



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership

Tuesday 11 March 2025 at 6pm on Microsoft Teams

### BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.</b>	-	-	Cllr Hill	
2.	<b>Action Note</b> Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Russell McCutcheon	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
3.	<b>CIF Project Update – Largs SWI</b> Receive update on the impact CIF funding has made to the project.	-	Verbal	Sharon Murdoch	Receive update on the impact CIF Funding has made to the project.
<b>DECISION REQUIRED</b>					<b>6.30 – 6.45 pm</b>
4.	<b>Grants</b> The Locality Partnership are asked to consider one grant application.  <b>Millport Common Good</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cumbrae Community Council</li> </ul>	Pg 11	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	LP to consider application made to Millport Common Good Fund.
<b>LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES</b>					<b>6.45 – 7.50 pm</b>
5.	<b>Youth and Education Overview</b> The Locality Partnership will receive updates linking in with the Locality Priorities.	- Pg 13	Verbal	Head Teachers  Louise Riddex  Active Schools	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
6.	<b>Island Plan and Cumbrae Sub-Group</b> Receive update on the work of Cumbrae Island Plan.	-	Verbal	Sarah Baird/Cllr Hill	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
7.	<b>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships</b> Officers to discuss with the Locality Partnership the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by SFRS and Police Scotland in North Coast Locality.	-	Verbal	David Cameron  David Murray	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.

8.	<b>KA Leisure</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an update on work in North Coast & Cumbraes.	-	Verbal	Michael Thompson	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
9.	<b>Locality Priorities Officer Update</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Deirdre Oakley, Project Officer, Community Learning and Development.	Pg 16	Enclosed	Deidre Oakley	Receive update and consider potential CIF pipeline and promotion.
10.	<b>Locality Officer Update</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer.	Pg 18	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
<b>AOCB</b>					<b>7.50 – 8.00 pm</b>
11.	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Locality Planning Review</li></ul>			Cllr Hill Rhonda Leith	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.

## 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  
Isy Agnew, Skelmorlie Community Council  
Alex Harvie, Cumbrae Community Council  
Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council  
Lizzy Barbour, Community Rep (*Co-opted*)  
Carol Campbell, Community Rep (*Co-opted*)  
Nick Hobson, Community Rep (*Co-opted*)

### CPP/Council Representatives

Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer  
Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer  
Louise Riddex, Locality Officer  
David Cameron, Police Scotland  
David Murray, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Michael Thompson, KA Leisure  
Barbara Conner, TSI

**North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership  
Priorities**



<b>Meeting:</b>		<b>North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>		<b>Tuesday 26 November 2024, 6.00 p.m. Microsoft Teams</b>
<b>Present:</b>		Cllr Alan Hill (Chair) Cllr Ian Murdoch Cllr Todd Ferguson Cllr Eleanor Collier Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer, NAC Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer, NAC Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, NAC John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice Chair) Alex Harvie, Cumbrae Community Council Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council Carol Campbell, Co-opted Community Rep Lizzy Barbour, Co-opted Community Rep Donald Fisher, Police Scotland David Murray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands), NAC Tony Gilhooly, Active Schools Co-ordinator Lynne Cathcart, Head Teacher  Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer (NAC) Notes
<b>In Attendance</b>		Calum Coral, Largs and Millport Jamie Woodburn, Largs Academy Parent Council
<b>Apologies:</b>		Cllr Tom Marshall Michael Thompson, KA Leisure Barbara Conner, TACT Deidre Oakley, Locality Priorities Officer, NAC David Cameron, Police Scotland
<b>ACTIONS</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</b>  Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Action Note</b>  The action note arising from the meeting held on held on 3 September 2024 was approved.  Cllr Hill advised the Locality Partnership that Largs Development Trust signed the lease for the building last week and refurbishment work is now underway. The group hope to be operational early 2025.	<b>Noted</b>



