

# Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership	
Date/Venue:	Tuesday 10 June 2025,	
Present:	Councillor Alan Hill (Chair) Councillor Eleanor Collier Councillor Ian Murdoch Russell McCutheon, Executive Director, Place (Senior Lead Officer) Louise Riddex, Locality Officer Carol Campbell, Community Representative Lizzy Barbour, Community Representative Michael Thompson, KA Leisure Deidre Oakley, Locality Priorities Officer Jacqui Greenlees, Senior Manager, Connected Communities Frank Alexander, Largs Community Council Sarah Baird, NAC Donald Fisher, Police Scotland Heather Meldrum, LCDT	
In Attendance	Sharon Fleming, NAC Gordon Black, CWA George Coffey, WKCC Fiona Thorburn, Community Roots	
Apologies:	Councillor Marshall Councillor Ferguson Rhonda Leith, NAC Alex Harvie, Cumbrae CC Barbara Connor, TACT Isy Agnew, Skelmorlie CC Tony Gilhoolie, Active Schools John Lamb, West Kilbride Community Council (Vice Chair)	
ACTIONS		
No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<b>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</b>  The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.  F Alexander declared interest in Community Wealth Building and Community Benefits wish list.  It was highlighted that Section 8 of previous minute – access to the food group is a subgroup of Largs Community Council.	<b>Noted</b>
2.	<b>Action Note</b>  The action note arising from the March LP meeting was approved with all actions complete.	<b>Noted</b>
3.	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Noted</b>

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	L Riddex advised the Partnership that Douglas Park has withdrawn its application after securing funding from another source.	
4.	<p><b>Community Investment Fund Applications- EOI and Full Application</b></p> <p>R McCutcheon advised the Partnership that the Communities and Place Fund officially opened today. The fund's guidance indicates that it is available for projects involving the installation of low or zero carbon infrastructure. R McCutcheon also advised that he share the fund's details with the Partnership.</p> <p>L Riddex highlighted that part of the funding for the below low carbon projects can be funded through the Community Renewable Energy Generation Fund (CREGF) and will follow up on this.</p> <p><b>Expressions of Interest - Cycling Without Age Largs</b></p> <p>The Partnership considered an application from Cycling Without Age who are seeking £10,800 funding to purchase a second Trishaw for the Largs area.</p> <p>The group provided an overview of the Largs Chapter of Cycling Without Age and highlighted that they work with more than older people, instead focusing on all people with challenges including loneliness and mental health. To broaden their impact, the group is seeking funding for an additional trishaw, with delivery expected to take approximately two weeks.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Locality Partnership expressed positive feedback to the project so far.</li> <li>• The group were offered office space if required at the Community Hub and will be coming along to the radio station when it opens.</li> <li>• Insurance is handled through head office for Cycling Without Age.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed that this application should move to full application stage and be brought back to the September LP Meeting.</p> <p><b>Expression of Interest - Community Roots</b></p> <p>The Partnership considered an application from Community Roots who are seeking £28,728.83 funding to support the development of the Garden Haven, a purpose-built insulated garden room that will allow us to run year-round workshops, wellbeing sessions, and community gatherings, further strengthening our holistic approach to health, food, and community connection.</p> <p>The group provided an overview of the project which aims to create a shelter which uses sustainable energy at the garden. 100 people are currently registered with the larder on the premises. Several groups have also expressed an interest in using the garden and the group wishes to</p>	<p><b>R McCutcheon</b></p> <p><b>L Riddex</b></p> <p><b>L Riddex</b></p>

