengths to help build their capacity to support each other and embrace the joys of parenting. We will also offer accredited



training to parents that enable them to take the first step on a pathway to lifelong learning by becoming Volunteer Parent Group Leaders.

Our aim is to act as a catalyst for parents to develop their skills and then sustain parent led networks fostering self-efficacy, developing natural friendships, increasing lifelong social capital, and thereby reducing the levels of stress and isolation they often tend to experience. Through the programme we work on strategies that develop confidence and build resilience thereby allowing parents to tap into their own creative and nurturing forces by converting to VPGL's. Firstly, building soft skills to gain trust and build relationships we will then develop life skills such as positive communication, assertiveness, dealing with conflict, managing stress with the emphasis being on creating a skilled community where people support each other and create an awareness of learning and feeling supported. Through the life of this project, we will engage with 105 families whose parents who have become vulnerable through challenges in their lives.

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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

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Outcome 2:

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Parents can gain accreditation throughout their Parent Academy journey. Family Wellbeing Toolkit – We are currently in talks with Glasgow Kelvin College to make this a SCQF level 4 Community Achievement Award. (we could investigate if colleges in North Ayrshire would be interested in accreditation) Parenting Matters - Supporting family relationships SCQF level 5. This will support parents to develop their skills and experience for future employment opportunities.

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.

We have had a strong presence in North Ayrshire for over 15 years now. 2 of our facilitators live in the area as does one of our volunteers and we have a number of families that we support through our fundraising efforts over the years with Xmas vouchers/easter eggs and trips.

Our facilitator team have participated in many events across the year including 'Take Time on the Road North Ayrshire Summer 2023' in Saltcoats we engaged with 25 parents and looking forward to similar successful engagement in the upcoming Kilbirnie and Largs events. Through our partnership networks we have engaged with parents within: KA Leisure Bridgegate Hub Irvine; Millport Town Hall Community Open Day; Drop in wellbeing sessions; Information Sessions; Parent Graduate Catch Up Sessions; Delivered sessions Digitally and attended the Community Brokerage Network North Ayrshire. During one of our information sessions at Irvine Royal Academy, we provided information to parents who attended on the night.

Our consultation work has been attended by parents from North Ayrshire who were involved in the Scottish government focus groups

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 have a strong management Board who meet quarterly and have oversight of our finances. Please see through our articles of association that the organisation is well protected. Our finance administrator manages the day to day finances and it is reported back every month to the Chairperson then quarterly to the Board.

Please see targets below for this application.

Outcome 1:	
Vulnerable Families demonstrate resiliency through increased ability to overcome challenges, gaining success within key life transitions	
Indicators	Timescales
Project participants report embedding newly acquired knowledge of resiliency and skills in their parenting within family situations.	28 Year 1 35 Year 2 42 Year 3
Project participants report that they feel able to assess family situations calmly and with reduced emotional responses within changing circumstances experienced within the family.	28 Year 1 35 Year 2 42 Year 3

Outcome 2:	
Vulnerable Parents will have increased knowledge, skills and confidence to be effective parents through the volunteer parent group leader programme.	
Indicators	Timescales
Project participants demonstrate their ability to reflect, analyse, problem solve and make decisions relating to the developmental and behavioural stages of their children.	28 Year 1 35 Year 2 42 Year 3
Project participants report raised listening skills, confidence, qualifications, equipping them to positively react with issues arising in the parenting of their children	28 Year 1 35 Year 2 42 Year 3
Project participants report feeling more able to be consistent in their parenting	28 Year 1 35 Year 2 42 Year 3

Outcome 3:

Vulnerable Parents build stronger formal/informal networks and support mechanisms within their communities leading qualifications and reduced feelings of isolation.

Indicators	Timescales
Project participants demonstrate increased confidence to offer and seek support building informal networks.	12 Year 1 18 Year 2 24 Year 3
Project participants will report reduced feelings of isolation through being involved with other parents and the PGL programme.	12 Year 1 18 Year 2 24 Year 3
Project participants gain qualification and confidence to become active in building legacy informal peer support groups with other participants within the programme	12 Year 1 18 Year 2 24 Year 3

All staff have support and supervision monthly and peer support 6 weekly. All staff report back to the Board by way of quarterly reports on the targets set for them by CEO. What we look for in staff below: Facilitator Responsibilities

Support excellence in facilitation through the preparation and delivery of high quality parenting programmes and by supporting participant parents. Report directly to the Senior Facilitator and work closely and supportively with Administrators and other facilitators to deliver excellence in parent learning.

- harness and build safety and trust within group settings;
- assess relevant individual learning styles and understand the theory and practice of the group process;
- manage group dynamics;

- observe equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory practice;
- use a range of facilitation skills;
- use reflective listening skills and acknowledge feelings;
- assess learning, develop and maintain 'fit for purpose' training materials;
- manage conflict and distress in a group;
- present the content of PNS course material across its portfolio of learning materials;
- Report regularly to Senior Facilitator on delivery and potential new opportunities;
- Undertake and reflect in formal and informal evaluation, including self-evaluation.
- ensure up to date recording and processing of parent attendance, absence, withdrawals, progress and results, and other relevant PNS processes;
- follow quality assurance processes to deliver outstanding learning to parents within their communities;

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Administrative Responsibilities

- To capture, maintain and analyse attendance, training and destination figures;
- Adhere to policies and timely submission of administrative paperwork;
- Work with wider team to revise, update and maintain resources appropriate for training purposes.

Additional tasks Responsibilities

- Work in collaboration with the Senior Facilitator to plan and deliver top-up training for pool of Facilitators, including logistics;
- Work with the Senior Facilitator to maintain a clear record of all expenditure in relation to the Facilitators' training programme and maintaining a high quality service;



- Maintain knowledge of vital changes in legislation re. Child Protection, Health & Safety, Equalities;
- Contribute on a regular basis to Parent Network Scotland's Newsletter and Facilitators' Forum

Undertake any other appropriate duties as and when required by the Senior Leadership team.

Person Specification

Skill Essential Desirable

Communication skills – oral and written

Presentation skills - Experience of imparting information to a wide range of people, such as parents, teachers, social workers

Leadership skills - PNS training emphasises parents taking responsibility for their own learning. However, facilitators will need to provide clear leadership to ensure that course objectives are met

Negotiation skills - These will be needed in a wide range of circumstances, for example negotiating boundaries or changes to the course delivery with parent, discussions with professionals such as head teachers and colleges

Assertiveness skills - Facilitators will need to demonstrate their assertiveness in several ways, for example keeping parents on track, challenging and caring for own needs



Ability to take decisions - As much of the parenting training is facilitated alone, the facilitator will need to be able to plan, organise and work on own initiative

Completed any Parent Network Scotland Course

Open, Approachable, enthusiastic

Ability to think on one's feet whilst delivering materials depending on needs of group

Ability to provide parents with "hands on" activities for strengthening their parenting skills

Knowledge of designing training courses and programmes necessary to meet the training needs of parents ü

Knowledge of family engagement research and literature ü

Stay informed as to relevant skill and qualifications levels

required by facilitators for effective performance, and circulate requirements and relevant information to the

organisation as appropriate

Monitor and report on activities, costs, performance, etc as required

Prepare evaluation reports, case studies and media reports for clients and stakeholders



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 (£) **67801**

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

This is a new project and we have not drawn down any funding for this. However please see below our overall funding over the past 5 years.

Total funds

2019 - 257074

2020 - 228730

2021 - 329116

2022 - 370119

2023 - 368105

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

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

At PNS we use the following evaluation and monitoring processes.

Glasgow Kelvin College SCQF Accreditation

Verbal and written reflective evaluations

Parenting Matters pre and post evaluation forms

Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire completed

SCQF Level 5 Supporting Family Relationships.

Wellbeing Toolkit pre and post evaluations evidence an increase in the SHANARRI Indicators Respected, Healthy and Nurtured.



The CIF will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
 - 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:

Louise Riddex

Locality Officer (Kilwinning & North Coast)

Connected Communities

Community Development Team

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Mob:

For more information see the guidance form here: <https://northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf>



1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation

North Coast Locality Partnership

Postal Address for Correspondence

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

Name of Contact Person Louise Riddex

Position in Organisation Locality Officer

Telephone Number

Email Address lriddex@northayrshire.gov.uk

Total amount of funding requested:	£52,000
Match funding (if any):	

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.

The North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership is a partnership which provides support for the communities of the locality to tackle the issues that they have identified as priorities for their Local area. These are outlined in the Locality Plan. The partnership meets four times each year to oversee this work and direct and allocate any actions needed to achieve the locality priorities. They provide strategic oversight and coordination to improve lives and outcomes in the area.

Our Locality Partnership is made up of:

- The Chair – Cllr Allan Hill
- All other Elected Members for the North Coast Locality
- Russell McCutcheon – North Ayrshire Council (Senior Lead Officer)
- Rhonda Leith – North Ayrshire Council (Connected Communities)
- Public Health Representative



- Police Scotland Representative
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Representative
- Third Sector Interface Representative
- KA Leisure Representative
- The Chair of the Community Councils
- Connected Communities – Locality Co-ordinator
- Co-opted members: We can also co-opt representatives who have knowledge or expertise in specific areas of the partnership. Experience)



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.

North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Priorities Officer

This funding is requested to extend the existing post by a further 18 months. The original application was made in 2020 with an extension taking place in 2020. The post provides a Community Development Worker who is focused on the priorities of the partnership and on developing capacity and supporting communities to be able to deliver on these priorities.

The partnership has agreed in principle that they wish to extend this work for a further period of 18 months to allow further progress, and this application provides an opportunity for them to formalise this decision should they so choose.

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We know that there are inequalities within the communities of the North Coast and Cumbraes.

- Many of our local residents are older people, and they may face specific challenges in relation to social isolation, bereavement and access to services. This is an increasing population trend. By 2026, it is estimated more than a third of residents will be aged 65yrs+.
- While the North Coast and Cumbraes has traditionally been viewed as a more affluent part of North Ayrshire there are individuals and families who really struggle with issues relating to poverty. The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2016 registered the datazone of Largs Central & Cumbrae 04 within the top 15% most multiply deprived areas in Scotland. Given the upcoming concerns around fuel and poverty, this post would also have a focus on looking to help address this.
- While a range of services are available within the larger town centres the more rural communities do not have the same access to services, the worker will look map what services are available.

Through supporting the development of community initiatives and capacity in communities to deliver these, the post holder will help to increase social inclusion by ensuring more opportunities are available and more people are connected to them. The post holder will also continue to focus on the priority of improving mental wellbeing, in particular stress and anxiety of younger people. In addition they will support the development of the Cumbrae Sub Group which the partnership has recently agreed to establish.



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.

The post holder has engaged with a wide range of people and groups across the locality as part of the ongoing work. Evidence of this is provided to the partnership on a quarterly basis in the update reports on the project.

6. How will the project be managed?

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The post would continue to sit within the Connected Communities Locality Team. The post holder has been part of this team until now and the continuity and HR processes which this offers ensures that there would be no disruption to their work.

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 (£) **52,000**

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

Item	Cost	Quotation Supplied (Y/N)
Locality Priorities Worker salary and oncosts – 18 months @ 21 hours/week plus potential severance costs	£52,000	

Please give a breakdown of details of match funding (if any)

Funder	Amount	Funding Secured (Y/N)

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8. Monitoring and evaluation process

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

The post holder will continue to report on a quarterly basis to the partnership on the progress of their work.

In addition, as part of the Locality Team their work will be included in the ongoing CLD monitoring and evaluation processes to ensure quality assurance and performance management.



