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Meeting:	North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Tuesday 10 June 2025 at 6pm, Clark Memorial Church
Present:	Cllr Alan Hill (Chair) Cllr Ian Murdoch Cllr Eleanor Collier Russell McCutcheon, Executive Director (Place) Louise Riddex, Locality Officer, Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands) Lizzy Barbour, Community Rep Rita Holmes, Fairlie CC Jim Phillips, Largs CC Tony Gilhooley, Active Schools Coordinator Rhonda Leith, Head of Connected Communities Sgt Donald Fisher, Police Scotland Stephanie Fisher, Head Teacher Alicia Train, Head Teacher
In Attendance	Sharon Fleming, Grants and Performance Officer Jenny Clark ,Craufurd Simpson Park Gordon Black, Cycling Without Age. Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer (Notes)
Apologies:	Councillor Tom Marshall Councillor Todd Ferguson Barbara Conner, TACT Paul Timmons, SFRS Michael Thompson, KA Leisure Nick Hobson, Comm Rep Deidre Oakley, Community Development Worker

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted and no declarations of interest were made.	Noted
2.	Action Note The action note arising from the June LP meeting was approved.	Noted
3.	Community Investment Fund Applications- EOI and Full Application Expression of Interest – Craufurd Simpson Park The Partnership considered application £100,000. The proposed play park would serve a densely populated area with around 200 children. A communications and engagement exercise had already drawn feedback	

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	<p>over 200 residents who are in favour of the park being reinstated. The park will include areas suitable for both younger and older children.</p> <p>Cllr Collier asked whether previous HRA barriers had changed. It was confirmed that this is now part of the CAT process.</p> <p>Maintenance was raised as an issue. Streetscene have confirmed support for litter collection and safety checks, with the committee to handle day-to-day management/repairs etc.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch queried maintenance beyond the first two years. It was confirmed that future running costs would be met by the SCIO through fundraising, with a dedicated group of trustees and volunteers in place.</p> <p>Cllr Hill asked about other funding sources. J Clark highlighted that the group have looked at PB, the Landfill Fund and the Aria fund as well as some others.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns around setting a precedent for other areas with limited CIF funds remaining. • Whether other types of parks could be considered, though consultation feedback showed residents were clear on their preference for play equipment. • The need for discussions with Housing. • Options for partial funding. • Concerns over longevity and the risk of vandalism, with a need to ensure funds are reserved for repairs. • Windfarm funds and other opportunities for communications support. • What different phased funding levels (e.g. £30k) could deliver. <p>The Partnership agreed to progress the application to full application stage, noting that the full amount is unlikely to be funded, and applicants should be encouraged to present images at the next meeting and explore a mix of funding sources.</p> <p>Full Application - 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>The Partnership agreed to approve the funding for this application.</p>	<p>L Riddex</p> <p>L Riddex</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership considered grant applications made to the Millport Common Good Fund and Elderly Grants</p> <p>Millport Common Good Fund</p> <p>Application from Millport SWI for £345 for a Hozelock Superhoze 40 meters, Hanger, spray gun, mobile auto reel 35 meters to allow the group to maintain flower beds.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership approved this application.</p> <p>Elderly Grants</p> <p>Semple Centre – Application submitted for £7,399 to support with cost for day trips, entertainment and building maintenance.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership approved this application.</p> <p>Skelmorlie Senior Citizens - Application submitted for £1,366 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.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership approved this application.</p> <p>The Cameron Centre – Application submitted for £1,488 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.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership approved this application.</p> <p>Age Well West Kilbride – Application submitted for £2,623 for a Christmas meal for 200 older people at the Seamill Hydro Hotel.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership approved this application.</p> <p>L Riddex highlighted that the same groups apply each year for the fund, and a question was raised about what should be done. If those groups do not respond to the grants team, should the opportunity instead be offered to other organisations in the area?</p> <p>R Leith undertook to speak to legal to confirm whether the powers are devolved to the Locality Partnership and report back.</p> <p>Cllr Collier left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>S Fleming</p> <p>S Fleming</p> <p>S Fleming</p> <p>S Fleming</p> <p>S Fleming</p> <p>S Fleming</p> <p>R Leith</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Island Plan</p> <p>S Baird provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the work of the Islands Plan.</p>	

