

Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Tuesday 2 December 2025 via Microsoft Teams
Present:	<p> 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 Representative Tony Gilhooley, Active Schools Coordinator Rhonda Leith, Head of Connected Communities Barbara Conner, TACT Michael Thompson, KA Leisure Nick Hobson, Community Representative Deidre Oakley, Community Development Worker Lynne Cathcart, Head Teacher, Skelmorlie Primary Carol Campbell, Community Representative </p>
In Attendance	<p> Jenny Clark, Craufurd Simpson Park Fi Thorburn, Community Roots Kay Hall, WKCS George Cloughley, WKCS Jen McAllister, Parent Network Scotland Donna Martin, North Ayrshire Council Jacqui Greenlees, North Ayrshire Council (Action Note) </p>
Apologies:	<p> Councillor Tom Marshall Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland Rita Holmes, Fairlie CC Paul Timmons, SFRS Councillor Todd Ferguson Jim Phillips, Largs CC </p>

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted and no declarations of interest were made.</p> <p>It was highlighted at the start of the meeting that the new Microsoft Teams log in process is difficult to log in for those external to North Ayrshire or who have visual impairment and a new or altered format should be considered going forward for online meetings.</p>	Noted
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note arising from the September LP meeting was approved.</p>	Noted

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3.	<p>CIF Update: Parent Network Scotland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on Year One of Embark of Your Academy Journey was shared. The development phase began engagement in North Ayrshire with over 400 parents affecting over 500 children. Local hubs were created in Year 1 to provide drop-in support for parents in their local communities. • An easter event was held with donated easter eggs from Dell, 100 were given out in the North Coast. • Partnership engagement and activities were also held, as well as a volunteer trip to a farm park and sensory processing workshops. The focus is on family fun and quality time spent together as a family. • Year 2 will focus on delivering courses and events, expanding the Wellbeing Toolkit, networking and recruitment of volunteers and training for parent group leaders. • Have completed and approved all new engagement materials and are always looking for new local groups to link in with. <p>The Chair thanked J McAllister for her update.</p>	Noted
4.	<p>Community Investment Fund – Change of Purpose</p> <p>The Locality Partnership were asked to consider change of purpose for the recently awarded Friends of Kirktonhall Glen CIF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G Cloughley updated that materials, delivery and commissioning have been bought or delivered at a reduced cost for the project, making significant savings. Therefore, a different purpose is being sought to use the funds applied for through CIF. • The lights were the main initial priority to make the area safe for young people. • A three-phase electricity supply requires to be added to the pavilion to use it for community events which will require significant work. • The group requested that the remaining CIF funds for this application can be used for the three-phase electrical supply. <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hard work of the group to save money on procurement was commended as a good example of community wealth building. • The group highlighted that the same power supply powers the tennis courts and it is not fit for purpose. • The group were asked if they have been in touch with Skelmorlie CC. They confirmed they have contacted the group. <p>It was agreed that a change of spend is approved and that further legal advice will be sought around the required process for this.</p>	R Leith/ L Riddex