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Social Isolation

Work and Skills

Stress and Anxiety

- **NORTH COAST & CUMBRAE CHIT CHATS**
Cumbrae Chit Chat held on Thursday 18 April. Very poorly attended with only 2 Community Members there.
- **CRAUFURD/SIMSON AVENUE SWINGPARK**
Community meeting been held and it was agreed to proceed with the transfers to the community and set up of a SCIO for the initiative
Following a poll on FB, the name of the SCIO will be 'Craufurd Simson Park'
SCIO trustees have been elected
Constitution has been drafted and this is with the TACT lawyers for a check before submission to OSCR
OSCR application is at draft stage
Request to the Land Fund has been submitted and request has been accepted
- **YULETIDE**
Early notification form has been submitted
Community and Business meetings organised to start planning for this year.
- **CWAS LARGS CHAPTER**
Chapter now up and running with several volunteers
Trishaw has had a number of people out on rides
Louise contacting Christine Bell at CWA for update
- **LARGS FOOD HUB**
Largs Food Hub going well with over 50 members
Committee doing well and working well together
Food Hub Volunteers will be involved in giving out the School Holiday Meals provision throughout July



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- **MILLPORT COMMUNITY SHOP**

10 volunteers have now been recruited

Start-up equipment delivered

Bank account opened and all start up monies transferred

Mobile phone and laptop purchased

Awaiting marketing materials

Opening date to be decided and start up provisions to be purchased

- **WKCIL 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Event went well and was well attended

Each Volunteer received a Certificate and a miniature of Special Edition Gin created for the event

2 x 70cl bottles of the Special Edition Gin to be displayed in the Barony with details of the web site they can be purchased from. £5 from every sale will be given to the Barony and £5 to Inventors Gin who created it

- **CIF**

EOIs received from Parent Network Scotland and West Kilbride Sports Club



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Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities



Improving Mental Wellbeing



Increasing Social Inclusion

North Coast Locality KPi Stats

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KPi1 – Number of adults engaged in CLD activity

210

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

6

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

54

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

53

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

52

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

18

CC_09b – Number of volunteering opportunities participated in within CLD

50 +

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

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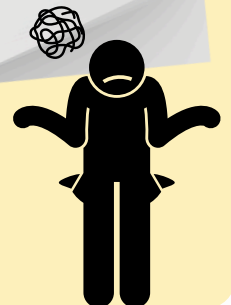
Largs Larder has now opened and is running well with 54 members signed up. Volunteers are working well and looking at different ways of supporting the community. They will assist with Holiday Meals Programme.

Planning for the next round of PB (participatory Budgeting) is now underway. Applications will open to the community at end August.



Consultation took place on the provision of a Discovery Award. Uptake wasn't great on the day but it has been further promoted by the team.

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





- **Supported Skelmorlie Community Trust with Funding Application.**
- **Largs SWI were successful in a CIF bid. This will be used for workshops with the men's shed, and sewing classes.**
- **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 'Game on' group provides sessions on numeracy through using board games. This is held in Largs library on a Wednesday 11.30-12.30.**
- **Largs Library provide services on Cost of Living Support, No wrong Door Policy, Trading Standards Pop Up, Free Refreshments in the Winter Months, Free sanitary products.**
- **All community venues have free sanitary products available within them.**
- **6 Adult Learning taster sessions were provided in the North Coast as part of Adult Learners week.**
- **Cumbræ Youth Group are currently looking at the provision of a Breakfast club on the Island.**
- **Provision of Holiday Meals will look slightly different this year. Community groups/organisations will be providing the space and volunteers for lunch pick ups. There will be no activities attached to this, however free activities will be put on at different points throughout the holidays.**

Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities 5

North Coast Youth Forum now has 17 members. They have been taking part in Committee Skills Training, as well as digital training to enable them to roll out community consultations and have a wider scope.

Some of the Young People have expressed an interest in being Youth Work MAs so have been doing some entry level youth work training.



Looking at the provision of a Discovery Award group for people 50+ who live in the North Coast Locality. This would build upon existing skills while also encourage participants to learn new skills.

1:1 literacy/numeracy support being provided to the community through the multiply project. This will be ongoing until March 2025.








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 assist them on their Community Asset Transfer applications. This involves a lot of planning, budgeting and writing a business plan, giving people transferable skills.**
- **New Personal Development Award (PDA) in Youth Work group will be starting in Largs Academy early June. There have been 13 young people signed up to the course which will take place in school time over the course of the school year.**
- **North Coast Media project now has a member of staff in place. They will be working within the locality looking at building the digital skills of the community. The West Kilbride Youth Group will be one of the first groups to participate in a training programme.**
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Currently holding an online consultation for a walk and talk group in the North Coast Locality, this is via Microsoft Forms. If there is a good response the group will start asap.



Skelmorlie Youth Group has restarted and has young people coming from various school in North Ayrshire, as well as Inverclyde. They are participating in numerous different activities of their choice, which encompasses wellbeing and inclusion.

Love yourself



Clyde Coast and Cumbrae Men's shed are continuing to run, providing a space for men to come along and take part in activities if they wish, or if they just want to mingle that opportunity is also there.





Improving Mental Wellbeing

- **Mindful Mandate (Mens MH Group) still has low numbers attending. Only 4 registered with at least 2 attending every week. Although numbers are low it provides a much needed service to the people who are attending.**
- **Largs Wellness model continues to meet and are looking at how they move forward.**
- **Skelmorlie Community Trust are looking at putting on a Wellbeing Event within the locality. They are currently in the process of speaking with different partners, whole exploring funding opportunities.**
- **As part of Connected Communities Summer offer, we are exploring the possibility of having community wellbeing days. Provisional dates for this are 10th and 11th July within Kelburn Castle grounds. Various activities will be on offer for all ages. Also looking at having a day at Fairlie Beach on 25th July.**

Increasing Social Inclusion



Largs Youth Group are currently working on a comic book project. Some of the youth forum members come along to this group as peer educators. They are supporting a boy within the group who has autism. The boy has progressed greatly. He used to not engage, and would never stay at the group until the end. He has now progressed to being actively involved, and staying the full time in the group.



Planned Family Fun Days for the Locality which will be held in West Kilbride and Largs, as part of the summer offer from Connected Communities. These events will be open to all.





Increasing Social Inclusion

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- **West Kilbride Youth Group continues to run with an average of 15 young people attending every week.**
- **Cumbræ Youth Group are looking at widening their provision to the younger age group. They have planned a couple of workshops to look at doing this.**
- **More groups within the Locality are looking at the possibility of Community Asset Transfers. They will be supported through this process.**
- **A celebration event took place in West Kilbride Community Centre to Mark the 25th anniversary of the West Kilbride Community Initiative. Current and previous volunteers were invited along and were given a certificate and small token of appreciation.**
- **NC/LGBT youth forum consultation with Largs Community Council is currently on hold to enable the 3 groups to decide who's taking what forward.**
- **Skelmorlie Primary Rights Respecting Committee are awaiting report to see if they have gained the gold charter for rights in schools. Young people have worked really hard to make that possible.**

The North Coast youth forum were tasked with working in partnership with Largs Community Council to create a litter campaign that would be rolled out within Largs and across the North Coast, in which young people within Largs academy were tasked with taking pride in their local community and utilise green space, which would be spearheaded by the young people.



Young people met with Robbie from the Largs Community Council to discuss the next steps. they felt would be appropriate, including relevant posters that would be strategically placed around places where young people are known to hang out.

The Youth Forum created a QR code through MS Forms, which enabled young people from the school to sign up to a pledge promising they would support their peers in picking up litter and keeping the North Coast Locality clean and safe.

Every Young Person who signed up were given a badge which showed they supported the litter campaign, and granted discounted rates at local businesses.

Almost all young people from Largs Academy signed up to join the litter campaign and pledged to keep Largs clean, safe and litter free. Young people from the forum gained valuable experience in working in partnerships and in a large-scale projects.



This is why I joined the Youth Forum, to make a difference to the place I live.

I really enjoyed feeling like I was helping out making Largs a nice place to live..

It was cool to work with adults from Largs and feel like I was making a change to where I live.

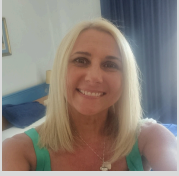


Thanks to everyone who arranged the WKCIL celebration event. It feels so nice to have it recognised, and to celebrate it without it going unnoticed.

Dawn has a great way of explaining how to think about something. She is passionate and patient. Activities are fun, and things I find I can use in everyday life. They are presented in a fun and understanding way.”

MEET THE KILWINNING/NC LOCALITY TEAM

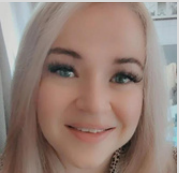
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STRATEGIC QUARTERLY UPDATE

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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

Young people met at Saltcoats Town Hall on the 19th March to tackle a host of hard-hitting issues at the latest Youth Joint Cabinet meeting.

The morning session was the latest in a series of joint meetings involving North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet and Senior Officers alongside Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and the Youth Council Executive.

Representing all of North Ayrshire's secondary schools, over 100 young people attended from Irvine Royal, Greenwood, St Matthews, Kilwinning, Largs, Auchendarvie, Ardrossan, Garnock Community Campus, Arran High and Lockhart Campus.

With Youth Executive, school youth forums and pupil parliaments featuring representation from across North Ayrshire, already underway, The Joint Cabinet meeting was the latest youth participation milestone in 2024.

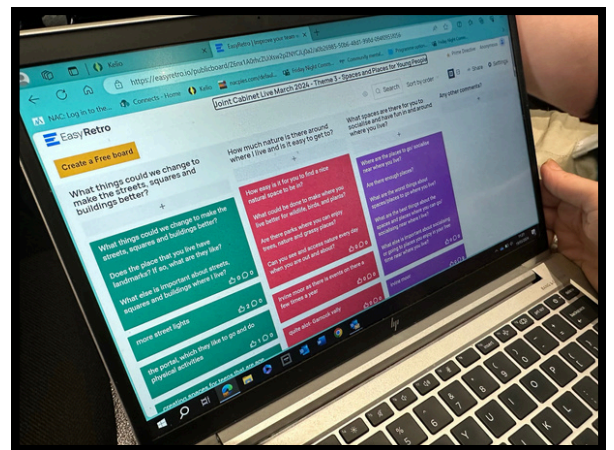
Joint Cabinet is a vital part of the Council's Youth Participation Strategy, it allows pupils to learn more about how their local authority operates, while forming an important part of the Council's approach to give young people a voice.

During the round-table discussions, the format included a combination of listening to the experience of young people directly and encouraging attendees to scan a QR code and contribute online via the Council's Youth Participation digital platform.

The discussions of the latest Youth Joint Cabinet centred around:

- Budget Engagement – Closing the Engagement Loop
- Employability and Next Steps
- Space and Places for Young People
- Bullying
- The Cost of Living

Emma Burns, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament for Cunninghame South, was a panel member at the event. She said:



“North Ayrshire was the first - and is one of only two local authorities - in Scotland to host an annual Joint Cabinet meeting with young people. Youth Joint Cabinet is such a brilliant opportunity to bring young people together and put them in front of policy makers and decision makers who can demonstrate to our peers that we remain at the heart of the Council's decision making on all policies and strategies affecting young people. If you have something you want to say on an issue important to you, please let us know. Your voice will be listened to and actioned upon.”



The bi-annual meeting was one in a series organised by the Council's Youth Services team as part of their ongoing work to encourage participation and citizenship.

Council Leader Marie Burns said:

"As a child and youth-centred Council, young people are at the heart of the Council's decision-making, and we care deeply about their point of view. This is a fantastic example of how the Council is championing North Ayrshire's Youth Participation Strategy to meet with young people in-person to hear their views."

