

Cunninghame House,
Irvine.

4 February 2016

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 11 FEBRUARY 2016** 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 ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 19 November 2015 will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copy enclosed).

2.1 Largs Sea Front Car Park

Receive verbal update on the proposed introduction of tiered charges at Largs Sea Front Car Park.

3. CPP Partners

3.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 3 December 2015

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) held on 3 December 2015 (copy enclosed).

3.2 Police Scotland

Police Scotland will report on issues of local interest for the period.

3.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will report on incidents within the North Coast area for the period 22 November 2015 to 28 January 2016 (copy enclosed).

4. Largs Reports

4.1 20mph Speed Limit A78 Trunk Road - Discussion

Consider discussion topic suggested by Largs Community Council and with input from a representative of Transport Scotland.

4.2 Stalled Spaces Fund - Nelson Street, Largs

Receive verbal update from Town Centre Regeneration Officer (Economy and Communities).

4.3 Largs Seafront Illumination Festoons

Submit report by the Executive Director (Place) on the condition of the installation and seek approval for funding from the Largs Seafront Car Park Fund to replace the installation with more robust, energy efficient plant (copy enclosed).

4.4 Place Update - Largs

Submit report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Largs Campus development (copy enclosed).

4.6 Economy and Communities Update

Submit report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on actions taken in relation to the list of projects and issues in relation to Largs (copy enclosed).

5. Fairlie Reports

5.1 Fairlie Community Links

Submit report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on an update in respect of the consultation process, feedback obtained through the consultation process and the options for the next stages in the project's development (copy enclosed).

6. Cumbrae

6.1 Millport Flood Protection Scheme

Submit report by the Executive Director (Place) on the position of the Millport Flood Protection Scheme (copy enclosed).

6.2 Economy and Communities Update - Millport

Submit report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on actions taken in relation to the list of projects and issues (copy enclosed).

7. Community Development Grant Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund: Application for Financial Assistance

Submit report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grant Scheme (copy enclosed).

8. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the North Coast Area Committee will take place on Thursday 24 March 2016 at 1.45 p.m. in the D.A.Hall, Cumbrae.

9. Future Agenda Items

Discuss items for consideration at future meetings of the Area Committee.

10. Urgent Items

Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.

North Coast Area Committee

Sederunt:

Alex Gallagher (Chair)
Alan Hill
Tom Marshall
Grace McLean

Chair:

Attending:

Apologies:

Meeting Ended:

North Coast Area Committee
19 November 2015

Fairlie, 19 November 2015 - At a Meeting of the North Coast Area Committee at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Alex Gallagher and Tom Marshall.

In Attendance

M. Strachan, Senior Business Manager, J. McKnight, Senior Manager (Community Development), S. Munro, Business Growth Manager and L. Kirk, Access Officer (Economy and Communities); T. Reaney, Senior Manager (Streetscene), T. Fitzsimmons, Divisional Manager - Headquarters, Y. Holland, Project Manager, C. Forsyth, Assistant Transportation Manager, C. Dempster, Assistant Network Manager and H. Miller, Streetscene Officer (Place); and M. Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector J. Conway (Police Scotland); Station Manager G. Fleming (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); and D. Blair and I. Murdoch (Largs Community Council).

Chair

Councillor Gallagher in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Alan Hill and Grace McLean.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Committee held on 24 September 2015 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Presentation: Business Growth (Economic Growth)

The Committee received a presentation by the Senior Business Manager and Business Growth Manager (Economic Growth) (Economy and Communities) on the Business Support function within Economic Growth

The presentation highlighted the following:-

- the team's vision to have the best business support offer in Scotland;
- the in-house Team North Ayrshire approach and its work with a number of external agencies;
- the significant rise in the number of businesses and jobs supported by the service;
- the geographic portfolios of Business Growth Managers;
- the supports in place in terms of the Early Growth and High Growth offers; and
- examples of some of the companies currently receiving support.

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

- the importance of working to safeguard existing jobs, as well as supporting the creation of new employment;
- the strategy for the future of Hunterston;
- whether support might be provided to the Largs Information Bureau; and
- the extent to which innovation can result in job losses and how this might be mitigated.

The Senior Business Manager undertook to (a) provide Members with further information on the strategy for the future of Hunterston; and (b) explore opportunities to provide support to Largs Information Bureau.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair extended his thanks to the officers for their presentation.

Noted.

4. CPP Partners

4.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 10 September 2015

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board held on 10 September 2015.

Noted.

4.2 Police Scotland

Inspector Joseph Conway provided a verbal update on issues of local interest for the period from 24 September to 13 November 2015, including information on the following:-

- a breakdown of local crime statistics for periods 24 September to 13 November 2015 and 1 April to 13 November 2015, compared with the same periods last year;
- an attempted robbery at a Largs newsagents;

- a series of housebreakings; and
- policing at planned local events, including the Largs Santa Parade on 3 December 2015.

Members discussed the following:-

- plans to target driving offences in the North Coast area; and
- levels of local policing during the Halloween period and factors which might influence the number of officers on patrol.

Noted.

4.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

The Chair welcomed Station Manager Fleming, who provided a verbal report on issues of local interest for period from 21 September to 13 November 2015, including information on the following:-

- some 40 incidents in the local area, comprising 30 in the Largs area, 10 on Cumbrae and 1 in Skelmorlie;
- 5 fire incidents, 10 special services and 19 unwanted fire alarm systems; and
- community safety initiatives, including post domestic incident report activities, home fire safety visits and Prevention First work.

Members discussed the impact of the adverse weather on the incidence of bonfire call-outs.

Noted.

5. Largs Reports

5.1 Targeted Property Condition Exercise: Nelson Street, Largs

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on opportunities for working with third parties and criteria for use of Compulsory Purchase Orders, to address disrepair in Nelson Street, Largs.

