North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership

Tuesday 1 December 2026 at 6pm on 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.	**Community Investment Fund – Project Update** Receive update from Largs Thistle project funded by CIF.	-	Verbal	Tiffany Irvine	LP to receive update on the project and impact made.
4.	**Ayrshire Independent Living Network** Receive an update on the recently established a dementia cafe in both Largs and Millport and to discuss to how they can offer support.	-	Verbal	Alexis Wallace	LP to receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
5.	**Ayrshire Growth Deal – Millport Marina Project** Receive an update on project progress, the remaining design, assessment and decision-making stages, and future opportunities for community and stakeholder involvement	-	Verbal	David McDowall/ Kathleen Dow	LP to receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
DECISION REQUIRED					
6.	**Community Project Fund** The Locality Partnership are asked to consider applications made to the Community Project Fund.	-	Verbal	Calum Couston	LP to consider applications made to the fund.
7.	**Grants** The Locality Partnership are asked to consider grant applications made to the Elderly Grants Fund	Pg 7	Enclosed	Sharon Fleming	LP to consider application made.

	2026/27 Elderly Grants Fund • The Cameron Centre				
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					
8.	**Island Plan** Receive update on the work of Cumbrae Island Plan.	-	Verbal	Sarah Baird/ Cllr Hill	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
9.	**Locality Officer Update** The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer.	Pg 9	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
PARTNER REPORTS					
10.	**HSCP** Receive report from HSCP.	Pg 12	Enclosed	Rebecca Black	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
11.	• Education/Active Schools • Police Scotland • Scottish Fire and Rescue • KA Leisure • TACT		Verbal	Partners	Reports enclosed for information
AOCB					
12.	**AOCB**			Cllr Hill	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.

2027 Meeting Dates

Date of Meeting	Location	Time
Tuesday 2 March	MS Teams	**6.00 – 8.00 pm**
Tuesday 1 June	Clark Memorial Church	**6.00 – 8.00 pm**
Tuesday 7 September	Clark Memorial Church	**6.00 – 8.00 pm**
Tuesday 7 December	MS Teams	**6.00 – 8.00 pm**

Distribution List

Elected Members
Councillor Alan Hill **(Chair)**
Councillor Eleanor Collier
Councillor Todd Ferguson
Councillor Tom Marshall
Councillor Ian Murdoch

Community Representatives
George Cloughey, West Kilbride 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
David Cameron, Police Scotland
Richard Donnachie, SFRS
Michael Thompson, KA Leisure
Barbara Conner, TSI

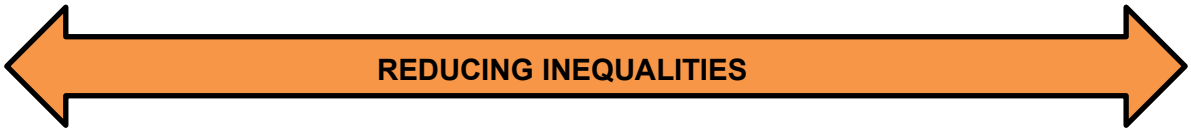
North Coast & Cumbraes Locality Partnership Priorities

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 8 September 2026 at 6pm, Clark Memorial Church, Largs**
Present:	Cllr Alan Hill (Chair) Cllr Tom Marshall Cllr Eleanor Collier Louise Riddex, Locality Officer Lizzy Barbour, Community Rep Carol Campbell, Comm Representative Tom Stewart, Largs Community Council Russell McCutcheon, Executive Director (Place) Isy Agnew, Skelmorlie Community Council Rita Holmes, Fairlie Community Council Barbara Conner, TACT Tony Gilhooly, Active Schools Jim Philips, Largs Community Council
In Attendance	Jacqui Greenlees, North Ayrshire Council Sharon Fleming, North Ayrshire Council
Apologies:	Rhonda Leith, Head of Connected Communities Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands) Michael Thomson, KA Leisure