Following the announcement of the Council's Budget 2024/25, this week's meeting was an important opportunity for our young attendees to challenge us on some of the decisions being made. We do not underestimate just how important these joint meetings are.

The feedback is now being collated and will give the Council's Cabinet and Leadership team a clear demonstration of how vital it is to involve our young people in Council business and what actions we need to take forward. It can be daunting standing up for what you believe in, but our young people showed strength and courage as they made their voices heard this week, thank you. Every one should be really proud of themselves."

The Council Leader also recognised the area's local members of Scottish Youth Parliament in attendance:

"Thank to our new MSYPs – Adam, Rhyan, Freya and Emma – for attending their first Joint Cabinet meeting as Members of Scottish Youth Parliament. I have no doubt that secondary pupils and those attending youth clubs and events will be seeing a lot more of them. As a Council we look forward to working our new MSYPs and the Executive Youth Forum to take forward as many actions as we can from today's Joint Youth Cabinet meeting."



All data is in the process of being collated to be shared with relevant partners to help shape policy, plans and future plans that involve our young people here in North Ayrshire.



Primary Seven Youth Council

North Ayrshire Council hosted its latest Primary Seven Youth Council in March 2024.

Taking place at Ardeer Community Centre, Primary 7 pupils from St Bridgets, St John's, Ardeer, West Kilbride, Elderbank, Corsehill, and Blacklands Primary School took the chance to meet with their peers and take part in a series of interactive workshops.

120 pupils were in attendance to learn new skills ahead of their transition to secondary school and find out more about youth participation in North Ayrshire.

4 interactive workshops took place to learn young people new skills and meet other young people from across North Ayrshire.

Workshop 1 - A Practical Approach to Wellbeing

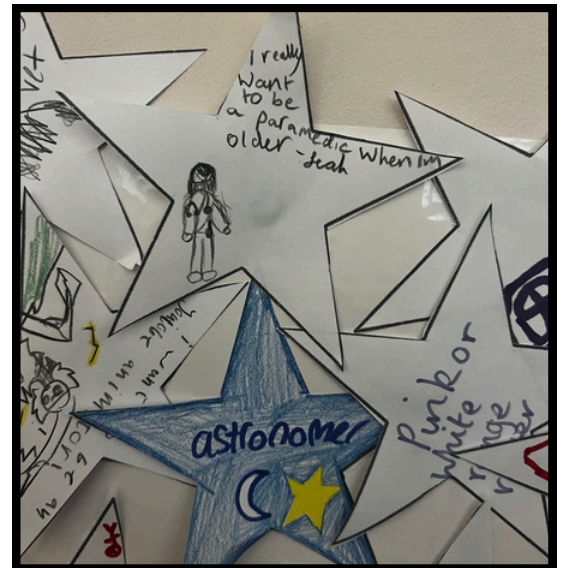
Wellbeing can be defined as “feeling good and functioning well” We know that when individuals have a sense of wellbeing then they perform better and have happier lives. In keeping with this theme, we held a circuit theme workshop using the 5 ways to wellbeing:

The 5 Ways to Wellbeing are:

- Connect
- Be Active
- Take Notice
- Learn
- Give

Workshop 2 - Outdoor Learning Experiences

We held an introduction to outdoor learning exploring some of the vital resources used during expeditions for cooking and sleeping. The Duke of Edinburgh programme was fully explained including the various sections of the award and information about how to get involved was shared



Workshop 3 - Spaces and Places for Young People

Engagement activities were shared to discover young people's views on where they live, focussing on areas they feel are positive while identifying the areas most in need of improvement. The Place Standard toolkit was used to gather young people views on local play facilities in an interactive and fun manner.



Workshop 4 – My Say, My Way - Youth Forums – How to have your say?

Pupils learnt about the range of projects Youth Forums are involved in and currently deliver in North Ayrshire. There was an opportunity for young people to tell us how best to have their voice heard and how they engage with other young people. Details and contact information for our local Youth Forums were shared to allow young people to get involved as well as some of our North Ayrshire youth voice opportunities.

While the Executive Youth council is North Ayrshire’s representative voice for young people aged 12 and over, the Primary Youth Council was formed in 2022 to amplify the voice of younger children across the area.

The pupil’s lived experience gathered from the workshops was a good opportunity for the young people to meet with peers from other schools and have the chance to share what they liked about school life and the local facilities near them but also focus on the areas of improvement required and the obstacles them and their families.

This information will now be reported back the Council’s leadership team so that the knowledge gained can contribute towards and shape specific policies and strategies related to children and young people and take any necessary actions required.

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Joint Youth Forum

The views of young people were in focus as our youth voice groups came together in March to make their voices heard and work collaboratively.

All part of the Joint Youth Forum young people aged between 12-25 had the opportunity to raise issues that were important to them and took part in a day of mental health training and resilience planning.



Supported by Community Learning and Development workers representing each locality in North Ayrshire, North Ayrshire's network of youth forums are a great way for those aged 12-25 to get involved in youth participation. Put simply, a youth forum is a place where young people have the chance to make their voices heard, where opinions will be taken on board and then used to inform local decision-making.

North Ayrshire Council has six youth forums, and specific youth voice groups for young carers, care experienced young people, New Scots, ASN, Mental Health and Climate Change operating weekly across each of our localities. The forums are the sounding board to the Council's Administration and Chief Executive on issues that matter most to young people.

The agenda of the day focussed on mental health and wellbeing:

An introduction to mental Health - SAMH

This workshop session provided members with an awareness of stress and anxiety. It encouraged them to consider the worries and stress that we all experience, and how they can sometimes develop into anxiety. The forum were introduced to coping strategies, breathing exercises, and grounding techniques.

Positive Mindset and Resilience

Our mental health and wellbeing workers took young people through some resilience techniques including a positive hands exercise, letter to your future self, gratitude and how to protect your wellbeing.

The interactive day also gave opportunity for forum members to sign up as a Bee You Ambassadors and Mural Project in localities, focussing on how we normalise mental wellbeing and gave an insight into the the mural project that Youth Forums can get involved in, including training opportunities and consultations.



Members of Scottish Youth Parliament

Our newly elected MSYPs came together with their counterparts from East Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway to form the south west collaborative and work jointly on Scottish Youth Parliament business and local issues in February 2024.

Hosted in Redburn Community Centre the members shared their reasons on why they stood for in election and what they hoped to achieve in their term

Sharing what our participation structures in North Ayrshire looked like and how youth voice works locally.

Ahead of their sitting in June they took time to learn more about:

- Choosing a committee
- How to consult effectively
- Choosing the SYP Campaign
- Members Motions



The new national campaigns (2024-2026) have been consulted on with constituents across Scotland and here in North Ayrshire and will focus on:

Increase mental health training and education

“There should be mandatory training for those working in education and health care settings on how to identify mental health problems and provide support for all young people, especially those most at risk.”

Invest in and protect youth work services

“Local youth work should be invested in by national and local government and protected by law from budget cuts.”

End gender-based violence

“The Scottish Youth Parliament recognises many girls and women feel unsafe in public spaces and calls on decision makers and communities to raise awareness and work together to eliminate gender-based violence in public areas.”

The MSYPs will work locally to consult and engage with their peers to gather data that will be shared with the Scottish Government over the coming 18 months.



LIAM Programme

We have now started rolling out the LIAM programme in a community setting, support young people through learning and delivering the NHS and Professor Paul Stallard LIAM (Lets introduce Anxiety Management) programme.

The programme ensures correct delivery of a clear current programme of information that is integrated into an hour-long workshops that is easily understood with 'by young people, for young people' premise being kept.

The programme allows support for young people individually or in groups whilst working with other partners, community groups and schools to ensure young people are supported.

This programme is made up of a 9 week 1-hour sessions, it is delivered by trained practitioners across North Ayrshire based within schools and the community.

The topics covered in these sessions are:

- Understanding Anxiety
- Understanding My Anxiety
- Traps and Anxiety Tools
- Anxiety Tools - Body and Thinking
- Facing Anxiety
- Planning Ahead



This programme has most recently been delivered on a one to one basis.

This young person is 18 years old and needed support to manage their understanding of their anxiety and the expectation of their job role. In starting the programme, they established 3 goals that they wanted to use the LIAM programme support to work towards, these were:

1. Learn and understand social cues
2. To confidently speak in public
3. To comfortably stay in events

In doing this programme there has been a widely noticed increase in this person's confidence, approach and understanding of themselves and the job expectation. Although the programme is complete it has been agreed that a informal weekly check in.



The participant stated:

"From the start of the Liam sessions to now I am feeling so much better thanks to Vicki I can say that I am more comfortable and able to stay calm when going into different new situations. Throughout these sessions I have learned what anxiety actually is and what to do if I feel like I wanted to get out of a situation, this is things like relaxations, coping mechanisms, and many more. I would totally recommend this program for anyone who has got or struggles with anxiety as there are many different coping strategies that you learn about when doing this programme. One thing that I really enjoyed was talking about how I felt and what I can do to get from maybe a 3 in my goal progress chart (start of programme) to coming to a 9 or maybe a 10. I also really liked the fact that it was 1-1 and also when the weather got better we were able to go a walk to talk about what my worries and stresses of the week were but also getting some fresh air and getting vitamin D. Personally, for me, I did LAIM to learn why I get anxious and what I can do to reduce the urge to flee a situation, this can be things like not knowing anyone that you are going to a meeting with or maybe its presenting in front of loads of people from work that you have not worked with before or you don't work with them on a regular basis. I now can do this with much more control than before."

Young Person Age 18



Me and My Money

Me & Money is a new workshop MHUK have developed that Change Mental Health are currently piloting. Much like the Your Resilience, it is aimed at 14-18 year olds and is delivered through a one-hour session supported by a facilitator guidebook and young person's toolkit that explores the interconnection between money and mental health.

The programme was designed in response to the rise in money anxiety amongst young people and the cost-of-living crisis that is fuelling valid fears about personal and household finances.

The programme is co-produced with young people and has been designed to reflect and respond to young people's lived experience of money, how young people said they wished to be supported with challenges around money and what young people told us they would like to learn about money.

A trainer came along to our group and facilitated the Me and My Money workshop to a group of 8 young people consisting of 5 modern apprentices and 3 of Irvine Royal Academy's Mental Health Ambassadors and staff. The trainer ran the session with plenty of input and discussion from the young people in attendance.

After attending the session staff and the young people were invited to attend an external evaluation on the workshop with Glade Insights team to give our feedback, from this the group attending will be asked to attend future focus group meetings to support the progression of the programme to get it to roll out stage for young people across the UK.



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This programme has so much potential to create support for young people across North Ayrshire. The objective of this workshop is to:

- Provide young people with an understanding of the interconnection between money and mental health
- Empower young people by supporting them to understand how our attitudes towards money can influence our thoughts and behaviours
- Equip young people with a suite of resilience-building skills and tools related to money which they can use to support themselves, now and in the future.

From delivering The Mental Health UK Your Resilience programme across North Ayrshire and seeing the benefits of this we can see how the Me and My Money Programme can and will be beneficial in supporting young people. In supporting this programme at pilot stage it helps gain insight and have understanding of what my future delivery of this programme might look like and who might benefit from this type of workshop



Trindlemoss Wellbeing Project

Our new Programme at Trindlemoss is running weekly up until the 24th of June, providing information, videos, activities and arts and crafts surrounding Mental Health and Wellbeing for their 18-25 years young adults.

Trindlemoss day opportunities centre has so much to offer, and we have been given use of all available resources and suites to suit that days delivery. This is done with a light approach, with multiple resources at hand to keep the sessions person led and to suit specific need.

