



Cunninghame House,
Irvine.

26 September 2013

North Coast Area Committee

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the above mentioned Committee of North Ayrshire Council to be held in Largs Library, Allanpark Street, Largs on **THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2013** at **2.00 p.m.** to consider the undernoted business.

Yours faithfully

Elma Murray

Chief Executive

1. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any declaration of interest in respect of items of business on the agenda.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 August 2013 and the Special meeting held on 28 August 2013 will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copies enclosed).

- 3. Ayrshire 21 Project**
Receive presentation by Paul Nelis, Development Manager, Scottish Community Development Centre on the Ayrshire 21 project.
- 4. CPP Partners**
 - 4.1 Police Scotland**
Submit report by Police Scotland on issues of local interest (copy enclosed).
 - 4.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**
Submit report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on incidents within the North Coast area in the period 1 August to 8 September 2013 (copy enclosed).
- 5. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance**
Submit report by Corporate Director (Education & Skills) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme and the Local Youth Action Fund (copy enclosed).
- 6. Chairmanship of the Area Committee**
Discuss.
- 7. Date and Venue of Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the North Coast Area Committee will be held on 21 November 2013 in Largs Library.
- 8. Future Agenda Items**
Discuss items for consideration at future meetings of the Area Committee.
- 9. Urgent Items**
Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.

North Coast Area Committee

Sederunt:

Alex Gallagher
Alan Hill
Tom Marshall
Alex McLean

Chair:

Attending:

Apologies:

Meeting Ended:

North Coast Area Committee
22 August 2013

MILLPORT, 22 August 2013 - At a Meeting of the North Coast Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 3.00 p.m.

Present

Alan Hill, Alex Gallagher, Tom Marshall and Alex McLean.

In Attendance

R. McCutcheon, Head of Environment and Related Services and H. Miller, Streetscene Officer (Largs/North Coast) (Development and Environment); B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Education and Skills); and M. Anderson, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Sergeant E. Bell (Police Scotland); Albert Bruce (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); and S. Kelly, Leisure Manager and C. Glencorse, Business Manager (K:A Leisure).

Chair

Councillor Hill in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 16 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors, Councillor Hill, as a parishioner of St Mary's, declared an indirect, non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 (Largs Common Good Fund: Application for Financial Assistance) and took no part in the determination of the application from St. Mary's Hall for All.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minute of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 May 2013 was agreed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Vikingar! Largs

The Committee received a presentation from the Business Manager, K:A Leisure on the maintenance and refurbishment of the Vikingar! facility in Largs.

The presentation provided information on:-

- K:A Leisure's responsibilities in terms of the internal maintenance of Vikingar!, including plant, machinery and decoration;
- recent works and upgrades to the facility, including the redecoration of much of the centre, the renewal of various floor surfaces and the installation of new pool equipment;
- works being undertaken in the current year, such as the upgrade of pool chemical feeders and circulation pumps and improvements to the changing areas and toilets;
- a variety of projects planned in the short-term, including gym changing and the replacement of pool circulation and filtration systems; and
- works required in the medium term, such as the renewal of pool tiles and the refurbishment of the swimming pool changing village.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:-

- the anticipated timescale for the replacement of the pool filtration system and associated pool closure; and
- early discussions about potential development at Vikingar!

The Business Manager, K:A Leisure, undertook to provide Members with a copy of his presentation notes.

Noted.

4. CPP Partners

4.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP)

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the Community Planning Partnership Board meeting held on 13 June 2013.

Noted.

4.2 Police Scotland

Submitted report by Police Scotland on issues of local interest or concern within the North Coast area during the period between 1 April 2013 and 31 July 2013.

Information was provided on:-

- crime statistics for the North Coast area between April and July 2013 and the same period the previous year;
- priorities arising from the 2013/14 public consultation exercise;

- a fatal road crash on 3 August 2013 on the A78, Greenock Road, Largs;
- directed patrol plans to address violence, vandalism, drug dealing, road safety, anti-social behaviour and acquisitive crime;
- local action plans to tackle bogus callers, youth disorder, the purchase of alcohol, speeding and housebreaking;
- the Force website; and
- comparative data on the crime and detection rates for the North Coast area against statistics for North Ayrshire and the former Strathclyde area as a whole.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:-

- a complaint relating to alleged drugs activity and anti-social behaviour at an address in Largs;
- reckless driving along Montgomerie Drive, Skelmorlie;
- the rationale for combining statistical information for crime Groups 1-5 when the crimes to which the groups relate vary considerably; and
- the logging of incidents of vandalism.

Sergeant Bell undertook to look into the feasibility of (i) separating out the statistics for crimes in Groups 1-5 in future reports and (ii) including information on the number of stop and search cases which resulted in charges being made.

Noted.

4.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on activity between 1 June 2013 and 12 August 2013.

Information was provided on:-

- two accidental dwelling fires in Largs;
- a deliberate dwelling fire on Cumbræ;
- a refuse fire on Greenock Road, Largs;
- heath and grass fires in Largs and Skelmorlie;
- a malicious false alarm call in Largs and joint working with the Police to address such calls;
- a number of good intent false alarms and false alarms relating to equipment faults;
- a road traffic collision in Largs;
- a water-related fatality; and
- various special service and community activities.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:-

- measures to track and tackle the source of malicious false alarm calls; and
- the Service's mobilisation time locally.

Noted.

5. Largs Common Good Fund : Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on applications received for financial assistance from Largs Common Good Fund.

The Committee agreed (a) to make the following awards:-

Largs Community Sport and Leisure Club	£1,500, with the group to be advised that recurring costs are not an appropriate use of Common Good Funds and the group should in future seek funding from other sources.
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St Mary's Hall for All	£3,000
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and (b) that the application from Largs Amateur Swimming Club should instead be considered for funding from the Local Youth Action Fund.

6. Millport Common Good Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application received for financial assistance from Millport Common Good Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Millport Festival Group (Millport Country & Western Festival) £500

7. Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by Corporate Director (Education and Skills) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme 2012/13.