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	**Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were noted and no declarations of interest were made. An update was provided on the forthcoming Pride in Place information sessions. A Community transport update at a future meeting was discussed and welcomed by the Partnership.	***Noted*** **J McGee**
2.	**Action Note** The action note arising from the meeting held in June 2026 was approved.	***Noted***
	Update on CIF Project- SWI SWI attended the meeting to provide an update on impact achieved with the CIF funds awarded by the North Coast LP. A copy of the handout was made available. B Conner highlighted that GV Helping Hands supports families across North Ayrshire by providing hand-knitted goods to those who may not be able to afford them. It was noted that Dalry could connect with GV Helping Hands to support shop referrals made through health visitors.	
3.	**Grants** The Locality Partnership were asked to consider grant applications made to the Largs Common Good Fund and Elderly Grants Fund. The decisions were as follows: **Largs Common Good Fund**	

	• Largs & District Museum **2026/27 Elderly Grants Fund** • Age Well WK • The Cumbrae Forum • Fairlie Old Folks/Semple Centre • Skelmorlie SS • The Cameron Centre	***Approved*** ***Approved*** ***Pending Submission***
4.	**Island Plan** Cllr Hill provided the Partnership in Sarah Baird's absence with an update on the refreshed National Islands Plan. • Work with business groups will continue until October. Community Councils will support engagement with the community side of the plan. Details will be circulated in advance to anyone wishing to attend.	***Noted***
5.	**Locality Officer Update** L Riddex advised that a report was included with the meeting paperwork. Louise Riddex advised that the Summer of Sport programme had been delivered, including two pop-up events in Inverclyde and activities across Cumbrae, Skelmorlie and West Kilbride. A total of 727 participants attended the free events. The Partnership also noted that Commonwealth representatives attended, Millport Pride would take place on Saturday as the first event of its kind, and youth activities would be provided. Participatory Budgeting had opened and was now closed, with applications now moving to a competitive stage. A query was raised regarding bus provision for the Pride event, including whether additional buses had been arranged. The Chair thanked L Riddex for her update.	
6.	**Partner Reports** **Police Scotland –** An update was provided on Trading Standards activity, including scam awareness, self-protection, and test purchases relating to vapes and alcohol. Some premises had initially failed but had since been revisited and passed. **TACT –** An update was provided on family funding across Ayrshire, mediation training to support groups, and the process for applying for independent examination of accounts. It was noted that additional examiners are available for accounts up to a certain level, helping groups avoid higher accountancy costs, with a minimum charge of £200. **Education/Active Schools –** An update was provided on the Summer of Sport programme. Eight clubs in Inverclyde returned to support delivery, offering a range of sports and opportunities for young people and parents. Activities were provided free of charge, and the model may be continued next summer. Sports academies and residential opportunities were also noted, including work with children who have lower confidence. **Scottish Fire and Rescue –** No representative was in attendance. **KA Leisure –** No representative was in attendance. The Chair thanked partners for their updates.	***Noted***

7.	**AOCB** • Appointment of Vice Chair was discussed • Louise advised the Partnership that Community Representative John Lamb had passed away. • Louise will send a card of condolence to John's spouse, Eileen Lamb. • The next meeting on 1st December 2026 at 1800hrs will be held online.	

The meeting ended at 18:50 pm

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Locality Partnership: North Coast Locality

Date: 1 December 2026

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2026/27 Elderly Grants Fund

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

Background: Applications have been received in respect of the 2026/27 Elderly Grants Fund

2026/27 Elderly Grants Fund

- The Cameron Centre – Allocation is **£7,339**

Key Points for Locality Partnership

- **The 2026/27 North Coast Elderly Grants Fund** has a remaining balance of **£7,339** for disbursement.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