3.	<p><b>Community Investment Fund Largs Parent Council – Full Application</b></p> <p>The Locality Partnership considered a Community Investment Fund application from Largs Academy Parent Council supported by Largs Community Council and other Largs Primary schools.</p> <p>The application seeks £63,000 of funding from the Community Investment Fund. Funding would be used to purchase outright, a minibus to be used by all educational establishments at the Largs Community Campus. The costs outlined in the application also include an allowance to support the running costs for up to 3 years, with the exception of fuel, which would be met by each participating group. The minibus would also be available to local constituted community groups in the North Coast area.</p> <p>The proposal will allow all members of the community, through community or educational groups, to access events, competitions, or other activities that they otherwise would be unlikely to be able to participate in.</p> <p>The Partnership posed the following questions in relation to the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If this minibus could be used by constituted groups/ schools across the entire North Coast, not just by Largs.</li> <li>• How availability of the minibus be advertised.</li> <li>• How many drivers are in place or expect to be in place to drive the bus, their abilities/capabilities/experience/qualifications to drive a minibus</li> <li>• Given that the Council have recent recently passed a motion to support fossil fuel treaty how would this align with that as the application is seeking to purchase a diesel vehicle.</li> <li>• If bookings become popular what would the hierarchy be in terms of bookings.</li> <li>• Projected bus usage and where it would be located</li> <li>• How often the vehicle would be checked.</li> <li>• Projected cost of vehicle after 5 years.</li> </ul> <p>J Woodburn responded to each of the points as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, the bus could be used by constituted groups and schools based within the entire North Coast area.</li> <li>• The group would initially engage with groups highlighted within the report to explore training etc then they would look to broaden the advertising. It is planned that a reservation system will be available via the the Largs Development Trust website once the project is up and running.</li> <li>• So far, the group have engaged with 3 people in the campus who are willing to undertake the necessary training to drive the minibus. J Woodburn also commented that he would be happy to help where possible to support community groups who don't have anyone to undertake the training to drive the minibus.</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All drivers must complete the relevant Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MiDAS) training. This has a small cost and can be delivered by North Ayrshire Council Transportation. The criteria is stricter than hiring a minibus from a rental company.</li> <li>• There is no EV of this capacity available. Vehicle does meet euro 6.3 standards.</li> <li>• The group are keen to take a soft approach of launching the minibus starting with schools and would gradually increase use to community groups. Having a hierarchical system in place would be a good approach to ensure fairness. A Harvie advised that she would be happy to catch up with J Woodburn offline to discuss further.</li> <li>• Use aim is 100% during term time, the group are keen to have it up and running by start of new term in August 2025. The aim is also for the minibus being used every weekend by community groups. In terms of where the minibus would be located, it would be located on Largs Campus which is a well-lit secure location. The group are also in discussion around potential location at Vikingar.</li> <li>• The minibus would be subject to safety inspections every 12 weeks.</li> <li>• Research was carried out and similar minibuses that are 5 years old with around 25,000 miles cost around £33,000 plus VAT.</li> </ul> <p>R McCutcheon enquired if the project would be in Partnership with the school and if it was, he suggested that J Woodburn speak with the Council's Senior Manager (Transport) to discuss how Local Authority frameworks operate, to consider purchase options.</p> <p>The Chair thanked J Woodburn for attending and for providing a comprehensive presentation of the application. J Woodburn left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Partnership then discussed the following:</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch queried whether if CIF covered the purchase price of the vehicle could Helter Skelter, or another organisation cover with the running costs.</p> <p>R McCutcheon queried how an asset purchased from CIF funding would be dispersed if the group disbanded. L Riddex highlighted that within a group's constitution it would say that any assets would be transferred to a like-minded group in the area. If the group were to disband, the Team would then look for another group to transfer the asset to. L Riddex also highlighted that she would need to seek advice from legal to check if something could be written in the terms and conditions if funding is approved.</p> <p>L Barbour asked for some clarity around drivers, would there be a bank of volunteer drivers or would groups be required to have designated drivers for their group. L Barbour also asked whether there were already opportunities in the North Coast for the borrowing of a minibus,</p>	<p><b>A Harvie/J Woodburn</b></p>
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	<p>previously on Millport the British legion used to allow community groups to use their minibus.</p> <p>Cllr Ferguson queried if there was a partnership arrangement with the Council how would a group disbandment work as the Council would part-own the asset. R McCutcheon commented that this would depend on the terms of the Partnership. R Leith commented that clarity would need to be required around the case of assets and undertook to liaise with the Council's Legal Team for advice.</p> <p>The Chair commented that it would be useful to have something in place to ensure the main cluster doesn't dominate use of the bus and the other primary schools have built in guarantee of access of the bus.</p> <p>The Partnership were supportive of application in principle however agreed to defer decision to gather further information.</p> <p>L Riddex advised that she arrange a special meeting of the Locality Partnership for late January/early February 2025.</p>	<p><b>R Leith</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>L Riddex</b></p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Youth and Education Overview</b></p> <p>Lynne Cathcart, Head Teacher provided the Partnership with an update from the Primary Schools in the North Coast.</p> <p>Fairlie Primary received positive feedback from their recent HMIE visit. Report can be found here - <a href="#">Fairlie Primary School   Inspection Report   Education Scotland</a></p> <p>Some Christmas events taking place over the next few weeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Fayres taking place at Largs Primary 30 November from 12pm – 3pm. St Mary's will take place on 3 December from 3pm-5.30pm this includes a Christmas meal also.</li> <li>• Young People from St Mary's Primary will be participating in the Yuletide event by singing in the Choir.</li> <li>• Skelmorlie Primary are showing Panto Pandemonium on 4th and 5th December.</li> <li>• A number of school nativities also taking place – St Mary's Primary taking place on 10 December at 7pm, Skelmorlie Primary on 13th December at 10am in Skelmorlie Church and Skelmorlie Christmas all school show taking place on 18th and 19th December.</li> </ul> <p>Partnership is welcome to attend to support the young people.</p> <p><b>Active Schools</b></p> <p>Tony Gilhooly provided an update in relation to the work of Active Schools in the North Coast:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanded after-school sports festivals: 5 new football and 3 new netball festivals in the Largs Cluster.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual Competition Hub for schools with under 100 pupils, allowing smaller schools to compete remotely.</li> <li>• Largs cluster offers 46 different free extracurricular activities promoting health and mental well-being.</li> <li>• Residential stays and skiing sessions for 1st-3rd year pupils to improve confidence and motivation.</li> <li>• 30 sports leaders and academy students delivering activities in primary schools and the Academy.</li> <li>• Establishment of Largs Academy Sports Council.</li> <li>• Three schools completed training with 45+ P6/P7 pupils volunteering to lead lunchtime activities for P1/P2 pupils.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Ferguson queried when Largs Academy Sport Council meet. T Gilhooly advised that he share the dates with Cllr Ferguson once they are available.</p> <p><b>Youth Report</b></p> <p>L Riddex advised the Partnership that a report was included within the agenda pack which provided an update on the work of the North Coast Youth Forum including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the Youth Forum will act as TV news correspondents, covering North Coast Yuletide events by filming parades and interviewing attendees.</li> <li>• Two first-year students from Largs youth group have joined, enhancing connections and encouraging younger pupils to participate.</li> <li>• Forum is working with a graphic designer to modernise the forum logo. Plans include fundraising for new black hoodies featuring the updated design.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their updates.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>T Gilhooly</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Island Plan</b></p> <p>S Baird provided the Partnership with an update on the work of the Cumbrae Island Plan:</p> <p>The Cumbrae Island Plan is a strategic 10-year initiative aimed at addressing key issues and driving development on the island. Key points include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New sub-group is being formed to add value to Cumbrae without duplicating existing efforts. The first meeting is planned for December 2024. It will have a strategic focus and include representatives from various organisations.</li> <li>• The sub-group meetings will be split into two parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Part 1: North Ayrshire Council business, chaired by Cllr Alan Hill</li> <li>○ Part 2: Cumbrae Action Group focus, initially chaired by the Cumbrae Community Council Chair</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress updates will be reported to both Cumbrae Community Council and the North Coast and Cumbrae Locality Partnership.</li> <li>• Three Cumbrae businesses are participating in the Islands Net Zero Accelerator Pilot Programme</li> <li>• £414,425 secured for remedial works to address water ingress problems in a local building</li> <li>• The 130 project received £136,500 from the Scottish Government's Carbon Neutral Islands Capital Fund.</li> <li>• Jacks Alt Stays won two awards at the Chamber of Commerce Business Awards</li> <li>• The Cumbrae Place Plan is nearing completion, with extensive community input (545 survey responses) and is expected to be submitted soon.</li> <li>• The Community Council plans to focus on 3-4 key areas to move the community forward, based on the Place Plan findings.</li> <li>• Cumbrae's approach to community engagement and planning is being recognised as a model for other islands</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked S Baird for her update.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Police Scotland, KA Leisure and Scottish Fire and Rescue – Wellbeing and Partnerships</b></p> <p><b>Scottish Fire and Rescue</b></p> <p>David Murray provided the Partnership with the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23 post domestic incident responses, 8 individuals referred to the Council's Adult Support and Protection Team for further support</li> <li>• 63 Home Fire Safet visits carried out. 20 of these were, 30 low and 28 medium risk visits within the locality area.</li> <li>• In preparation for Operation Moonbeam the Team carried out a lot of preparatory work including carry out talks within schools on fire and firework safety.</li> <li>• On 7th December Largs Santa grotto drive thru, Skelmorlie community Fire Station details to be confirmed. D Murray will share details with J McGee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Police Scotland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work highlighting Scammer incidents, sharing information and raising awareness. Seeing more winter fuel payment scams.</li> <li>• Police Scotland has teamed up with volunteers at Dementia Friendly Largs and District to bring the Message In A Bottle scheme to the town. The scheme is designed to encourage who have a medical condition/dementia/Alzheimer's to keep their personal and medical details on a standard form, along with any repeat prescription, in a bottle within their fridge.</li> <li>• Work being undertook around the 16 days of action.</li> <li>• Youth disorder continues to occur on occasion, D Fisher encourage the Partnership to share with Police when issues arise.</li> </ul>	<b>D Murray</b>