The Performance/Grants Information Officer (Education and Skills) advised that the Largs Town Twinning Association now had sufficient funds to meet the cost of the 2013 project for which it had applied and, on that basis, had withdrawn its application. The group requested that the Committee instead consider earmarking the funding for the next town twinning games in 2015.

The Committee agreed (a) to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants

Millport Country & Western Festival Group Association	£1,350
Barrfield Theatre Users Group	£1,000
North Ayrshire Book Festival	£1,500
Largs & District Horticultural Society	£ 645
Largs Viking Festival	£1,600

Local Youth Action Fund

Largs Amateur Swimming Club	£2,000
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(b) to note the withdrawal of the application from Largs Town Twinning Association for funding for its 2013 event; and (c) not to earmark funding from the Local Youth Action Fund for Largs Town Twinning Association's 2015 event.

8. Largs Car Park Fund

8.1 Quarterly Update on Projects

Submitted report by Corporate Director (Development and Environment) on the progress of, and expenditure incurred to date on, the implementation of agreed projects.

The report provided information on the following:-

- improvement works to the pathway leading from Anthony Road to the Yacht Haven;
- the cost of pointing works to the Pencil Monument;
- delivery of festoon lighting for Largs Promenade;
- the proposed lighting of the Pencil Monument;
- works to Haylie Brae picnic area;
- the intention to develop proposals to introduce planting, trees and/or hanging baskets within Largs Town Centre;
- revenue transactions within the Car Park Fund for 2011/12 and 2012/13; and
- the current budget position, with £154,000 committed to support local projects during 2013/14 and a projected balance of approximately £98,000 available for funding new projects.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:-

- the Council's responsibilities in terms of the upkeep of the Pencil Monument;
- the outcome of the design exercise for a new stone cobbled path leading to the Pencil Monument;
- the timing of the installation of festoon lighting;
- the materials and installation arrangements for the Haylie Brae picnic benches; and
- the importance of planting the correct species of trees in town centre locations.

The Committee agreed (a) to note the progress and expenditure on the agreed projects to date; (b) to note the breakdown of running costs with regard to the car park fund in years 2011/12 and 2012/13; (c) to note that £154,400 has been allocated from the car park fund to support local projects during 2013/14; (d) to note the projected balance of approx. £98,000 which is available for consideration of funding new projects; (e) the proposed expenditure of £8,500 to carry out repairs to the Pencil Monument, to be met from the Car Park Fund; and (f) to carry out only minor repairs to the existing path leading to the Pencil Monument, pending further consideration of the value of the proposal for a new stone cobbled path.

8.2 Community Fund - 750 Anniversary

Submitted report by Corporate Director (Development and Environment) on the funding applications approved in respect of the Largs Car Park Community Fund and on events which have taken place.

An events evening was held on 30 May 2013 for all recipients of funding and a range of advice and contact information was provided. Appendix 1 to the report set out the Conditions of Grant issued to organisations, together with the Financial Monitoring Report form shown at Appendix 2 to the report.

Section 2.4 of the report outlined the timetable for the various events/projects being funded. Information was also provided within the report on a request from the organisers of the Highland Games event, requesting permission to transfer a portion of their award to a Clan Gathering event on 14-16 June 2013. Area Committee approval would have been required for this proposed change and, due to time constraints, it was not possible to accede to the request.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:-

- the planning and funding background to a proposed memorial garden;
- whether the Clan Gathering event had been successful in obtaining alternative funding; and
- the potential for directing any unspent grant funding for alternative projects in due course.

Noted.

9. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Area Committee will be held on 3 October 2013 in Skelmorlie Community Centre.

Noted.

10. Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed that the following items be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee:-

- Chairmanship of the Area Committee;
- Largs Car Park - a report on any available statistical information analysing the average length of stay within Largs Car Park following the introduction of increased parking charges; and
- a presentation on the Ayrshire 21 project involving the communities of Skelmorlie and Fairlie.

11. Urgent Item

The Chair agreed that the undernoted item be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the siting of the Largs Viking statue to be determined.

11.1 Viking Statue

The Head of Environment and Related Services referred to plans for the siting of a Viking statue commissioned as part of events to mark the 750th anniversary of the Battle of Largs and invited Members to consider the most appropriate location for the statue.

After some preliminary discussion on possible sites, the Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on site at Largs Promenade. Members then considered two possible locations in Largs, namely on the grassed area of the Promenade itself, to the north of the walled bench seating area, or to the front of Vikingar! (in the current location of a wooden Viking Longship).

Members discussed the following:-

- a potential complaint in relation to the Largs Promenade site;
- initial officer advice that planning permission would not be required in connection with the siting of the statue; and
- the outcome of informal local consultation carried out by Members.

Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved that (a) no final decision be taken on the siting of the Viking statue, pending the outcome of further enquiries on the legal and planning issues surrounding the matter, including looking into the feasibility of the Vikingar! site incorporating lighting of the statue; and (b) in the event of the further information sought becoming available prior to the next ordinary meeting of the Area Committee, the matter be brought to a Special Meeting of the Area Committee for determination.

There being no amendment, the Motion was declared carried, Councillors Gallagher and Marshall dissenting.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed that (a) no final decision be taken on the siting of the Viking statue, pending the outcome of further enquiries on the legal and planning issues surrounding the matter, including looking into the feasibility of the Vikingar! site incorporating lighting of the statue; and (b) in the event of the further information sought becoming available prior to the next ordinary meeting of the Area Committee, the matter be brought to a Special Meeting of the Area Committee for determination.

The meeting ended at 5.00 p.m.

North Coast Area Committee
28 August 2013

IRVINE, 28 August 2013 - At a Special Meeting of the North Coast Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.50 a.m.

Present

Alan Hill, Alex Gallagher, Tom Marshall and Alex McLean.

In Attendance

C. Hatton, Corporate Director and R. McCutcheon, Head of Environment and Related Services (Development and Environment); and M. Anderson, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Hill in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 16 and Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

2. Siting of Viking Statue

Consideration was given at the last meeting of the Area Committee held on 22 August 2013, to the siting of a Viking statue commissioned as part of events to mark the 750th anniversary of the Battle of Largs. The Committee agreed that (a) no final decision be taken on the siting of the Viking statue, pending the outcome of further enquiries on the legal and planning issues surrounding the matter, including looking into the feasibility of the Vikingar! site incorporating lighting of the statue; and (b) in the event of the further information sought becoming available prior to the next ordinary meeting of the Area Committee, the matter be brought to a Special Meeting of the Area Committee for determination.