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

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Date: 27 October 2026

APPENDIX 1

ELDERLY GRANTS FUND
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2026/27

Grant Allocation for North Coast LPP Area **£ 13,766**

Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allocated to Group	Amount Requested
The Cameron Centre Largs	Organisation has been formed to benefit people aged 50 years and above, living in Largs and generally North Ayrshire (the "Community") with the following purposes ("the 'Purposes"): The provision of a recreational centre and the organisation of activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the "community". Provide services designed to reduce isolation and loneliness and keep older people independent and active for as long as possible. Grant contributes to trip to Panto in Greenock, December 28th also Proposed trips to Glasgow Museum, Total cost of each event would be: St Andrews lunch for 70 people £1200.00. Panto would be for 46 people tickets, bus and meal £ 2000. Burns lunch would be for 70 people £1400. cost of materials for k/k would be £1000. per year. lunches inhouse, warm hub, every 2 weeks, £1500. per year. An BBQ annually cost of £500. 70 people. projected Annual cost of tea, biscuits etc is £3400.00 **Total cost of project £11.000** **Elderly grant fund £7339.00** **Group contribution £3661.00**	£ 7,339	£ 7,339
		TOTAL	**£ 7,339**

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North Coast & Cumbrae Locality Partnership Report

Work across North Coast & Cumbrae continues to contribute positively towards the locality priorities of increasing social inclusion, improving mental wellbeing, supporting skills and work opportunities, and improving access to financial services. Activity during the reporting period has focused on building community capacity, supporting local organisations, increasing opportunities for participation and developing learning and employability pathways for residents of all ages

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Increasing Social Inclusion

Reducing social isolation and creating opportunities for people to connect with their communities remains a significant area of activity across the locality. Support has been provided to a range of community groups, older people's initiatives, youth groups and community facilities to ensure residents have opportunities to participate in community life and influence decisions affecting them.

The development of the Older Persons Network has strengthened engagement with older residents and provided opportunities for local people to shape discussions on issues affecting them, including transport and access to services. Local representatives from West Kilbride and Skelmorlie will ensure the views of North Coast communities are represented at North Ayrshire wide discussions.

Young people continue to benefit from regular youth work opportunities including Youth Forum, PDA, WK youth group & Skelmorlie youth group. Participation in these groups is supporting the development of confidence, relationships and civic participation while creating opportunities for young people to influence local decision-making. Approximately 70 young people are currently involved in youth groups across the North Coast.

Work within sheltered housing communities has also helped reduce social isolation, with residents reporting increased social connections and greater confidence to participate in community activities. Although the proposed residents' committee at Moorburn Park did not progress, the engagement process established stronger relationships between residents and identified individuals who remain interested in future community-led activity.

Impact

- Increased opportunities for community participation across all age groups.
- Older people actively contributing to discussions on service delivery.
- Young people engaging in local decision-making and leadership opportunities.
- Reduced isolation and increased social connections for sheltered housing residents.
- Continued access to community facilities and activities across the locality.

Improving Mental Wellbeing

A strong theme throughout the reporting period has been the contribution community activity makes towards positive mental wellbeing. Community venues, youth groups, learning opportunities and social networks have all provided safe and supportive spaces where individuals can build relationships, develop confidence and access peer support.

Participation in youth programmes has enabled young people to discuss issues relevant to their lives, improve communication skills and strengthen resilience. Similarly, older people's engagement activities have provided opportunities for social interaction and helped ensure residents feel listened to and represented.

Community organisations such as the The Cameron Centre, LDT, CCC Mens Shed and local voluntary groups continue to play an important role in providing opportunities for connection and wellbeing within local communities. Ongoing support has helped these organisations remain active and sustainable.

Impact

- Improved confidence and wellbeing amongst young people engaged in youth work.
- Increased social contact and community participation for older residents.
- Strengthened community support networks reducing isolation.
- Greater community resilience through sustainable local organisations and venues.

Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities

Improving access to learning, accreditation and employability opportunities continues to be a key strength within the locality. Young people are actively participating in accredited learning programmes designed to improve skills, confidence and future progression opportunities.

Delivery of the Personal Development Award (PDA) in Youth Work has engaged over 10 young people across the North Coast, with participants progressing through accredited units and developing skills in communication, teamwork, leadership and community engagement. Several learners have already completed units and remain on track to achieve full qualifications.

Digital skills opportunities have also been expanded through the Cyber Explorers programme, providing access to SCQF accredited cyber resilience learning. In addition, ongoing support for adult learners, volunteers and committee members has strengthened governance, leadership and organisational skills within community organisations

The continued support provided to voluntary organisations undertaking asset transfer and governance development has also contributed to community wealth building by strengthening the sustainability and capacity of local assets.

Impact

- More than 25 young people progressing through accredited youth work qualifications.
- Increased access to digital learning and cyber resilience accreditation.
- Enhanced employability, leadership and volunteering skills.

- Stronger community organisations with improved governance and sustainability.
- Increased opportunities for future education, volunteering and employment pathways.

Improving Access to Financial Services

Work under this priority has focused primarily on strengthening community organisations' capacity to access, manage and maximise funding opportunities. A number of groups have received guidance and support in relation to funding applications, financial monitoring and organisational governance.

Support provided to The Cameron Centre, Clyde Coast & Cumbrae mens shed, WK Community Initiative and other local organisations has improved their ability to secure external funding and meet funder requirements. Assistance has also been provided around charity governance, monitoring requirements and financial reporting.

This work has helped safeguard community assets and services while increasing the likelihood of future investment into the locality.

Impact

- Improved financial governance within community organisations.
- Increased capacity to attract external funding.
- Better compliance with funder and charity requirements.
- Greater sustainability of community facilities, services and activities

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Community Capacity and Locality Development

Alongside delivery against locality priorities, significant effort has been invested in strengthening community infrastructure across North Coast & Cumbrae. Community asset transfer projects continue to progress, support has been provided to local halls and community facilities, and work is underway to develop the next locality action plan through engagement with the North Coast Locality Network.

While challenges remain, including the loss of Skelmorlie Community Council (SCC), previous members of the SCC have demonstrated resilience by continuing important local projects through alternative community-led structures.

Conclusion

Progress across North Coast & Cumbrae demonstrates continued investment in people, communities and local organisations. Activity has contributed to increased social inclusion, improved wellbeing, enhanced skills and employability opportunities, and strengthened community capacity. Community organisations remain central to delivering positive outcomes locally and continue to benefit from targeted support that improves their sustainability and ability to respond to community need.

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Locality Partnership: *North Coast*

Date: *1st December 2026*

Subject: *HSCP Partner Update*

Purpose: For Information and Awareness

General HSCP update

Children, Families & Justice Services

- The Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership published a seven-minute briefing to raise awareness of stigma experienced by people involved in the justice system. It can be accessed online.
- North Ayrshire Council has approved a new three-year Children and Families Plan, setting out a shared vision to make North Ayrshire the best place for children and young people to grow up.
- As part of the 16 Days of Activism campaign, a partnership initiative involving the Mhor Collective and Simon Community Scotland is delivering a learning event focused on digital inequality among women who are in contact with support services. The session will explore how factors such as poverty, homelessness, trauma, exploitation and abuse can create barriers to accessing digital services and support.
- The Lennox Partnership will be working with local childcare providers to deliver the Childcare Parents Fund, offering eligible low-income parents up to 12 weeks of funded registered childcare. The fund supports access to employment, education and training. North Ayrshire Children and Families Services are promoting the fund and encouraging staff to signpost eligible families.
- Additional support has been launched by EPIC Think Learn, funded by the Scottish Government, to support parents and carers of neurodivergent children aged 5–10. The programme will offer expert-led webinars, peer support opportunities and learning resources for teachers, helping to strengthen support for neurodivergent children and their families through improved knowledge, understanding and access to guidance.
- A limited number of free 12-month KA Leisure memberships are available for care-experienced young people aged 12-25 living in NA. The membership covers gyms, fitness classes, swimming and skating.

