

# Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership	
Date/Venue:	Tuesday 11 March 2025, 6.00 p.m. Microsoft Teams	
Present:	Cllr Alan Hill (Chair) Cllr Ian Murdoch Cllr Eleanor Collier Russell McCutcheon, Senior Lead Officer, NAC Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer, NAC Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, NAC Barbara Conner, TACT Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council Lizzy Barbour, Co-opted Community Rep Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands), NAC Tony Gilhooly, Active Schools Co-ordinator Lynne Cathcart, Head Teacher Deidre Oakley, Locality Priorities Officer, NAC Jacqui Greenlees, Senior Manager, Connected Communities	
In Attendance	Gill Faragher- Largs SWI Sharon Murdoch- Largs SWI Susan Sheperd- Largs SWI	
Apologies:	Cllr Tom Marshall Cllr Todd Ferguson Michael Thompson, KA Leisure David Cameron, Police Scotland John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice Chair) Alex Harvie, Cumbrae Community Council Carol Campbell, Co-opted Community Rep Donald Fisher, Police Scotland David Murray, Scottish Fire and Rescue	
ACTIONS		
No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<b>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</b>  Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.	<b>Noted</b>
2.	<b>Action Note</b>  The action note arising from the meeting held on held on 26 November 2024 was approved.  L Riddex provided a short update on the minibus. Governance options are currently being explored and an update will be brought to a future meeting.	<b>Noted</b>

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3.	<p><b>Community Investment Fund Update- Largs SWI</b></p> <p>Sharon Murdoch and Susan Sheperd gave an overview of the impact the CIF had on this project including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The group have had a successful year with 45 paid members of the WI as well as pay as you go regular attenders totalling around 20</li><li>• Meetings are the first Wednesday each month with around 35 attendees each time.</li><li>• Variety of events and activities within the monthly calendar.</li><li>• Social media- great support received and presence is high on both Facebook pages with over 350 followers on the public page.</li><li>• Events are collaborative within local community including food bank and Men's Shed. Detailed overview of local events was provided.</li><li>• Want women to feel comfortable and safe in the area. Long lasting friendships are being made.</li><li>• Had a presentation from Ocean Youth Trust around the work of the organisation.</li><li>• Men's Shed are coming to do a session on DIY and there will also be crochet lessons in the future.</li><li>• Wood working classes are also taking place in partnership with the Men' Shed.</li><li>• Feedback for the classes has been very positive with no negative feedback received.</li><li>• Funding allowed purchase of 6 sewing machines and an overlocker and the sewing club has 147 members as well as unregistered members.</li><li>• 74 women have taken beginners courses and there have been several other classes including for alterations. There have been 23 weekly classes so far with ages ranging from 20 to 80.</li><li>• Another open day will be held on a Saturday and there are now 5 regular volunteer to help run the classes.</li><li>• Feedback has been 100% positive for this also.</li><li>• Largs SWI are holding a wedding dress exhibition on 22 March with 30 dresses dating back to 1953 in partnership with Glasgow Kelvin College.</li></ul> <p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr Murdoch stated the work taking place has surpassed what was expected, especially the partnership working taking place and the positive impact on members of the Men's Shed who have been working in sessions with the SWI. The Men's Shed members have built accessibility benches and these will be used at future sessions.</li><li>• Cllr Collier asked if the Men's Shed would also be learning sewing and crochet? Largs SWI confirmed they will.</li><li>• B Conner suggested the SWI have reached out to Creative Recycling as they now have a shop open in Stevenston.</li></ul> <p>The Chair thanked Largs SWI for their presentation.</p>	
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	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p><b>Millport Common Good</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R Leith provided an overview of the application as per the grant report.</li> <li>• Question received about whether there was already a notice board at Garrison House, if so would it be better to find a different location. The Chair highlighted it was the community council that ran this notice board.</li> <li>• The Partnership agreed to approve the application.</li> </ul>	
4.	<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 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Largs primary had a successful world of work week with people from across the community speaking about their jobs. They are also creating a poem and p6 performed for Burns night.</li> <li>• They are also taking part in a rotary quiz and have created a nurture and sensory room within the library.</li> <li>• An outdoor area is being prepared for outdoor learning</li> <li>• At St Marys a digital school award has been received to demonstrate commitment to digital learning experience</li> <li>• Ms Lee introduced children to Chinese culture and Chinese New Year</li> <li>• St Marys performed for Burns night with Scottish Opera.</li> <li>• On Cumbrae a Scottish concert was held for Burns night and Cumbrae Burns club donated prizes and trophies.</li> <li>• Active Schools</li> <li>• Generation Science are coming to the school at end of term and they will visit Science Centre.</li> <li>• There will be a screening of The Wild Robot for the school also</li> <li>• Works with partners in the community has been added to Edu Scotland as good practice</li> <li>• Rights Respecting Silver Award has also been received</li> <li>• Largs Academy had pupils at under 18 Scottish Football, Scottish Government and young musician of the year</li> <li>• Attainment has them as top attaining school in Ayrshire.</li> </ul> <p>Tony Gilhooly provided an update in relation to the work of Active Schools in the North Coast including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual Competition Club that was put in place last year which is opened to the whole of North Ayrshire to schools with less than 100. They can compete within their own schools.</li> <li>• Football Leagues for primary schools to compete at Largs Academy.</li> <li>• Extra-Curricular Activities- 52 opportunities in Largs Cluster</li> <li>• International Women's Day/ Fit for Girls</li> <li>• Largs Academy Sports Council</li> </ul>	Noted