An opportunity has arisen for the statue to be sited, on a temporary basis, adjacent to the Viking village for the duration of the Viking Festival, pending a final decision on its more permanent location. Members gave consideration to two potential locations, one immediately to the north of Largs Car Park and the other further along the Promenade, to the north end of the Viking Festival skirmish area.

Members discussed the following:-

- the importance of a high profile site with sufficient circulation space to allow photographs to be taken;
- the advantages of the site to the north of the car park in terms of its distance from residential properties;
- the opportunity to undertake public consultation on a permanent site for the statue; and
- the direction in which the statue should face.

The Committee agreed that (a) the Corporate Director (Development and Environment) (i) undertake public consultation on a permanent site for the Viking statue and (ii) report back to a future meeting of the Area Committee on the outcome; and (b) in the interim, the statue be sited immediately to the north of Largs Car Park, oriented to face the south/south-west, with installation to take place in time for the start of the Viking Festival, if possible.

The meeting ended at 11.00 a.m.

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**North Coast Area Committee
3rd October 2013**

The following report is submitted on behalf of Police Scotland for the attention of North Coast Area Committee on 3rd October 2013.

This report includes crime and offence information relating to the Multi Member Ward Area for North Coast and Cumbraes which encompasses the geographical area of Largs, Skelmorlie, Fairlie and Cumbrae for the 5 month period between 1st April 2013 to 15th September 2013.

The Local Community Policing Plan priorities for 2013/2014 form the main focus of our proactivity and support for public reassurance continues. The priorities as formulated from the public consultation exercise for 2013/14 are;

1. Drunk or Disorderly behaviour (including Vandalism and Graffiti)
2. Drug Dealing and Drug use
3. Assault and Violent crime
4. Speeding Motorists
5. Housebreakings and Theft

A breakdown of the crime/offence statistics and incidents for the Multi Member Ward Area for the 4 month period from 1st April to 15th September 2013 is detailed below.

Crimes	Multi Member Ward Area – North Coast and Cumbraes			
	01/04/13- 15/09/13		01/04/12 – 15/09/12	
	Reports	Detected	Reports	
Groups 1-4	215 (-13%)	23%	248	
Groups 1-5	253 (-10%)	35%	281	
All Group 1	9	33%	4	
Serious Assault	4	50%	3	
Robbery	3	-	0	
Common Assault	72 (+33%)	73%	54	
Knives/Offensive Weapons	1	100%	3	
Consumption of Alcohol	32 (+24%)	100%	24	
Drug Supply and Production	3	66%	4	

- Group 1** Crimes of Violence
Group 2 Crimes of Indecency
Group 3 Crimes of Dishonesty
Group 4 Fire raising, Malicious Mischief
Group 5 Other Crimes

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Incidents	01/04/13- 15/09/13
Stop and Search conducted	965
Antisocial Behaviour reports	478 (-20%)
Domestic Abuse incidents	46 (+31%)

Additional Information

Fatal Road Crash

On 7th September 2013 an 86 year old male succumbed to injuries sustained following an accident which occurred in Gateside Street, Largs. Police enquiries continue in respect of the accident and an update will be provided to the Committee in due course.

Directed Patrol Plans

Officers from the Community Policing Team continue to address areas of concern, particularly violence, vandalism, drug dealing, road safety, antisocial behaviour and acquisitive crime in line with the priorities outlined.

A number of local action plans have been instigated during the period to address specific issues, namely;

- Disorder/ Antisocial behaviour
- Speeding
- Mobile Phones/Disqualified Drivers
- Drug supply
- Bogus Callers
- Housebreaking

Directed Patrol Plans have also been initiated in recent weeks to tackle a recent increase in violence and disorder in a residential area near to Largs Town Centre. Local Community officers have made a number of arrests and will continue to work closely with partner agencies to target criminality and antisocial behaviour.

Crimes of Note

25/08/13 – Serious Assault – Nelson Street, Largs – 21 year old male struck on the face. Enquiries continue.

01/09/13 – Robbery - Gateside Street, Largs - Two males assaulted and money stolen. Enquiries continue.

02/09/13 – Robbery – Seymour Street, Largs - 20 year old male robbed of his mobile phone in Seymour Street, Largs. Enquiries continue.

24/06/13 (near to Anthony Road, Largs) and 05/09/13 (near to Gogo Street, Largs) – Dangerous Dogs – 24 year old female charged under Dangerous Dogs Act for allowing dogs to be dangerously out of control in a public place.

Public Consultation Survey

This is the first year that Police Scotland has had an opportunity to undertake a country wide public consultation survey; although local consultation has been successfully undertaken in previous years.

The establishment of the Police Service of Scotland in April 2013 provides the opportunity to create a standardised and wide ranging consultation survey that gives the organisation the ability to seek the views of Scotland's diverse communities and give local people the chance to influence the setting of both Force and Local policing priorities.

It is anticipated that the survey's results will provide valuable information regarding the public's attitudes to crime, antisocial behaviour and other issues that impact on communities and the priorities identified through the consultation will be reflected in future Force, Local and Multi Member Ward (MMW) policing plans.

I will present the results of the survey to the North Coast & Cumbraes Committee once published.