	The Chair thanked D Murray and D Fisher for their inputs.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>KA Leisure</b>  Apologies received from KA Leisure.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Locality Priorities Officer Update</b>  L Riddex advised the Partnership that a report was included within the agenda pack which provided an update on the work of the Locality Priorities Officer, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skelmorlie Chit Chat taking place on 28 November 2024.</li> <li>• Updates on the work of Largs Food Hub</li> <li>• Updates on the work taking place with Millport community Shop which now has over 120 members.</li> </ul> The Chair thanked L Riddex for the update.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Locality Officer Update</b>  L Riddex advised the Partnership that a report was included within the agenda pack which provided an update on the work of the Locality Officer. The following updates were provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participatory Budgeting results were now available. In the North Coast 24 projects were full funded and one was part funded. In terms of the Youth Participatory budgeting, six projects were fully funded, and one was part funded. All Groups have now been contacted.</li> <li>• Committee Skills and Bookkeeping workshop was held in West Kilbride recently with six people in attendance. Skelmorlie Community Council noted that it was a very useful workshop</li> <li>• Older people's conference has been postponed and will now take place in the new year.</li> </ul> The Chair thanked L Riddex for the update.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>  Cllr Murdoch reminded the Partnership that the Largs Yuletide event is taking place on 4 December from 6pm and encouraged everyone to attend.  The Chair thanked the Partnership for their input and conveyed his best wishes for the festive season.	<b>Noted</b>

