



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership

Tuesday 3 March 2026 at 6pm, Microsoft Teams

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?
3.	1st Alliance Community Bank Receive update on work being undertaken to build financial resilience with individuals in island communities.	-	Verbal	Alison Black	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
DECISION REQUIRED					
4.	Grants The Locality Partnership are asked to consider one application made to the Largs Common Good Fund. Largs Common Good Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Largs Community Development Trust	Pg 10	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	LP to consider one application made to the Largs Common Good Fund.
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					
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 11	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.

WORKSHOP SESSION					
8.	Community Engagement The Locality Partnership to discuss community engagement plans and initiatives in the Locality.	-	Verbal	Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
PARTNER REPORTS					
9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education/Active Schools Police Scotland Scottish Fire and Rescue KA Leisure 	Pg 14		Partners	Reports enclosed for information
AOCB					
10.	AOCB			Cllr Hill	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.

2026 Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Venue
2 June 2026	6.00 – 8.00 pm	Clark Memorial Church
8 September 2026	6.00 – 8.00 pm	Clark Memorial Church
1 December 2026	6.00 – 8.00 pm	MS Teams

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 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 Rep Tony Gilhooley, Active Schools Coordinator Rhonda Leith, Head of Connected Communities Barbara Conner, TACT Michael Thompson, KA Leisure Nick Hobson, Comm Rep Deidre Oakley, Community Development Worker Lynne Cathcart, Head Teacher, Skelmorlie Primary Carol Campbell, Comm Rep</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>

ACTIONS

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

<p>3.</p>	<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>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>4.</p>	<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>	<p>R Leith/ L Riddex</p>

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:

- 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.

- 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:

- 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.

- 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:

- 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

the building as a quiet and warm space for anyone that needs it as well as providing complementary therapy.

- 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.

The Partnership discussed:

- Links were requested with Skelmorlie Environment Group by N Hobson.
- The hard work of all involved was commended.

Overall discussion on all projects

- 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.

It was agreed that:

- Craufurd Simpson Park: 50% funded at £50,000
- Kirktonhall Glen 3g Facility: 50% funded at £42,500
- Community Roots: 50% funded at £8,750

L Riddex

6.	<p>Island Plan</p> <p>It was agreed that this report would be circulated to the Partnership by email.</p>	S Baird
7.	<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
8.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>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.</p>	Noted
9.	<p>Child Poverty Workshop Session</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received a presentation from D Martin followed by a workshop discussion as follows:</p> <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. <p>Discussion</p>	

	<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>	<p>D Martin/ J McGee</p>
<p>10.</p>	<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>	
<p>11.</p>	<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 20.30pm

**LARGS 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 Common Good Awards
Largs Development Trust	<p>Looking for financial support for the following event: A free, independently chaired Scottish Election hustings at Vikingar, giving young voters and the wider community the chance to question local candidates on youth issues and health and social care, encouraging civic participation, informed decision-making, and community engagement.</p> <p>Additional Information from LDT: the event does not focus solely on young people. The first part of the event is focused on the issues facing young people and we are keen to give young people the chance to express their opinions. The second part of the event is aimed at all people, and indeed, all ages groups will be welcome for the entire event.</p>	£850	n/a
<p>Economy & Communities, Finance & Corporate Support, and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:</p> <p>Finance & Corporate Support:</p> <p>Income & expenditure records covering the period Aug 24-Jan 26 have been provided although no audited accounts for 24-25 have been provided (nor are these available via OSCR). Budget for 25-26 does not appear to have been provided. No verifiable quotes for expenditure relating to requested grant amount have been provided. Donations to Mediator (£100) would not be approved use of funds. The current balance of the Largs Common Good fund available for disbursement in 25/26 is £6,600.</p> <p>Legal:</p> <p>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 costs associated with Event 2 (£850) could be justified as it would be open to all of the inhabitants within the common good area.</p> <p>If the Committee is minded to grant funds they must be satisfied that the grant of the funds would be to the benefit of the inhabitants of Largs as a whole. In any event, if the Committee are of a mind to grant all parts of this request, the benefit to the community must clearly minuted as it is likely that the auditor will require this information.</p> <p>Economy & Communities:</p> <p>Given that the event is accessible to all members of the community across all age groups within the Largs Common Good area, it is assessed as meeting the eligibility criteria of the Common Good Fund.</p>			