Force Website

The Police Scotland web site contains details for keeping people safe and information on reporting mechanisms and directions to access Police Scotland social media. It can be accessed via the following link.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

North Coast & Cumbraes

Information on the North Coast and Cumbraes area and can be accessed via the link below.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/ayrshire/north-ayrshire/north-coast-and-cumbraes/>

Community Policing Plan

A copy of the Multi Member Ward Community Policing Plan for North Coast and Cumbraes for 2013/14 may be accessed via the link below.

http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/142349/ayrshire/northcoast_cumbraes_mmwp_apr_2013.pdf

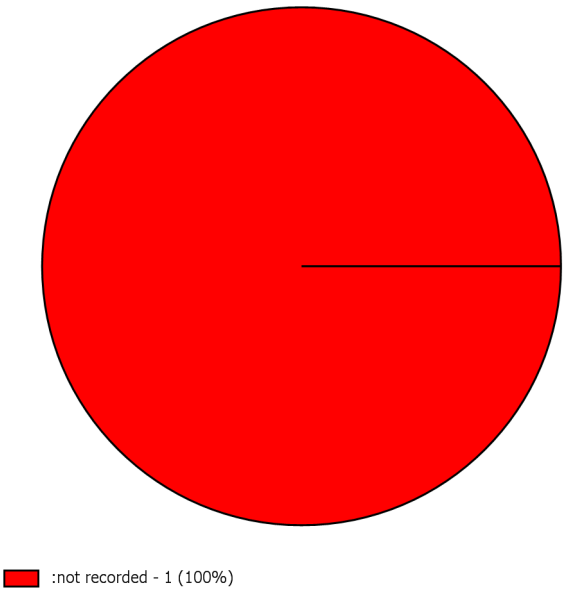
Inspector Gordon Jones
Community Policing Inspector for
North Coast/Cumbrae & Garnock Valley

Dates: 01/08/2013 - 11/09/2013
Councils: North Ayrshire
Wards: North Coast and Cumbraes Ward

Incident Analysis

	Ward	Council	Ward as % of Council
Population	16295	135817	12%
Dwellings	9163	65550	14%
Incidents	31	275	11.3%
Casualties	0	9	%
Fire	0	3	%
RTC	0	5	%
Other	0	1	%
Fatalities	1	4	25%
Fire	0	0	%
RTC	0	1	%
Other	1	3	33.3%

Dwelling Fires: Accidental



Top 10 Accidental Dwelling Fire Locations

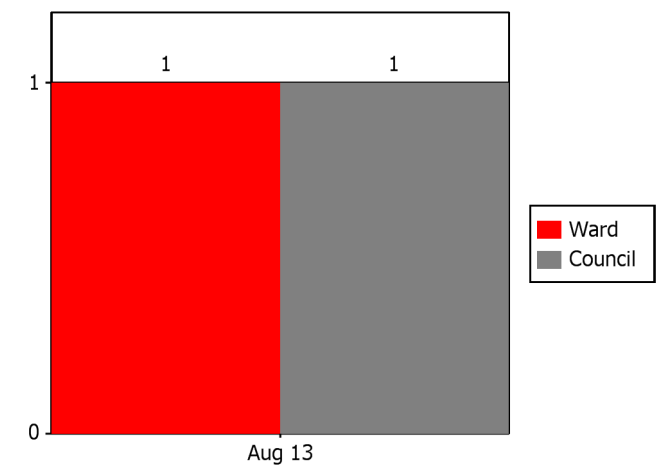
Street	Incident Count
HILLVIEW, ., SKELMORLIE	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	1

Dwelling Fires: Deliberate

Data does not exist for the specified criteria.

Top 10 Deliberate Dwelling Fire Locations

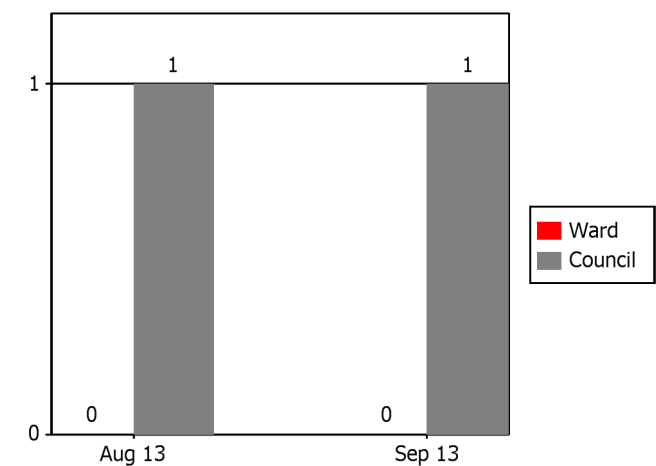
Non Domestic Fires: Accidental



Top 10 Accidental Non Domestic Fire Locations

Street	Incident Count
MORTON WAY, ., FAIRLIE	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	1

Non Domestic Fires: Deliberate



Top 10 Deliberate Non Domestic Fire Locations

Vehicle Fires: Accidental

Data does not exist for the specified criteria.

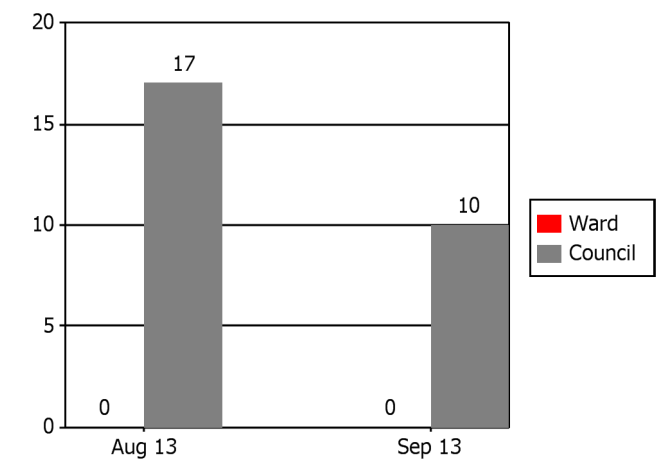
Top 10 Accidental Vehicle Fire Locations

Vehicle Fires: Deliberate

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Top 10 Deliberate Vehicle Fire Locations

