



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## Arran Locality Partnership

**Thursday 25 September 2025 at 1.00 p.m. in Ormidale Pavilion**

### BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.</b>	-	-	Cllr Currie	
2.	<b>Action Note</b> Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
3.	<b>Arran Geopark – Community Investment Fund Update</b>  Locality Partnership to receive an update on the Arran Geopark project supported by CIF.	-	Verbal	Malcolm Wilkinson	LP to receive an update on the Arran Geopark project supported by CIF.
<b>DECISION REQUIRED</b>					<b>1.30 – 1.40 pm</b>
4.	<b>Grants</b> The Partnership are asked to consider the following grant applications:  <b>Elderly Grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arran CVS</li> </ul>	Pg 8	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	LP to consider two applications made to the Community Benefit Fund.
<b>LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES</b>					<b>1.40 – 2.10 pm</b>
5.	<b>Islands Plan</b> For discussion and direction on the work of the Arran Islands Plan.	-	Verbal	Sarah Baird  Island Plan Leads	Discuss progress and how LP can further support this work.
6.	<b>Partner Updates</b> For discussion and direction from the Locality Partnership on the work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Scotland</li> <li>• Scottish Fire and Rescue</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Active Schools</li> </ul>	-	Verbal	Partners	Receive update and discuss learning and partnership opportunities.
<b>FORWARD PLANNING</b>					<b>2.10 – 2.45 pm</b>
7.	<b>Review of Locality Planning and Forward Planning</b> Receive overview on review of Locality Planning and discuss way forward.	-	Verbal	Jennifer McGee /Lesley Forsyth	Receive update and discuss new ways of working.

<b>AOCB</b>					<b>2.45 – 3.00 pm</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Island Cost of Living Fund</li> </ul>	-	Verbal	Cllr Currie  Carol Norton/Lesley Forsyth	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
<b>REPORTS FOR INFORMATION</b>					
<b>9.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HSCP Report</li> </ul>	Pg 10			Report enclosed for information.

### Distribution List

#### Elected Members

Councillor Charles Currie (**Chair**)

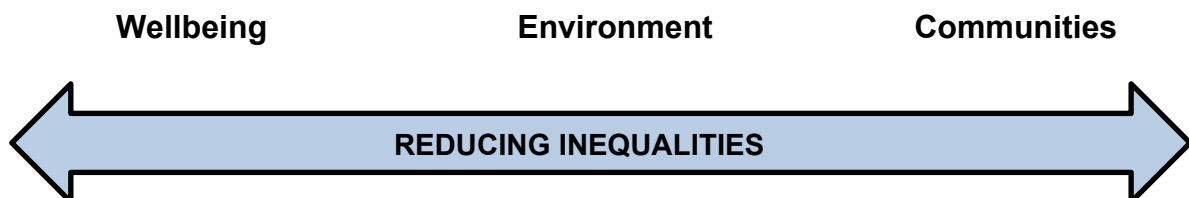
#### Community Representatives

Bill Calderwood, Arran Community Council  
Sheila Gilmore, Community Island Plan Lead  
Alastair Dobson, Business Island Plan Lead  
Simon Ross-Gill, Environment, Island Plan Lead

#### CPP/Council Representatives

Vicki Yuill, Senior Lead Officer  
Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer  
Ailsa Weir, NHS Ayrshire and Arran  
Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland  
Lesley Forsyth, North Ayrshire Council  
Anne-Marie Hunter, North Ayrshire Council  
Carol Norton, Arran CVS  
Martin Spence, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Vicki Lockhart, Head Teacher  
Judi Worthington, Argyll College

### Arran Locality Partnership Priorities



<b>Arran Locality Partnership – Community Investment Fund</b>	
<b>The Arran Locality Partnership CIF allocation to date:</b>	<b>£194,000</b>
<b>Funded Projects</b>	<b>Total Funding Awarded</b>
Arran Youth Foundation and Arran High Joint Bid - Young People's Mental Health	£45,226
Arran Geo Park	£79, 853
<b>Remaining CIF Balance</b>	<b>£68,921</b>