On 20 November 2014, the Committee considered a report on current and potential interventions for addressing poor quality private rented accommodation and requested that a targeted assessment be undertaken in Largs, with findings reported back in due course. Thereafter, at its meeting on 13 August 2015, the Committee received a further report on details of a targeted property condition assessment carried out in Nelson Street, Largs and requested that opportunities be explored for working with third parties, or using Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs), to address disrepair in the area.

The report provided an update on the further investigations undertaken, noting that, before considering a CPO, the Council or a partner would first be required to attempt to resolve any property condition issue by working with property owners. Should that fail, negotiations would then have to be entered into in an attempt to purchase properties without resorting to a CPO. However, given that most properties in Nelson Street meet the required standard, or their owners are actively engaging with the Council to bring their homes up to standard, it would be highly unlikely that the Scottish Government would approve a CPO application. The report, therefore, recommended that Housing Services continue to work with owners in the Nelson Street area in order to facilitate improvement to property condition in that area.

Members asked questions, and received further information, on the following:-

- the number of unoccupied properties in the target area;
- whether further progress was anticipated in working with owners to bring properties up to standard;
- whether any contact has been made with tenants;
- the number of properties inspected and the likelihood of those not inspected falling below Tolerable Standard; and
- possible action to address an overgrown gap site on Nelson Street.

The Committee Services Team Leader undertook to liaise with the Council's Enforcement Officer on action to address the overgrown gap site on Nelson Street.

The Committee agreed to (a) note the information provided in the report; and (b) support Housing Services' ongoing work with owners in Nelson Street to improve property condition.

5.2 Largs Sea Front Car Park

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the estimated implications of introducing tiered charges at Largs Sea Front Car Park.

The current fee for using the car park is £3.00 per stay per day, regardless of duration. At its meeting on 24 September 2015, the Committee considered a report on the likely implications of introducing a reduced parking charge of £1.00 for one hour stays. The Committee requested that further analysis be undertaken on the implications of introducing tiered parking charges for stays of up to one hour, up to three hours, and beyond three hours.

A revised Appendix 1 to the report was circulated at the meeting, showing a summary of the estimated impact of revisions to the pricing structure. Based on an analysis current income and usage, pricing scenario 1, with a charge of £1.00 for up to 1 hours and £3.00 thereafter, was estimated to result in a reduction in car park income of £45,472 over 17 months and £29,944 over the period October 2014 to September 2015. Scenario 2, namely a charge of £1.00 for up to 1 hour, £3.00 for up to 3 hours and £4.00 for over 3 hours, would equate to a reduction of £19,275 and

£14,771 over the same periods. Scenario 3, a charge of £1.00 for up to 1 hour, £2.00 for up to 2 hours, £3.00 for up to 3 hours and £5.00 for over 3 hours, would result in a reduction of £34,128 and £25,945 over those periods.

Members discussed the estimated income loss associated of the various options, balanced against a possible increase in the future usage of the car park as a result of a new charging structure.

The Committee agreed that, subject to the agreement of all four local Elected Members, Scenario 2, as set out in the revised Appendix to the report, be the subject of a one-year pilot commencing in January 2016.

5.3 Place Update - Largs

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on progress in terms of the Largs Campus development.

The planning application for the Largs Campus was submitted at the end of October 2015, slightly later than originally targeted in order to accommodate additional pre-planning consultation with local residents. Detailed design development is ongoing, with workshops being held with staff and pupils. Market testing for the project will commence in November 2015 and this will inform the Stage 2 submission to the Scottish Futures Trust in the New Year. Subject to approval of the planning application, it is anticipated that works will commence on site in April/May 2016, with a targeted completion date of December 2017.

Members asked questions, and received further information, on the following:-

- the detailed design work being undertaken in terms of classroom layout, etc.;
- the expectation that the planning application for this project would be considered in February 2016; and
- the consultation process, including further planned consultation with adjacent residents on landscaping measures;

The Project Manager undertook to provide local Members with further information on the main issues identified as a result of the consultation exercise.

Noted.

5.4 Active Travel Study for Largs

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the proposal to develop a study to identify opportunities to improve active travel in Largs.

The need for an Active Travel Study for Largs to identify opportunities to improve walking and cycling for everyday journeys within the town was identified at a recent meeting between representatives from Largs Community Council, Sustrans Scotland and North Ayrshire Council. It is envisaged that it will be developed as a partnership

project between these organisations and be informed by extensive public consultation and engagement. The study will contribute to the delivery of the national priorities for walking and cycling as set out in the National Walking Strategy (NWS) and Cycling Action Plan for Scotland (CAPS), and will assist in achieving Largs Community Council's aspirations to develop and promote the town as being Cycle Friendly.

A funding application has been submitted to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's (SPT) Capital Programme for the development of the study in 2016/17. A further application will be submitted to Sustrans Scotland's Community Links Fund when the scheme opens for applications for 2016/17. The outcome of these applications will be known in early 2016 and a further update provided to the Committee thereafter.

At the invitation of the Chair, the Chair of Largs Community Council provided further information to the Committee on the background project and its aspiration to provide joined up cycling opportunities within the town, including ensure safe access routes to the new Largs Campus.

Members asked questions, and received further information, on the following:-

- the provision of cycle parking and related funding issues;
- the need for full consultation to ensure public support for the proposals;
- the partners likely to be involved, namely the community council, Sustrans, SPT and the Council;
- the value of engaging with businesses and local employers on cycle route provision; and
- the expected scope of the project and the extent to which there might be shared use by pedestrians and cyclists.

Noted.

5.5 20mph Speed Limit A78 Trunk Road - Discussion

The Assistant Transportation Manager provided background information on Transport Scotland's initiative to trial 20 mph speed limits on five sections of trunk road, including the main route through Largs from the Nelson Street junction at Nardini's to the Morrison's roundabout. The project targets areas with a higher than normal incidence of road traffic accident rates and where the existing mean speed of traffic is already in the order of the new 20 mph limit.