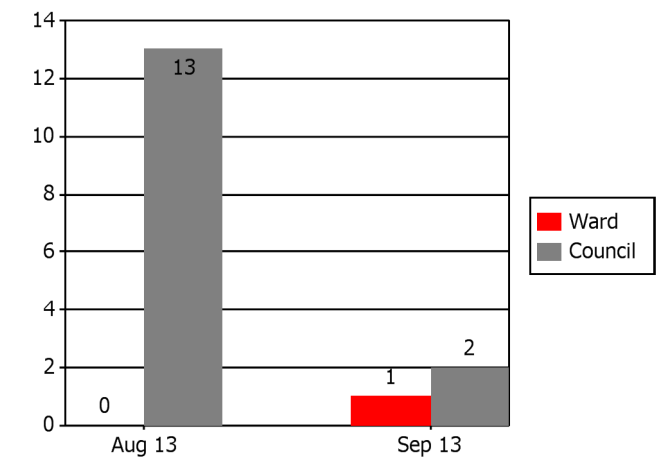
Rubbish Fires



Top 10 Rubbish Fire Locations

Street	Incident Count
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	

Heath and Grass Fires



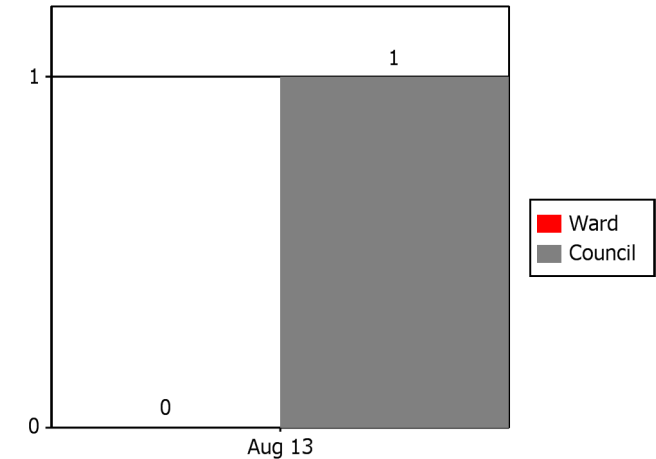
Derelict Buildings: Accidental
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Top 10 Heath and Grass Fire Locations

Street	Incident Count	
NELSON ST, ., LARGS	1	
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets		1

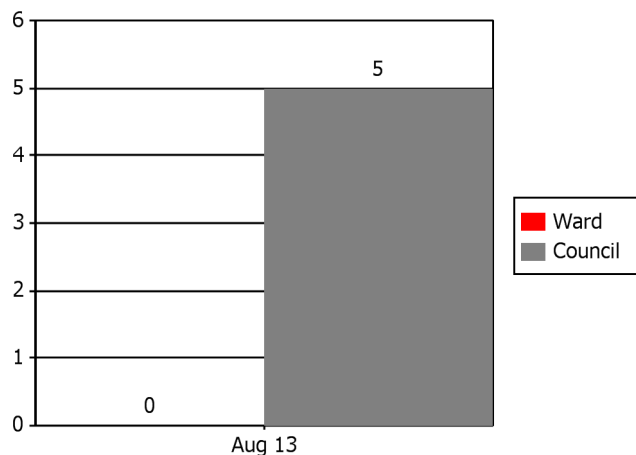
Top 10 Accidental Derelict Buildings Locations

Derelict Buildings: Deliberate



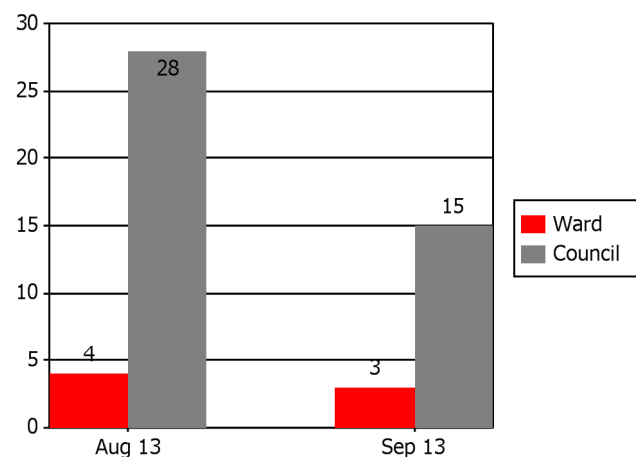
Top 10 Deliberate Derelict Buildings Locations

False Alarms: Malicious



Top 10 Malicious False Alarm Locations

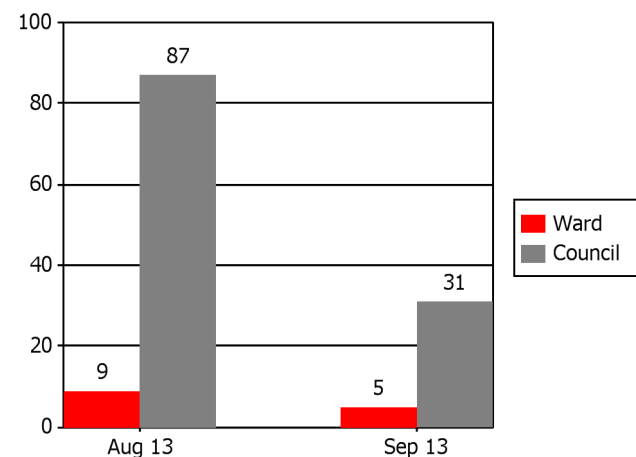
False Alarms: Good Intent



Top 10 Good Intent False Alarm Locations

Street	Incident Count
.n/a, .n/a, CUMBRAE	1
.n/a, .n/a, LARGS	1
.n/a, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
BAREND ST, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
HALKETBURN RD, ., SKELMORLIE	1
KAMES BAY, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
SCHOOL ST, ., LARGS	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	7

False Alarms: Equipment Fault

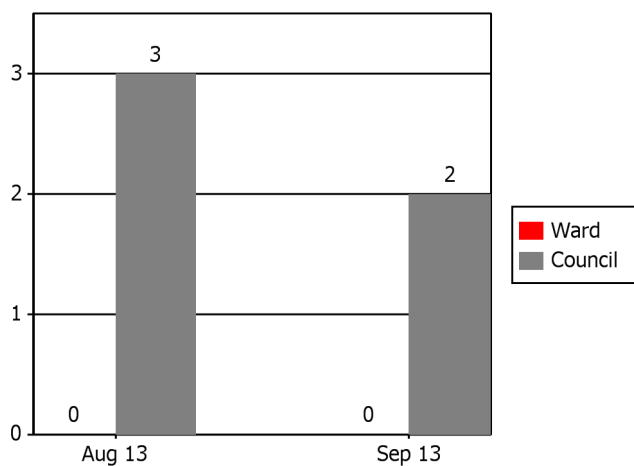


Top 10 Equipment Fault False Alarm Locations

Street	Incident Count
B896, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	2
BRISBANE RD, ., LARGS	2
FERRY RD, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	2
BURNSIDE RD, ., LARGS	1
GATESIDE ST, ., LARGS	1
KEPPENBURN AVE, ., FAIRLIE	1
LADY MARGARET HOSPITAL, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
MARINE PDE, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
NELSON ST, ., LARGS	1
SCHOOL ST, ., LARGS	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	14