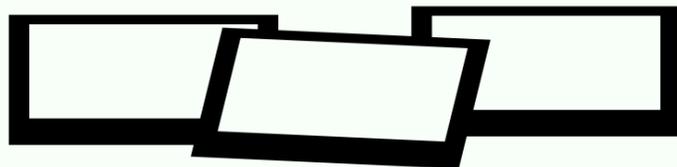


Locality Partnership Progress Update



Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- Skelmorlie Youth Group's older members will work with the community council to gather and share young people's views, helping ensure their voices are heard in local decision-making. The partnership aims to build responsibility, encourage active involvement, and give young people influence over their community and environment.
- Largs Development Trust have Scotwest Credit Union attending Your Space and community members are encouraged to sign up.
- Locality Team have supported various groups/organisations with funding applications.
- Locality Officer put expressions of interest in to regeneration team for 2 NC community organisations to bring their buildings up to a standard.



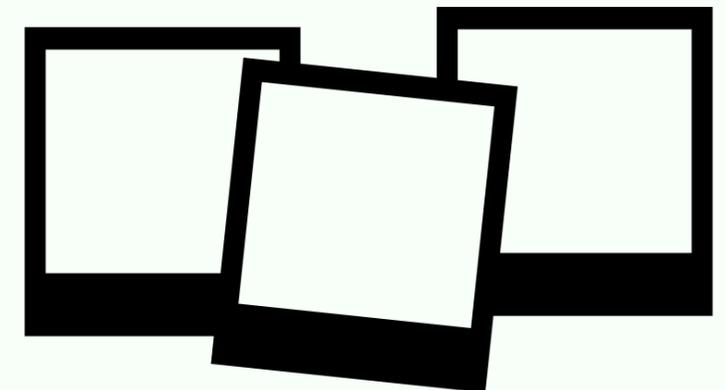
Health and Wellbeing

- The West Kilbride Youth Group, made up mostly of Primary 7 pupils preparing to move to secondary school, has been exploring their hopes and worries about the transition. Upcoming sessions will focus on healthy ways to manage anxiety and stress, along with myth-busting about secondary school. The aim is to help every young person feel more confident, supported, and ready to become active learners as they move into S1.



Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

- North Coast Youth Forum members helped run stalls and lead the parade at the West Kilbride Yuletide event, creating strong intergenerational engagement and promoting the forum—resulting in three new members joining..
- Community Learning & Development service are currently planning the 2nd CLD celebration event. Its likely to be a bit later than it was last year, possibly in May.
- Locality Officer met with reps from Largs Colts to look at funding support once their CAT is finalised.



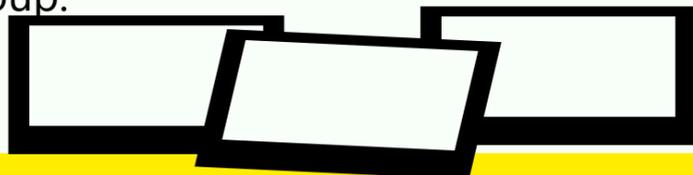


Locality Partnership Progress Update



Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- The Older Persons Voice event on 6 March will bring together representatives from all localities to explore how NAC can enhance the lives of older people, with a focus on improving access to and use of local green spaces for those aged 50+. Fifteen representatives from groups across the North Coast have been identified to ensure broad and diverse input. In addition, early progress has been made toward forming a joint North Coast Older Persons Voice group. Although geography and availability have posed challenges, the first meeting is planned for next month at the Cameron Centre, aiming to strengthen collaboration among North Coast groups.
- Skelmorlie Youth Group continues to thrive, with 17–20 young people attending weekly. They are fully engaged, co-create sessions, take ownership of activities, and are building strong friendships within the group.

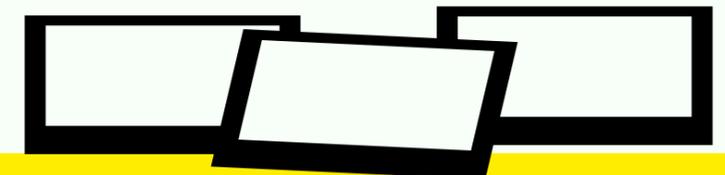


Work and Skills

- Young people from the North Coast Youth Forum are collaborating with the West Kilbride Media Studio on their second creative project. The aims include building confidence and storytelling skills, learning film production techniques such as one-take filming, and gaining hands-on experience in teamwork, communication, and project management. The project also celebrates local identity and the voices of young people from North Ayrshire and Inverclyde. Their completed work will be showcased publicly and submitted to amateur film awards.
- Transferable skills learned by young people attending youth group 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.



