

Action Note

Meeting:	North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Monday 22 June 2026 at 6pm, Dunn Memorial Hall, Largs
Present:	Cllr Alan Hill (Chair) Cllr Tom Marshall Cllr Eleanor Collier Louise Riddex, Locality Officer Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands) Lizzy Barbour, Community Representative Rhonda Leith, Head of Connected Communities Carol Campbell, Community Representative Tom Stewart, Largs Community Council Russell McCutcheon, Executive Director (Place) Isy Agnew, Skelmorlie Community Council Barbara Conner, TACT Tony Gilhooly, Active Schools Michael Thomson, KA Leisure Jim Philips, Largs Community Council
In Attendance	Calum Couston, North Ayrshire Council Jacqui Greenlees, North Ayrshire Council Sharon Fleming, North Ayrshire Council Sharon Hackney, HSCP Rebecca Black, HSCP Scott Hunter, HSCP
Apologies:	Cllr Todd Ferguson PI Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council PS Donald Fisher, Police Scotland

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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 meeting held on 3 March 2026 was approved. Item 5 from minutes – The Islands Briefing has been moved to after the summer recess in September.	Noted
3.	Grants – Millport Common Good The Partnership considered an application made to the Millport Common Good Fund from Millport Town Hall. The application sought £380 from the fund towards the cost of the clothes rails, alongside a £100 contribution from its own funds.	

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	A query was raised as to whether to clothes rails will be accessible. It was agreed that further detail would be sought around type and location of the rails. The Locality Partnership agreed to award the funds.	S Fleming
4.	Community Project Fund The Partnership received a report from C Couston on the North Ayrshire Community Projects Fund – Pride in Place Impact Fund for the North Coast & Cumbraes: - The allocation for the North Coast and Cumbraes Community Grant Fund is £206,000 for community led projects. - There was also £308,000 allocated for Council led Projects. C Couston highlighted that applications had been assessed by a panel made up of locality representatives, a Connected Communities Officer and Irene Campbell MP. The panel recommended approval of six projects with total recommended funding of £160,066: The Locality Partnership approve the following projects: - Clyde Coast & Cumbraes Men Shed - £22,500 - West Kilbride Community Initiative - £47,800 - Millport Town Hall - £6,720 - Cumbrae Community Garden - £10,600 - Cumbrae Community Development Company - £40,000 C Couston also provided an update on how funding would be used for Council led projects. The Partnership discussed what other projects from across North Coast and Cumbraes that were assessed but were not approved. No applications were received from Fairlie or Skelmorlie. It was noted that the highest proportion of projects were based in Cumbraes. The Locality Partnership also agreed to approve on the CCDC project for £32,446 to refurbish the pond at Garrison House on basis that satisfactory information is circulated The Partnership also agreed to reopen the fund to account for the current underspend, considering the current spread of projects approved, and ensuring a wider audience is reached. Applications should be ratified at the September 2026 meeting of the Locality Partnership.	C Couston
5.	HSCP Update The Partnership received a report from S Hunter, on revised HSCP locality planning arrangements for the North Coast and Cumbraes.	

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	- The new approach will align HSCP Locality Planning more closely with existing Community Planning Partnership Locality Partnership structures, replacing the previous standalone HSCP Locality Planning Review Groups. - This is intended to reduce duplication, strengthen partnership working and support a more coordinated approach to improving outcomes at a locality level. - HSCP Locality Leads will attend two Locality Partnership meetings each year, with a standing HSCP locality planning agenda item included to provide updates, share emerging priorities and identify opportunities for joint working. Written updates will be provided for the remaining meetings to maintain visibility of locality planning activity and relevant HSCP developments. - It was noted that HSCP Locality Plans will be developed using locality data, community engagement, service input and partner feedback. Draft plans will be brought to the Locality Partnership for comment, ensuring partners can help shape local priorities and delivery. - An update was requested from the Partnership about the move to critical care assessment for HSCP. S Hunter provided the LP with a short update including around the current programme of review. - It was highlighted that close alignment should be implemented around locality priorities, while still considering the differing legislative requirements of HSCP locality planning. - The Partnership also noted current issues across the locality around accessing GP services with discussion following. HSCP colleagues noted this and agreed to feed back to the service. - TACT gave an overview of the work of the kindness crew and offered to send further information to HSCP colleagues.	Noted
6.	Island Plan S Baird provided the Partnership with update on the refreshed National Islands Plan including: - An update paper was considered by Cabinet on 2 June 2026. - A link will be shared to the full report after the meeting. - The Partnership were asked to participate in the refresh of the new Islands Plan. The Chair thanks S Baird for her update.	Noted
7.	Locality Officer Update L Riddex advised that a report was included with the meeting paperwork. The Chair thanked L Riddex for her update.	

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8.	Community Engagement L Riddex updated the Partnership on Locality Engagement including: - Engagement has now taken place through various channels including Consul online and face to face. - Communications have created a report around the online feedback, however the uptake was quite low, only around 70 people. - Feedback included that day-to-day financial pressure is an issue for communities, there are structural barriers facing communities around skills and employment, there is a strong demand for youth friendly spaces and that access and culture are key around mental health awareness and support. - The full report will be shared across the Partnership by email and uploaded to Consul. - The first Locality Network meeting will take place in August for partners and services to participate in locality planning for North Coast and Cumbraes. - The Partnership highlighted that links with the Local Employability Partnership will be key to the above work. B Conner Highlighted the work of the Money Max project that could also link into the above work. The leaflet will be shared further across the Partnership. The Chair thanked L Riddex for her update.	J McGee
9.	Partner Reports Police Scotland- No representative present TACT- B Conner provided a verbal update. Education/Active Schools – T Gilhooly provided a verbal update. Scottish Fire and Rescue – No representative present KA Leisure- M Thomson provided a verbal update. The Chair thanked partners for their updates.	Noted
10.	Common Good Discussion - An update was provided on the current review of community grants and funding, including the process and information available around Common Good applications. - There will also be a review of the Locality Partnership Standing Orders and Terms of Reference, including the process for delegated powers. - An issue was raised by Cllr Murdoch regarding public response to decision making around recent Common Good applications. The Partnership agreed this was not a matter within their control and any issues should be taken up with the appropriate organisation. - It was agreed that while this is not the forum for such a discussion, that the ongoing review work around community grants and funding noted above should ensure clearer processes for community members and partners. - The Partnership also highlighted that the conditions of grant could be reviewed or a charter developed to include expectations of those in receipt of grants. A progress update on the review of grants and funding will be brought back to a future meeting.	J Greenlees

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11.	AOCB • The Partnership requested that future meetings should take place across the locality, weather and transport issues permitting including a potential earlier start to the meeting. • Summer of Sport: An allocation of funding has been received from Scottish Government for North Ayrshire for the Summer of Sport. A programme has been developed and printed and will be available in schools. An overview of some of the opportunities across North Coast Locality was provided. • Community Transport: An engagement is currently open on Consul around Community Transport, and the Partnership was encouraged to take part and share this with local groups. An update will be brought back to the next meeting.	<i>R Leith</i>
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The meeting ended at 19:56pm