Creating workshops surrounding mental health and wellbeing for young people with additional support needs in context of the Trindlemoss Day opportunities premise 'to create a community resource that enables people to create, participate in and design meaningful and genuine opportunities for their own benefit and the benefit of others'.

The topics covered in these sessions are:

- 1: What is Mental Health
- 2: Resilience
- 3: Social Networks
- 4: Outdoors activities
- 5: Mindfulness
- 6: Self Care

The Programme has 5 consistent young people that have attended group however during a Lockhart Campus visit we were joined by a additional 5 young people who will be using the Trindlemoss facility after the summer.



Sessions have been very successful, the group look forward to our visits and our staff team have a great time with lots of engagement, interaction and a particular fondness to mindfulness activities. In the coming weeks we will be doing some arts and crafts and taking the group outdoors keeping with the theme of mental health and wellbeing.

Activities at Trindlemoss are led by the hopes, dreams and aspirations of those that attend and in creating a partnership with this amazing facility we hope to support 'changing the focus from support needs to life aspirations'.



Our hope is the mental health and wellbeing activities with the young adults will help them feel enriched and empowered in gaining knowledge to better understand themselves and their, hopes, worries, anxieties and relationships.

"Thank you so much for your workshop yesterday the group had great fun and they found the session most enjoyable. You have a great wee team with you and we are looking forward to your next visit."

"Today was great, we all enjoyed it. They are not happy that you are away for 2 weeks...lol....that tells me that you and your team are a hit. It would be great if you could deliver to others in Trindlemoss as they would love such a workshop, but I totally understand your remit. We can't wait to see you again. Thanks, from all of us involved and see you soon."

Jamie Menzies Development Worker MHS – Learning Disabilities



Garnock Valley Kindness Mural

Working with the Bee You Ambassadors group, the Mental Health Project Delivery Officer had many discussions around what issues young people faced in their local communities and how they could use their mental health training to benefit these young people.

Through these discussions it was recognised that some work around suicide prevention should be prioritised. Throughout North Ayrshire the statistics for youth suicides were particularly alongside feelings of low mood, anxiety and depression. The young people felt a project highlighting positive mental health messages that would also give young people local signposting/ support services would support their peers in a proactive way.

Following on from the Kindness Mural Consultation across the Garnock Valley, the Project Delivery Officer developed the mural initiative, co designed and produced with input from young Bee You Ambassadors, Community Partners and Locality Staff.

Working with Garnock Valley Youth Forum, supporting group meeting and facilitating session around the creation of the Mural in the Garnock Valley, the young people collaborated with a local graffiti artist and volunteers from Dalry Community Gardens.

This was the first draft of the design was created by the artist and young people.



The young people and Graffiti Artist would work on creating this design in November 2023 with the reveal and open day in December 2023. The vibrant and eye-catching mural is located at the community garden where young people can not only see the message of positivity but provided links through QR codes to support services and mental health and wellbeing mapping for young people.



Bee You Ambassador Finley said: "We were all really passionate about building a lasting legacy for young people in North Ayrshire. The reason for this is because we understand that mental health and the stark rise of young people impacted by suicide are both serious issues having a real, detrimental impact on the wellbeing of local young people today. So, over the last few months we have been speaking directly to our peers in both classroom and youth settings to hear more about their lived-experiences. This has given us an understanding of what is working well and if they need it, we've shared what support is out there locally. One key theme we have identified through this work is that there's so many young people out there who are unsure about where they can turn to outside of school."

The Bee You Ambassadors have incorporated a vital design element – the inclusion of a QR code that people can scan when visiting the mural to find out what mental health support is out there for them.



Bounceback with our Primaries



Each quarter we continue to deliver the Bounceback mental health programme with our primaries. This quarter we have been working with Dalry Primary, West Kilbride Primary and Dykesmains Primary creating a programme surrounding mental health and wellbeing. Delivered by our North Ayrshire Bee You mental health ambassadors they deliver to primary 6 school aged young people, to then become mini bee you ambassadors for their primary school.

This programme is 6, 1-hour sessions, it is delivered by Bee You Ambassadors who are a group of young people which have completed a Mental Health First Aid qualification. These young people and the programme is delivered to a group of P6/P7 with these young people becoming Bee You Ambassadors for the primary school.

The topics covered in these sessions are: What is Mental Health, Resilience, Social Networks, Friendships, Making Decisions and Self Care/Certificates

The programme allows the ambassadors who are all aged between 16 and 21 the chance to share valuable information with young people aged around 10-12. The programme is designed to support all of the young people involved with their resilience. The Ambassadors leading it have completed Mental Health First Aid and/or the Mental Health UKs Your Resilience programme, in delivering what they have learned only reaffirms the learning that these young people have already had further increasing their resilience and confidence.

‘We loved the Bee You Ambassadors coming in each week, they were so bright and confident about the subjects all the kids really enjoyed it and I can’t wait to see how they will use it in their school, we hope you will come back’ - Dykesmains Primary School

‘I look forward to this every week, Finley is my favourite Bee You Ambassador. I liked learning about my circle of control as I do get worried about a lot’ - Dalry Primary School young person age 10



New Scots

New Scots ESOL Hub

In partnership with Education we have been working with unaccompanied young asylum seekers and on 16th of February, 2024, the first group of young people were welcomed into the New Scots ESOL Hub. At present, there are 12 students attending between the ages of 16 and 18. They have just started a film project with the newly formed Next Take community group and we are looking forward to seeing how this progresses and the film that will be produced.

Nova Scotia Youth Group

This quarter we developed a partnership with Spike Wheat Scots & Killie in the Community, who now provide professional coaching for the Under 16s Nova Scotia's team.

Several members of Nova Scotia's Under 16s team had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the broader sports culture of Scotland during their visit as guests of Killie in The Community at the match between Kilmarnock FC and Celtic.

Their participation in this event not only offered them a glimpse into Scottish football but also allowed them to engage in the wider culture through the lens of sport.



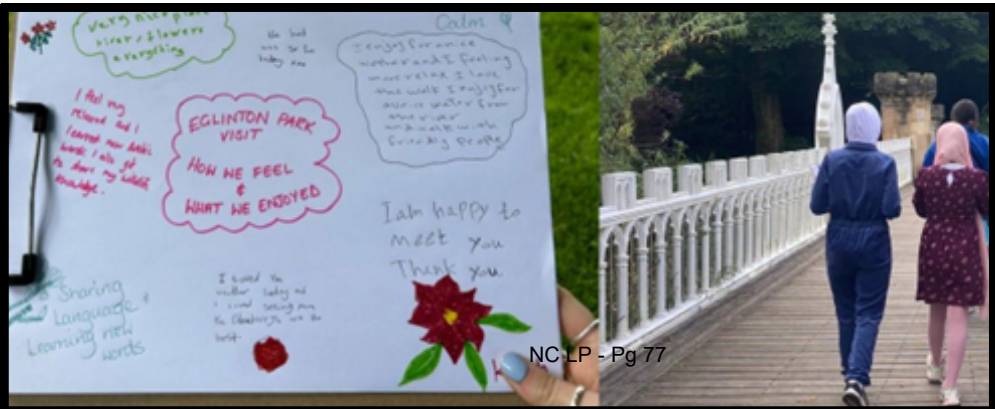
New Scots

Outside the Box Project

The outside the box project has now come to a conclusion and during the time of this project the women have established themselves as the Scots Syrian Roses. They were keen to engage with the discussions and began sharing ideas and suggestions – noting these down using mind maps. From these discussions we were able to plot out a plan for activities which was co-produced by the group.



Wellbeing Nature Walk – From the planning session the group expressed the importance of leisure activity and the impact it has on their physical and mental health. The women met in Eglinton Park, walked around the park showing the project staff their favourite spaces, they participated in some family nature activity and stopped at the end for a picnic. This session gave them time to talk about wellbeing and mental health in relaxed and informal way.



New Scots

The group, led by Khaldiya, hosted a BBQ at Eglinton Park. The event brought 30-35 Syrian and Afghan women together for an afternoon of food and talking. The session was also attended by a range of North Ayrshire Council support staff (approx. 5-8 staff).



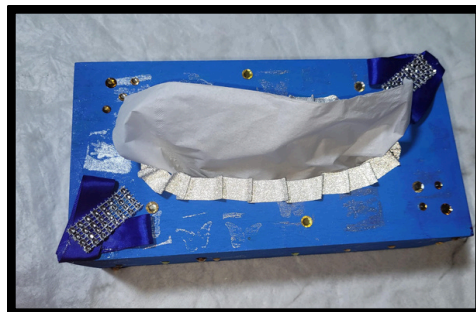
Another activity was an exchange visit hosted by Scots Syrian Roses, to reciprocate their trip to the Community Gathering in Clydebank. 9 women travelled down from Clydebank to receive a warm welcome and amazing food from the group. The two groups shared stories, sang and danced together and have now set up a larger WhatsApp group to enable them to keep in touch and share information.



New Scots

Bourtree Belles

The Bourtree Belles Irvine women’s group has developed well, with new regular members and activities, and the women increasingly being encouraged to self-direct, making decisions about how their funding is spent and the programme of activities. Members have enjoyed group trips to Irvine and Kilmarnock and created crafts included candles and decorated boxes. We also had children’s activities during school holidays. The group is invited to take part in an International Food Festival at Tinder Moss/Towerlands in late May, showcasing their food, and is generally developing links with other local groups.

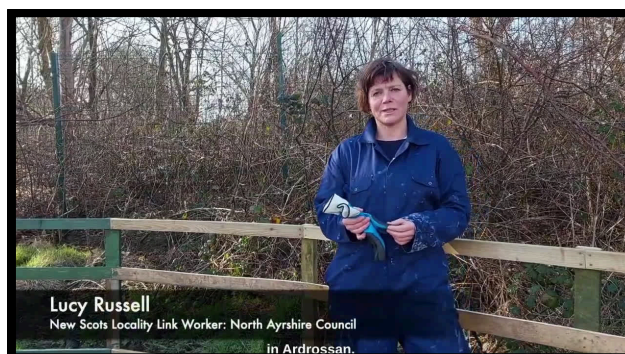


Allotments Project

Volunteers from the News Scots community have wrapped up a year-long allotments project by building a nature hide. The group has been using gardening and woodwork skills to help make improvements at the Three Towns Growers site in Ardrossan.

They previously did some painting, built planters and erected a greenhouse, and recently wrapped up the project by creating a nature hide that will allow visitors to enjoy local wildlife without causing any disturbance.

Volunteer Yuriy Yatsuta, from Ukraine, said he joined the project to improve his English, do some practical work with his hands and give himself some headspace.



Multiply Mid Week Meals

The midweek meals programme, in partnership with Link-up, started in February 2024 in the Argyle Centre Saltcoats. The programme is designed to address budgeting and food insecurities by teaching learners to cook and prep food that can be frozen and that will cost less to make from scratch. Due to the size of the kitchen the programme was limited to 7 learners at a time.

It was created to deliver numeracy and budgeting in an approachable way that focused on learning but with food dignity. That is why I named the programme mid-week meals and not anything relating cooking on budget etc.

The programme ran for 6 weeks with the learners receiving a recipe book and certificate upon completion.