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	<p>provide workshops and training but this is not possible due to the lack of shelter or amenities. The group have already been successful in securing £50,000 for the project and CIF would fund stage 2.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>The Locality Partnership inquired about the security measures planned for the site. In response, the group explained that secure locks will be installed, the tool area will be positioned behind the building, and the container is designed to be vandal-proof. Additionally, the group plans to reinforce gate security and is exploring the purchase of cameras for the site.</p> <p>The group highlighted they would be happy to work in partnership with the Police Community Safety Officer on this. L Riddex will make this connection.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that this application should move to full application stage and be brought back to the September LP Meeting.</p> <p><b>Friends of Kirktonhall Glen - Full Application</b></p> <p>The Partnership considered an an application from Friends of Kirktonhall Glen who are seeking £50,000 of funding for the installation of solar powered and motion activated street lighting. The group highlighted that the lighting is essential for users to access safely the Tennis courts, activities in the pavilion and football training.</p> <p>The group advised that they have been looking for further funding but have not been successful in securing this.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Partnership voiced support for the project so far.</li> <li>• The group highlighted that they have been offered support with the project from the Council.</li> <li>• The Partnership asked about the robustness for the lights, which are purely solar, and how they can be powered in West Kilbride despite the tree canopy. The group highlighted this will be possible and are robust, they are used on the Scottish Islands.</li> </ul> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to support this application with 50% being funded through the CIF and the other 50% funded from other sources for example the CREGF or Communities and Place Fund.</p> <p><b>Largs Community Development Trust – Community Hub Update</b></p> <p>The Chair highlighted that Heather Meldrum from Largs Community Development Trust was present to provide the Partnership with an update on the Community Hub project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Credit Union will be present and delivering training and advice in the space.</li> </ul>	<p><b>L Riddex/ Community Roots</b></p> <p><b>L Riddex</b></p> <p><b>L Riddex</b></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other organisations will now also be using the space for example Trading Standards and North Ayrshire Cancer Care.</li> <li>• The Radio Station has garnered significant community interest with offers of broadcasting help, training and licensing from other local stations.</li> <li>• Significant progress has been made on the building and the group will be in by the weekend.</li> <li>• Will be running a membership campaign over the next few weeks.</li> <li>• The group will monitor the use of the building and either extend the lease after 3 years or find larger premises based on the growth of the group.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Review of Locality Planning</b></p> <p>J Greenlees provided an overview of the recommendations in the recent review of Locality Planning in North Ayrshire which focus on the themes of supporting the Locality Partnership, making the most of the meetings, strengthening focus on the Locality Plan and the Community Investment Fund.</p> <p>Discussion took place around potential changes to the meeting format and any other changes members would like to see going forward. Points were made as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Locality Partnership would like to include a rotating workshop at the September meeting that focuses on key local issues, for example locality priorities and CHES.</li> <li>• The Locality Partnership would like to keep updates and decisions at the start of the meeting.</li> </ul>	<b>J Greenlees</b>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Youth &amp; Education Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None present, report was circulated to the Partnership from Active Schools.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Island Plan &amp; Cumbrae Subgroup Update</b></p> <p>S Baird provided the Partnership with an update on the Island Plan and Cumbrae Sub-group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlighted several investments from Scottish Governments linked to National Islands Plan.</li> <li>• New Islands Plan will focus on additionality with fewer commitments and connect national, regional, and local plans with a clear allocation of responsibilities.</li> <li>• Final online session will take place on 24 June.</li> <li>• 25/26 Islands Programme is now open to support locally developed infrastructure projects and deliver Islands Plan objectives. Closing date is late July 2025 with decisions anticipated late September 2025.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Ayrshire Council has signed up to year 2 of Childminding Future. An information session to promote the programme has been held on Cumbrae.</li> <li>Updated on development of the Rural Delivery Plan for Scotland and consultation submission by the Council.</li> <li>S Baird will share links with the Partnership after the meeting.</li> <li>An update will be brought back to the Partnership on the Islands Pitstops Project as requested by F Alexander.</li> </ul>	<b>S Baird</b>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships</b></p> <p>D Fisher provided the Partnership with an update on behalf of Police Scotland including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visits to Fairlie Primary School to introduce to the Police.</li> <li>Water Safety, Safer Shores and knife crime inputs at local high schools.</li> <li>Inputs with NAC Trading Standards around alcohol, nicotine and vapes as well as test purchasing.</li> <li>Inputs at local libraries around fire safety and scams.</li> <li>Questions by Partnership around sentences for knife possession. It was clarified that sentences for this vary due to changing legislation from UK and Scottish Governments.</li> <li>NAC connected communities are working closely with Safer Shores up and down the coast and will be working with Police on this.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>KA Leisure Update</b></p> <p>M Thompson provided the Partnership with an update on KA Leisure activity including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer holidays programme has increased and will also include additional ASN only sessions.</li> <li>14- 20 June is prevention week and all swimming lesson plans will include safety skills.</li> <li>KA now have Locality Facebook pages and will start sharing content for the Locality Partnership.</li> <li>Looking to hold more birthday parties over the summer using bouncy castles and weekly bounce sessions for all.</li> <li>Overview on management of Barrfields Putting Green- this will be managed from reception.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Locality Priorities Officer Update</b></p> <p>D Oakley advised the Partnership that a report was circulated prior to the meeting on the work of the Locality Priorities Officer.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about Largs Pencil as venue for youth event by F Alexander. Concerns were noted but it was highlighted that the Youth</p>	

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	<p>Forum were engaged and requested the event to take place again this year at Largs Pencil, with 100 young people attending last year.</p> <p>An overview of the significant engagement around the event with young people as well as how legal and safety guidance are being adhered to was provided.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>11.</b>	<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 and provided some key highlights from the report.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>It was requested that the topic of the North Coast Locality Priorities post should be added on to a future agenda.</p>	<b>J Greenlees</b>

**Meeting ended: 19:50pm**