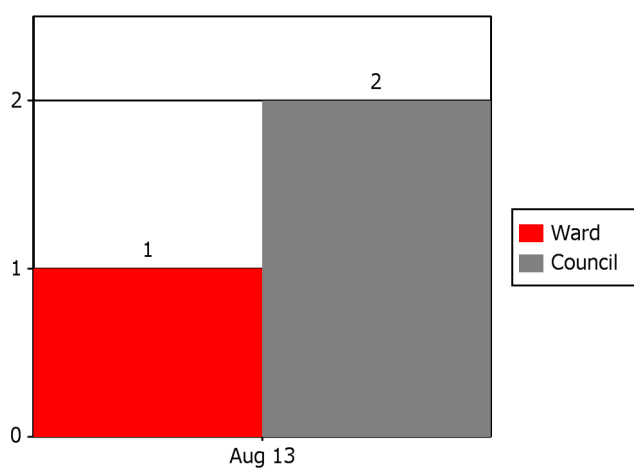
Tactical Assessment

Road Traffic Collisions



Top 10 Road Traffic Collision Locations

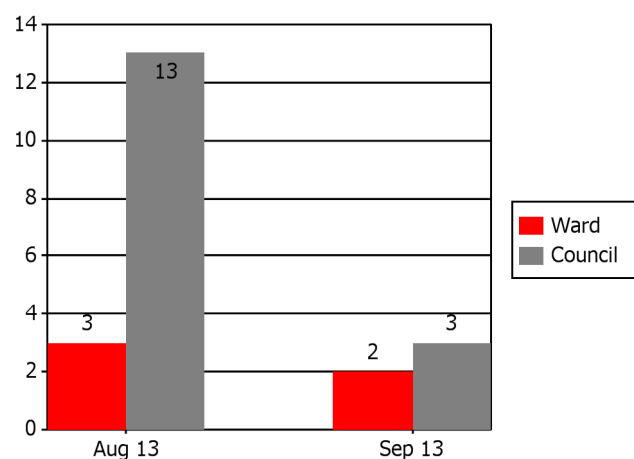
Water Related Incidents



Top 10 Water Related Incident Locations

Street	Incident Count
BELLESDALE AVE, ., LARGS	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	1

Other Special Services*



Top 10 Other Special Services* Locations

Street	Incident Count
WATERSIDE ST, ., LARGS	2
.n/a, .n/a, SKELMORLIE	1
CASTLE BAY CRT, ., LARGS	1
NELSON ST, ., LARGS	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	5

* - Excluding road traffic collisions and water related incidents

Report Description

Given a date range, council and ward, this report provides demographic, incident, casualty and fatality information in tabular format. It also charts and lists the top ten street locations for a chosen list of incident types.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 5

3 October 2013

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance**

Purpose: To advise the Committee of applications received in respect of the Community Development Grants Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund.

Recommendation: That the Committee considers and determines the applications as outlined in the attached appendix.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Community Development Grant Scheme Award for the North Coast and Cumbrae area has a balance of £2,860 available for disbursement.
- 1.2 The Local Youth Action Fund has a balance of £3,414.84 available for disbursement.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 Applications have been received within a number of categories of the Community Development Grant Scheme Award. Details of the applications are summarised in the attached Appendix 2.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee considers and determines the applications as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report.

4. Implications

Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Human Resource Implications

- 4.2 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

- 4.3 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Equality Implications

- 4.4 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

Environmental Implications

- 4.5 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

Implications for Key Priorities

- 4.6 Supporting the organisations listed in the appendix to the report will assist in achieving outcomes:

1e Community capacity has improved.

6a Health and well-being throughout life have improved.

6d More vulnerable people are supported within their own communities.

6e People are more active more often.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place between the applicant bodies and appropriate Officers of the Council.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Awards from the Community Development Grants Scheme assist community-based projects, including cultural, social welfare, recreational or sporting based initiatives.
- 6.2 Awards from the Local Youth Action Fund are made to groups supporting young people aged 12 - 25 years of age.



CAROL KIRK
Corporate Director (Education and Skills)

Reference : JMcH/BA

For further information please contact James McHarg, Community Engagement Manager, Community and Culture on 01294 324440

Background Papers

None

Community Development Grant Scheme Award 2013/2014

North Coast and Cumbrae

Amount Allocated 2012/13: £14,061

Amount Allocated 2013/14: £11,640

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Local Youth Action Fund

North Coast and Cumbrae Area Committee

Amount Allocated 2012/13: £5,580

Amount Allocated 2013/14: £5,072

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Appendix 2(i)

