

North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership

Tuesday 2 September 2025 at 6pm, Annex Building, Clark Memorial Church, Largs

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Hill	
2.	Action Note 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?
DECISION REQUIRED					6.05– 6.40 pm
3.	Grants The Locality Partnership are asked to consider the below grant application: Millport Common Good Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cumbræ SWI Elderly Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample Centre Skelmorlie Senior Citizens The Cameron Centre Age Well West Kilbride 	 Pg 10 Pg 12	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	LP to consider application made to
4.	Community Investment Fund The Locality Partnership are asked to consider two applications made to the Community Investment Fund. EOI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Craufurd Simpson Park Full Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycling Without Age Largs 	 Pg 15 Pg 21	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	LP to consider one application made to the Community Investment Fund.
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					6.40 – 7.50pm

5.	Island Plan Receive update on the work of Cumbrae Island Plan.	-	Verbal	Sarah Baird/Cllr Hill	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
6.	Locality Priorities Officer Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Deirdre Oakley, Project Officer, Community Learning and Development.	-	Verbal	Deidre Oakley	Receive update and consider potential CIF pipeline and promotion.
7.	Locality Officer Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer.	Pg 32	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
FOCUS DISCUSSION					
8.	Area Mapping Exercise The Locality Partnership to discuss and collate information on local groups operating across the area.	-	Verbal	Cllr Hill	Locality Partnership to discuss and collate information on local groups operating across the area.
PARTNER REPORTS					7.50 – 8.00 pm
9.	Locality Partnership to receive updates for Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police Scotland• Scottish Fire and Rescue• KA Leisure• Education	-	Verbal	Reps from: Police Fire KA Leisure Education	Reports enclosed for information.
AOCB					
10.	AOCB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locality Priorities Officer			Cllr Hill	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

TBC 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
Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland
Paul Timmons Scottish Fire and Rescue
Michael Thompson, KA Leisure
Barbara Conner, TSI

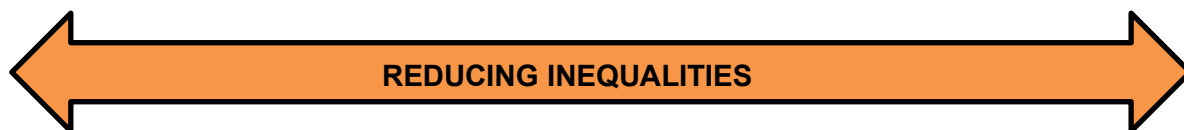
North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership Priorities

**Improving
access to
financial
services**

**Increasing
social
inclusion**

**Improving
mental
wellbeing**

**Supporting
skills and work
opportunities**



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.	Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest 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.	Noted
2.	Action Note The action note arising from the March LP meeting was approved with all actions complete.	Noted
3.	Grants	Noted

	L Riddex advised the Partnership that Douglas Park has withdrawn its application after securing funding from another source.	
4.	<p>Community Investment Fund Applications- EOI and Full Application</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>Expressions of Interest - Cycling Without Age Largs</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>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Locality Partnership expressed positive feedback to the project so far. • The group were offered office space if required at the Community Hub and will be coming along to the radio station when it opens. • Insurance is handled through head office for Cycling Without Age. <p>The Partnership agreed that this application should move to full application stage and be brought back to the September LP Meeting.</p> <p>Expression of Interest - Community Roots</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>R McCutcheon</p> <p>L Riddex</p> <p>L Riddex</p>

	<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>Discussion</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>Friends of Kirktonhall Glen - Full Application</p> <p>The Partnership considered 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>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Partnership voiced support for the project so far. • The group highlighted that they have been offered support with the project from the Council. • 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. <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>Largs Community Development Trust – Community Hub Update</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"> • The Credit Union will be present and delivering training and advice in the space. 	<p>L Riddex/ Community Roots</p> <p>L Riddex</p> <p>L Riddex</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other organisations will now also be using the space for example Trading Standards and North Ayrshire Cancer Care. • The Radio Station has garnered significant community interest with offers of broadcasting help, training and licensing from other local stations. • Significant progress has been made on the building and the group will be in by the weekend. • Will be running a membership campaign over the next few weeks. • 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. 	Noted
5.	<p>Review of Locality Planning</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"> • 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. • The Locality Partnership would like to keep updates and decisions at the start of the meeting. 	J Greenlees
6.	<p>Youth & Education Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None present, report was circulated to the Partnership from Active Schools. 	Noted
7.	<p>Island Plan & Cumbrae Subgroup Update</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"> • Highlighted several investments from Scottish Governments linked to National Islands Plan. • New Islands Plan will focus on additionality with fewer commitments and connect national, regional, and local plans with a clear allocation of responsibilities. • Final online session will take place on 24 June. • 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. 	