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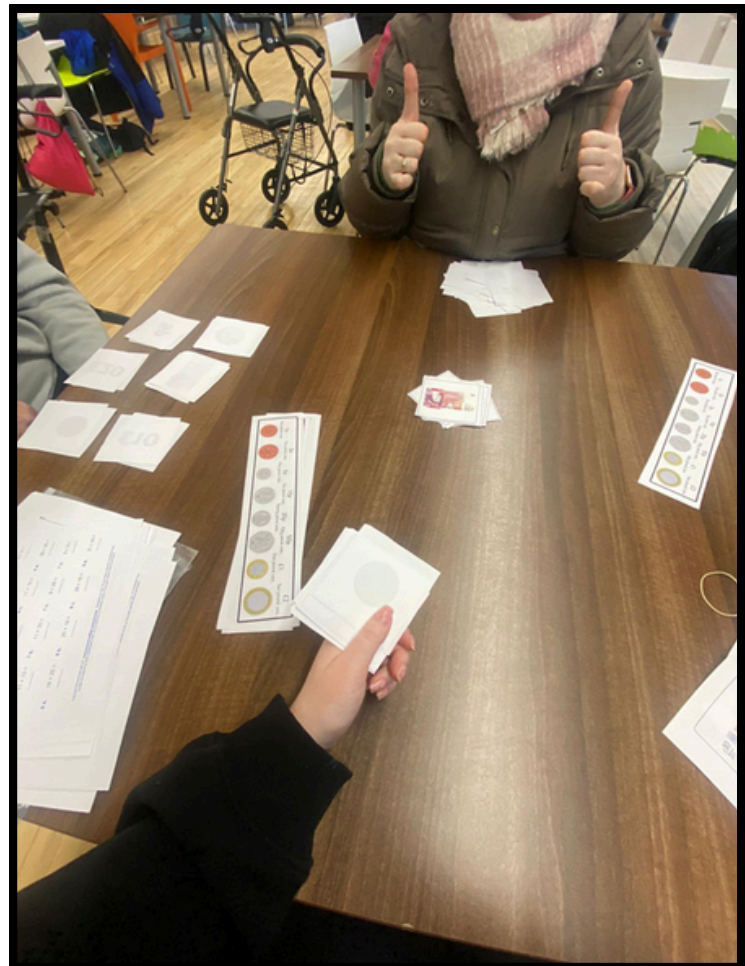
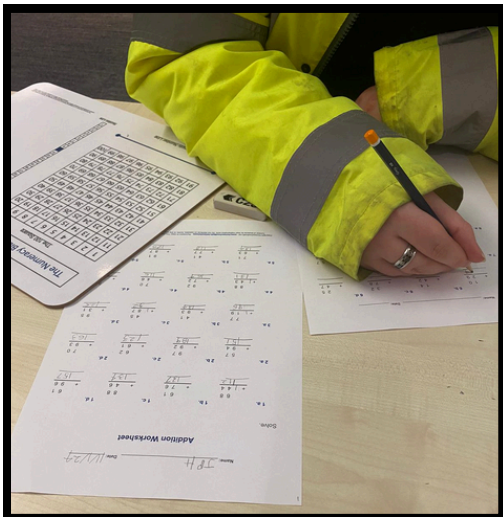


The Multiply Project

The Multiply project in North Ayrshire is working in collaboration with the third sector and further education with CHAP, Ayrshire college, University of Highland and Islands Arran and the delivery of the Multiply Community Fund with The Ayrshire Community Trust. In this quarter the project has worked with 545 numeracy learners and supported 65 people to secure accreditation in numeracy.

We have launched a podcast around the work we do and support we can offer here at Multiply, free to listen via Soundcloud, Click on the link for a listen and please get in touch if you'd like to know more - [Multiply Podcast Episode 1 by Multiply \(soundcloud.com\)](#).

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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Gaelic

Coisir Ghaidhlig Arainn (Arran Gaelic Choir) was established November 2023. There are now about 13 members of the Coisir Ghaidhlig Arainn, ages range from 18 to nearly 80. They have performed on two occasions - "Christmas Celebrations " in the Brodick Hall in December 2023 and more recently at the Arran Music Festival in March 2024, singing a puirt (mouth music) and a song from a book called "Arainn nam Beann" a book about Arran Gaelic.

The choir meets on a Monday every fortnight in the Play Barn at Auchrannie, with increased weekly rehearsals for a month before a performance. The next planned gig will be during the Arran Folk Festival in early June. As well as singing throughout the island they have a busy schedule over the next 18 months, having agreed to do two lunchtime performances in the Ormidale Pavilion later this year and this year's Christmas Concert. They will also venture into more challenging harmony singing with "Sine Bhan" and "Athchuinge".



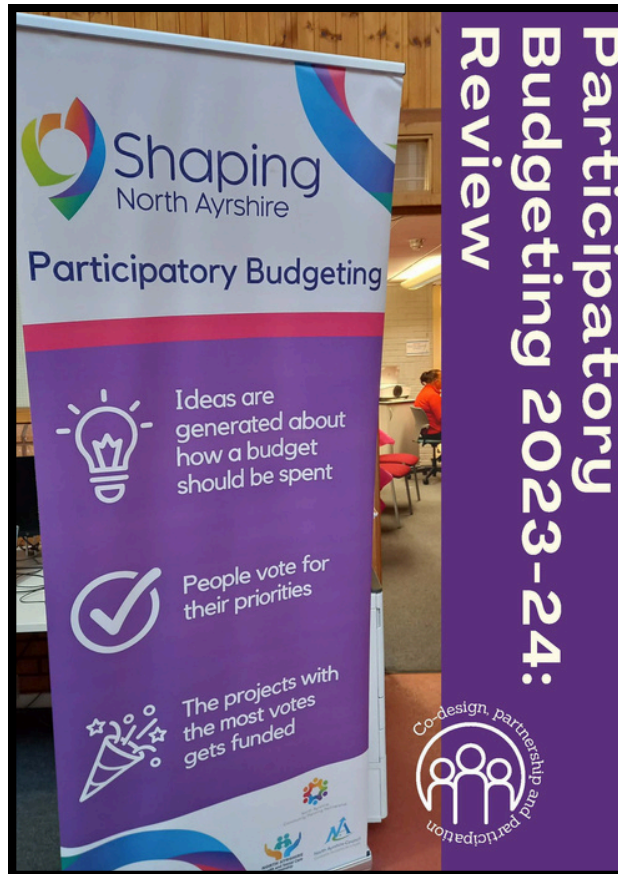
Coisir Ghaidhlig Arainn first night



Participatory Budgeting

Current PB updates:

- PB Evaluations are ongoing for youth and locality PB for 22/23 with a 75% return in evaluation returns. It is anticipated that we will utilise the Consul platform to follow the full PB applicants journey from start to finish, where applicant is able to share their updates through social media platforms.
- Participatory Budgeting Review has been compiled and planning for this year's PB funding round is underway.



- PB training is being delivered across localities. Following a service re design there is no longer a Capacity and Empowerment team and all PB processes will be filtered through localities. Training will cover these processes, including engagement via our Consul platform.



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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 has been working on a Single Point of Contact training and guidance document. This training will build on improved communications between departments and will be delivered to all staff who will be responsible for working with Community groups interested in taking on a community asset.

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

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 - Bowencraigs Playing fields (final stages) - Brisbane Centre - Simson/ Craufurd Avenue Swing Park - Holehouse Road



Food Insecurities

The Fairer Food Network & Larder Updates



- Currently 15 food larders across North Ayrshire supporting over 3000 households with a dignified food provision.
- Largs Food Hub, based in Largs Library, opened its doors on 27 Feb and have over 50 households registered and support approximately 20 households each week. Support is being given to develop a monitoring and financial system that suits their needs. Support is also being provided with their OSCR application.
- The sixth 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 May 2024.
- The quarterly NAFF meeting was held on March 24 and was hosted by Beith CA, The group heard from Thom Leddingham from Planning on the current survey that he is conducting. This will influence future plans around shopping and food retail needs. They also heard from Suzanne Scott at NHS Smoking Cessation on the support and pop up provision she can provide.
- Millport Larder is progressing with work towards opening. Shelving has arrived and is sitting at St Johns waiting to go across.
- The Tap End Larder has had a change of committee and roles within the association. The Treasurer now has responsibility for the larder and this will hopefully help with development moving forward.
- Argyle Community Association and Saltcoats Link Up are looking to have a working agreement drawn up in respect of the Community Shop. Link Up have relocated to the TACT office and therefore are no longer on site to provide support as and when, however the valued partnership between both will continue to support local residents.
- The FFADO visited Eco Savvy on Arran in April and visited the Waste Café that was operating in Corrie. The subsidised food model is well received and around 70 tins are purchased each session. In keeping with the ethos of Eco Savvy, no tinned meat or fish is offered and this has not been an issue or requested. It was noted that the demograph using the café, seemed, in the majority, to be older people. Staff acknowledged that their operational times is not perhaps family friendly and are looking at some additional offers.
- Asylum Seekers - £1500 has been awarded from the Mears Foundation to support asylum seeking households in Irvine and Stevenston with 6 months access to their larders.



Food Insecurities

Publicity and Promotion

Leeds University and the consumer group Which? looked at 363 councils across the UK, assessing neighbourhoods on measures such as distance to large supermarkets, the number of families on free school meals and households in food poverty.

The study found 29 councils where half the people were living in places considered at high risk of food insecurity.

Three were in Scotland - North Ayrshire where 65% of people lived in such neighbourhoods, East Ayrshire (59%) and West Dunbartonshire (50%).

The BBC filmed footage at North Ayrshire Foodbank, St Bridgets Primary, Kilbirnie, Café Solace, Kilbirnie and local residents.



This was then shown on both the lunchtime and 6pm news on Wednesday 24 April 24.

Comms Promotion

Our comms team continue to support the network with an ongoing roll out of information on social media.

A short video has also been prepared to highlight the work of the local growers who supported our larder network with fresh veg last summer. This will be promoted during Mental Health Week.

Scotland's Good Food Nation Plan

The consultation period for Scotland's Good Food Nation Plan closed on 22 April. The FFADO attended a Conference in Edinburgh in Feb which provided a good overview of the expectations of the plan. Our Comms teams promoted the consultation period and the online support sessions and the FFADO was involved in preparing and presenting to the relevant departments across NAC and Rhona Leith finalised and submitted the response to the Chief Exec on behalf of the council.

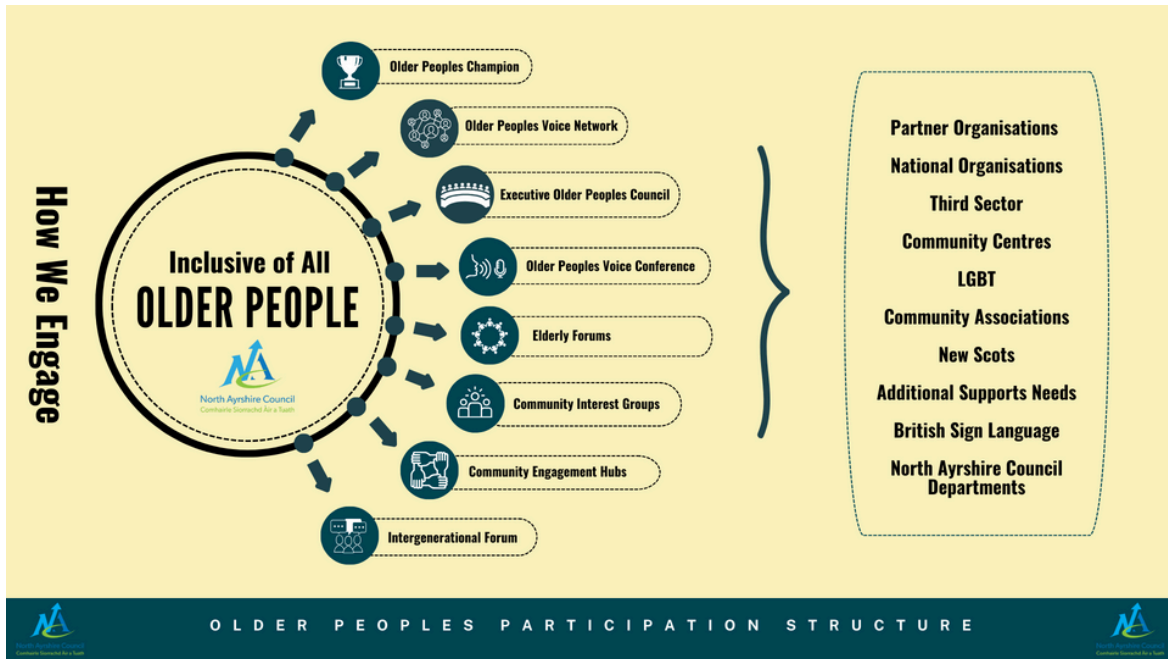
Moving forward, once the plan is approved and published, each Local Authority and Health Board will have one year to draft, consult and publish their own plan.