Community Development Grants Scheme 2013-2014				
Applications from Organisations seeking Financial Assistance - North Coast and Cumbrae Area Committee Meeting - 3 October 2013				
Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>St. Mary's Hall for All</p> <p>Meeting place: Chapel House, Greenock Road, Largs</p> <p>Established: 2012</p> <p>Numbers attending: 6 in the Committee</p> <p>Balance in bank: £57,545.60 (restricted funds towards new build of hall)</p> <p>Past awards: 0</p>	<p>Towards the cost of the toilet cubicles (including disabled access) as part of the bigger project of building a new hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilet Cubicles - £6,705 <p>Total cost of this project - £6,705</p>	£3,000	£2,000	<p>The recommended amount will help toward the cost of the toilet facilities to the new hall, particularly disabled access.</p> <p>The bank statement provided refers to St. Mary's Church Hall and not to 'St. Mary's Hall for All'. To ensure that the grant awarded is used wholly for the inclusive purpose requested, we would advise Committee to require that the St. Mary's Church Hall Committee confirm in writing that they will comply with the constitution and as stated in the application.</p>
<p>Largs Gymnastics Club</p> <p>Meeting place: Inverclyde National Sports Centre, Largs</p> <p>Established: 2000</p> <p>Numbers attending: 85</p> <p>Balance in bank: £21,464.19 (£10,000 restricted funds toward equipment renewals). (Costs towards new tracksuits/coaches and gymnasts expenses)</p> <p>Past awards: CDGS 2011/12 - £1,500 towards equipment</p>	<p>Cost towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gymnasts and Coaches tracksuits - £3,600 Gymnasts and Coaches expenses (for Scottish and British travel; competition games.) - £13,000 <p>Total cost of project: £16,600</p>	£7,000	£0	<p>The club has currently just over £15,000 in funds (less than bank statement balance due to payments being paid recently). Much of this will be used to purchase new equipment. The club tries to hold a minimum of £4,000 at all times.</p> <p>The club were successful in accessing £30,000 last year from the Weir Foundation which has allowed the club to invest and leave a surplus.</p> <p>The Community Development Grant Scheme Award cannot support an application for this amount of funding.</p>

Local Youth Action Fund 2013/2014				
Applications from Organisations seeking Financial Assistance - North Coast and Cumbrae Area Committee Meeting - 3 October 2013				
Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>Largs Community Sport & Leisure Club</p> <p>Meeting place: Largs Academy Gym Hall</p> <p>Numbers attending: 62</p> <p>Balance in bank: £4,155 (initial running costs including coach fees and payment for hall lets, admin etc).</p> <p>Past awards: 0</p>	<p>To offer weekday evening activities for young people in 2013/14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching costs - £2,000 <p>Total cost of project: £9,000</p>	£2,000	£2,000	<p>The recommended amount will enable the club to extend its normal Saturday morning times to 3 hours, and also expanding to include after school and weekday evening activities.</p> <p>This came about after extensive consultation with the young people to source if their needs were being met.</p>



Community Development Grants Scheme Assessment Form

1. Reporting Officer: Gail Reid
2. Department: Community Development
Telephone No.: 01294 468035

SECTION 1 - Details of Group/Organisation

3. Name of Group/Organisation: St. Mary's Hall for All
4. Date of Officer's Visit: 26 August 2013 (telephone)
5. Are you satisfied that the details contained in the Grant Application are accurate? - Yes

If NO give reasons

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6. Is the proposal a realistic undertaking of the group? - Yes

If NO explain why

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7. Does the group carry appropriate insurance for the project? - Yes
8. Does group attendance concur with the application? - Yes
9. Does your organisation cater for children under the age of 16 years for more than 2 hours and more than 6 times per year? - No

If YES, is it registered with the Care Commission under the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001? -

If NO explain why

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10. Does the expenditure meet the Community Development Grant Funding Criteria? - Yes

SECTION 2 - Criteria for Assessment

11. In which way does this application address Council priorities?

1e - Community capacity has improved.
6d - More vulnerable people are supported within their own communities.

12. How will the expenditure develop the group/organisation and benefit the local community?

This grant will help pay for the toilet facilities to the new hall, particularly disabled access.

13. How does the application show innovation or development?

The application has been written as part of an innovative larger project to replace the old church hall which was deemed unsafe and has now been demolished.

14. Overall assessment?

The group have been made aware that there is very little left in the Community Development Grant Scheme budget. The total cost of the toilets are estimated at £6,705. This includes £3,000 from the Largs Common Good.

It is recommended that the name of the bank account be changed to reflect the name stated on the constitution as soon as possible.

SECTION 3 - Details of Proposed Expenditure

15. Amount Requested: £3,000

16. Group Contribution: £705

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

17. Support Application: Yes

18. Defer Application?

19. Amount recommended: **£2,000**

Give reasons

This is due to limitations of remaining available funding in the budget for the North Coast and Cumbrae Area Committee.

The group have been advised of this situation.

Signature: Gail Reid

Date: 10 September 2013



Community Development Grants Scheme Assessment Form

1. Reporting Officer: Bobby McGhee
2. Department: Active Schools
Telephone No.: 01294 468035

SECTION 1 - Details of Group/Organisation

3. Name of Group/Organisation: Largs Gymnastics Club
4. Date of Officer's Visit: 11 September (telephone)
5. Are you satisfied that the details contained in the Grant Application are accurate? - Yes

If NO give reasons

6. Is the proposal a realistic undertaking of the group? - Yes

If NO explain why

7. Does the group carry appropriate insurance for the project? - Yes
8. Does group attendance concur with the application? - Yes
9. Does your organisation cater for children under the age of 16 years for more than 2 hours and more than 6 times per year? - Yes

If YES, is it registered with the Care Commission under the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001? -

If NO explain why

There is no care element in the activities of the club.

10. Does the expenditure meet the Community Development Grant Funding Criteria? - Yes

SECTION 2 - Criteria for Assessment

11. In which way does this application address Council priorities?

6a - Health and well-being through life have improved.
6e - People are more active more often.

12. How will the expenditure develop the group/organisation and benefit the local community?

Gymnastics is a very technical sport, requiring highly trained coaches. In North Ayrshire, there are several gymnastics clubs but, although the Largs Club has members at all stages, it also provides the high level pathway for young people who demonstrate particular talent, aptitude and potential, from across North Ayrshire and beyond. The club has the current Scottish female espoir champion. (espoir is the intermediate level between child and junior). A further 2 girls are in the Scottish National Squad and another in the British Squad (currently level 2 UK champion and potential Olympian).

This is only possible because of the partnership which the Largs Gymnastics Club has with Inverclyde National Sports Centre in Largs. The centre hosts the club and provides top level coaches, which it charges club members for directly. However, in order for the club to compete in competitions, it has to be independently constituted, and this application is to support the club to take part in local, national and international competitions.

Competing is central to the activities of the club. Without regular participation in competition the club members would not thrive and develop.