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

	<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>	Noted
11.	<p>Locality Officer Update</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>	Noted
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>It was requested that the topic of the North Coast Locality Priorities post should be added on to a future agenda.</p>	J Greenlees

Meeting ended: 19:50pm



Locality Partnership: North Coast Locality

Date: 1st September 2025

Subject: To advise the meeting applications received in respect of the Largs Common Good Fund.

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

Background: The Largs Common Good Fund has a balance of **£6,600** 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.

For more information please contact: Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Connected Communities, 2nd Floor Cunninghame House, Irvine.
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Date: 11 August 2025

MILLPORT COMMON GOOD FUND

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2025/26

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
Cumrae Scottish Women Institutes	<p>Due to lack of funds, NAC no longer maintain the public flower beds, or the Cenotaph located at the centre of Millport town. For the past 2 years a small group of members from Cumrae branch SWI have continually raised funds to enable the purchase of flowers including perennials and annuals for planting. All planting, ongoing weeding and watering is done by volunteers. Keeping the plants healthy and blooming is a huge challenge due to the distance of the nearest water pipe. A close by resident has given us permission to access their water tap. The money would be used to purchase a flexible hose that could use to cross the road and attach the second standard hose so that would reach all the flower beds.</p> <p>Hozelock Superhoze 40 meters, Hanger, spray gun, mobile auto reel 35 meters. Total Cost £345</p>	£345.00	N/A
<p>Communities & Housing, Finance and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:</p> <p>Finance: Requested documentation has been provided and quotes have been received and verified. The Millport Common Good balance remaining would be £3,215 should this application be successful.</p> <p>Legal: 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.</p> <p>The purpose of the grant aims to benefit all sections of the community and therefore the application can be legally justified.</p> <p>Communities & Housing: These flower beds will benefit residents of all ages, it will provide people of Millport an opportunity to socialise and enjoy the outdoor space, promoting social inclusion.</p> <p>Connected Communities is satisfied this project meets the criteria of the Common Good Fund.</p>			



Locality Partnership: North Coast Locality

Date: 9 September 2025

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2025/26 Elderly Grants Fund.

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

Background: Applications have been received in respect of the 2025/26 Elderly Grants Fund.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

- The 2025/26 North Coast Elderly Grants Fund has a balance of **£13,766**

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: 29 July 2025

**ELDERLY GRANTS FUND
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2025**

Grant Allocation for North Coast LPP Area

£

13,766

Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allocated to Group	Amount Requested
The Cumbrae Forum		£ 949	£ -
The Cameron Centre Largs	Every other Wednesday we have entertainment which could be a singer, magician, Police and trading standards talks on scams etc, talks on banking fraud. Fire service on home safety. All day trips away for the year. (approx. 4 per year) Coach hire at present is approx. £750.00 per trip (£3000.00) Painting and general maintenance of the building (£2.500.) all entertainment cost approx. (£3.000).	£ 7,339	£ 7,339
The Semple Centre	To assist with the running costs of The Semple Centre to provide a safe, comfortable space for the elderly to meet, socialise and pursue various activities.	£ 1,366	£ 1,366
Skelmorlie Senior Citizens	To contribute to the costs of a senior citizens Christmas party for around 100 residents of the community, consisting of a 3 course meal, entertainment, refreshments and will cover the cost of stationery and postage for invites. This event embraces health and wellbeing as an opportunity for friends to meet up both old and new. Caterer £2000, Refreshments £300, Entertainment £200, Miscellaneous £100	£ 1,488	£ 1,488
Age Well West Kilbride	A Christmas meal for 200 older people at the Seamill Hydro Hotel on 4 Dec 2025. The group have organised similar events over the past 3 yrs. They have been very popular and highly successful in bringing older people together to socialise and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the hotel with its seaside location. Tickets for the event are heavily subsidised to ensure it is affordable for most and	£ 2,623	£ 2,623

	<p>we also intend to issue 20 free tickets this year to older customers utilising the support of the local village larder. We advertise the event widely in local shops, on notice boards and at community venues. We use the community centre, village larder and local church as outlets for tickets. Raffle prizes and entertainment are organised through volunteer support and donations from local businesses and organisations. We check in advance if people have access to transport and provide support through volunteer drivers/taxis if required. People experiencing a range of disabilities attend with the assistance of friends, relatives and volunteers. The staff team at the hotel adapt the layout to facilitate ease of access. Costs based on last year's costs plus inflation at 3.6%</p> <p>2 course lunch for 200 older people - £4962.44</p> <p>Posters & tickets design and printing - £231.46</p> <p>Volunteer driver expenses - £21.60</p> <p>EXPENDITURE TOTAL: £5,215.50</p> <p>INCOME: NAC Elderly Grant - £2,623</p> <p>Ticket sales x 180 @ £10 - £1800</p> <p>TOTAL INCOME: £4,423.00</p>		
		TOTAL	£ 12,816

Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

Please see notes on reverse before completing this form.