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	<p>S Baird highlighted that an application has been submitted to the Scottish Government's Island Programme for £3.5m capital funding, to be delivered in partnership with the Local Authority to support island communities. A previous example of this was the works at Garrison House and Millport Town Hall.</p> <p>Seven projects totalling £1.98m including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keppel Pier Improvements • Solar-Powered Waste Compactors • Community Energy <p>The outcome of the application is expected mid-September, with an update to be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>In addition, the Council will launch small island grants for Cumbrae and Arran, covering themes such as health and wellbeing, social inclusion, and work opportunities. Details will be circulated when available.</p> <p>The Chair thanked S Baird for her update.</p>	S Baird
6.	<p>Locality Priorities Officer Update</p> <p>Report from the Locality Priorities Officer was enclosed in the agenda pack for the Locality Partnership to note.</p>	Noted
7.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>L Riddex advised the Locality Partnership that her report was enclosed as part of the agenda pack. L Riddex provided the Partnership with some key highlights from the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Locality Team is trailing a new report template. L Riddex asked the Partnership to feedback their thoughts on the new template. • Participatory Budgeting is now open for applications, and the team hosted launch events within the locality. • Events took place over the summer offering free activities for whole families. A total of 667 people attended these events. Team had to cancel the 5th event in Fairlie beach due to bad weather which 60 people had signed up for. Team looking in to a new date for this event. <p>The Chair thanked L Riddex for her update.</p>	Noted
8.	<p>Partner Updates</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received the following updates:</p>	

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	<p>Police Scotland</p> <p>D Fisher highlighted that a scams awareness event will take place next week and is being promoted across all age groups. This event is in partnership with Trading Standards and Campus Police. Safety is a key focus in schools. Locality Team are attending as many events as possible to enhance their visibility in the community.</p> <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's – Awarded the Gold Sports Scotland Award. Pupils from the horticultural group participated in the Largs Flower Show. The EYC team were successful in <i>Beat the Street</i>, achieving 1st place locally and 3rd overall. An infant nutrition group also ran activities over the summer, with further planning underway. • Largs Campus – 18 pupils achieved 5 Highers, an increase of 8 on the previous year. 50% of 4th years achieved National 5 passes. • Cumbrae – Julie McAleese currently active Head Teacher at Glebe Primary with Jennifer Neilson stepping in to the Head Teacher role for now. • Largs and Skelmorlie – Parent and carer "Welcome" events have been held, and the first PTA meeting has taken place. <p>Schools also participated in the Beat the Street competition which also supports pupil transition activities.</p> <p>Active Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largs Academy Sailing Club – Six weeks of training delivered with free membership offered; wetsuits and equipment supplied. Eight pupils have now joined the club from an initial twelve participants, with significant progress noted. • Volunteering/Youth Ambassadors – Recruitment of new volunteers underway. The Young Ambassador group received £2,500 from Helter Skelter to provide kits and support activities. • Active Girls Group – Participation levels remain very strong. • NASA Programme – Ongoing work with young people continues. • Competitions – A range of local competitions are taking place. <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their inputs.</p>	
	<p>Area Mapping</p> <p>Discussion took place on area mapping in the North Coast, with the Locality Team keen to ensure awareness of as many groups as possible in the area. The Chair highlighted that the Council's Cabinet received an overview at its meeting that afternoon on poverty figures and he would be keen that at the December meeting these are discussed with perhaps a small subgroup to meet beforehand to map local groups and activities.</p>	<p>L Riddex</p>

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	<p>It was noted that encouraging clubs to run at lunch and after school could widen opportunities. The importance of building relationships to address hidden poverty was emphasised. Links will also be made with LCDT and their ongoing work.</p> <p>R. McCutcheon suggested defining desired outcomes, identifying gaps, and signposting to existing services while supporting new ones where required. A smaller workshop session will be arranged to focus on these outcomes. It was further suggested that KA Leisure could share an MS Form to collect information, or that groups could be asked directly when booking, with McCutcheon stressing the need to explain why the information is being requested.</p> <p>This was seen as an opportunity to strengthen networks, and a marketplace event was proposed, following the success of previous PB events. J. McGee will create the MS Form to gather information on local groups, and L. Riddex will speak with KA Leisure regarding the data they hold.</p>	<p>J McGee/ L Riddex</p>
	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The Chair highlighted that funding for the Locality Priorities Officer would come to an end in February 2026.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch asked if other possible funding avenues could be explored, with liaison suggested with the Grants Team. Cllr Murdoch also noted the post is very important and expressed interest in exploring additional channels.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that funding options should be explored.</p> <p>R Holmes reported that Fairlie Community Council had been approached to apply for funding for Changing Places facilities and sought clarification on the Council's position. R McCutcheon noted that further information is required from the Scottish Government regarding sustainability and ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch highlighted that Clyde Coast and Cumbraes are finalists in this year's prestigious 'Scottish Men's Shed of the Year Awards' 2025 and conveyed his thanks to the Partnership for their support. Awards ceremony is on 3rd October 2025.</p> <p>The Chair congratulated the group on being finalists.</p> <p>Valedictory</p> <p>The Chair wished to convey his thanks to John Lamb who has stood down after 42 years of service to the West Kilbride community. He also noted his significant contributions made the Locality Partnership and to the local community.</p>	<p>L Riddex – S Fleming</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	L Riddex highlighted that she is in contact with the Community Council and will advise who the rep will be going forward.	
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