**Meeting ended: 7.45 pm**



**Locality Partnership:** North Coast Locality

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Subject:** To advise the meeting applications received in respect of the Largs Common Good Fund and the Largs Town Charitable Trust Fund.

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

**Background:**

- The Millport Common Good Fund has a balance of **£5,000** available for disbursement.

**Key Points for Locality Partnership**

- Consideration to be given to the applications at Appendix 1.

**Action Required by Locality Partnership**

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

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**Date:** 24 February 2025

## COMMON GOOD FUND

## APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2024/25

## Common Good Criteria -

The application should benefit all or a significant group of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Awards
Cumbræ Community Council	To purchase and install a weatherproof noticeboard on the wall of Garrison House in which Public Notices, Minutes of Meetings, intimation of consultations and other items of interest to the community and visitors can be displayed at a prominent central part of the town of Millport.	£1452.35	N/A
<p>Communities &amp; Housing, Finance and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:</p> <p><b>Finance:</b> Required information has been provided including the confirmation of cost for the weatherproof noticeboard. Cumbræ Community Council have insufficient funds to cover the costs from Community Council reserves. There is currently £5,000 available for disbursement from the Millport Common Good Fund.</p> <p><b>Legal:</b> In terms of Section 15(4) of the Local Government Etc (Scotland) Act 1994 the Council in administering the Common Good Fund shall have regard to the interests of the inhabitants of the area to which the common good relates. The purpose of the grant aims to benefit all sections of the community and therefore the application can be legally justified.</p> <p><b>Communities &amp; Housing:</b> Reviewing the application and the quotes provided Communities &amp; Housing is satisfied that this project meets the criteria of the Common Good Fund.</p>			





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# North Coast & Cumbrae Locality Priorities Officer Progress Report

Reporting Period – Dec 2024 – Feb 2025

Financial Inclusion

Social Isolation

Work and Skills

Stress and Anxiety

- **NORTH COAST & CUMBRAE CHIT CHATS**

8 people attended the Chit Chat.

Input by Kate Dickens on Climate Change Action Plans which generated a great deal of discussion and potential for CIF applications for various Energy Saving and Lighting work was identified.

Feedback from the evening was excellent.

Planning started for next Chit Chat in Largs.

- **CRAUFURD/SIMSON AVENUE SWINGPARK**

No update. .

- **YULETIDE**

Event was a washout due to the weather but still attracted around 1500 members of the Community. Most activities/stalls etc were moved inside and a few cancelled.

Parade still took place but Pipe Band were unable to lead as their pipes would get wet.