Organisation name	<i>Craufurd Simson Park</i>
Brief details of organisation	<p>The Craufurd Simson Park SCIO has been set up as a community-driven initiative to develop a safe and inclusive playground for local residents. The playground will provide a much-needed recreational space for children and families, fostering community engagement and promoting physical and mental well-being.</p> <p>Vision To create a vibrant and inclusive community playground that fosters fun, healthy play, social connections, and a sense of belonging.</p> <p>Mission To provide a safe and accessible recreational space for children and families in our community, promoting physical activity, social development, and community engagement.</p>
Locality	West Kilbride
Amount Requested	£100,000
Timescale	<p>The start date of the project will be dependent on securing the funds.</p> <p>2025 (year 1) – £92,670</p> <p>2026 (year 2) – £7,330</p>
Brief Overview of Proposal	<p>Funding is requested for the development of the Craufurd Simson Park. This includes:</p> <p>Procurement for equipment and set up at start - £89,120</p> <p>Funds to maintain the equipment and land for the first 2 years – £10,880</p>

	<p>The park is intended to provide safe space for children to play.</p> <p>Park equipment will be procured and built on the land. The equipment will aim to provide activities for children ages 1 to young teenagers. Accessibility is important to the community and the selection of equipment will seek to accommodate a wide range of abilities, and diversity. The space will house a variety of play equipment for climbing, balancing, motor skill and flexibility development as well as space for plants to be grown and nurtured.</p> <p>Seating will be provided to provide space for parents and carers to sit and watch the children.</p> <p>Children will be encouraged to be responsible for the park by keeping it tidy and making sure it is safe by reporting any issues that would affect the safety of children using the park, helping keep the park clean and tidy and participating in painting or growing activities to maintain the park.</p> <p>Adults will be responsible for making sure that the park is maintained and a safe, warm, welcoming space for the community and the children. A plan to involve the community in managing this will be formed.</p>
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Contact Details	Jenny Clark
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- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;

- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

When to apply and how?

- Groups should have an initial discussion with the relevant Locality Officer. Their contact details are available by emailing communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.
- Initial interest in a CIF application should be via an expression of interest form sent to the Locality Officer. This will be discussed by the LP or an associated working group.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.

Community Investment Fund Checklist To be completed by Locality Officer at expression of interest stage				
Name of Group: Crauford Simpson Park Name of Application:				
Item	Yes	No	Not Applicable (give reason)	Comments
Expression of interest coproduced	X			Discussions took place between group and Locality Officer.
Link to Fair for All	X			
Link to Locality priorities	X			Social Inclusion Improving Mental Health
Does not duplicate existing services	X			
Long term impact and sustainable	X			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved health and wellness: The playground will encourage physical activity and promote healthy lifestyles. • Social development: Children and families will have opportunities to connect and build relationships. • Community engagement: The playground will serve as a gathering place for the community, fostering a sense of belonging and shared purpose.

				These benefits will be delivered as long as the space remains safe and the equipment maintained. The Trustees have defined a plan to ensure long term sustainability
Evidence of financial viability (bank acct, annual accounts)	X			SCIO only started in Oct 24 so Audited Accounts not due to be done until Oct 25. Have request 2 months of bank statements from the group.
Evidence of management arrangements (governance arrangements, officer bearers, organisational objectives, organisational status)	X			<p>The Craufurd Simpson Park SCIO was created after a community meeting agreed that this would help achieve the group's objectives.</p> <p>There are 6 trustees and each trustee is on board to add value in a particular way. We have a treasurer nominated to ensure funds are managed effectively and a secretary responsible for documentation, applications for grants, and managing membership.</p> <p>Trustee meetings will take place periodically with an annual membership meeting happening in July each year.</p>
OSCR compliance	X			Accounts not required to have been submitted yet but SCIO has been granted by OSCR.
GDPR compliance	X			Policy is in place and have a copy of it which is available to view on request.
Child protection and vulnerable adults policies	X			Child Protection Policy in place and have a copy of it which is available to view on request.
Measurable outcomes	X			Phase 1 (Start up installation):

				<p>Procurement of the land</p> <p>Installation of young children's playground equipment, flooring and groundworks to the value granted in the first phase of funding.</p> <p>Procurement of insurance for years 1 and 2.</p> <p>Procurement and placement of signage</p> <p>Phase 2 (not covered within the funding request):</p> <p>Procurement of additional playground equipment for older age groups.</p>
Any issues flagged in past 3 years		X		
Completed By: Louise Riddex				
Date Completed: 25/8/25				
Please return completed form to the Community Planning Team				



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

NORTH COAST & CUMBRAES LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP

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- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

When to apply and how?