Meeting:	Arran Locality Partnership	
Date/Venue:	Thursday 19 June 2025 at 4.45 pm on Microsoft Teams	
Present:	Councillor Charles Currie ( <b>Chair</b> ) Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture (Lead Officer) Bill Calderwood, Arran Community Council Alistair Dobson, Island Plan Lead for Economy Sheila Gilmore, Islands Plan Lead for Community Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands) Ross Dobson Active Schools Co-ordinator Susan Foster – Head Teacher	
In Attendance	Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer (Notes)	
Apologies:	Vicki Yuill, Chief Executive Officer, Arran CVS (Senior Lead Officer) Judi Worthington, Argyll College Scott Morrison, KA Leisure Ailsa Weir, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Carol Norton, Arran CVS Inspector Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland Seony Ross, HSCP	
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.	<b>Noted</b>
2.	<b>Action Note</b>  The action note arising from the meeting held on 27 March 2025 was approved.	<b>Noted</b>
3.	<b>Grants</b>  L Forsyth presented the Locality Partnership with two Grant Applications which have been made to the Community Benefit Fund. L Forsyth advised that there is £8,800.25 available for disbursement.  <b>Arran for Ardrossan Harbour</b>  The Group applied for £1000 to cover campaigning costs, including photocopying, leaflets, banners, posters, and hiring halls for meetings.  The Partnership agreed to provide 50% of the requested funding (£500) to support the Group’s campaign efforts. Additionally, the Partnership expressed willingness to consider a future application from the Group if further support for their campaign is needed.	<b>S Fleming</b>

	<p><b>Lochranza Loos</b></p> <p>The Group applied for £585 to support with project management costs for the remainder of the renovation and repair project of the public toilet facilities.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to award the full amount of £585.</p>	<p><b>S Fleming</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Arran Assembly</b></p> <p>The Chair provided the Partnership with an update following the recent Arran Reach for the Stars Event.</p> <p>The Chair advised that approximately 50 people attended and there was a clear consensus on the need for better communication about both the Islands Plan and the Arran Locality Partnership. While awareness of the Community Council was generally good and some participants were familiar with the LP. It was agreed that these concerns should be discussed further with the Islands Officer, with the hope of finding a constructive way forward. A meeting is taking place early next week to start those conversations.</p> <p>The Chair undertook to share the report prepared by S Gilmore with J McGee to share with the wider partnership.</p> <p>A Dobson emphasised that there should only one plan for Arran and highlighted how the LP mechanism can be used to deliver the priorities identified by islanders. There is a strong appetite for local democracy and a desire to harness the power of the community to address the island's key priorities.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Currie/J McGee</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Island Plan</b></p> <p>S Baird advised the Partnership that the current steering group are meeting next week to discuss the recent event, review progress on the wider Local Place Plan, and examine how actions are being taken forward under the Arran Island Plan. The group will also address how to improve communication and how to measure and demonstrate success.</p> <p>S Baird advised that the final National Island Plan event will take place online next Tuesday from 11:00 to 13:30, and those who have not yet been involved are encouraged to participate, as it is a valuable opportunity to contribute their views.</p> <p>A Dobson highlighted the importance of national meeting on Tuesday, noting that if Arran can get things right, it will be ahead of other island areas and will help North Ayrshire demonstrate leadership in this area.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Health and Social Care Partnership Locality Planning</b></p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