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5.	Community Investment Fund Full Applications The Locality Partnership are asked to consider three applications made to the Community Investment Fund which have already been assessed at EOI stage. The projects are as follows: Full Applications from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Craufurd Simpson Park• Kirktonhall Glen 3g Facility• Community Roots Craufurd Simpson Park The Partnership considered application for £100,000 for a proposed play park that would serve a densely populated area with around 200 children. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highlighted the links to local priorities including LOIP Wellbeing priority.• An overview of the planned equipment for the park was provided as well as information from the recent engagement event with young people and adults. The Partnership discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An update was requested on the CAT transfer. Funding will be sought through the land fund once an independent evaluation has been acquired. This should be complete over the next few weeks.• The ARIA fund won't open again until the summer and they do not know the capital / revenue split for next year yet.• A question was asked around engagement with North Ayrshire Streetscene around repairing items. The group highlighted they have engaged with Ian Hollis from the service. Kirktonhall Glen 3g Facility The Partnership considered an application for Kirktonhall Glen 3G pitch for £85,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final plans have been agreed for the site and a comprehensive business plan was presented.• Planning permission is being sought for the site in advance of applying to SFA.• An overview of planned funding sources was also provided with SFA being the largest potential funder. The group have been working closely with the North Ayrshire Funding Officer. The Partnership discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group were commended on their comprehensive business plan. Community Roots The Partnership considered an application for £17,500 for a shelter and workspace for the community garden- an insulated garden building called the 'Garden Haven' to be used by groups, reserve energy and use	
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	<p>the building as a quiet and warm space for anyone that needs it as well as providing complementary therapy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both the garden and larder are regularly being accessed by the community but there is nowhere to shelter in the garden in case of bad weather. Water run off collected by the building could also be used in the garden. • Aim to provide support that is person centred and focuses on wellbeing for the community. • The group shared a video showcasing the work of the group to develop the community garden, which shares food with the community larder. • Funding is also being sought through other sources for example CREGF and WKCI. • Planning on also offering work experience for local students at the Haven. • Provided an overview of engagement with the community on the community garden and space. • The group highlighted they are ready to begin work on the space. <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links were requested with Skelmorlie Environment Group by N Hobson. • The hard work of all involved was commended. <p>Overall discussion on all projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was again highlighted that there is a remaining CIF balance of £143,489 for the North Coast and Cumbraes. The combined value of the three applications exceeds the remaining balance by £51,011. • There are potential projects in discussion for Skelmorlie, however no active applications. However to date there have been no CIF awards made in Skelmorlie. • Could a lower amount of funding be provided for each project to allow part funding of each? • It was highlighted that the lower amount requested by Community Roots is to cover a short fall of their current funding, however that the project has the smallest reach out of all the projects. • It was highlighted that only 3 elected members were present at the meeting. <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craufurd Simpson Park: 50% funded at £50,000 • Kirktonhall Glen 3g Facility: 50% funded at £42,500 • Community Roots: 50% funded at £8,750 	<p>L Riddex</p>
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6.	Island Plan It was agreed that this report would be circulated to the Partnership by email.	S Baird
7.	Locality Priorities Officer Update Report from the Locality Priorities Officer was enclosed in the agenda pack for the Locality Partnership to note.	Noted
8.	Locality Officer Update L Riddex advised the Locality Partnership that her report was enclosed as part of the agenda pack and provided the Partnership with some key highlights from the report.	Noted
9.	Child Poverty Workshop Session The Locality Partnership received a presentation from D Martin followed by a workshop discussion as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D Martin introduced herself to the group as the manager of the North Ayrshire Child Poverty Strategy Team and highlighted that the purpose of the team is to look at the various activity across North Ayrshire to reduce child poverty from a strategic perspective to decide what is working best and develop place-based tests of change. • Spoke about the definition of child poverty, in North Ayrshire there was a drop in child poverty rates. From 22-23 it was 29.2% (after housing costs) but a year later it has reduced to 24.3%. • The team also want to determine what provision and support is available and make sure families know about it and feel comfortable using it. They have developed a 'menu' of what is available. • Also spoke about the high levels of 'in work' poverty across North Ayrshire. • Are required to report annually to Scottish Government on progress. The team want to target families most in need. • Want to move away from the concept of poverty as a purely financial challenge- also affects people physically and mentally so links in with the current CHES work taking place. • The team report to the CPP and have just completed the 24/25 report. Moving forward they are testing new community led placed based approaches to determine what works best for families in North Ayrshire. • Working with Argyll CA, Saltcoats Link UP and Beith Community Trust to co-design place-based approaches using CPEIF. Saltcoats, Kilbirnie and Stevenson Hayocks. • Provided an overview of Largs Central data and extended an offer from the team to support the work of the locality partnership. Discussion	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fuel poverty was highlighted as a key area of focus for North Coast. The Chair requested that data be collated for North Coast and a future session organised off the back of this. <p>The Chair thanked D Martin for her input.</p>	D Martin/ J McGee
10.	<p>Partner Updates</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received reports from the following partners:</p> <p>Police Scotland Updated as per report in the agenda pack.</p> <p>Active Schools Updated as per report in the agenda pack.</p> <p>KA Leisure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The café at Vikingar is now open during the week with plans to open at the weekend once recruitment has taken place. There will also be a Santa visit, Christmas disco and event for Women's Day. Accessible pool steps have been delivered and are awaiting installation. <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas fairs and community events currently taking place. Looking at a joint campus Christmas fair for next year. Pupils will be providing support and performing at Yuletide celebrations. Free breakfast initiative will run at Large Academy from December to January. The minibus is almost ready to get on the road once staff training is complete. <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their inputs.</p>	
11.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair highlighted that funding for the Locality Priorities Officer would come to an end in February 2026. L Riddex updated that work has been undertaken with the North Ayrshire Funding Officer about potential funding streams to extend this. A group that is a SCIO is required to be able to apply for funding streams, L Riddex is looking for groups to volunteer to apply for this project and will continue working on this. <p>The group agreed a time limit on presentations for future meetings.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>J McGee</p>

The meeting ended at 8.30pm