The Chair invited representatives of Largs Community Council to outline community council's objections to the introduction the 20 mph speed limit, including:-

- the fact that the area covered already has a mean speed of below 20 mph, whilst traffic speeds at other location on the trunk road through Largs present much more significant dangers to pedestrians;

- and the incongruity of a 20 mph limit on the Main Street, while the limit on narrower, adjacent streets remains 30 mph; and
- the adverse impact of signage 'clutter' associated with the new speed limit.

Members discussed the following:-

- the number of road traffic accident fatalities which had occurred outwith the proposed 20 mph area;
- the opportunity for the Council to comment on the proposals;
- issues arising from the implementation of this initiative in other parts of the country;
- the adverse impact of a proliferation of signage; and
- alternative parts of the trunk road, such as through Fairlie, where a 20 mph might be more welcome;

The Committee agreed to invite a representative of Transport Scotland to attend the next meeting to discuss the proposals.

5.6 Economy and Communities Update

Submitted report by Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on actions taken in relation to projects and issues affecting Largs.

The developer of the forestry proposals to the east of Largs at Halkshill and Blairpark has submitted an updated draft Environment Statement to the Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS). Officers are reviewing the draft with a view to providing feedback to FCS. Public consultation on the proposals is still expected to take place by the end of 2015, although consultation timescales are dependent on FCS's approval of the statement. Further updates will be provided as the proposals develop.

Separately, the Cabinet has approved the implementation of a first phase of Largs Masterplan improvement proposals at Gallowgate Square. Officers are in the process of procuring detailed design works and it is envisaged that this will allow work to start on site in Spring 2016.

The Senior Business Manager provided a verbal update on the appointment of a contractor to deliver the detailed design works in respect of Gallowgate Square.

Members discussed the following:-

- flooding and road safety concerns on the A760 Largs to Kilbirnie Road in the vicinity of the access to Blairpark; and
- the outcome of the Council's funding bid in connection with works to Gallowgate Square.

The Senior Business Manager undertook to provide Members with further information of the outcome of the funding bid of the works to Gallowgate Square.

Noted.

6.1 Economy and Communities Update - Fairlie

Submitted report by Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on actions taken in relation to projects and issues affecting Fairlie.

The 'live' application for a variation to EDF's authorisation license at Hunterston B has been with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) since 2014. SEPA intends to submit a 'draft variation' to EDF by the end of 2015 for comment. Thereafter, SEPA plans to undertake statutory consultation with the Office for Nuclear Regulation and Food Standards Scotland. The last stage in the consultation process is consideration by Scottish Ministers, who can direct SEPA to amend the draft variation.

The final decision on the application could be made in March 2016 at the earliest. The next available time period for a final decision would likely be after the 2016 Scottish Parliament Elections. Timescales are, however, subject to change, depending on a range of factors, including the outcomes of further consultation.

Separately, the Access Officer provided a verbal update on proposals to create a resting point for walkers at the point at which the Fairlie coastal path meets the informal path network next to Hunterston sands and to clear vegetation to improve the accessibility of the informal path. A plan and map of the area was circulated at the meeting.

Noted.

7.1 Economy and Communities Update

Submitted report by Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on actions taken in relation projects and issues affecting Skelmorlie.

The report advised that consideration is being given to the relocation of the school pick up point at Skelmorlie Cross. This was one of a number of issues considered to be contributing to congestion issues. Progress on this matter will be reported to a future meeting.

Noted.

7.2 Update on the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and Skelmorlie Community Tennis Club

Submitted report by Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on activities within the Skelmorlie area.

Officers from Place and Economy and Communities have provided support, guidance and practical assistance to Skelmorlie Tennis Club in order to offer the local community an opportunity to enjoy tennis related activities at the Club. During summer 2015, volunteers were assisted to clear courts and club grounds of weeds and moss in order to offer summer activity programmes. The programmes concluded for the summer with an Open Day in August 2015 which was very well attended by both members and non-members throughout the day. Officers will now support the committee over the winter months in conjunction with sportscotland to consider a development plan for summer 2016.

Separately, Skelmorlie Community Sports Club is continuing to finalise its funding package to complete the works in relation to the MUGA during 2016.

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

- the location of the tennis courts;
- whether there were any plans for indoor tennis provision; and
- available officer support for Skelmorlie Community Sports Club and whether there might be any role for Elected Members.

Noted.

8.1 Economy and Communities Update

Submitted report by Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on actions taken in relation to projects and issues affecting Cumbrae.

The Millport Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) scheme will be launched early in 2016, and it will operate for a five year period thereafter. A specific officer will be appointed to take forward the CARS project.

A draft copy of a Cumbrae Economic Plan has been circulated to those who attended the recent workshop, with a notice advertising the production of the document also being placed in the Largs and Millport Weekly News. Comments on the document are being sought by the end of November 2015, along with expressions of interest in involvement in a Cumbrae Economic Group, the first meeting of which will be held in December 2015.

Separately, the outcome of funding applications to both the Coastal Communities Fund and Scottish Government for the implementation of projects within the Garrison House Grounds is still outstanding.

The Senior Business Manager provided an update on the funding bids set out at Section 2.3 of the report, advising that the Scottish Government had declined the bid in respect of the implementation of projects within the Garrison House grounds.

Members asked questions, and received further information, on the following:-

- the expected composition, remit and structure of the new Cumbrae Economic Group;
- the role of Cumbrae Community Development Company in consulting on the Cumbrae pharmacy proposals; and
- the status of any plans to facilitate the transportation of fuel on the Largs-Cumbrae ferry and any implications in terms of costs and/or reduced capacity for vehicles.

The Senior Business Manager undertook to provide Members with (i) a copy of the Cumbrae pharmacy proposals consultation and (ii) any further information which might be available on plans to facilitate the transportation of fuel on the Largs-Cumbrae ferry.