- **LARGS FOOD HUB**

Fundraising night held on Saturday 30 November 2024 in the Village Inn, Fairlie raised £2,300.

Fundraising Tea Dance being held on 20 February 2025 in the Masonic Hall, Largs from 2.00 – 4.00pm. This is a joint venture with Dementia Friendly and proceeds will be split between the two groups. Tickets now on sale.

Group now have Charitable Status.

- **MILLPORT COMMUNITY SHOP**

Community Shop now has over 150 members.

Good bank of volunteers, although not all are willing to do the shopping.

Application being made to Islands COL Fund to purchase/construct a storage container, install electricity and CCTV, buy food to enable them to stock up rather than go to the mainland to shop twice a week or more.

Group will look at getting Charitable Status in the near future.

Group were given £400 by Cumbrae Forum at Christmas to enable to give shoppers some extra food for the Festive Period.

- **CIF**



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Reporting Period – Dec 2024 – Feb 2025

Still raising awareness of CIF in all areas of the North Coast. Will contact as many organisations as possible to remind them that funding is still available and offer to do information sessions.



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# North Coast & Cumbrae Locality Priorities Officer Progress Report

Reporting Period – Dec 2024 – Feb 2025

**Locality Partnership: North Coast**

**Date:** December 2024 – February 2025

**Subject:** Youth Forums and Citizenship and Partnership work

**Purpose:** This report is to inform the North Coast Locality Partnership about Youth Forum, Youth Citizenship/Partnership activity, planned and actual for the North Coast Area.

**Background**

*The North Coast Youth Forum will strive to benefit the lives of young people in the North Coast area. We aim to achieve this by involving them in the decision-making process and giving them a voice. The group was formed by the joining of two different groups – the North Coast LGBT Forum & the North Coast Youth Forum in which they take part in various events and activities, representing North Coast young people.*

**Key Points for Locality Partnership**

*North Coast youth forum continues to run effectively, we have had 3 new members join us in the last few weeks and our membership is up to 15 young people. We are hoping to attract younger students to the group to ensure that the group does not halt when the legacy pupils leave school. We are currently working on a number of projects including the re launch of the North Ayrshire equalities Forum and will be assisting the trustees of Helter Skelter to short-leet funding applications.*

*The YF worked in partnership with the West Kilbride 'lights, camera, action' project, following on from the successful summer project, Struan and his team came along to the forum every Thursday before Christmas as part of their youth forum session to create a similar project that was aiming that the young people would facilitate a 'roving reporter' style tv news report that the young people will produce/direct and edit based on the West Kilbride yuletide events.*

*Unfortunately due to adverse weather on the night, the young people did not get to facilitate the roving reporter as they had envisioned with Struan, however they enjoyed the evening nonetheless and gained extensive knowledge on tv/media including camera work, editing and sound production and will be looking to facilitate more events like this, and will work in partnership with Paige Donnelly, the university student working with the group to come up with more ideas like this aiming to promote the NCYF and celebrate youth work in the North Coast.*

**Action Required by Locality Partnership.**

None

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**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2025

# **NORTH COAST LOCALITY PROGRESS REPORT Q4 - 24/25**



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## Financial Inclusion



## Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities



## Improving Mental Wellbeing



## Increasing Social Inclusion



Action	Who?	When?	Locality Priority
Explore place-based solutions to address skills gaps and recruitment challenges in Island Communities  Develop appropriate place-based solutions to address barriers to accessing and sustaining employment	North Ayrshire Employability Team	Summer 2025	Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities Improving Mental Wellbeing Increasing Social Inclusion
Support the delivery of the Cumbrae Island Plan and Sub-group.	North Coast Locality Team  Senior Islands Officer  Community Groups	Summer 2025	Improving Access to Financial Services Increasing Social Inclusion Improving Mental Wellbeing Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities <u>Cumbrae Island Plan Action Plan</u>
Support volunteering opportunities within the North Coast and Cumbraes.	The Ayrshire Community Trust  Active Schools  Community Groups	Summer 2025	Increasing Social Inclusion Improving Mental Wellbeing Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities
Continue to <u>engage</u> and work in partnership with local agencies and community groups to address each of the North Coast priorities.	North Coast Locality Team  Community Planning Partners  Local Community Groups  Library Staff	Summer 2025	Improving Access to Financial Services Increasing Social Inclusion Improving Mental Wellbeing Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities

# North Coast Locality KPi Stats

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**KPi1 – Number of adults engaged in CLD activity**

**252**

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

**30**

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

**13**

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

**110**

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

**111**

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

**19**


**CC\_09b – Number of volunteering opportunities participated in within CLD**

**216**

**Op\_CLD\_P39 - Number of young people that participated in a youth employability programme or activity.**

**13**

## Financial Inclusion



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

The 3 larders in the North Coast Locality all continue to be well used. The food Larder Network are looking at funding options to allow the larders to continue to run at the current level.