Six Outcomes represent what a sustainable food system in Scotland would be in a Good Food Nation.

A vision for Scotland to be a Good Food Nation, where people from every walk of life take pride and pleasure in, and benefit from, the food they produce, buy, cook, serve, and eat each day. The [Good Food Nation \(Scotland\) Act 2022](#) provides the legislative framework that enables us to take steps towards realising our vision.



The Older Peoples Voice & Engagement Hubs



The Older Peoples Voice

The Connected Communities Community Learning Development team have recently gone through a staffing restructure which in turn has impacted the Older Peoples Voice offer for 2024.

The original plan was to hold 2x Older Peoples Network meetings, 2x Executive Older Peoples meetings followed by another Conference.

This year, we will be holding 1x Older Peoples Network meeting in the second week of June which will be locality based and facilitated by each point of contact from the CLD team.

Agendas will be set by our older people, keeping in line with 'Your Voice, Your Agenda, You Decide!' All points raised and discussed will be collated and be used as the Agenda for the Executive Older Peoples Council with the Council Leader & Older Peoples Champion Marie Burns on June 27th.

After much success last year, we will be holding another Older Peoples Voice Conference in October 2024 bringing all localities together to discuss this year's impact & what 2025's offer will look like.



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.

Recently the Hub Engagement Worker has been working in partnership with the Multiply team providing literacy and numerous based support and cooking introductions to using air fryers which has been very well received.



Networking and Funding

LPP Grant Awards

A total of £158,149 was awarded by the Locality Planning Partnerships in 2023/24.

External Funding Levered In

A total of £1,571,434 external funding has been levered in by third sector organisations in 2023/24.

Funding Support and Advice to Community Groups & Colleagues

- 12 funding workshops and drop-in sessions were delivered in 2023/24.
- 45 funding updates circulated to community organisations and colleagues in 2023/24
- 858 members have now joined North Ayrshire Virtual Funding Centre
- 929 log-ins to Grantfinder and 2,084 searches carried out in 2023/24.

Community Benefits Wish List

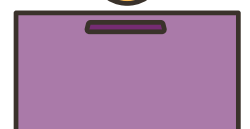
7 wishes have been delivered this quarter, with 40 wishes delivered in 2023. A total of 83 wishes have been delivered through the Community Benefits Wish List to date since it launched in October 2021.

Wishes delivered this quarter:

- Donation of £200 to Fairlie Growers to paint flowerbeds from RJ McLeod
- Donation of garden fencing works for West Kilbride Environmental Group (fencing a pond) by Munro External Works
- Donation of £500 to Ardrossan Winton Rovers for training kits (delivered in September but not confirmed until February) from AMP Clean Energy
- Donation of newborn equipment from Clark Contracts to Garnock Valley Helping Hands
- Donation of food to Beith Community Association food larder by Connect Modular
- Donation of 120 Easter Eggs to Friends of Redburn by Lowmac
- Donation of 120 Easter Eggs to Farm Basket Larder by Lowmac

A case study on the support for West Kilbride Environmental Group has been published on the CPP website.

Following feedback from the Third Sector, regular meetings have been scheduled with the Comms Team to better promote the Wish List and encourage groups to use it to access support.





Locality Partnership: North Coast

Date: 18 June 2024

Subject: Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme 2024/25

Purpose: To advise the Locality Partnership of the proposed Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2024/25.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 North Ayrshire Council has a statutory obligation under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to manage and maintain its public road network. The adopted road network within North Ayrshire has a total length of 1045km. The core roads assets are currently estimated at a value of approximately £1.7billion.
- 1.2 North Ayrshire Council is responsible for the maintenance of the adopted local road network including lighting and structures assets as well as its other non-adopted road assets. However, the Council has no responsibility for the maintenance of the Trunk Road Network which falls to Transport Scotland and their management contractor, Amey. The Trunk Road network includes the A78, the A737 from Kilwinning to the Renfrewshire Boundary and A738 from the Pennyburn Roundabout to the A737 Dalry Road Kilwinning.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The Council's Roads Service has adopted an asset management approach to road maintenance to allocate available road maintenance funds to locations that will offer the most beneficial return on the investment.
- 2.2 The Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) and the roads assets maintenance strategy follows the recommendations contained within the 'Well Maintained Highway's Code of Practice, ensuring that the Council's statutory obligations as delegated Roads Authority are met.
- 2.3 In complying with the Code of Practice, an effective regime of inspection, assessment and condition recording is well established which assists in not only providing a road network for the future but one that promotes social inclusion and contributes to economic growth within the area. This approach also ensures the Council is providing value for money on any investment attributed to road maintenance.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 North Ayrshire Council's roads are the Council's largest community asset and play a vital role in supporting the local and wider economy by facilitating the movement of people, goods and services and connecting people with economic and social opportunities.
- 3.2 The proposed Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2024/25 has been developed in accordance with the strategy contained within the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) to deliver the maximum return on investment and ensures the provision of an effective road network throughout North Ayrshire.
- 3.3 Road Condition is measured nationally through the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS). The measure in place, the Road Condition Index (RCI), records the percentage of the Council's roads which should be considered for maintenance. North Ayrshire's RCI has been improving in recent years but there was a 0.9% reduction last year with an RCI of 34.8% published in 2023. Our position in the RCI tables also changed from 20th out of 32 authorities to 21st. It should be noted that due to the method employed to calculate road condition, overall RCI is based on the previous 2 to 4 years survey information, as such, improvement from additional investment may not be immediately apparent.
- 3.4 The estimated carriageway maintenance backlog figure for North Ayrshire is currently £38.5 million. The 'steady state' figure for maintaining our roads at present condition has increased to £5.5m per year. The capital budget supported by revenue funding is £4.3m for 2024/25. An additional £0.75 has been identified from approved capital infrastructure investment, taking the total investment in the road network to £5.05m for 24/24. This level of investment is outpaced by the 'steady state' figure and may therefore contribute to a deterioration of the road network condition over time.
- 3.5 Road lighting condition is measured through programmes of structural and electrical assessment and testing and is complemented through the ongoing review of age profile and material type life expectancy. The results are categorised and recorded in the lighting asset management database to inform a prioritised list of replacement schemes. Lighting is allocated an annual Capital budget of £1m to address a 'steady state' position of maintaining our lighting at present annualised depreciation rate.
- 3.6 Bridge and retaining wall condition is also evaluated through a robust inspection programme. General inspections are undertaken every 2 years, while an in-depth 'principal inspection' is carried out every 6 years and the results of the inspections are used to inform work programmes. The results of the inspections are input into a Structures database which is then used to calculate an average Bridge Structure Condition Index (BSClav). The BSClav is currently 86.36 (2022/23 figure) which is within the 'good' classification of 85 to 94. This figure is a slight fall on the previous year. The allocated capital budget of £560,000 is supported by a small carryover from 2023/24 giving a total of £695,000.

3.7 Details of how condition assessments are carried out and how roads, structures and lighting locations are prioritised for inclusion in our maintenance programme are provided in Appendix 2. The assessment matrix used for scoring and ranking structures for inclusion in the Structures Maintenance Programme is attached in Appendix 3.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The Roads Maintenance Programme 2024/25, which was approved by North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet on 19 March 2024, is attached in Appendix 1a, 1b and 1c. The Programme is based on approved Revenue and Capital budgets including additional £0.75m which will be funded from approved capital infrastructure investment.

4.2 Details of how condition assessments are carried out and how roads, structures and lighting locations are prioritised for inclusion in our Maintenance Programme are provided at Appendix 2.

4.3 A copy of the assessment matrixes used for scoring and ranking carriageway and footways for inclusion in our resurfacing programmes is attached in Appendix 3.

4.4 The assessment matrix used for scoring and ranking structures for inclusion in structures maintenance programme is attached in Appendix 4.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That the Locality Planning Partnership are asked to note the approach taken to determining the Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme.

5.2 That Locality Planning Partnership are asked to note the Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Programme for 2024/24, as shown at Appendix 1a, 1b and 1c.

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Designation: Senior Manager (Roads Network), Neighbourhood Services

Date: 19 April 2024

<i>Carriageway Resurfacing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
A71	Irvine	Warrix Interchange to Greenwood Interchange	£250,000
A737 Marress Road	Irvine	Southbound Carriageway	£200,000
A738 Glencairn St/High Road	Stevenston	Tesco to Mayfield Road	£145,000
B780 Manse Street	Saltcoats	Memorial Roundabout to existing joints	£60,000
B7048 Portencross	West Kilbride	Car park to cottage, from Ardneil cottage for approx 800m, plus patching	£165,000
B781 Yerton Brae	West Kilbride	Full length	£82,000
B777	Beith	From Surface Dressing joint at anti skid on a section starting from Baelochside to Lochend	£115,000
B777 near school	Glengarnock	From Kersland across front of school to bend sign	£100,000
B780 Sharon St/West Kilbride Road	Dalry	Full Length Sharon St to just past Wingfaulds Avenue	£135,000
B780 Roche Way	Dalry	South of James Street towards Townend Street	£63,000
Glebe Road	Beith	Full Length	£122,000
Paddockholm Road	Kilbirnie	Holmhead to Mill Road	£82,000
South road	Glengarnock	Full Length	£56,000
Sycamore Court	Beith	Full length	£37,000
Morrishill Drive	Beith	Dalry Road to Cuff Crescent	£17,000
St Inans	Beith	Full length	£57,000
Garnock Street	Dalry	To No entry signs	£94,000
Lynn Avenue	Dalry	Full Length	£63,000
Finlay Avenue	Dalry	Full Length	£28,000
Newhouse Drive	Kilbirnie	no.73 to Place View	£45,000
New Street	Irvine	Friars Croft to Fullarton Roundabout - include Roundabouts at Greggs and McDs	£186,000
Shewalton Rd	Irvine	Roundabout to Murdoch Place + contribution to Murdoch Place	£126,000
Smithstone Way/Smithstone Court	Irvine	Auchenharvie Place to Kersland Foot	£30,000
Paterson Avenue	Irvine	no. 46 to Stewart Drive	£42,000
Castlepark Road	Irvine	Castlepark Crescent to Castlepark Circle	£74,000
West Doura Way	Kilwinning	A738 to shops	£39,000
Glenbervie Drive	Kilwinning	Part Length	£83,000
Longford Avenue	Kilwinning	From junction of Dubbs Road	£29,000
Love Street	Kilwinning	no. 15 to Moncur Road	£15,000
Cambusdoon Place	Kilwinning	Main access road only	£62,000
B785 Fergushill Road	Kilwinning	A737 to Parkhead Avenue	£78,000
The Roundel	Largs	Full Length	£49,000