	Apologies were received from A Weir/S Ross. Update to be provided at a future meeting.	
7.	<b>KA Leisure</b>  Apologies were received from S Morrison. Update to be provided at a future meeting.	<b>Noted</b>
8.	<b>Education Overview</b>  S Foster provided an update in relation to the education establishment on the Island: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been discussion about proposed changes to school holidays on the island a full island consultation is needed</li> <li>• Students were shown the Attenborough Coast film. S Foster encouraged those who have not seen it to watch it.</li> <li>• The Youth Philanthropy Initiative raised £3,000 by working with local charities; Arran Young Farmers were announced as the winners.</li> <li>• Island food producers partnered with the primary school for a “farm to fork” event, featuring cows, lambs etc.</li> <li>• Susan Foster is retiring at the end of term; Vicky Lockhart, who is currently Deputy Headteacher at Lochend Community School, in Glasgow. Vicky will be on Arran next week for handover.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership expressed their thanks and best wishes to S Foster on her retirement.</p> <p><b>Active Schools</b></p> <p>R Dobson provided the Partnership with an update on the work Active Schools on the Island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ardrossan Accies delivered rugby taster sessions to all seven island primary schools, culminating in a rugby tournament to encourage inclusive participation and strengthen local rugby links.</li> <li>• Lamblash Golf Club hosted the annual Arran High School Golf Competition, bringing together 25 students for a day of friendly competition and community engagement.</li> <li>• Six students represented Arran at the North Ayrshire Active Schools Leadership Award Ceremony, with fourteen Arran High students completing the Sports Academy leadership programme. The Young Ambassador group continues to lead and inspire peers across the island.</li> <li>• Primary 7 pupils participated in a week-long residential at the Arran Outdoor Education Centre, supporting their transition to high school and focusing on outdoor learning and environmental awareness.</li> <li>• The Arran High School Mountain Bike Club offered free bike maintenance and organised trips, including a visit to Fort William and an overnight camping adventure, to promote sustainable transport and outdoor activity.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions are ongoing to provide local schools with free access to Brodick Tennis Courts and Bowling Green, encouraging outdoor activities. The facilities are being revitalised with community support and are set to reopen for use.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked S Foster and R Dobson for their input and commented that it is great to see the opportunities available for young people on the Island.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Police Scotland</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from L Thomson. A report was provided and will be circulated to the Partnership.</p>	<b>J McGee</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Review of Locality Planning</b></p> <p>J McGee advised the Partnership that a report went to the Council's Cabinet in May 2025 on the review of Locality Planning. The recommendations of the report were shaped by the survey responses issued to all Locality Partnership members over summer/autumn 2024, where the majority of respondents were community reps. J McGee also highlighted that there was also an Information Session held late May 2025 where all Locality Partnership Members were invited to attend.</p> <p>J McGee advised that this section of the meeting was for the Partnership to discuss how they felt about the format and structure of the meeting and what changes to the meeting format, or any other aspects would members like to see going forward. However, with the upcoming discussion taking place next week with the Island Plan Steering Group and the number of apologies received for this meeting, it was agreed that this discussion would be postponed until the September meeting where richer discussions could take place.</p> <p>A Dobson commented that it is valuable to have these conversations, as they present a real opportunity to approach things differently and offers a great chance to focus on the positives and explore how we can address major issues together.</p> <p>A Dobson also advised that following the recent Island economy meeting, preparations are underway to see if Arran can become a pathfinder for policy development.</p> <p>The Chair also expressed appreciation for the dedicated officers who are committed to Arran's success.</p>	<p><b>J McGee</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>No other business was discussed. The Chair thanked everyone for their inputs and attendance.</p>	

**The meeting ended at: 5.50 pm**



**Locality Partnership:** Arran Locality

**Date:** 25 September 2025

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

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

**Background:** An application has been received in respect of the 2025/26 Elderly Grants Fund.

**Key Points for Locality Partnership**

- The 2025/26 Arran Elderly Grants Fund has a balance of **£2,841**.

**Action Required by Locality Partnership**

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

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**Date:** 22 August 2025



**ELDERLY GRANTS FUND  
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2025/26**

<b>Grant Allocation for Arran LPP Area</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2,841</b>
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Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allocated to Group	Amount Requested
Arran CVS (distributed to groups on Arran on our behalf)	Distribution of grant money to Arran groups for outings, meals and activities. The activities planned will be aimed at enabling elderly people to engage in activities outside their own homes & reduce social isolation. the main the groups choose to host a Christmas party or meal, or other events that bring people together, for the older people in their communities.	£ 2,841	£ 2,841

**Title of Meeting: Arran Locality Partnership**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Subject: HSCP Update**

**Purpose: To provide an update to the Arran Partnership regarding ongoing work within the HSCP affecting Arran**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This paper provides an update from the HSCP regarding developments on Arran.
- 1.2. Major points of interest include the changes of occupancy to Montrose House, and the delay to develop locality plans.

**2. Montrose House**

- 2.1 There have been ongoing workforce pressures over many years due to recruitment challenges on the island, and the partnership has dedicated significant time and resources including many innovative ways to try and secure the necessary permanent workforce on the island. These challenges have resulted in the over-reliance on agency staff which is unsustainable from both a financial and a quality of care perspective.
- 2.2 To ensure a safe sustainable model for residential and nursing care on the island going forward, an option appraisal was undertaken and proposal submitted to the Integrated Joint Board on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to reduce over time its bed complement to 10 permanent beds, 1 respite bed and the development of a new day-care model to ensure the provision of safe, sustainable care with its own permanent staff. The proposed change does not affect current residents and permanent staff within Montrose House. At this meeting in June, there was a request to undertake some additional work around engagement, consultation and impact assessments. This was completed over the summer and a further report submitted to the Integrated Joint Board on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025
- 2.3 The equality impact assessment was a thorough review that highlighted that maintaining the quality and continuity of care remains the central priority for Montrose House and that the proposal was in response to the ongoing 30% vacancy rate and current reliance on Agency staff. The HSCP acknowledged the strong opposition from the island community and staff as well as the

financial burden associated with off island placement, it is however imperative that care is delivered safely in line with regulatory standards and within sustainable financial parameters. Montrose House remains a valued part of integrated island services and the HSCP is committed to its future and securing safe permanent staffing levels.