Noted.

9. Community Development Grant Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund: Application for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on applications received in respect of the Community Development Grant Scheme. The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grant Scheme

Organisation	Award
Church of the Nazarine - North	£20.50
Ayrshire Food Bank	
Largs Allotment Association	£276.00

10. Winter Services and Weather Emergencies Plan 2015

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Roads Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Plan 2015, in support of the Council's statutory duties under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

A review of the Council's Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Service is undertaken annually over the summer months, with any service provides recorded in the Winter Action Plan set out at Appendix 1 to the report. Such improvements have also incorporated into the latest Roads Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Plan 2015 provided at Appendix 2.

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

- media reports in relation to an anticipated cold winter in 2015; and
- the provision and maintenance of grit bins.

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Coast Area Committee will be held on Thursday 11 February 2015 at 2.00 p.m. in Largs Library.

Noted.

12. Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed to note that Members should advise Committee Services of any potential items for inclusion on a future Agenda.

13. Urgent Item

The Chair agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency to allow an award to be made.

13.1 Largs Common Good Fund

The Committee Services Team Leader advised of the receipt of an application for Largs Common Good funding from St Vincent de Paul (St. Mary's) Largs to support the annual Christmas party for over 65s in Largs.

The Committee agreed, subject to (i) receipt of the group's constitution, bank statement and accounts and (ii) satisfactory assessment by the Council's Finance and Corporate Support and Economy and Communities Services, to make an award of £500 to St Vincent de Paul (St. Mary's) Largs.

The Meeting ended at 4.10 p.m.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 3.1

11 February 2016

North Coast Area Committee

Title: **North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 3 December 2015**

Purpose: To submit the minute of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board (CPP) held on 3 December 2015.

Recommendation: That the Committee notes the minutes contained in Appendix 1.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 It was previously agreed that the minutes of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board be submitted to the North Coast Area Committee for information. The key matters arising from the minutes have been highlighted for the attention of the Committee and are detailed in paragraph 2.1.

2. Background

- 2.1 Minutes of the meeting of the CPP Board held on 3 December are appended. Particular matters for the Committee's attention include the following:

Agenda Item 4

The Board noted the new North Ayrshire Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2015- 2018 and commended its content.

Agenda Item 5

Craig Hatton presented the North Ayrshire Council Road Safety Plan 2015-2020 to the Board. The Board noted the Road Safety Plan and its commitment to a partnership approach.

Agenda Item 6

Audrey Sutton reported to the Board on the bid to the Scottish Government Legacy 2014 Physical Activity Fund. The links between the new mental health services in Irvine, and the review of the Mental Health Strategy and this programme were highlighted by Iona Colvin.

Agenda Item 7

Mark Gallagher gave an overview of the recovery oriented systems of care (ROSC) approach and the Board received a presentation on Cafe Solace.

Agenda Item 8

Patrick Wiggins presented an update on the Enterprise Area in Irvine since it was designated in 2012. It was agreed that Irvine Bay and NHS Ayrshire and Arran should discuss opportunities for linking into the Enterprise Area and build opportunities for research and development.

Agenda Item 10

a. Morna Rae advised of a recent letter from Audit Scotland which is a follow up to our previous audit. The letter presents a positive view and is complimentary of North Ayrshire CPP.

c. The Development day to look at reviewing the Single Outcome Agreement was well attended and a good debate and discussion was initiated.

3. Proposals

3.1 That the Committee notes the minutes contained in Appendix 1.

4. Implications

Financial:	There are no financial implications arising from this report.
Human Resources:	There are no human resource implications arising from this report.
Legal:	There are no legal implications arising from this report.
Equality:	There are no equality implications arising from this report.
Environmental & Sustainability:	There are no environmental implications arising from this report.
Key Priorities:	The CPP activities detailed within this report support the Single Outcome Agreement.
Community Benefits:	There are no community benefit implications arising from this report.

5. Consultation

5.1 No consultations were required.



ELMA MURRAY
Chief Executive

Reference : MR

For further information please contact Morna Rae on 01294 324177.

Background Papers

None.

North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership

CPP Board

Minutes of Meeting held on 3 December 2015



Present

Ayrshire College

Donna Vallance, Vice Principal

Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company

Patrick Wiggins, Chief Executive

KA Leisure

Ashley Pringle, Director

NHS Ayrshire & Arran

John Burns (Chief Executive)

Martin Cheyne (Chair)

North Ayrshire Council

Anthea Dickson, Elected Member

Alex Gallagher, Elected Member

Robert Steel, Elected Member

Ruth Maguire, Elected Member

Elma Murray, Chief Executive

Scottish Enterprise

Jim Reid, Stakeholders and Networks Director

Skills Development Scotland

Andrea Glass, Depute Director

Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

Jim Scott, Area Manager

Police Scotland

Divisional Commander Gillian MacDonald

Chief Inspector Tim Ross

Third Sector Interface

Jim Nichols, CEO

In Attendance

Iona Colvin (Director of North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership), Morna Rae (Community Planning Team Leader), Linda Brough (Policy & Community Planning Officer), Audrey Sutton (Head of Service-Economies and Communities, NAC) Pat Kelly, (ASB co-ordinator, NAC) Jacqueline Cameron (Principal Officer, ASB, NAC) Craig Hatton (Executive Director- Place), Angela Reid (Recovery at Work Group) Cheryl Gilmour (Alcohol and Drugs Partnership), Mark Gallagher (Alcohol and Drugs Partnership)

Apologies for absence

Alan Comrie (SPT), Catriona Morton (DWP), Heather Dunk (Ayrshire College), Katie Hutton (Skills Development Scotland), John Butcher (NAC), Cllr William Gibson (NAC)

Chair

Dr Martin Cheyne in the Chair

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the CPP Board meeting of 10 September 2015 were approved.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

Elma Murray gave an update on the Boundary Commission Review. She advised that she had met the Commission along with the Leader of the Council, Leader of the Opposition, and Andrew Fraser. They were able to give a detailed explanation of the Locality Approach, what it is meant to achieve and why it is so important to partners. We await a final decision from the Boundary Commission.

4. Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy (ASB)

Jacqueline Cameron presented the new ASB Strategy to the Board.

The North Ayrshire Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2015-18 is framed around the four pillars of prevention, integration, engagement and communication. Each pillar is considered in detail throughout the strategy, including the strategic aims and outcomes that will shape partners' work in relation to each one. The strategy will enable core services involved in the Safer North Ayrshire Partnership to tackle antisocial behaviour efficiently and effectively, and work to achieve the outcomes described within the strategy document and Single Outcome Agreement.

In reply to a question on anti-social behaviour conducted through social media the Board received re-assurance from NAC and Police Scotland that this incorporated within the strategy. Hate crime for example is referred to Police Scotland for investigation.

The Board noted the ASB Strategy and commended its content.

5. Road Safety Plan

Craig Hatton presented the North Ayrshire Council Road Safety Plan 2015-2020 to the Board. This plan will be used to guide road safety education and engineering priorities and commitments until 2020. It represents a partnership approach to road safety.

In North Ayrshire over the 5 year period 2009-2013, there were a total of 265 people killed or injured on our roads. This compares with 279 killed or injured during the previous 5 year period (2006-2010). While these results are ahead of the Scottish Road Safety Framework milestone casualty reduction targets set for 2010 to 2015, we need to continue to maintain this downward trend to meet the 2020 targets. The new plan sets out road safety commitments for the period 2015-2020, highlighting categories of the most vulnerable road users that are to be targeted and takes cognisance of the lessons learned in previous plans. The plan also draws upon recent initiatives that have been successful in assisting in the delivery of a reduction in road casualties.

Following questions from Board members it was confirmed that the main cause of accidents is inappropriate driver behaviour and the strategy targets this through prevention. It was also noted that local targets fit with the national target-setting.

The Board noted the Road Safety Plan and its commitment to a partnership approach.

6. Legacy 2014 Bid

Audrey Sutton reported to the Board on the bid to the Scottish Government Legacy 2014 Physical Activity Fund.

The North Physical Activity and Sport Partnership, comprising North Ayrshire Council, KA Leisure Ltd and NHS Ayrshire and Arran successfully submitted a bid to the Scottish Government Legacy 2014 Physical Activity Fund managed by Spirit 2012. £70,000 has been awarded for one year. From the funds received, £7,000 has been allocated for external evaluation of the project.

The funding will support the development of the Active North Ayrshire (ANA) community based Exercise on Referral Programme which is delivered by KA Leisure. The funds will enable a specific referral pathway for individuals with mental health issues and is titled 'Mind and Be Active'.

The links between the new mental health services in Irvine, and the review of the Mental Health Strategy and this programme were highlighted by Iona Colvin.

Cllr Dickson commended those involved with developing the programme.

7. Alcohol and Drug Partnership- Recovery at Work Group

Mark Gallagher gave an overview of the recovery oriented systems of care (ROSC) approach. ROSC is about client centred care, looking at the whole person's circumstances and not just treating an addiction.

Cheryl Gilmour spoke to the Board about Café Solace. This is a community resource providing low cost, good quality food and opportunity for the people of North Ayrshire. It is run by volunteers in recovery, all with appropriate training, experience and qualifications, who want to support their local community. As well as the opportunity to build social networks in a safe and welcoming place, Café Solace offers a chance to find out important information about services and supports, about what's going on in North Ayrshire and how people might get involved. It is open every Wednesday from 5-8pm at the Church of the Nazarene in Ardrossan. Initially it was expected that 10-20 customers per night would visit but there have been 1500 customers since June 2015. A second location for another Café Solace is being considered.

Angela Reid spoke about her personal experience of the Recovery at Work group and of working in Café Solace. She commented on the team work and the skills and confidence she has developed through participation.

The Chair thanked the presenters and congratulated them on the success of this area of work.

8. Enterprise Area

Patrick Wiggins presented an update on the Enterprise Area in Irvine since it was designated in 2012. He highlighted the strong links to Glaxo Smith Kline and briefed the Board on GSK's recent power production developments. The financial incentives and business supports in place have led to the following successes: over 100,000 sq ft of space let, 9 businesses invested in i3, over £100m capital investment, 411 permanent jobs attracted plus 534 contractors. The existing business premises are now fully occupied and they are moving to a new build programme. This is challenging due to market failure.

Following comment on the Ayrshire Growth Deal by Jim Reid it was agreed that it would be useful for a future CPP Board to receive a briefing on this.

John Burns commented that Irvine Bay and NHS Ayrshire and Arran should discuss opportunities for linking into the Enterprise Area and build on opportunities for research and development. Additionally, NHS Ayrshire and Arran may be able to provide business incubator space.

9. Locality Approach

Audrey Sutton gave an update on progress with the Locality Approach. Consultation workshops across North Ayrshire have been carried out with one still to take place in Cumbrae. There have been good levels of engagement and the comments received are currently being analysed. An update on the output of the consultation will be provided to the Board. She highlighted the award received from the Consultation Institute which recognises the effective partnership approach taken to the consultation.

10. Governance:

a. Audit Scotland Correspondence

Morna Rae advised of a recent letter from Audit Scotland which is follow up to our previous audit. The letter presents a positive view and is complimentary of North Ayrshire CPP.

b. Meetings with Chair of the CPP

Morna Rae updated the Board on one-to-one meetings that the Chair of the Board had with each Board member to seek their views on how well they feel the CPP and the Board operates. They were asked for their views on the timing, frequency and content of meetings, their ability to challenge/ comment and feedback and to input generally.