Auchenmaid Crescent	Largs	Full Length to Joint on Scotlaw Drive	£37,000
Seamore Street	Largs	Full Length	£95,000
Montgomerie Crescent	Saltcoats	Melbourne Park towards South Beach to include Traffic Calming	£99,000
Dockhead Street	Saltcoats	Contribution to improvements	£109,000
West Doura Avenue	Saltcoats	Full Length	£55,000
St Andrews Road	Ardrossan	Full Length	£47,000
Moorpark Rd East and West	Stevenston	Include Island crossing point at Moorpark West	£115,000
Golf Road	Millport	Part Length	£94,000
Ritchie Street	Millport	Full Length	£15,000
			£3,395,000

<i>Carriageway Screeding</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Oakwood Drive	Beith	Full Length	£23,000
Windyedge Rd	Dalry	272m section prior to Brodoclea (approx 83m north of Millour Burn)	£30,000
C5 From railway bridge to B706	Dalry	From Jct C68 to railway bridge at Giffen cottage (Multi hog patching required from there to B706)	£49,000
Castlepark Drive	Fairlie	Glen Road to Fairlie castle jct	£15,000
Knoxville Road south	Kilbirnie	Resurface Cway, kerb & surface gravel path including associated lighting works.	£70,000
Kenilworth	Saltcoats	Half width	£10,000
Long Hill	Skelmorlie	Full Length	£73,000
Annetyard Road	Skelmorlie	from Fosterland jct to Eglinton Terrace, include Fosterland jct	£20,000
Misk Knowes	Stevenston	Small section from Ardoch Crescent	£13,000
U35	West Kilbride		£92,000
Lindsay Crescent	Largs	Full Length - high kerb upstand, patch and screed	£55,000
			£450,000

<i>Footway Resurfacing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Thorntree Avenue	Beith	Full Length - Odd Nos, 38-56 Even Nos	£26,000
St Margarets Avenue	Dalry	Kittyshaw to Houston Crescent	£50,000
North St/Braehead	Dalry	Regal Court to Braehead Place	£43,000
Raise Street	Saltcoats	Footway one side only (Argyle road to Station)	£31,000
Canal Street	Saltcoats	Robertson Crescent to old railway bridge	£4,000
Manse Street	Saltcoats	Sainsbury car park exit to bus stop at memorial roundabout	£8,000
Braeside	Irvine	Braefoot to Parking Bays	£16,500
Castlepark Footpaths	Irvine	Various Sections	£60,000
Remote Footpath	Millport	Howard Street to Bute Terrace	£18,000
Pennyburn Footpaths	Kilwinning	Various Sections	£40,000
Manse Crescent	Largs	Full Length	£33,500
			£330,000

<i>Lighting Deteriorated Infrastructure Replacements</i>			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>		<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Anderson Drive Merryvale Road Lamont Drive Rubie Crescent Broomlands Drive Whitehope Green Braehead Lammermuir Court Moorfoot Way Earncraig Green Pentland Place Windlestraw Court	Irvine		£554,150
West Kilbride Road Lynn Avenue	Dalry		£82,850
Lindsay Avenue Plan View School Wynd	Kilbirnie		£55,010
Montgomery Terrace	Skelmorlie		£74,590
			£766,600

<i>Lighting Deteriorated Column Replacements</i>			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Various Unplanned Locations			£179,000

<i>Lighting Deteriorated Column Inspections</i>			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Various Locations			£54,400

<i>Structures Projects</i>			
<i>Structure</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Seven Acres Mill Bridge	U54	Bridge Replacement	£350,000
Bungle Burn Bridge	A736	General Repairs	£40,000
Threadmill Bridge	C99	Replacement / Strengthening	£160,000
Carsehead Bridge	B714	General Repairs	£35,000
			£585,000

Carriageway Resurfacing:	<i>£3,395,000</i>
Carriageway Screeding:	<i>£450,000</i>
Footway Resurfacing:	<i>£330,000</i>
Lighting Infrastructure Replacements:	<i>£766,600</i>
Deteriorated Column Replacements:	<i>£179,000</i>
Deteriorated Column Inspections:	<i>£54,400</i>
Structures Projects:	<i>£585,000</i>
Overall Mainland Total:	<i>£5,760,000</i>

<i>Carriageway Resurfacing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
C3 Ross Road	Slidery	Approx 600m from C147 Junction.	£30,000
C147 Slidery	Slidery	Just north of Slidery heading to Corriecravie	£70,000
C147 Kilpatrick	Kilpatrick	South of previous resurfacing heading to Corriecravie	£150,000
Auchrannie Road	Brodick	Willowdale to Peddar	£25,000
U87 & B880	Machrie	Timber Transport Match Funding	£75,000
C147 Tormore	Machrie	Tormore to Machrie Bridge	£75,000
U86 Levencorroch	Kilmory	Full Length	£30,000
			£455,000

<i>Structures Projects</i>			
<i>Structure</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Dougarie Bridge	C147	Temporary Strengthening/ Scour repairs	£50,000
Catacol Bridge	C147	Temporary Strengthening/ Scour repairs	£60,000
			£110,000

Carriageway Resurfacing: £455,000

Structures Projects: £110,000

Overall Arran Total: £565,000

Additional Budget £750,000**CARRIAGEWAYS**

<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Smith Street	Dalry	New Street to Car Park	£40,000
West Kirklands Place	Dalry	Full Length	£38,000
A737 Merryvale Roundabout	Irvine	Including A737 North & South Approach	£93,000
A737 Marress Roundabout	Irvine	Various Sections	£60,000
Stockbridge Crescent	Kilbirnie	Various Sections	£52,000
Milton Road	Kilbirnie	Milton Quad to Herriot Avenue	£92,000
A760 Cochrane Street	Kilbirnie	Patching	£15,000
B779 Almswall Road	Kilwinning	Car Park to Nethermains Roundabout, including roundabout	£150,000
A737 Lauchlan Way	Kilwinning	Woodwynd to Church Street	£15,000
Holehouse Court	Largs	Full Length	£45,000
B780 Stevenston Cross	Stevenston	Glebe Street to Post Office	£100,000
C147 Machrie	Machrie	Machrie Tea Room to Machrie Moor Road	£50,000
			£750,000

Condition Assessment and Prioritisation Process

- 1.1 The Audit Scotland Follow-up report, Maintaining Scotlands Roads published in August 2016 stated that Councils should use their RAMPs to establish long term investment plans for maintaining the road network taking into account whole-life costing and treatment options.
- 1.2 As part of the Roads Asset Management process, annual condition assessments are carried out on the public road network as part of the inspection regime. All locations are assessed using a risk based approach.
- 1.3 Condition assessments are carried out simultaneously with the Safety Inspections in accordance with the pre-determined timescales contained within our Safety Inspection Manual. All faults noted during these inspections are logged within our electronic Routine Maintenance System (RMS).
- 1.4 For carriageways, to take account of whole-life and different treatment options the carriageway maintenance programme is developed using road asset management principles. Lifecycle planning is at the core of this approach and takes into account, hierarchies, condition and local community priorities. Preventative treatments are used to prolong the life of carriageway surfaces before their condition deteriorates and requires extensive resurfacing.
- 1.5 The main factors considered are:-
 - Road Condition – based on detailed visual inspection and the Scottish Road Maintenance Conditions Survey (SRMCS).
 - Road Hierarchy – this takes account of the strategic importance of the road and is determined from our Local Transport Plan.
 - Assistance to Council and Community Priorities – this takes account of other priorities such as economic development, access to shops, amenity housing or schools.
- 1.6 Carriageways and footways are both condition assessed and scored in accordance with the assessment table below. These condition scores, RCI data, road hierarchy information and priorities information as above are utilised through our electronic WDM Scheme Manager to target locations for improvement works in order to optimise investment.

Assessment Table

Extent	CONDITION			
	1 (Acceptable)	2 (Safe but poor appearance)	3 (Minor deterioration)	4 (Major deterioration)
1 - Up to 25%		5	9	13
2 – 25% to 50%		6	10	14
3 – 50% to 75%		7	11	15
4 – 75% to 100%	4	8	12	16

Each location is also reviewed at least once a year depending on its location within the Roads Hierarchy as part of the routine inspection process.

- 1.7 There are various types of surfacing materials and processes available depending on the particular road type, location and level of existing deterioration. Options available for treatment include preventative measures such as surface dressing and resurfacing options such as screeding, resurfacing (inlay and overlay), depending on the severity of deterioration full reconstruction may be the most effective option.
- 1.8 The level of investment associated with the varying treatment types identified in the table below was established using the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland's cost projection model, developed as part of the Roads Asset Management Planning project. The model assists with identifying the effect of various treatments on the on-going condition of the carriageway. This enables a more accurate design life for the treatments currently available to be developed and ensuring value for money on their use. Costs for works at any location further vary from the figures below depending on restricted working arrangements, traffic management required and the extent of preparatory works necessary to enable resurfacing. There is also an additional uplift for island working of up to 50% for works on Arran and Cumbrae.

Treatment Option Table

Treatment Option	Cost per Sqm 2022/23	Cost per Sqm 2023/24	% Change	Extension to life
Surface Dressing	£3.60	£4.00	+11%	Up to 10 years
Screeding	£11.50	£14.40	+25%	5 – 10 years
Inlay HRA	£22.00	£26.00	+18%	Up to 20 years
Overlay <100mm	£26.50	£33.00	+25%	Up to 20 years
Inlay 100mm	£32.30	£38.00	+18%	Up to 20 years
Reconstruction 300mm	£140.00	£165.00	+18%	Up to 20 years

- 1.9 Street Lighting column replacement is prioritised through non-destructive strength testing to determine the level of deterioration associated with the columns. Following testing, columns are categorised within the Asset Management database for road lighting.
- 1.10 Testing is carried out in accordance with the Institute of Lighting Engineer's Technical Report No.22 Managing a Vital Asset: Lighting Supports as well as UK Lighting Board Code of Practice: Well-lit Highways.
- 1.11 Once results are input, the database then compares these results against the more general age profile to determine a final list of priority repairs. This produces recommendations in order of priority for both individual units and whole streets or areas.
- 1.12 Recommendations are generally categorised as Category A through K as follows:
- A: Immediate replacement
 - B: Replace urgently or reinspect within 6 months
 - C1: Column Material failure, replace as soon as possible or reinspect within 1 year
 - C2: Bracket failure, sleeve where possible or replace unit within 1 year
 - D: Foundation failure, realign, reinstate and reinspect within 6 months
 - E: Material approaching failure, replace as part of planned maintenance programme or reinspect within 2 years
 - F: Material approaching failure, replace as part of planned maintenance programme or reinspect within 5 years

- G: Condition reasonable, but age expired and certified insured for 2 year periods until replaced
- H: Condition reasonable, but age expired and certified insured for 5 year periods until replaced
- I: Acceptable condition but age expired and insured for 5 years periods until replaced.
- J: Sound condition but age expired & visually poor (evidence of concrete cracking etc.)
- K: Sound condition and not age expired – no current requirement for strength structural inspection, visual only at planned maintenance cycle.

1.13 Where non-urgent replacement recommendations (Category F through to J) are on an individual column basis, the data is further analysed to determine a percentage value for recommended replacement numbers against the balance of units in a street. If this figure exceeds 30% then the entire street will be considered for higher prioritisation which will address the design class standard of the street beyond individual replacement for safety reasons only.

1.14 The structures programme is identified based on the structures prioritisation matrix which ranks assets based on a number of factors including its condition, safety, and usage.