- 2.4 The Island Impact Assessment concluded that the proposed changes represented a necessary response to persistent staffing challenges and financial pressures. The introduction of a hybrid day service model and the reduction in bed capacity aim to enhance service sustainability, safety, and quality of care. While the prioritisation of residents with familial ties and ongoing performance monitoring are positive steps, the potential impact of off-island placements—including emotional distress and increased travel costs—remains a significant concern.
- 2.5 Local engagement included a drop in event and distribution of survey/questionnaires to staff, residents and the wider community. This also included a wide variety of community groups and current service users. Paper copies were also available in GP surgeries and the hospital. The consultation period was extended to encourage greater participation and resulted in 458 community responses and 23 staff responses submitted. There was a comprehensive consultation report published with all forms of feedback included, that highlighted very clear overarching themes throughout with 97% of the community and 61% of staff opposing the proposal. All reports are available for the public to view. This proposal was approved by the Integrated Joint Board on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025.
- 2.6 Montrose House ongoing work will be the set up of focus groups to support the development of the new day care model and exploring options to support the admission criteria for Montrose House. There will also be a feasibility group to discuss options for ongoing use of Montrose House to enhance current provision.

### **3 Further Health and care developments**

- 3.1 The Arran locality team have been asked to showcase a case study with the National Centre for remote and rural healthcare regards accommodation challenges and the purchase of Glenartney Guest House for staff accommodation. This case study will be uploaded to the Turas Platform as an exemplar for innovative practice for other remote and rural island areas.
- 3.2 Arran War Memorial Hospital has now transferred over to the netcall system to progress the single point of contact work. This will streamline phone calls through to the correct department. The team are already seeing promising results with less calls coming through reception, allowing staff to focus on day to day front door processes.

### **4 HSCP Locality Planning**

- 4.1 A previous paper was brought to the Arran Locality Partnership on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 outlining the plans at that time to carry out HSCP locality

Planning arrangements, to fulfil the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

- 4.2 For Mainland Localities, the process during 2024 included biannual periods of engagement to be carried out each April and September during 2024 and 2025 with different groups. The results of the engagement was then discussed at a Locality Planning Review Group each June and December – groups existed for each of the 5 mainland localities and were chaired by the Locality Lead, which was one of the 5 Heads of Service within the HSCP. The original timeline for locality planning was:
- Locality Conversation April 2024 – General public
  - LPRG June 2024– first meeting
  - Locality Conversation September 2024 – Equalities/ Existing groups
  - LPRG November 2024 – review initial priorities or themes
  - Locality Conversation Spring 2025 – Children and Young People
  - LPRG Summer 2025 – confirm themes, initial actions identified
  - Locality Conversation Autumn 2025 –
  - LPRG Winter 2025 – Draft Plans
- 4.3 This process continued as scheduled until the end of the Children and Young people engagement which took place in April and May 2025. Due to resource changes within the Strategic Planning and Equalities team and other work priorities, the Locality Planning Review Groups scheduled for summer 2025 was postponed and later cancelled, and the Locality Conversations due to take place in Autumn 2025 have also been postponed.
- 4.4 For Arran, the intention was to develop a health and social care locality plan for Arran as for the areas to ensure that Arran will still have a published plan with information and intended actions around health and care. This was to be carried out using the existing Locality structure and engagement priorities.
- 4.5 The HSCP Strategic Plan is currently being developed which has meant the team has not been able to continue with the ongoing Locality Planning work, and as such, Locality Plans will not be developed for the end of 2025 as was originally planned.
- 4.6 The Strategic Planning and Equalities team in the HSCP is currently working on developing a new Strategic Plan, Delivery Plan, Performance Framework, and Participation and Engagement strategy for the HSCP, and this work is due to conclude by the end of 2025. Following this, Locality Planning work will be picked up within the HSCP to develop Locality Plans.
- 4.7 The team is currently working with the Community Planning team to discuss better integration between the locality planning processes and reduce

duplication in the mainland localities to something more streamlined as exists in Arran.

## **5. Conclusion**

- 5.1 The Health and Social Care Partnership continues to prioritise engagement with the local community and transparency in its decisionmaking processes.
- 5.2 Further updates will be regularly communicated with the Arran Locality Planning Partnership.

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Date: 17/09/2025