This application will assist with maintaining the extremely high standards that the club achieves, which is reflected in the high membership, 85 of the club. The club membership in 2011, the last time in which North Ayrshire Council grant aided the club, was 76.

This is of clear benefit to the local community in terms of identity, pride, and providing positive diversionary activities.

Approximately 50% (38) of the club members are from the local community.

13. How does the application show innovation or development?

The partnership between Largs Gymnastics Club and Inverclyde National Sports Centre is a unique and productive one.

This application is to subsidise the costs of competing in various competitions at Scottish and British level, and to purchase new tracksuits for all members and coaches.

The club members and parents/carers also work hard at fundraising. They have a bag pack organised at Irvine ASDA in September 2013 and a Display Night in October.

14. Overall assessment?

In 2012 Largs Gymnastics Club has appointed new Committee members who successfully applied to the Largs Euro Lottery Winners (since then this fund has become the Weir Foundation) - receiving an award of £30,000 in June 2012. This funding is mostly ring-fenced for the purchase of replacement and new specialist equipment, although the increasing success of members at Scottish and British level does place additional financial pressure on the club. The Committee is, to a large extent, a fundraising committee as all the coaching is carried out by professional coaches, who also attend competitions with the gymnasts.

SECTION 3 - Details of Proposed Expenditure

15. Amount Requested: £7,000

16. Group Contribution: £6,000

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

17. Support Application: No

18. Defer Application?

19. Amount recommended: **£0**

Give reasons

The club currently has just over £15,000 in funds. Much of this will be used to purchase new equipment. The club tries to hold a minimum of £4,000 at all times. The award of £30,000 last year has allowed the club to invest and leave a surplus.

Signature: Bobby McGhee

Date: 12 September 2013



Local Youth Action Fund Assessment Form

1. Reporting Officer: Bobby McGhee
2. Department: Active Schools
Telephone No.: 01294 468035

SECTION 1 - Details of Group/Organisation

3. Name of Group/Organisation: Largs Community Sports and Leisure Club
4. Date of Officer's Visit: 11 September 2013
5. Are you satisfied that the details contained in the Grant Application are accurate? - Yes

If NO give reasons

6. Is the proposal a realistic undertaking of the group? - Yes

If NO explain why

7. Does the group carry appropriate insurance for the project? - Yes
8. Does group attendance concur with the application? - Yes
Is the award sought for a new youth activity, facility or service? - No
9. Does your organisation cater for children under the age of 16 years for more than 2 hours and more than 6 times per year? - Yes

If YES, is it registered with the Care Commission under the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001? -

If NO explain why

There is no element of care involved in the group activities.

10. Does the expenditure meet the NA Community Safety Forum Aims and Priorities? - Yes

If YES, which NA Single Outcome Agreements are being addressed?

6a - Health and well-being throughout life have improved.
6e - People are more active more often.

SECTION 2 - Criteria for Assessment

11. In which way does this application address Local Youth Action Fund Objectives?

- Increasing the number of services and facilities available that provide constructive and relevant activities.
- Young people have a sustained interest and involvement in activities.
- Increase in the satisfaction of young people.
- Reduction in community perception/concerns about youth crime.

12. What youth engagement/consultation has been undertaken regarding the proposed activity, service or facility?

The club has close links with Active Schools, especially through the various Young Leader and Young Ambassador Programmes. In this way, young people are very involved in decision making at the club. Young people were very involved in the consultation exercise in the local community (see section 13).

13. What community engagement/consultation has been undertaken regarding the proposed activity, service or facility?

The club has recently carried out an extensive consultation exercise which was carried out by Largs Academy pupils and included the 6 local primary schools (staff, parents and pupils), Social Services, and Enable Scotland (the club has provided for young people affected by disability through the partnership with Active Schools). This has led to an expansion of the programme, opening hours, and days in which the club operates.

14. Are Partnership links in place? Yes

Active Schools; Largs Academy; Largs Tennis Club; Largs Sailing Club; The Ocean Youth Trust; Ardrossan Accies Rugby Club.

15. Overall Assessment

Largs Community Sports and Leisure Club is one of 4 such clubs which were set up by a partnership led by Active Schools in 2005.

The club has a voluntary management committee which oversees all aspects of programming, development and finance. The club provides coaching opportunities for Largs Academy pupils who are participating in the Active Schools Young Leader Programme, the Youth Sport Trust Young Sporting Ambassador Scheme, the Community Sports Leader Award, and Largs Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award Group. Young people at the club also participate in the Saltire Award and the Youth Achievement Award Scheme run by North Ayrshire Council's Community Development Team.

The income from the club members pays for the coaching costs. Coaching is predominantly delivered by young leaders from the Active Schools programme. Activities currently on offer include gymnastics, basketball, badminton, football, dance, boxercise, cricket, rounders, and table tennis. The club meets on Saturday mornings in Largs Academy.

The club recently conducted an extensive consultation to establish if it was meeting the needs of young people. As a consequence, it is going to extend its normal Saturday morning times to 3 hours, and also becoming expanding to include after school and weekday evening activities.

In the Spring of 2012, the club developed a new partnership with Largs Sailing Club and the Ocean Youth Trust. The partnership successfully applied for an Awards for All grant which subsidised sailing dingy coaching at Largs Sailing Club and also 24 places on an Ocean Youth Trust Cruise round the Island of Mull. The club has successfully applied to the Kelburn Community Wind Farm to expand this project, receiving £3,000 towards the cost of the Summer 2014 Ocean Youth Trust Cruise.

The club also has ambitious plans to develop a Glasgow 2014 Legacy Programme for Largs and the surrounding communities.

SECTION 3 - Details of Proposed Expenditure

16. Amount Requested: £2,000

17. Group Contribution: £7,000

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

18. Support Application: Yes

19. Defer Application?

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20. Amount recommended: **£2,000**

Give reasons

The Largs Community Sports and Leisure Club is a forward looking community based organisation which, whilst it has the capacity to operate independently, values the partnerships which it has built and the opportunities created by these partnerships. It is an outstanding example of how sport contributes to community development.

Signature: Bobby McGhee

Date: 12 September 2013