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities, and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round'.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form (attached), which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.
- Forms should be returned to your Locality Officer, by email if possible:

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For more information see the guidance form here: <http://www.northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/sites/60/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf>



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND NORTH COAST & CUMBRAES LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP

1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation

Cycling Without Age Scotland: Largs Chapter

Postal Address for Correspondence

Name of Contact Person Gordon Black

Position in Organisation Captain, CWAS Largs

Telephone Number

Email Address



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

NORTH COAST & CUMBRAES LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP

2. Brief description of your organisation

Cycling Without Age Scotland (CWAS) is endorsed and supported by the Scottish Government. It operates across Scotland through a network of some 90 Chapters (Branches) of volunteers. It exists to provide tricycle rides to people with mobility issues (aged, infirm & dementia) but is open to anyone who would benefit from being outdoors and having some social interaction, including people who are just lonely.

The rides are free and provided by volunteer pilots (cyclists) who typically take one passenger and their carer (professional or family)

This application to the Community Investment Fund is being submitted by the Largs Chapter. CWAS Head Office holds our funds in their bank account and provides our strategic guidance, insurance and maintenance support.

Cycling Without Age Scotland is a registered SCIO - SC048128. Its aims and objectives are to enhance the mental and physical wellbeing of older and infirm members of our communities. This is delivered through providing accompanied tricycle outings (jaunts) enabling those who might benefit from the service to 'get outdoors' and engage with others.



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

NORTH COAST & CUMBRAES LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP

3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for.

Please include:

- where it will be held / delivered
- who is your target audience
- who will benefit from it and how
- any partners that are involved.

Project Title: Acquisition of a Second Trishaw

We are seeking funding to purchase a second Trishaw. We opened for business in March 2024 and since then have provided 'jaunts' for some 371 Passengers to the end of July. This figure does not include their carers; who also benefit. In April of this year our client base expanded to cover autistic children and blind adults, and we aspire to offer it to young adults with learning difficulties.

We have 10 very active and enthusiastic pilots with another 8 on the 'waiting list' pending the arrival of the second Trishaw. Our existing storage shed (in the Vikingar Carpark) can accommodate the second Trishaw.

We will continue to provide our service exclusively on the Largs Promenade and occasionally at the Largs Early Years Centre.

Our target community beneficiaries is unchanged; we will just be able to increase our volume.

We have no 'partner' organisations, and have no requirement.



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4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?

Please include:

- The outcomes you aim to achieve
- How you will approach reducing inequality
- How this proposal fits with the

It is our intention to double the number of 'jaunts' we provide and thus deliver the social and mental wellbeing benefits of our activities to even more people in and around Largs.

We are currently, and will remain, open to providing our service to ALL who may benefit from it.

Locality Partnership Priorities:

1. Improving access to financial services - No impact
2. Increasing social inclusion - Our current service, and increased capacity, is open to people of all ethnicity and social status. We are free to use and our pilots enthusiastically embrace diversity and variety. It is part of the personal benefit we receive.
3. Improving mental wellbeing - Our core proposition is the enhancement of mental wellbeing for our passengers, and pilots. The acquisition of the second Trishaw will enable us to quickly grow the volume, and thus the sum benefit.
4. Supporting skills and work opportunities - No impact



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5. What engagement has taken place in relation to the project?

Please include the number of people who have been engaged with or consulted as well as the range of people.

Our primary source of passengers are:

- a) Individual Bookings: In the main these are from friends and family of passengers who may benefit from our service. As such there is no mechanism for consulting with them. However, we are convinced there is a huge latent demand and with judicious promotional effort (especial two Trishaws going along the Promenade most days) we will attract them. We have had much anecdotal support.
- b) Care Home Bookings: We have consulted with the three care homes along the front. (Haylie House is too far up the busy Irvine Road and falls into the category of Individual Bookings)

Hutton Park (36 residents) and Burnlea (32 residents) are highly complementary of the service we provide and the benefits we deliver, and will continue to use us and grow the number of outings as and when possible. We talked with the Activity Managers in both organisations. Their limiting factor is having the staff to accompany their residents.