The feedback from Board members was generally very positive. There was a feeling that although the agendas are busy it was dealt with well, so keeping the frequency of meetings manageable. There was also a belief that the governance and scrutiny aspects were well covered within the agenda and Board members felt able to challenge when necessary. There was also comment that the Elected Members participate well and are very informed about most agenda topics.

Suggestions for improvement include Board away days to allow people to interact and increase awareness of the remit of other organisations and holding Board meetings at partner premises.

c. Single Outcome Agreement Development

The Development Day to look at reviewing the Single Outcome Agreement was well attended and good debate and discussion was initiated though the evidence arising from consultation and the recent feedback from the People's Panel. Four issues were agreed as being priorities or themes these included the three current SOA priorities plus children and young people.

Further work on the SOA will take place with a view to the new plan being developed by March 2015.

d. SOA Six Monthly Performance Report

Linda Brough provided an update on the performance status of the SOA action plan at 6 months. Two indicators were slightly adrift and relevant information was provided in relation to this. Generally the Board agreed that the partners are making good progress towards the annual targets.

11. Chairs' Reports

a. Safer North Ayrshire Partnership

Tim Ross provided the SNAP Chairs report to the board. He asked that the Board note a positive improvement regarding bonfire night and a decrease in violence towards services. An update was provided on the White Ribbon Campaign to end domestic violence. He also pointed out that the road safety campaign will begin tomorrow.

b. Children's Services Strategic Partnership

Iona Colvin provided an update and advised that following a period of development and consultation, the Children's Services Plan will be brought to the CPP Board in March.

c. Health and Social Care Partnership

Cllr Dickson presented a report updating on the work of the Health and Social Care Partnership. The Board discussed care at home services and the increasing demands for care work.

12. Urgent and Future Agenda Items

Board members were encouraged to sign the White Ribbon Campaign pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about men's violence against women in all its forms. The pledge forms part of the 16 days of action against gender violence.

The next meeting of the CPP Board is 24 March 2015 at 10.30am within the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine.



BRIEFING REPORT

Report to: West Coast Area Committee

Date: 28th January 2016

Report by: Station Manager G. Fleming

Subject: Operational Activity from 22nd November 2015 To 28th January 2016

Local crews continue to work towards the Strategic Plan of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service which is to:

- Reduce Fire Casualties
- Reduce Special Service Casualties
- Reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires
- Reduce Number of Non-Domestic Fires
- Reduce Firefighter Injuries

Incident Overview:

Area	Total	Primary Fire	Secondary Fire	UFAS*	Domestic* False Alarms	False Alarm Good Intent	SS*	Other
Largs	41	9	0	11	5	3	10	3
Skelmorlie	9	2	0	3	2	0	1	1
Millport	8	2	0	3	1	0	2	0
Total	58	13	0	17	8	3	13	4

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UFAS – Unwanted Fire Alarm Systems (Commercial Properties)

Dwelling False Alarms – Linked Alarm Systems within domestic properties

SS – Special Services

Incident Breakdown Detail:

- **13** Primary Fires were attended by Scottish Fire and Rescue Services crews during the period, of these **6** were attributed to cooking by occupiers.
- **17** UFAS incidents were attended by SFRS crews with **4** being attributed to cooking with the remainder being attributed to Dust, Smoking, Accidental Break Glass Activation, Water Ingress or Alarm Faults.
- **13** Special Services attended by crews with 1 RTC no casualties. Crews continue to work in partnership with Scottish Ambulance Service in gaining entry to premise to assist with the care of casualty within lock-fast premises.
- **4** incidents recorded as **Other** included Chimney Fire, Defective Domestic Gas Boiler, Candle in Window and Workers at local site using smoke bombs.

Analysis of Incidents with interest:

- **Largs-** Fire in Roadside Electrical Junction Box
- **Largs-** Bedroom fire in 3 storey building – Suspected Wilful Fire Raising
- **Millport-** Lorry Fire
- **Largs-** Unoccupied building (Council Property)
- **Millport-** Bin Lorry Fire
- **Skelmorlie-** RTC involving 2 private cars, made vehicles safe and wash away spillage.

Community Safety:

11 Post Domestic Incident Reviews (PDIR) carried out by Largs, Skelmorlie and Millport Crews, after domestic incidents attended. 10 Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) generated via PDIR.

41 HFSVs carried out by Largs, Skelmorlie and Millport Crews, in conjunction with Community Action Team (CAT) in this period, crews continue to provide guidance on how to reduce fires within the home.

Winter Thematic Action Plan (TAP) running from 7th December until 18th January targeting the use of candles and tea lights, Chimneys, Stoves & Carbon Monoxide information.

Prevention First – Daily scrutiny paper for suspected malicious / anti-social events reported to Police Scotland.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 4.3

11 February 2016

North Coast Area Committee

Title: Largs Seafront Illumination Festoons

Purpose: To advise the Committee of the condition of the installation and to seek approval for funding from the Largs Seafront Car Park Fund to replace the installation with more robust, energy efficient plant.

Recommendation: That the Committee agrees to (a) note the maintenance difficulties associated with the condition of the current installation; (b) agrees to approve funding from the Largs Seafront Car Park revenues to replace the current installation; (c) agrees to approve funding from the Car Park revenues to extend the installation to Mackerston putting green; (d) considers extending the operation life throughout the calendar year.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 There is a statutory obligation under legislation to ensure safety of electrical installations; to persons engaged in works thereon and to the wider public in proximity.
- 1.2 The promenade lighting is deteriorated to an extent that prevents effective long-term maintenance and will potentially require removal for safety reasons in the future.
- 1.3 The costs associated with replacement of the existing network with correct specifications for the location and weather conditions are estimated at £23,000.
- 1.4 The request to consider extending the existing network to the Mackerston putting green area is estimated at £4,500.
- 1.5 A pro-active maintenance regime is required to ensure ongoing safety of the installation, reduce failures and reactive maintenance costs and ensure energy use is managed and properly reported with an estimated impact on revenue of £5,000 per year based on a yearly split of whole life costs and energy use based on illumination equivalent to 3mths of the year. This would rise to £9,800 if energised throughout the calendar year.

