

Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Tuesday 3 September 2024, 6.00 p.m. Clark Memorial Church, Largs.
Present:	Cllr Alan Hill (Chair) Cllr Eleanor Collier Cllr Tom Marshall Cllr Ian Murdoch Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer, NAC Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, NAC Deidre Oakley, Locality Priorities Officer, NAC David Cameron, Police Scotland Michael Thompson, KA Leisure John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice Chair) Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council Carol Campbell, Co-opted Community Rep Lizzy Barbour, Co-opted Community Rep Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer (NAC) Notes
In Attendance	Heather Meldrum, Largs Development Trust Struan Adam, Media Studio Kay Hall, West Kilbride Community Initiative
Apologies:	Cllr Todd Ferguson Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer, NAC David Murray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands), NAC

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>The Chair declared an interest in item 3 on the agenda, Community Investment Fund, and highlighted that he would pass the Chairing of the meeting over to Vice Chair for that item.</p>	Noted
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note arising from the meeting held on 3 June March was approved with the following updates provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both CIF applications were approved by Cabinet on 27 August. Information requested by Cllr Marshall from the last LP meeting had not been received. J McGee undertook to follow up with reps from education who attended meeting. B Conner highlighted that she had been missed off the attendance list for the June meeting. J McGee advised that she will arrange for this to be updated. 	Noted J McGee

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<p>3.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>J Lamb took over the role as Chair and advised that the Locality Partnership were asked to consider one Community Investment Fund application from Largs Development Trust.</p> <p>Largs Development Trust – Full Application</p> <p>Heather Meldrum advised the Locality Partnership that Largs Community Development Trust were seeking £92,865 of funding to enable them to lease and operate an intergenerational Community space at 36 Boyd Street Largs. The space will be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide a physical space for community activities and accessible advice services.• To provide credit union services• To host and operate a community radio station. <p>Funding will also be used for the installation of a set of custom-made, double-width (970mm+) removable pool steps which will allow residents to enter the pool autonomously and discreetly.</p> <p>The Partnership raised the following questions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The current state of the space. H Meldrum confirmed the building state was ok and that discussions are taking place with the landlord around the possibility of the partition walls which were there previously being rebuilt and the landlord had offered to do this as part of the process for the lease.• If there was rent guarantee in place. Cllr Hill confirmed that the lease would have fixed rent for 5 years with 3-year escape clause.• Ownership of the pool steps. Cllr Hill advised that the Development Trust are procuring on behalf of KA Leisure who will be responsible for maintaining them.• Whether the services offered by the credit union were for residents of Largs only. H Meldrum confirmed that the services offered by the Credit Union and Citizens Advice was open to all in the North Coast not just Largs. People only have to reside in Largs to become a member of the Development Trust.• Where the pilot radio station would be broadcast, Cllr Hill confirmed that it would be an online radio station which could be listened to from around the world.• How the Development Trust would generate income. Cllr Hill highlighted that they Group aim to generate income via renting space, community lets and potentially through advertisements once radio station is live. <p>The Partnership agreed to award the £92,865 to Largs Development Trust with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding would be released over three years• Year 2 funding would be released following proof that they have more than 50 members	<p>R Leith</p>
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	<p>Cllr Hill resumed the role as Chair after discussion on this item was complete.</p>	Noted
4.	<p>Grants</p> <p>L Riddex presented the 2024/25 Elderly Grant Fund report to the Partnership and asked the Partnership to consider the applications which have been received in respect of the 2024/25 Elderly Grants Fund.</p> <p>Applications were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cumbrae Forum - £949 • Age Concern Largs – £7339 • Fairlie Old Folks Welfare Committee/Semple Centre - £1366 • Skelmorlie Senior Citizens - £1488 • Age Well West Kilbride - £2623 <p>The Partnership agreed to award funding to groups.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall asked for some information on what Age Concern Largs would be using the fund for. L Riddex undertook to obtain this information and share with the Partnership.</p>	<p>R Ramsay/S Fleming</p> <p>L Riddex</p>
5.	<p>Locality Action Plan 2024/25</p> <p>R McCutcheon presented a report to the Partnership on the Draft Locality Action Plan for 2024/25.</p> <p>R McCutcheon highlighted that the action plan is something that we are required to have in place in accordance with the Community Empowerment Act but more importantly it's the way we as a partnership can measure collectively the difference we are making to our communities.</p> <p>L Riddex highlighted that a Microsoft Form was issued to all members of the Partnership and also to the Locality Network to collate information for the action plan.</p> <p>L Riddex also noted that engagement and planning for the plans would be carried out slightly earlier next year with the engagement taking place in spring and the new draft plan being presented to the Partnership at the June 2025 meeting.</p> <p>The Partnership approved the Action Plan for 2024/25.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>L Riddex/J McGee</p>
6.	<p>West Kilbride Community Initiative Tech & Creative Training and AV Service Project Update</p> <p>Struan Adam introduced himself to the Partnership and highlighted that he has been appointed to support this project and that project now has a new name – The Media Studio. Over the summer he worked with the</p>	