1:1 work has been taking place under the Multiply programme. Activities have included, budgeting skills, money handling, as well as mental maths. Multiply is due to come to an end and staff have been looking at exit strategies.



- Skelmorlie Community Centre ‘Heat Hub’ has been running over the winter months and has been well attended.
- Islands Cost Of living Money has been getting distributed based on an Action Plan. Further meetings to take place to discuss the remainder being distributed before end March. One of the projects that will be funded is the procurement of a container for Cumbrae Larder. This will mean they can bulk buy and store, instead of having to go off the island every couple of days to do a shop.
- Largs Development Trust have been liaising with Scotwest Credit Union, for them to be offering a service within ‘the space’ whenever it is opened.
- Locality Team have been asked to look at possible tasks under the Financial Inclusion priority as there doesn’t seem to be too much happening around this. This would be a welcome addition to the Locality. If anyone has any suggestions on what they would like to see, please let me know.

# Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities 6

13 Young People who are participating in the PDA Youth Work course are now in different groups throughout the North Coast & Cumbrae Locality, doing the practical unit. Within the groups they are delivering 1 team building session and one issue based session. These are observed by the locality staff and an observation report is written up to go in with the Young Peoples folder for evidence.



Skelmorlie Community Council are looking at creating a local place plan for Skelmorlie. This will be in conjunction with Skelmorlie Community Trust who have started the ground work for this project.

Largs & Cumbrae Community Councils have already submitted place plans to the council and these are being considered.

CCC Mens shed continue to work in collaboration with the Boys Brigade and Largs SWI. Here the mens shed pass on skills/training to the groups.





## Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities


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- West Kilbride Adult Education agreed to provide some free classes which started in January on the following subjects: Computing, BSL, Stress management/health & wellbeing. The committee also agreed to us providing multiply sessions on food budgeting/cooking on a budget for a 6 week period in January. 5 people have been attending this course.
- CCC Men's shed had completed the Community Asset Transfer process. Their application was considered and passed by NAC Cabinet. Once the 5 day call in period is complete, and if there are no call ins by any other elected member, then the legal process to complete the asset transfer will begin.
- Largs Academy PDA in Youth work pupils have now completed 2 of the 3 units to achieve their award. All units should be complete by early May.
- West Kilbride Adult Education Committee run a full programme of Adult Learning. Registration for this sessions classes took place in January.
- Multiply project has been working with individuals to build their numeracy skills.
- North Coast Youth Forum are working in partnership with Helter Skelter Trustees to develop a funding application form for the funds held by Helter Skelter. Youth Forum will also be involved in the shortleeting of applications when they have been submitted. This is to ensure there is a yuth voice/youth participation in decision made for young people by young people.
- 8 pupils from Largs Academy are continuing to develop skills with the Nasa Program . Largs, Cumbrae, Fairlie and St Marys p6/p7 are all fully engaged in Move and Improve leadership training and delivery of opportunities to p1-p3 pupils in the Largs cluster







The wild flower meadow has been reseeded in West Kilbride. This will be a nice area to go walks in the summer months.



Stress Management and wellbeing course was put on as part of West Kilbride Adult Education Programme. The take up for this course wasn't great, and it had to be cancelled.

*Love yourself*



Joint Youth Forum that brings all of our youth voice groups together from each locality to work on common aims and receive training was held in February. The session included an introduction into MHWB pilot of financial literacy and wellbeing, working on the pupil council toolkit and creating poems and literature to support the LGBT work we do locally. Young people also had the opportunity to update on what UNCRC means to them living in North Ayrshire which will create a comms media plan for the future.





## Improving Mental Wellbeing

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- All youth groups continue to look at Mental Health as a standing order in the group session.
- Older peoples conference took place in Saltcoats Town Hall in February. This was very well attended and participants looked at what is important to them and how the older people's structure could be moved forward. NC Older peoples Network meetings will now take place monthly to get things moving. If this becomes unmanageable then it will be changed back to quarterly.
- Clyde Coast and Cumbrae Mens shed continues to welcome new members.
- North Ayrshire Champions Board are a group of care experienced young people that take part in groups within their local secondary schools during either lunchtimes or within a school period. The aim of the groups is to allow young people to speak about their experienced within a safe space if they choose to do so and to allow them to work or plan projects that may positively impact them. They act as the youth voice for care experienced young people within North Ayrshire.