2. Background

- 2.1 There is a statutory obligation under the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989; The Health & Safety at Work etc. Act, BS7671 – Requirements for Electrical Installations and the Roads (Scotland) Act to ensure that any plant for which it has a responsibility is maintained in a safe physical and electrical condition and does not endanger operatives, pedestrians or vehicles over public roads and open spaces.
- 2.2 The catenary installation at Largs Promenade was installed some years ago and since then has been subject to mostly reactive maintenance to address failures and damages caused largely by exposure to the extreme weather conditions prevalent at the location, particularly during autumn – spring.
- 2.3 The system is energised dusk until dawn on designated periods of the year comprising late summer and the festive period, accounting cumulatively to approximately one quarter of the year. The rest of the year the system is not energised, allowing cold and damp conditions to affect the infrastructure and lamps through inactivity, leading to additional failures and increased start up costs yearly. As a result, some replacement festoon lighting that was installed by Streetscene in 2012/13 at a cost of £10,000 has already become severely deteriorated in condition and subject to multiple repairs.
- 2.4 There are currently 67 spans of festoon lighting cable at an average span length of 27m and an average number of 35 x 15w lamps in each span. This is supported on approximately 1800m of catenary wire.
- 2.5 Over the years of operation, with little programmed planned pre-emptive maintenance, the system has become deteriorated. The poorly graded steel catenary support wire has become corroded and the rubber lamp holder grommets have perished or are missing completely allowing water ingress to connections, a high incidence of lamp failure and resulting in multiple repair joints and sagging.
- 2.6 The system at present is becoming deteriorated to an extent that, without action, will render the installation unsafe under the above noted legislation and require removal from site.
- 2.7 With the correct equipment specification and good pro-active maintenance an electrical installation can be maintained in a proper condition for an extended period of life, but ultimately all electrical and physical installations are subject to deterioration over time and must ultimately require replacement.

- 2.8 Roads Services have taken on responsibility for maintenance of festoon installations in Largs and Millport and have noted since doing so, the disproportionate time and resources expended on reactive maintenance of these systems which often results in only short term resolutions due to the condition of equipment and exposed nature of the installations.
- 2.9 Similar issues with poor specification of promenade lanterns and their exposure to severe weather resulting in constant damage and replacement costs has been largely reduced as a result of improved specification selection by Roads services since taking responsibility.
- 2.10 In addition to the issues relating to the existing installation, there is a suggestion to extend the festoon installation to the Mackerston Place putting green area and a request for costs associated with this.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that consideration be given to upgrading of the current installation as a matter of urgency to avoid further deterioration potentially resulting in the necessity for removal.
- 3.2 It is proposed that an improved specification be used throughout the installation, including marine grade stainless steel catenary wire and hardware connectors. That new festoon lighting cable with a high IP (ingress protection) rating to reduce water and particle ingress is used in conjunction with more energy efficient LED lamps with increased life span reducing unplanned failures and replacements.
- 3.3 A quotation exercise for material supply has been conducted and, based on the current extent of the installation and retaining the current colour palate of lamps, the costs associated with the material supply and installation cost is estimated to be £23,000. This is inclusive of the costs of installation by internal services.
- 3.4 The cost associated with extension of the installation to the Mackerston putting green area is estimated to include an additional 12 spans of festoons and catenaries. The cost associated with this element is estimated at £4,500.
- 3.5 It is proposed that going forward, the installation is subject to statutory electrical maintenance inspection and routine planned maintenance cleaning with lamp replacement as required and is subject to statutory energy accounting and reporting of running costs. It is estimated that these annual running costs would be £3,400 maintenance costs and £1,600 energy costs at current prices and operational hours, but this would rise to £6,400 annual energy costs if the system were operational throughout the year to avoid damp conditions.

- 3.6 The costs to remove and re-install the infrastructure yearly to store the equipment safely and away from exposure would currently outweigh the cost to retain the installation in situ and operate the system throughout the year.

4. Implications

Financial:	The budget provision required for replacement is £23,000. The additional budget provision required for extending the installation is £4,500. The ongoing revenue implications are estimated £5,000 per year for 3mth operation and £9,800 for annual operation.
Human Resources:	There are no significant implications for staffing
Legal:	There is a statutory obligation to ensure that electrical networks remain safe.
Equality:	There are no equality implications
Environmental & Sustainability:	There are expected improvements in energy reduction and reduced carbon associated with energy use and mobilisation of maintenance resources.
Key Priorities:	Maintaining a safe network, reducing energy use and enhancing the streetscape supports a range of priorities in the single outcome agreement.
Community Benefits:	N/A

5. Consultation

N/A



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Background Papers

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NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 4.4

11 February 2016

North Coast Area Committee

Title: Place Update - Largs

Purpose: To provide the Area Committee with an update on major projects managed by the Place Directorate in Largs.

Recommendation: That the Committee notes the content of the report.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The key projects for the Place Directorate within Largs is the development of a new Educational Campus.
- 1.2 The project is progressing in line with the overall project plan with works expected to commence on site in late spring/early summer 2016.

2. Background

- 2.1 Updates are provided on projects/issues of interest to the Area Committee as follows:

Largs Campus

- 2.2 The various building elements are currently being tendered. The tender rates will inform the Stage 2 submission to the Scottish Futures Trust in February 2016.
- 2.3 Detailed design development workshops on classrooms, breakout spaces, P.E. areas, toilets, externals, dining and shared teaching spaces were held with both pupils and staff from the respective schools at the end of October 2015. Feedback, in the form 'you said we did' will be provided to staff and pupils in February 2016.
- 2.4 The planning application is currently subject to the statutory consultation process and will be considered by the Council on 24 February 2016. Subject to approval of the planning application, it is anticipated that works will commence on site in April/May 2016 with a targeted completion date of December 2017.