Climate Action and Local Environment



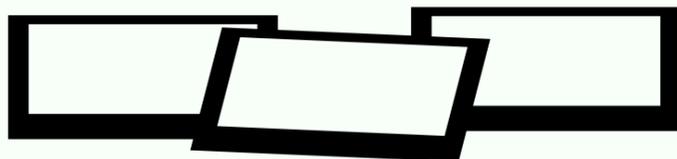


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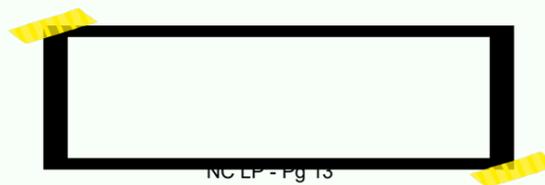
Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- Locality Officer has been working on the development of an engagement plan for the locality. The engagement will focus on the locality priorities and peoples aspirations around them.. More information will be given at the Locality Partnership meeting.
- West Kilbride Initiative in conjunction with Scottish Parliament are hosting a "your community voice session", giving the community the chance to share information and ideas. This will be on Sat 21 March at 3pm in the Barony.
- Locality Officer supported West Kilbride Community Council with their election. They had 5 people elected and have since co-opted another 1.



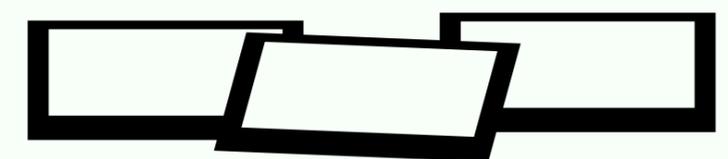
Work and Skills

- 15 Young People have completed unit 1 & 2 of the PDA in youth work that the locality team deliver in Largs Academy. They have all started the 3rd and final unit, which should be completed by April.
- Locality Officer supported Largs Development Trust with Interviews for their part time post. Candidate named Rosie was selected and has started in post.
- Working with Largs Development Trust on a lottery application for the Locality Priorities Worker post. Met with Lotter and now at the stage of thinking of projects that this post could be tied around.



Climate Action and Local Environment

- Environmental groups run throughout the locality. Each group endeavour to make their community a better place to live.
- West Kilbride Community Roots group were successfull in gaining funding for solar panels in the allotment.
- Locality tem are working with Community council and others from Skelmorlie to look at solar lamposts in the park/walkway beside the community centre.



North Coast Locality Partnership

Date: 03/03/2026

Subject: Police Scotland: Wellbeing and Partnership Working.

Purpose: To provide the Locality Partnership with an update on relevant activity linking to wellbeing and partnership working and the priorities of the North Coast Locality Partnership:

1. Improving Access to Financial Services
2. Increasing Social Inclusion
3. Improving Mental Well Being
4. Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities

1. Overview of relevant activity linking to the Locality Priorities, Wellbeing and Partnership Working since the last meeting.

Campus Officer (Largs Academy)

- Launch of the Largs Primary Anti bullying campaign (input delivered to full school at Assembly)
- S5 Largs Academy “you me together” workshop (all S5 together work around positive relationships)
- Largs Primary hatecrime input to P6 (pro active input following incidents of hate crime from pupils)
- Largs Academy partner collaboration to encourage school refusers into the school (positive uptake from a number of pupils who were refusers previously)
- Attendance at engage prevent workshop (workshop delivered by NKBL and mediation Scotland)
- Largs primary policy advice “Supporting relationships and behaviour in North Ayrshire” (meeting with parents and faculty to discuss policy)
- Internet safety talks to P6 and P7 of St Marys primary and Largs Primary (both schools pulled together to deliver campus wide message to kids)
- Parental workshop for parents of both St Marys primary and Largs Primary (keeping your child safe online input delivered to parents from both primaries)
- Pupil support forum – cluster (highlighting work down with pupils who receive pupil support)
- Pitchin in project - 8 S2/3 pupils in attendance, breaking down barriers between police and youths.

Locality Policing

PS Fisher will provide verbal update with regards to recent work with NAC trading standards

2. Asks of the Locality Partnership

Nil

Name Lisa Thomson

Title Inspector, Police Scotland.