Mental Health

- The 2026 Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival marked its 20th anniversary, with 24 events delivered across North Ayrshire under the theme ‘Reflection’. Events included a session at the Harbour Arts Centre on 20 October and sensory storytelling at Trindlemoss Day Opportunities on 28 October. Further information was available on the NAHSCP website.
- The Suicide Prevention and Wellbeing Training Calendar has been updated to show the training available from October to December, offering a range of free learning

opportunities in suicide prevention and mental health awareness for staff and volunteers across Ayrshire and Arran. To book a place, please contact: chooselife@aapct.scot.nhs.uk.

- The North Ayrshire Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults (Year 6) is now open for applications, with £116,881 available to support one-year community projects focused on improving mental health and wellbeing. Funding is available through two application levels, offering grants of up to £2,000 and £10,000, with projects to be delivered by 31 March 2027. Applications will be accepted until Tuesday 8 December.
- North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, in partnership with Killie Community, successfully delivered the Boots & Blether event as part of Men's Mental Health Month. Held at Rugby Park community pitches in Kilmarnock, the event provided a welcoming environment for men to come together, participate in physical activity, build social connections and engage in open conversations about mental health and wellbeing. The event featured former Scotland international footballer Andy McLaren and received strong attendance and positive feedback from participants.
- A new referral pathway has been introduced to provide clarity for staff supporting children, young people and families affected by alcohol or drug use. The pathway outlines locality-based referral arrangements for early intervention and prevention services, helping to ensure individuals and families access the most appropriate support in a timely manner. The guidance also sets out arrangements for specific groups, including kinship families and those with more complex support needs, alongside dedicated support available for adults affected by a family member's substance use.
- Thirty-two people attending Trindlemoss Day Opportunities achieved recognised SVQ qualification through a partnership with Ayrshire College. The achievement was celebrated at a graduation ceremony at Riverside Lodge Hotel in Irvine on 20th August.
- NAHSCP and the Third Sector Interface are seeking feedback on the Active, Connected, included resources, which promote accessibility and inclusion for people with learning disabilities. A short survey has been developed to gather feedback on awareness and experience of using these resources. The findings will inform future development and support improvements in inclusive practice locally and nationally. The survey can be accessed online.

Planning, Performance and Transformation

- The Programme for Government 2026–31 prioritises prevention, public service reform and community-based support, aligning with North Ayrshire HSCP's strategic direction. The HSCP will monitor national reforms and their implications for local service delivery.
- The Scottish Human Rights Commission identified pressures on health, social care and community services across South Scotland, including North Ayrshire, Arran and Cumbrae. It recommended embedding human rights, community participation and impact assessment more fully within service planning and reform.
- The programme to replace analogue Community Alarm units with digital technology is nearing completion. As part of the final phase, checks are being undertaken to ensure that all analogue units have been identified and upgraded, recognising that some records date back many years. This work is essential to ensure the continued reliability and resilience of Community Alarm services and to support uninterrupted service provision as analogue systems are phased out.

Professional Standards

- The Standards Commission for Scotland has updated its guidance and training resources for Integration Joint Board (IJB) members to support the introduction of voting rights for lived experience representatives. This includes revisions to the Advice Note for IJB Members, the introduction of a dedicated guidance card for lived experience members, and the development of a standard training presentation on the IJB Code of Conduct.
- The Scottish Government has consulted on proposed changes to Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) registration requirements, including the potential introduction of registration for three additional workforce groups: adult day care workers, offender accommodation service workers and social work assistants. The proposals follow extensive engagement and consultation work undertaken by the SSSC during 2025.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

To note the HSCP updates.

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Date: *16th November 2026*