The new Bay Court Care Home (80 resident capacity) are very well aware of the service we provide and indeed have had three outings with us to date while they only have 5 residents. Natalie Lochhead (Care Home Manager) and Paula Bell (Activity Manager - who has been out on the Trishaw) have indicated their enthusiastic support for the engagement we provide for their future residents.



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QUALITATIVE IMPACT STATEMENTS:

OBSERVATIONS BY ONE PILOT:

Melanie Anderson
CWAS Largs pilot
7th May 2025

"As a pilot, I see first hand how the trishaw basically generates happiness - in its passengers, in passers-by and in those of us doing the pedalling. It lifts the spirits of our clients, who might be feeling isolated by mobility issues or dementia; it supports and cheers the carer or family member who joins them; even the folk we pass on the prom can't help but smile or wave and some will even flag us down for a quick chat. And we pilots get a huge boost to our own mental wellbeing from all of this and from the camaraderie of the other volunteers."

OBSERVATIONS BY HUTTON PARK CARE HOME

Carla Silveira
Activity Lead
Hutton Park Care Home, LARGS
14th July 2025

The Trishaw is one of our resident's favourite activities, they just love it, they talk about it all morning when they know they are going out on it, a second one would be fantastic, more residents can get to go out. You only need to look at the smiles on their faces to see how much this means to them.

Our Regional Director was visiting the other week and this is what she sent out to all the care homes in her region during Glad to Care Week:

We have a resident who is living with advanced dementia, and who experiences high levels of stress and distress. The team are always trying new ways to support the resident and despite many failed attempts, they finally managed to cajole her into going for an outing along the beachfront on a Trishaw. I heard her screams of delight as they pulled away, and the smile I saw on her face when she returned was truly memorable.

When you're supported by amazing people, you can still have the time of your life in a Care Home.



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Plus some comments from Families:

Rona, both her parents are with us: To see the look on my mum and dad's faces as they both get to go for a ride along the prom together is just the tonic we need as a family, the volunteers running the Trishaw's are just amazing, Thank you so much

Rosemary: I honestly can't remember when I seen mum this happy, she just loves her outings on the Trishaw, I think if she could she would just go back and forth all day, such wonderful volunteers that runs these.

Gorgia: You just have to look at the faces of the residents when they are out on these, my stepdad is a resident in the care home and he hails from Glasgow, the fact that he gets to go out a couple of days along the seafront is so important to him, he just loves it so thank you so much.

We deem 10 to be the optimum number of pilots to ensure a bank of willing and enthusiastic volunteer cyclist. If there were too many their outings would be infrequent and they may lose motivation. If there were too few then they would be very busy and become disenchanted. Without carrying out any promotional activity we have grown the 'reserve' pilot-in-waiting list to 8.

The training of the existing 8 reserves has commenced with the first two training session booked - 27th August for the first two Pilots and 8th September for the second pair. With a fair wind behind PVG checks they could be active in late September.

Upon announcement of the success of the Funding Application we will seek to grow the pool of volunteers.



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6. How will the project be managed?

Please include:

- How the finances will be managed
- Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in North Coast? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities
- If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans

The Funds, when transferred to CWAS Head Office will be used to purchase the second Trishaw. We anticipate the Trishaw could be delivered to us in Largs in as little as two weeks.

The project will double the number of volunteering opportunities from 10 to 20.

There are no employment opportunities associated with the Project.

There is no staff requirement.

PROJECT PLAN:

Upon receipt of the funds CWAS Head Office will order the Trishaw

Upon notification of a successful application we will:

- a) Notify the 8 pilots in waiting, and book dates for their initial training - to take place within 2 weeks
- b) Ask them to submit their PVG applications
- c) Provide experience jaunts for them (using other existing pilots)
- d) Carry out their individual assessments - when the PVGs are through



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7. Amount of funding being requested

Amount of funding requested (£)

£10,800 (The total present cost of a Trishaw)

Funding Received over the past 5 years:

£456 from the NAC Participatory Budgeting Scheme to pay for our booking system over 2 years. Received December 2024.



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8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on the monitoring and evaluation processes planned or in place.

