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Meeting:	North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Monday 7 April 2025, 6.00 p.m. Microsoft Teams
Present:	Councillor Alan Hill (Chair) Councillor Eleanor Collier Councillor Ian Murdoch Rhonda Leith, Head of Connected Communities Russell McCutcheon, Executive Director, Place Louise Riddex, Locality Officer John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice Chair) Carol Campbell, Community Representative Lizzy Barbour, Community Representative Barbara Connor, TACT Michael Thompson, KA Leisure
In Attendance	Andy McNeil and Mark Mair Cumbrae & Clyde Coast Mens Shed Tiffany Irvin, Largs Thistle George Cloughley Friends of Kirktonhall Glen Laura Houston, CHAP Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer (Notes)
Apologies:	Councillor Todd Ferguson Councillor Tom Marshall David Murray, SFRS Rita Holmes, Fairlie CC Inspector Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest	
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.	Noted
	Prior to the meeting Cllr Murdoch declared an interest in the Clyde Coast & Cumbraes Men's Shed application as Chair of the organisation. Therefore, he advised that he will join the meeting once this item was considered by the Partnership.	Noted
	The Chair declared an interest in the Largs Thistle application and advised that he would not take part in the decision making.	Noted
	Cllr Collier highlighted that she has previously been involved with Friends of Kirkton Glen Hall however has not been involved in the application.	Noted
	J Lamb declared an interest in the Friends of KirktonHall Glen application and advised that he would not take part in the decision making.	Noted
3.	Community Investment Fund Applications	
	At the March 2025 Locality Partnership Meeting, it was agreed that an additional meeting would be arranged to consider several CIF	

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Applications. The Locality Partnership were asked to consider four Community Investment Fund Application. Two full applications and two Expression of Interest Applications.

It was highlighted that the total amount of CIF funding remaining for the North Coast and Cumbraes was £289, 283 and the total amount being applied for via the applications presented tonight was £304, 508.

Clyde Coast & Cumbraes Mens Shed – Full Application

The Partnership considered a full application from Clyde Coast & Cumbraes Mens Shed who are seeking £95,000 to make alterations to their Mens Shed in Largs. Alterations include more spacious workshop area, improved storage, modern disabled and unisex toilets, new staircase with stair lift to upper floor, new office and craft room/meeting room.

A proposed timeline for shared funding shared the organisations aim of completing the work by the end of this year.

Cllr Collier asked if the organisation had more detailed cost information, including a breakdown of quotes, to facilitate decision-making. A McNeil advised that they did not have this, only the estimates provided by the architect.

C Campbell expressed willingness to share best practices from recent tendering process experiences for project on Cumbrae. The Chair undertook to share C Campbell's details with the group.

At this point, A McNeil and M Mair left the meeting. The Chair thanked them both for attending.

The Partnership discussed:

- The Mens Shed being a valuable project for the community.
- The organisation exploring additional funding sources or fundraising opportunities.
- The importance of obtaining a comprehensive cost breakdown for the project.

The Partnership agreed to:

- Approve 50% of the funding requested by Men's Shed, with funds ringfenced for 12 months and subject to review after that period to allow the organisation to raise the remaining 50% via other funding avenues.
- Request that the organisation obtain and share a full quote for the project work with the Partnership.
- Release funds from ringfenced funding to support tendering efforts to advance the project.

Largs Thistle – Full Application

Cllr Hill

Louise Riddex

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<p>Cllr Murdoch joined the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Partnership considered a full application from Largs Thistle who are seeking £63,000 funding to purchase outright a minibus to be used by all educational establishments at the Largs Community Campus and Largs Thistle Youth teams, including Largs Colts. Where availability permits, it will be available through an online booking system for use by other community groups.</p> <p>T Irvin highlighted that since the application was submitted Largs Thistle are moving towards becoming a SCIO. T Irvin also highlighted that the girls' team competes in a league covering a wide geographic area, including trips as far as the outskirts of Perth, further highlighting the need for a minibus.</p> <p>Cllr Collier asked who will be responsible, who will be looking after the minibus and will use be on a first come first served basis?</p> <p>T Irvin highlighted that Largs Thistle is made up of 15 committee members, responsibility will be divided up between the Largs Thistle Committee and the School, with a few members taking on additional duties related to booking and maintenance. In terms of bookings, it would be allocated to games that are furthest away.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch highlighted that during the EOI, there was discussion around responsible drivers and queried how many volunteer drivers from Largs Thistle there is. T Irvin advised that there are currently three from Largs Thistle willing to become drivers as well as people from the school. Cllr Murdoch also asked who would be responsible for the booking system. T Irvin advised that it would be Largs Thistle, but a system would need to be put in place for school use.</p> <p>T Irvin left the meeting and this point. The Chair thanked her for attending.</p> <p>The Chair left the meeting at this point and Vice Chair, J Lamb assumed the role as Chair for the discussion and decision of the application.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no clear assignment of responsibility, and while the idea is reasonable, greater clarity is needed regarding control. If Largs Thistle assumes responsibility, this would be acceptable once they have SCIO status.• The group could have been mapping potential usage during the current football season which could have provided an estimated use.• Establishing a single point of contact is important.• Currently, there are three coaches willing to undergo MiDAS training, which could limit the number of drivers. Clarification is required on whether the minibus will serve only three teams in which coaches are happy to undergo the MiDAS training.	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more structured approach to their application is necessary, focusing on Largs Thistle’s perspective. • Excluding the rest of the North Coast from the initiative is disappointing as this was built into original application. • Queries raised at EOI have not been answered particularly in relation to GDPR, licence checks, where the minibus will be kept and who will maintain it. <p>The Partnership agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for an operational plan to be submitted before a decision is made in relation to the application. • There is a need for community engagement around the use of the bus. • A more structured approach to their application, from a Largs Thistle’s perspective is required. <p>Friends Of Kirktonhall Glen – Expression of Interest</p> <p>At this point, the Chair returned to the meeting and resumed their role as Chair.</p> <p>The Partnership considered an expression of interest application from Friends of Kirktonhall Glen who are seeking £52,200 of funding for the installation of solar powered and motion activated street lighting from Orchard Street entrance to the sports facilities within the glen. They highlighted that the lighting is essential for users to access safely the Tennis courts, activities in the pavilion and football training.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch commented that he is pleased the proposal has progressed and that solar power is an option due to tree canopy. G Cloughley highlighted that contractor advised that 15 lights would be required due to tree positioning.</p> <p>G Cloughley left the meeting at this point. The Chair thanked him for attending.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That this is an unusual request for CIF funding, however it would enable year-round equitable access to both current and future facilities. • There is a need to seek legal clarification on whether this fully aligns with CIF funding criteria. The Partnership asked L Riddex to investigate this. • The proposal involves seeking 100% funding, but it may be worth exploring match funding opportunities with house Builder or Hunterston. <p>The Partnership agreed that this should move to full application stage.</p>	<p>L Riddex</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>L Riddex</p> <p>L Riddex</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to ensure there is no duplication of funding for staff by guaranteeing that the funding supports a new position rather than an existing or previous role. • Need detailed evidence of demand from the North Coast area. • Service duplication, as Council already have welfare rights officers. • Service is available via telephone and there is regular direct transport to Ardrossan from the North Coast. From consultation carried out previously more individuals prefer digital or telephone-based services. <p>The Partnership decided not to support the application, as it was felt that doing so would result in duplicating services already provided by the Council. Additionally, similar services are readily available to North Coast residents through telephone and video calls by the organisation.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>L Riddex</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>No other business was discussed.</p>	

Meeting ended: 8.02pm