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	<p>North Coast CLD Team and members of the North Coast Youth Forum in a 'Lights, Camera, action' media project. This was a project designed for young people from the North Coast Youth Forum to take part in entry to media course at West Kilbride library. This was a week-long project in which it was all led by the young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1: Setting the Scene – young people decided the name of the production company • Day 2: Designing the script and running order of the tv show • Day 3: Filming day • Day 4: Editing the show • Day 5: Showcase <p>This video was then shared with the Partnership.</p> <p>S Adam highlighted that the young people had great fun making this, and learning new skills and how he is keen to expand this.</p> <p>K Hall highlighted that when they first applied for funding it was to cover start up costs and two part time posts, and as things have evolved, she wanted to seek approval from the Partnership to use funds for one of the part time posts to be used to cover costs to pay for specialists to come and support with certain projects. K Hall also noted that a couple specialist was involved with this production voluntarily, but it would be good to be able to pay them for their time.</p> <p>The Partnership were happy to support this change.</p> <p>L Riddex highlighted that she would share the link to the videos to circulate with the action note from this meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>L Riddex/J McGee</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Island Plan</p> <p>The Chair highlighted that S Baird was unable to attend the Partnership meeting, however she did prepare an update for him to share:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbrae Sub-group – Due to summer recess and pre-election period, it has not been possible to secure a date for the first meeting of the subgroup, however a date of Wednesday 30th October has been set and will be held on Cumbrae. Officers are currently developing a short questionnaire to circulate ahead of the meeting to ensure that the subgroup is co-developed with locals and that these meetings will be valuable and effective and not duplicating any other activity or groups on the island. The questionnaire will be circulated via the NC & C LP distribution list when it is ready. • Net Zero Accelerator - NAC's Business Support team will be coordinating a bespoke Net Zero Accelerator for the islands during 2024/25, in partnership Zero Waste Scotland and Net Zero Nation. All participating organisations will be based on Arran or 	

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	<p>Cumrae with the aim of creating a local net zero and circular economy ecosystem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Territorial Levels (ITL) - The Scottish Government has published a consultation on proposed changes to International Territorial Levels boundaries in Scotland. The changes aim to balance populations and simplify regional statistics by moving Arran and Cumrae from the Highlands and Islands to a new region with mainland North and East Ayrshire. However, initial analysis suggests that the risks of these proposals outweigh the benefits. North Ayrshire Council is preparing a Cabinet paper recommending an objection to the changes. • Funding - Two collaborative bids from Cumrae and North Ayrshire Council were submitted to the Scottish Government's Carbon Neutral Islands Capital Fund, with decisions expected after 24th September. Additionally, four bids were submitted to the Islands Programme, panel will consider applications on 18th September. • Creation of NA Islands Programme promotional video for the COSLA Excellence Award of which the North Ayrshire Islands Programme is a finalist in category 4 – Strengthening Communities and Local Democracy. Sarah will provide the link to the video to circulate with the action note from this meeting. <p>C Campbell commented that in relation to the ITL consultation it would have been useful for simplified version of consultation very complex.</p>	<p>S Baird/J McGee</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Police Scotland, KA Leisure and Scottish Fire and Rescue – Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Inspector David Cameron, Police Scotland. D Cameron advise the Partnership that Inspector Stuart Dougan had moved on to a new role at South Ayrshire and that he would be cover the 6 Locality Meetings this round.</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the summer the team have been working alongside Trading Standards hosting scammer events. These have been held in Millport library, Largs and West Kilbride • Guy Jenner is now back from secondment and is working with Partners and Groups around the new hate crime legislation and what it means. D Cameron encouraged any members of the Partnership to reach out if they wanted any further information 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yuletide – initial meeting held with second meeting taking place on 10 September. • Largs Food Hub is going well with over 80 members now. • Cumbrae Community Shop now has over 80 members and have acquired an additional freezer. 	Noted
10.	<p>CIF Workshops</p> <p>L Riddex advised that herself and D Oakley are organising CIF workshops to raise awareness of the fund and generate applications.</p> <p>Dates of Workshops are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 Sept 2024 WK Com Centre 6.30 – 7.30pm • 21 Oct 2024 Largs Library 6.30 – 7.30pm • 22 Oct 2024 Skelmorlie Com Centre (venue not confirmed yet) 6.30 – 7.30pm • 28 Oct 2024 DA Hall, Cumbrae 6.00 – 7.00pm 	Noted
11.	<p>Locality Officer Update/2023/24 Action Plan Evaluation</p> <p>L Riddex provided the Partnership with an update on the actions included in the previous action plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of the increase access to information in relation to money advice, energy support and what is on in the local community, this is continually evolving. • During summer programme 421 young people participated in youth work activities. Very positive feedback received. • Last weekend the team supported Skelwell wellbeing festival in Skelmorlie. It was a really good event, very well organised, good to see community buzzing. Organiser are looking at hosting again next year. 	Noted
12.	<p>The Chair thanked everyone for attending and highlighted that there was three reports for noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLD Strategic Quarterly Update • TACT Update 	Noted