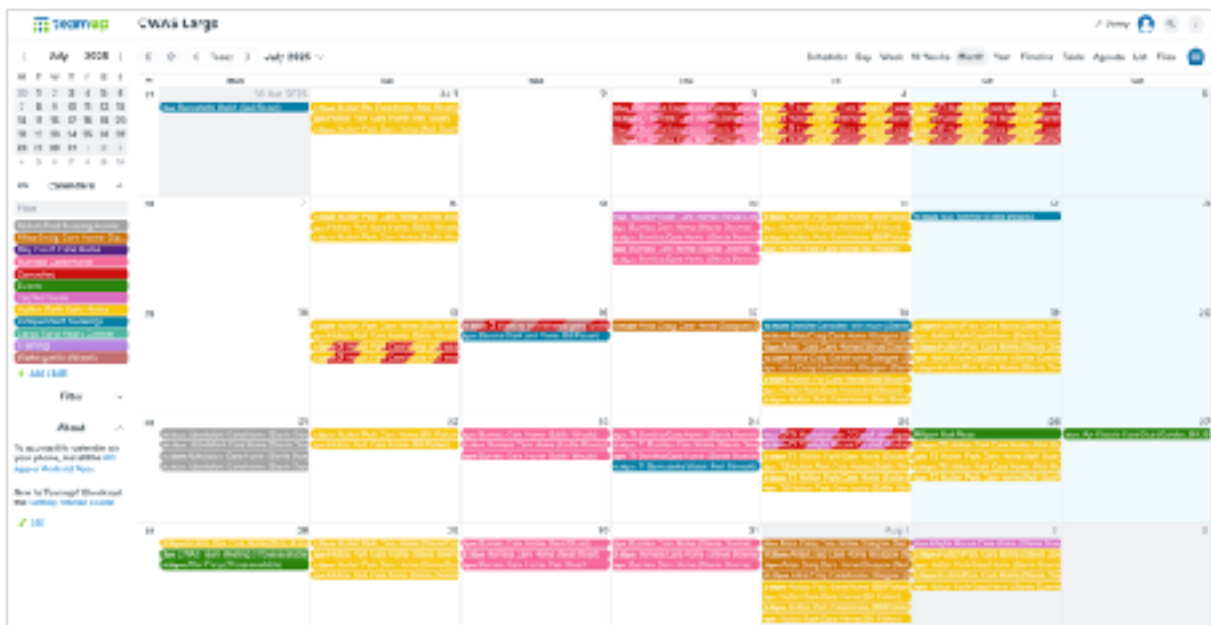
All of our bookings are recorded on our TeamUp calendar as and when they are made. We then use this to track our number of successful 'jaunts' delivered, and indeed those cancelled due to weather etc. For example from when we started providing our service in March 2024 (with only two pilots) until the Expression of Interest was submitted in April 2025 we took out 205 passengers (not counting their carers who would themselves derive emotional and mental benefit).

In the year August 2024 to July 2025 we have provided some 364 passenger 'jaunts'.

Our target number for the same period in 2025/26 (August 2025 to July 2026) is 750 passengers. This is based on the availability of the second Trishaw combined with;

- The opening of the Bay Court Care Home with space for some 80 residents (more than doubling the seafront capacity of Hutton Park and Burnlea combined)
- The growing trend of increase in the number of individually booked jaunts as a result of our continually increasing profile in the community.

Sample TeamUp calendar for July 2025:

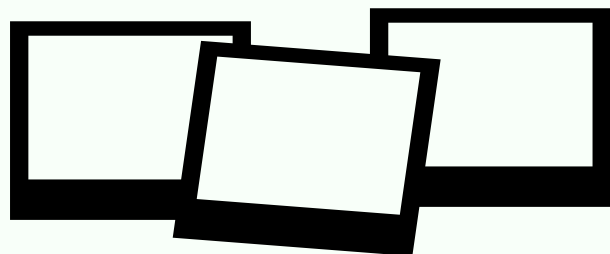




Locality Partnership Progress Update

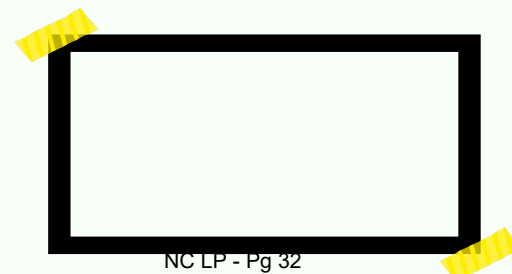
Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- CLD Have had 4 PB launch events to date for the next round of PB funding. Only 1 person turned up in Millport and 7 people attended Skelmorlie with 3 new groups that have never applied before attending which is encouraging. 2 attended WK and 2 in Largs.
- NEC were invited to attend summer program events to help under 22s with free travel passes.
- Cost-of-living events took place in Skelmorlie, West Kilbride and Largs. Uptake was very poor which was disappointing. Although not well attended those who did benefited from information received to support them