CLD Celebration event will be held at end of March. This event is to celebrate all the good work that happen in communities throughout North Ayrshire, and the volunteers that make it happen. This will be an annual event moving forward.

There is Currently an adopt a spot/ planter campaign being run by North Ayrshire Council. Residents can adopt a spot/ planter in the area they live in. Details can be found on the council web page.



Working with the Cameron Centre on a Community Asset Transfer application. This is for the land that the building sits on as they currently only have it on lease. The group are now a SCIO which will allow them to apply for other funding to help support the older people in the commuunity.





## Increasing Social Inclusion

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- In celebration of Care Day 2025, the corporate parenting team organized a quiz night accompanied by a two-course meal for young individuals with care experience, along with their friends and families. The feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive, with all young participants expressing enjoyment and camaraderie throughout the evening.
- Cumbrae Youth Group is going really well and numbers are great, Volunteer number have fallen and they are in the process of trying to recruit new volunteers.
- Various groups in the North Coast are being supported through the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) process. All are at different stages of the process. CCC Mens Shed have just had their CAT application approved at cabinet.
- Skelmorlie Community Council and Community Association are working on a project to look at lighting in the park/lane between the community centre and the school/top of road.
- West Kilbride Age well group put on another Age Well event for older people in West Kilbride Village Hall. The event went very well.
- Skelmorlie community council are working on the memorial to mark 100 years since the Skelmorlie disaster. This will be commemorated on the 18th of April. They have a plaque already organised but are working with the Damm society to arrange a more permanent memorial site within Skelmorlie.

The 'Cooking on a Budget' program has provided West Kilbride residents with a free 6-week opportunity to enhance their social, wellbeing, and basic cooking skills. The group consists of diverse participants, and their confidence grows each week. Some members started with minimal cooking knowledge, but their skills are steadily improving. When they are given any leftover food to try the recipes at home, they then return the following week, sharing that they've successfully recreated the dishes and even made batches for their freezer or relatives. They share that they are eager to try something different each week.

Participants are exploring and enjoying new recipes they've never tried before. The meals selected for the group can be easily modified with different ingredients to create entirely new dishes. These variations are discussed with the group and include them as tips on the recipes to inspire different meal ideas. Participants are also provided a cost breakdown per portion, detailing the price of each ingredient and the total cost. This helps participants understand that home-cooked meals can be more cost-effective than takeaways or microwave meals. The participants have learned take responsibility of their meals by using their phones and by consistently checking the food as it cooks, adjusting the temperature when needed. This shows they are developing a natural ability to understand and master the aspects of cooking.

**Price per portion - £3.69**

125g mince - £0.89

Onion - £0.32

Pepper - £0.53

Passata - £0.55

1 tin chopped tomatoes - £0.45

Herbs/spices - £0.20

1 oxo cube - £0.20

Cheese (based on 20g) - £0.16

Garlic bread  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a baguette - £0.28 (optional)

Clove of garlic - £0.06 (optional)