Structure Name:
Date when the scoring is carried out:

Enter score based on the description in the following coloured cells






Priority Ranking for structure capital programme

No.	Factors	Maximum Score			Structure Name:	Structure Score Input	Net score	% of total Score	Additional commentry
1	Type of Bridge	1	Score 1 if road bridge and 0 if foot bridge	Culverts, Subways which carry road shall be considered as road bridge as per this scoring system. Structures which carry only pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians shall be considered as footbridge.			NA		
2	Route Factor	40	Score based on NAC route hierachy	Route hierachy Cat 2 - SPT/ NAC strategic routes - 40 Cat 3a - Main distributor routes - 30 Cat 3b - secondary distributor routes - 20 Any other category - 10 Routes serving fewer than 5 properties - 5			0	0%	
3	HGV Restriction factor	60	Score based on weight capacity	Weight restriction 3 tonnes - 60 7.5 to 13 tonnes tonnes - 50 18 tonnes - 40 26 tonnes - 30 No weight restriction - 0			0	0%	
4	Condition factor	10	Score based on the condition of the bridge	Sliding score based on 0 for very good condition to 10 for poor condition. (10 - (BCI crit/ 10))			0	0%	
5	Deterioration factor	10	Score based on the rate of deterioration of the structure	Sliding score based on 0 for very slow deterioration to 10 for rapid deterioration			0	0%	
6	Pedestrian factor	20	Score based on pedestrian usage. Bridges with footways of heavy pedestrian usage shall score a maximum of 30.	Structures with footways in heavily used urban areas score 20. Score 20 if route is access to a school or railway station. Apply a sliding scale going down to 0 for rural structures without footways.			0	0%	
7	Flooding factor	40	Score based on the potential for the existing structure to contrubute to flooding	A structure that makes no contribution to flooding risk will score 0. Structures that are know to increase the risk of flooding due to restrictions in width or soffit height will score 30.			0	0%	
8	Scour factor	60	Score based on risk of collapse due to expose to scour in heavy flow conditions	Risk of collapse of structure due to scouring. Structures which have been deterioted severely because of inadequate scour protection and on verge of collapse score maximum. Scour risk based on a sliding scale.			0	0%	
9	Parapet Condition Factor	15	Score based on the condition of the parapets	Structures with substandard Parapets with poor conditon will score 15 . Structures with substandard parapets with a 'monitor only' recommendation will score 10. Structures which have parapets to current standards will score 0.			0	0%	
10	Parapet Risk Factor	10	Score based on risk in the event of a parapet collapse leading to high risk injuries and human casualties.	What is the likelihood of severe injury or even death while the parapet is open to use considering the condition of the structure. Risk based on a sliding scale.			-5	100%	

11	Delay factor	10	Score based on whether existing restrictions such as limited width cause delays at the structure	Structures where delays are caused by width, weight, height or other restrictions such as traffic lights will be given a score higher than zero. Delays less than 2 minutes at peak times will score 5 and longer than 2 minutes will score 10. Score maximum if fire station, railway station or hospital affected by delay.		0	0%
12	Structure Risk factor	10	Score based on risk in the event of a Structure collapse leading to high risk injuries and human casualties.	What is the likelihood of someone getting a high risk injury or even death while the structure is open to use considering the condition of the structure. Risk based on a sliding scale.		0	0%
13	Maintenance factor	20	Score based on maintenance required to keep the existing structure open.	Score based on known maintenance history and requirement. No maintenance requirement will score 0. Listed structures score 15.		0	0%
14	Diversion factor	10	Score based on the length of the diversion route if the structure is closed in an unplanned manner with no finite time limit.	Score based on diversion length. Any diversion equal to or more than 20 miles scores 20. Score 1 for each 2 miles of diversion up to 20. Score 10 if a road closure adversely affects a fire or railway station or hospital. Score 10 if there is no alternative diversion.		0	0%

-5

Note maximum score that can be achieved for road bridge= 500

Priority level Chart		Structure Name: 00-Jan-00 Date of Scoring: 00-Jan-00							
Priority Level Indicator		Overall works (500)		Structure works (100)		Parapet works (70)		Scour Protection (60)	
		Level	Score	Level	Score	Level	Score	Level	Score
No Action Rquired									
Low Priority									
Medium Priority									
High Priority									
Immediate action required									

Note : Works are divided above into three sub categories as each work can be independent and each has its own significance in terms of attention required.



Locality Partnership

The Ayrshire Community Trust Update – May 2024

Garnock Valley	Irvine	Kilwinning	North Coast	Three Towns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving Around (Public Transport, Traffic and Parking) Work and Local Community Facilities and Amenities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities Enhancing our Mental Health & Wellbeing Alleviating Poverty Championing Green Health and the Natural Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Skills and Work Improving our Local Environment Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities Improving Community Wellbeing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving access to financial services Increasing social inclusion Improving mental wellbeing Supporting skills and work opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting the local economy and tourism Regenerating community facilities Increasing civic pride and community engagement Improving community wellbeing

The Ayrshire Community Trust covers the whole of North Ayrshire, and we continue to support the Community and Voluntary Sector with a range of services. Below is a list of support / activities undertaken in which are relevant to the Locality Priorities above since the last Locality Meeting:

- www.tact.scot continues to be updated with a range of information.
- We have sent out various information bulletins highlighting useful resources, funding information and general advice.
- TACT social media continues to be used as a platform to promote safety messages from Police Scotland, Funding Information, Benefit Support, Energy Advice and vital local service provision. We would welcome any information from other service providers that we can share.
- TACT Staff have been organising and facilitating quarterly 'networking' Forums for all 3rd Sector groups and organisations that wish to attend. The next Forum meetings are scheduled for **Tuesday 11th June (in person) and Tuesday 3rd September 2024 (online)**. There are 4 per year and they are all themed, this year the themes are Cost of Living, Funding, Support to the Sector and Sector Updates, relevant speakers are booked for each forum. If you are a 3rd Sector organisation and you are interested in attending, please email: info@tact.scot
- Staff continue to maintain regular dialogue with North Ayrshire Council to update on progress and identify additional ways we can work together.

TACT Digital

- NAC Heritage Centre – filmed interviews with staff about their favourite exhibits.
- Filmed interviews at Dalgarnen Mill Museum to discuss the history of the mill.
- Scottish Centre for Personal Safety – redesigned the website. Now live at: <https://scotcps.org.uk/>

- NA Green Health Partnership – website updates and maintenance. Also Filming 8 small videos highlighting Green Health activity in North Ayrshire
Find out more about our digital services here: <https://www.tact.scot/digital>
- **INFORM North Ayrshire** – Cost of Living Support. We have created an online guide to provide information on the range of services available across North Ayrshire who are able to offer support and advice on topics such as energy, food and money concerns. The directory can be accessed here: https://issuu.com/tact-na/docs/inform_north_ayrshire
- **Positive Steps with Partners** is our Pre-Employability Project funded by Your Next Move Working North Ayrshire. The team are focusing on Personal development activities supporting barrier removal in helping people become more ready for exploring employability options. The team are delivering face-to-face interactions and offering personal development sessions such as STEPS to Excellence, One to One sessions with the Confidence Coach focusing on personal goals to overcome barriers towards employment.
- Health in Mind is a new element to PSWP where individuals' work with our Personal Trainer Tommy Kelly focusing on improving physical and mental wellbeing. Our programme motivates individuals to explore volunteering that will support them to gain the practical experience they can transfer into the workplace.
- The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service also provide our participants who are ready to move into volunteering with a placement within the Community Action Team attending events promoting Fire Safety in the Community. If you have anyone that may be interested in finding out more, please contact Cheryl Newall via: cheryl@tact.scot
- **Employability** - TACT had been working in partnership with the Local Employability Partnership (LEP) to distribute No-One Left Behind (NOLB) funding in the form of a grant process. Between the 12 projects **174** people were supported over the 6 month pilot with **27** moving into employment, **51** moving into further education, **8** moving into training, **31** moving into volunteering and **19** being referred into the employability pipeline – amazing work from the 12 organisations.
- **North Ayrshire Third Sector Chief Officer Group** – This is open to Senior Staff working with a 3rd Sector Organisation across North Ayrshire. This Group works together to tackle local issues collectively whilst providing great networking opportunities. A doodle poll has been circulated to agree a date for the next meeting. If you are interested in getting involved, please email: kaileigh@tact.scot
- **Organisational Support** – continuing to work with groups and organisations delivering relevant training including Governance, Basic Bookkeeping, Constitution & Charity Registration, Funding, and Volunteer Management. We are also assisting with Charity Registrations, PVG Support, Funding Support and Support with compiling Constitutions. Continuing to support groups in achieving SCIO status and supporting groups with their CAT applications.
- **Community Asset Transfer (CAT)** We are supporting ten community groups/organisations through the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) process. Each organisation is at various stages of the process, and we are liaising with and supporting them at each stage. We also provide advice to groups that are considering or want to know more about CAT.
- **Community Wealth Building**, the Third Sector Interface, TACT sits at the Community Wealth Commission. This commission supports the implementation of the CWB Strategy and will encourage involvement from local businesses, government agencies and local organisations on CWB initiatives.
- Staff are continuing to update and source a range of Volunteering Opportunities that are currently available. We are still receiving a high number of Volunteer Registrations and don't have enough placements for those interested. If you know of any groups or organisations that could assist with some additional volunteers, please contact ann@tact.scot

- TACT Capacity Building Officers continue to promote Community Benefit opportunities to the 3rd sector, this in the past has included training and opportunities to learn topics such as first aid and tendering skills from successful NAC contractors. Conversations were held with the sector in regard to improving the service, these have been collated and passed to the Community Benefit Officers.
- **Organisation of the Month** promotion still going strong. To date we have promoted 35 voluntary organisations. This promotion has been received favourably with the 3rd sector and it gives a chance to highlight and promote them. If you would like to nominate a voluntary organisation to be promoted, please contact Susan Manson on susan@tact.scot
- **Adult Volunteer Recognition Award** – This award was launched in June 2021 and is designed to recognise the hours of commitment that Volunteers give to organisations throughout North Ayrshire. These awards can be given at any time. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Ann Wilson on ann@tact.scot
- **Volunteers Week 2024**
This year Volunteers week falls in 3-9 June in order to incorporate the Big Help Out which runs from 7-9 June. TACT will be holding our annual awards ceremony and nominations are now closed. Winners of the Categories will be published after June 6th 2024.
- Will be supporting our Third Sector Interface partners Arran CVS with the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund for the fourth round. We are still currently waiting on more details and information will be shared once available.
- Capacity Building staff have also administered and supported the delivery of NOLB and Multiply Funding. These are now closed, and all groups have received their funding.
- Capacity Building staff are also in the process of delivering information sessions on the changes to Charity Law that have already happened or are coming in further down the line to let groups know what this means for them. Two sessions have already been delivered, one in West Kilbride and one in Dalry. The last two sessions are being run in partnership with Vibrant Communities staff in East Ayrshire.
- **Independent Examinations** (scrutiny of charity accounts for submitting to the charity regulator OSCR). Training is now complete, and the trainees are all busy carrying out examinations, Organisations have been really supportive of the trainees taking on the examination. We are currently working on the accrual accounts service, and this will be promoted when we have more information. If you are aware of any groups who are needing support with their accounts, please feel free to pass on my contact details susan@tact.scot
- **Kindness Krew** This is a new project which aims to link the most isolated people in our area with a volunteer who will be able to meet and have a cuppa and a chat or encourage people to go out. This is a pilot project, and we are working in the 3 Towns areas of Stevenston, Saltcoats and Ardrossan and also Kilwinning and Irvine areas. For further information please contact Michelle Trainer michelle@tact.scot