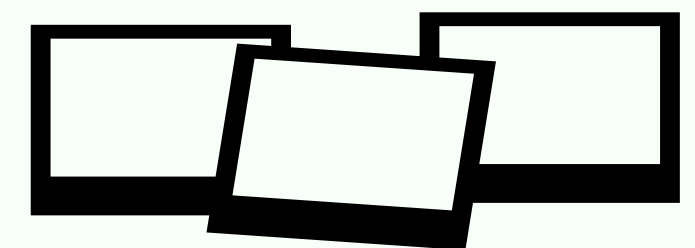


Health and Wellbeing

- Skelmorlie youth group has an average of 16 young people attending each week. Staff are due to speak with primary school to engage with new P7 class. This group is free for young people and allows them to play an active part in planning group activities and take ownership over their group.
- CLD Team ran a cooking group during the holidays. This group consisted of men between the ages of 60-85. All meals were cooked by scratch and the participants were taken through the full process. They were also shown how to batch cook as a few of them lived alone, and this would save waste and time for them.

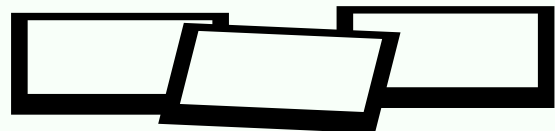


Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride



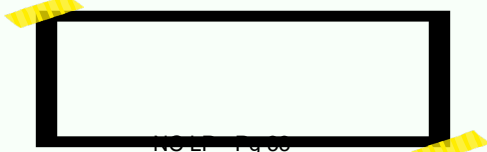
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- 4 events took place over the summer offering free activities for whole families. A total of 667 people attended these events. We had to cancel the 5th event in Fairlie beach due to bad weather which 60 people had signed up for.
- This term West Kilbride Adult Education committee have agreed to run the following free course: Digital Security in the Digital World, Digital Skills for the Over 50's, and British Sign Language taster.
- Largs Food hub have helped a member with a disability by taking his order via a phone call then delivering to him.
- Scotwest credit union is operating from your space. They are currently working on a Christmas campaign to encourage people who want a loan to take it out with the credit union instead of going to payday loans.

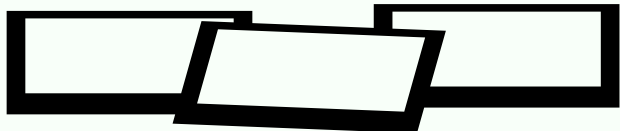


Health and Wellbeing

- Weekly sessions in secondary schools across NA offer a consistent, safe space for around 60+ care experienced young people to connect. Feedback shows the groups improve emotional wellbeing, reduce isolation, and foster belonging—"I feel like I can open up"
- The staff within the Children & Families Health Team (Health Visitors, School Nurses & Support Team) support children, young people and families with low level mental health support and refer to other services as deemed relevant. Additional advice is also available on the Ayrshire Bairs App (Health Visiting) and SNAP (School Nursing Ayrshire Provision).

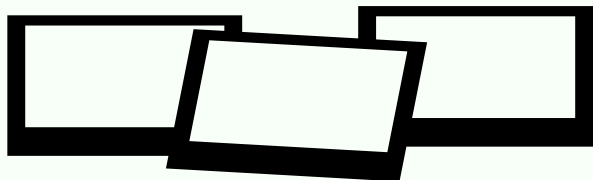


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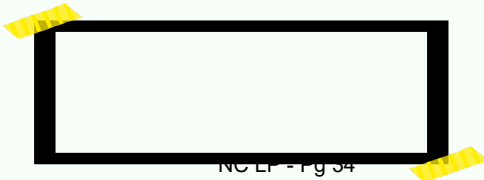
Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- Supporting Skelmorlie community council to gather community feedback around the lighting in the park. 43 responses so far with a view to build a working group that will focus on the lights and help to lever funding in place.
- Supporting 4 groups through the CIF process. 1 EOI and 3 Full applications.
- The number of Organisations expressing an interest in using the Your Space facilities continues to increase. Largs Green Futures continue to have open days on a regular basis to encourage participation. LDT membership continues to grow with approximately 65 people having signed up for membership.