Spaghetti 75g - £0.05

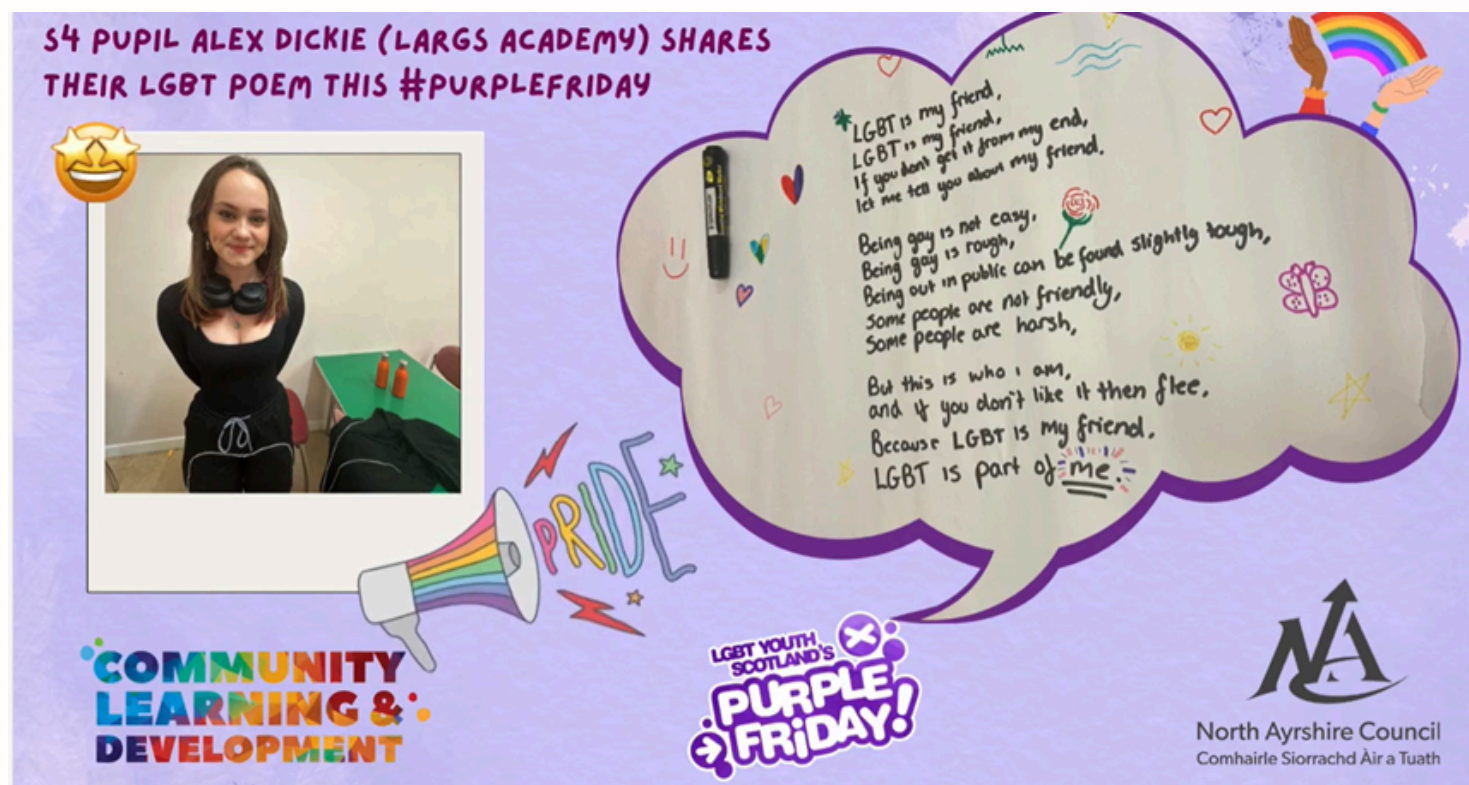


The North Ayrshire Joint Youth Forum, held twice a year, brings together young people aged 12-25 from across the region. The event, hosted at Ardeer Community Centre, aims to provide a platform for youth to network, share ideas, and influence local decision-making. The February 22nd 2025 event included workshops on money management, mental health, and LGBT History Month. As the North Coast Youth Forum were formed from the NC LGBT youth group the young people were particularly interested on the Purple Friday LGBT celebrations.

The event successfully brought together 50 young people who actively participated in discussions and workshops. · Participants provided valuable feedback that will be used to shape supportive policies and strategies by the council's executive leadership team. · The forum helped young people feel heard and empowered, with many expressing excitement about their ideas being shared with the council

Alex from the NC Youth Forum wrote the following poem for Purple Friday.

**S4 PUPIL ALEX DICKIE (LARGS ACADEMY) SHARES THEIR LGBT POEM THIS #PURPLEFRIDAY**



The collage features a photo of Alex Dickie, a hand-drawn poem in a cloud, and various LGBT-themed graphics. The poem is written in a cloud shape and includes the following text:

LGBT is my friend,  
LGBT is my friend,  
If you don't get it from my end,  
Let me tell you about my friend.

Being gay is not easy,  
Being gay is rough,  
Being out in public can be found slightly tough,  
Some people are not friendly,  
Some people are harsh,

But this is who I am,  
and if you don't like it then flee,  
Because LGBT is my friend,  
LGBT is part of me.

The collage also includes a megaphone with the word "PRIDE", a rainbow flag, and logos for "COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT", "LGBT YOUTH SCOTLAND'S PURPLE FRIDAY!", and "North Ayrshire Council Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath".



**"The Lentil soup dish was so easy to make. I've made loads for the freezer and given some to my son." "Each week, I have tried a new meal and really enjoyed them."**



**"I really enjoyed that more than I thought I would. I can't believe how easy it was to make this."**

**Coming to training has made me realise that we are not the only committee facing the same challenges"**

**'I really enjoyed the joint forum day, it was good to see everyone again I haven't seen them since we were in London' - Tyler Irwin**

**'I had a great time, I really enjoyed the bit about LGBT, it's nice to feel welcome and encouraged to be myself and my poem was really appreciated'**

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