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	<p>Cllr Hill highlighted that a meeting is planned with Largs Thistle re setting up 3 girls teams and funding via Helter Skelter being made available for this.</p> <p><b>Youth Report</b></p> <p>L Riddex advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are now 15 people involved in the youth forum</li> <li>• They recently attended the joint youth forum in Stevenson.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their updates.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Island Plan and Subgroup Update</b></p> <p>S Baird provided the Partnership with an update on the work of the Cumbrae Island Plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attempts are being made to hold the first in person meeting of the Cumbrae subgroup.</li> <li>• Cumbrae Community Council are looking funding for creation of economic vision and investment plan for Cumbrae which would look at investments and funding to benefit the island. An application has been made for funding on this.</li> <li>• The Islands Net Zero Accelerator Cohort is underway with Net Zero Nation and Zero Waste Scotland. Project has a strong focus on circular economy awareness. ACTION- S Baird highlighted would be good to link in SWI and Men's Shed with this work and will make these introductions.</li> <li>• New National Islands Plan for Scotland is currently under development. Looking at best ways to engage with the community as this work progresses. Likely to use the engagement results from the place plan engagement for this.</li> <li>• Mainland communities- Scot Gov is developing a rural delivery plan which will address issue and bring together policy areas. NAC is currently preparing response for this and a regional Ayrshire response is also being prepared. ACTION- S Baird will share the link if anyone wishes to complete a personal submission.</li> <li>• Island Economy Showcase event is taking place. Social media updates will be provided about this and an update will be brought back to the Locality Partnership.</li> <li>• B Conner highlighted work with Cumbrae Youth Project, they would like to develop apprenticeships. Could anything be done through the Island Plan? S Baird confirmed this would be highlighted to Arran Skills Group.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked S Baird for her update.</p>	Noted
6.	<p><b>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue – Wellbeing and Partnerships</b></p> <p><b>Scottish Fire and Rescue</b></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No representative present.</li> </ul> <p><b>Police Scotland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No representative present.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>
7.	<p><b>KA Leisure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No representative present.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>
8.	<p><b>Locality Priorities Officer Update</b></p> <p>D Oakley provided an update including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The chit chat had 8 people come along and discussions took place around climate plans and discussions around funding for Skelmorlie Community Cnetre</li> <li>Large chit chat is currently in planning stages. Climate Change Action Plans will be on the agenda for that also.</li> <li>Yuletide Event was affected by adverse weather but still attracted around 1500 members of the community. An evaluation meeting has taken place around improvement for next year</li> <li>Largs Food Hub held a fundraising night in November and raised over £2000.</li> <li>Fundraising tea dance also took place with Access to Food Group with £400 raised.</li> <li>Access to Food Group now have charitable status which helps with funding applications.</li> <li>Millport Community Shop now has over 150 members. An application has been made to Islands Cost of Living Fund to fund a storage container for food.</li> <li>R Leith provided a short update on the Islands Cost of Living Fund.</li> <li>CIF awareness raising continues.</li> <li>Information days are being organised around financial inclusion and dates will be circulated in due course.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
9.	<p><b>Locality Officer Update</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 Locality Officer. The following updates were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 CIF applications are at wither full application or EOI stages currently, EOI meetings will be organised in due course.</li> <li>An interim meeting of the LP will be held for Men's Shed full application.</li> <li>WKCI is receiving support around recruitment for posts.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support also being provided for Helter Skelter trustees.</li> <li>• Skelmorlie Community Council are holding event on 18 April to memorialise the Skelmorlie disaster.</li> <li>• Cllr Murdoch highlighted that he will leave any meetings during men's shed discussions as he is chair of the Men's Shed.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked L Riddex for the update.</p>	
10.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R Leith provided a brief overview of the results of the Locality Survey and progress around the review of Locality Planning. Recommendations are being pulled together for this currently and a brief overview of themes around these was provided- Support for the partnership, meeting format, focus on the locality plan. A fuller update will be brought back to a future meeting and at the upcoming Locality and Community Planning Conference on 10 May 2025.</li> <li>• T Gilhooly highlighted that Beat the Street will be coming to the North Coast Locality in May until the end of the school term.</li> <li>• B Conner highlighted TACT volunteer recruitment event will take place on 19 April in Volunteer Rooms in Irvine.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>

**Meeting ended: 19.30**