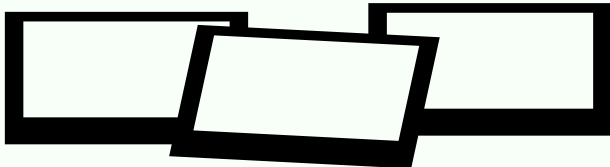


Work and Skills

- West Kilbride Adult Learning Committee have been working on their syllabus for the autumn term, with enrolment day scheduled for Wed 20th August. There is an array of various paid courses (37) available. Courses will commence from the start of September.
- Skelmorlie community council are working with TACT to update their constitution and make it relevant to the community and its needs currently.
- Building confidence in young people at Skelmorlie youth group and equipping with skills in cooking and communication that will be transferable in the future.



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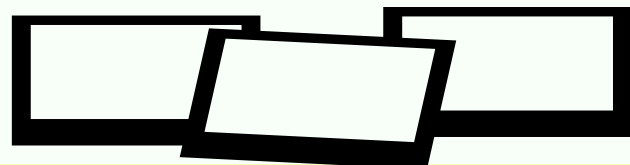




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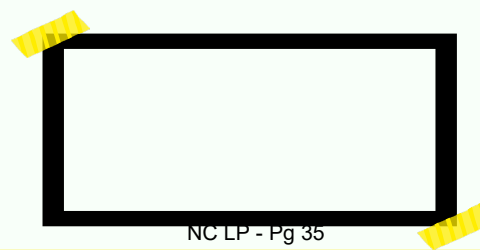
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- LDT are running a campaign around energy for the entire month of September. It will involve activities in the hub, outreach activities and digital campaigning. They are working closely with Citrus energy, and are holding a business breakfast meeting for local business to explore how Citrus energy can help them save on energy costs through a variety of measures. The rest of the month will be focused on residential customers. They want to look at who qualifies for winter fuel payments, and how to claim it. They also want to help people find the cheapest provider and assist them to change supplier. This will be done in partnership with other Organisations.
- NC Youth Forum are looking at working with a growers group to grow food in the school grounds.

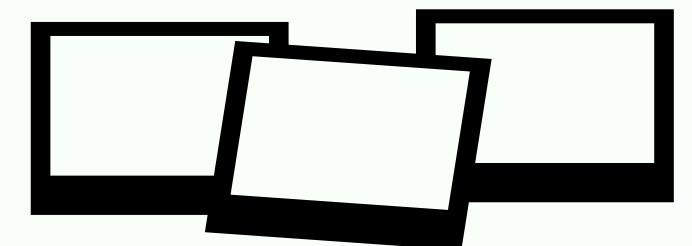


Work and Skills

- Skelmorlie Community council supporting to apply for funding. Was successful with ARIA fund supporting rural communities to access IT equipment. They were successful in funding and were able to get a laptop and printer to support the community council going forward.
- Transferable skills are being learned by young people attending youth groups such as teamwork, leadership, communication problem solving, decision making, confidence, active listening and building relationships these skills are valuable not only in personal life but also in academic settings.
- Largs Food Hub have have had 3 teaching sessions at TACT regarding funding and how to show their effect in the community.

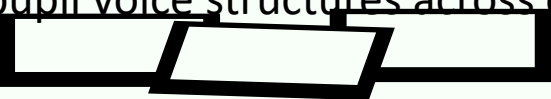


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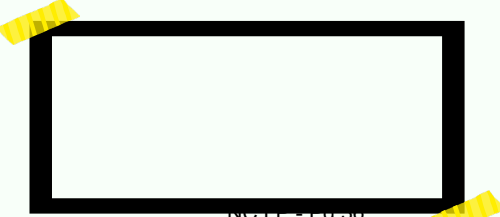
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- Supported Skelmorlie gardening group to get a memorial in place within the village to commemorate the centenary of the Skelmorlie disaster. Very well attended event where family members of those affected were present.
- Members of the NC Youth Forum helped out at the Community Development Teams Summer Programme. This was through peer education/support, and assisting with taking photographs at the events.
- Working in partnership with Education and other council services the UNCRC workplan has started ensuring that we are both compliant and sector leading in our approach to UNCRC incorporation. This includes co design and production of our youth voice structures, training for Elected Members and the development of a mandatory ilearn module on UNCRC. Our Executive Youth Council are nearly at completion of a North Ayrshire Learners Voice Charter supporting the work of pupil voice structures across our schools.



Work and Skills

- Tact have an annual training programme which is open to groups and organisations based in the North Coast & Cumbrae They regularly support groups with constitutions, policy templates and charity registrations amongst other support
- Largs Development Trusts Training for the radio station has commenced. They are working in small groups of 3 or 4 and will deliver basic training over several weeks then move on to more advanced training.
- PDA in Youth Work in Largs Academy have a new Co-hort. 19 young people will start the course when the school returns.



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