2.5 Three short videos, using the Building Information Modelling (BIM) model, are being presented to the Committee as part of this report to show the routes pupils would potentially take into the various parts of the Campus.

3. Proposals

3.1 The Committee is asked to note the update contained within the report.

4. Implications

Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Human Resources:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Equality:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Environmental & Sustainability:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Key Priorities:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Community Benefits:	There are no implications arising from this report.

5. Consultation

5.1 No consultations have been undertaken in the formation of this report.



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Background Papers

nil

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 4.5

11 February 2016

North Coast Area Committee

Title: Largs Viking Festival Village - Streetscene Costs

Purpose: To provide the Committee with details of the costs chargeable by Streetscene for erecting the Viking Festival Village.

Recommendation: The Committee is requested to note the report.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 At the North Coast Committee meeting on 13 August 2015, the Committee requested that the Streetscene Officer submit a report with a 'detailed breakdown of the costs associated with erecting the Viking Festival Village, to allow Members to assess if the costs might be reduced and whether to consider alternatives to erecting the village on a year on year basis.'
- 1.2 This report provides the Committee with details of the costs chargeable by Streetscene for erecting the Viking Festival Village.

2. Background

- 2.1 Streetscene has provided support to the Viking Festival for a number of years, mainly in relation to the settling up and dismantling of the Viking Festival Village. The cost of this work is recharged to the Largs Car Park Fund based on Streetscene's historical set of hourly rates for its services at such events. A standard hourly rate is applied to recover the average cost of the operatives deployed, uplifted where appropriate to recognise work that requires to be undertaken out of hours.
- 2.2 Hourly rates of pay for Streetscene operatives range from £9.42 to £13.46. Oncosts in respect of pensions and national insurance - equivalent to 28.3% - increase the direct costs to £12.09 and £17.27 respectively. The standard recharge rate for events of £19.09 reflects both these direct staff costs, and a modest allowance for indirect costs such as tools, equipment and personal protective equipment and administration. Vehicles were charged separately at £23.14 per hour inclusive of fuel. Materials purchased solely for the festival village were also charged separately.

- 2.3 Work undertaken included the erection of fencing, transporting the village to the site, building the village, collecting and transport greenery, dismantling the village and clean up costs.
- 2.4 It should be noted that although staff overtime is paid at time and a half and double time, the amount recharged to the Festival is less than this, i.e., rather than charge £28.64 for time and a half, a reduced rate of £25.17 is applied to recognise the semi-fixed nature of indirect costs. For double time, rather than charge £38.18, a reduced rate of £31.24 is charged. Streetscene also absorbed the cost of servicing the fire extinguishers for the event.
- 2.5 Work is now underway to review the chargeout rates currently applied to all North Ayrshire events to ensure that value for money is being achieved and Streetscene continues to offer a high quality service to local organisations. The outcome of this review will inform the charges to be applied to the Viking Festival in 2016 and other similar events.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to note the report.

4. Implications

Financial:	Streetscene's charges reflect the additional costs incurred with supporting events.
Human Resources:	None
Legal:	None
Equality:	None
Environmental & Sustainability:	None
Key Priorities:	This helps deliver the Council Key Priority 'Working together to build stronger communities'.
Community Benefits:	Community events in North Ayrshire deliver social and economic benefits.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Prior to events, Streetscene enters into discussions with Festival Committees and organisers.

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CRAIG HATTON
Executive Director (Place)

Reference : YB/TR

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Background Papers

None

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 4.6

11 February 2016

North Coast Area Committee

Title: Economy and Communities Update - Largs

Purpose: To update the Committee on actions taken in relation to the list of projects and issues provided by the Chair.

Recommendation: That the Committee notes the update contained within the report.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 In March 2015 the Chair of the North Coast Area Committee requested regular updates on a list of projects and issues pertinent to the North Coast Area. The report contains updates on projects since the last committee on 19th November 2015.

2. Background

2.1 Masterplan/Gallowgate Square

The Masterplan document reported to the North Coast Area Committee on 24th September 2015 will shortly be printed in hard copy and circulated to the various stakeholders. Additional copies are also be available to members of the public on request.

Gallowgate Square

Tennant Garmory Partnership has been appointed as the lead designers for the Gallowgate Square redevelopment and the detailed design phase of the redevelopment is ongoing, scheduled to be completed by March 2016. Approval for the appointment of contractor for construction phase will require Cabinet approval and it hoped that this work will commence by mid-summer 2016.

Largs Matters BID

Officers continue to support the Largs Matters BID to meet the objectives set out in their business plan. Following on from the success of last year a further programme of festivals in the summer is being planned. This will again be backed by a TV advertising campaign.

Gogo and Greeto Hydro Schemes

Planning consents were issued to the Greeto Water and Gogo Schemes respectively on 24 July 2015 (ref:15/00167/PP) and 2 September 2015 (ref 15/00295/PP). Construction work commenced on 19th October 2015 and is currently ongoing.

Blairpark/ Halkshill Commercial Forestry Proposals

Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) has recently advised that timescales for statutory public consultation on the proposals are dependent on submission of a further revised draft Environmental Statement to FCS. This work is currently underway.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee note the developments of the above projects.

4. Implications

Financial:	None
Human Resources:	None
Legal:	None
Equality:	None
Environmental & Sustainability:	None
Key Priorities:	None
Community Benefits:	None

5. Consultation

5.1 None.



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Executive Director (Economy and Communities)

Reference : AB/AL

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Background Papers

none

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 5.1

11 February 2016

North Coast Area Committee

Title: Fairlie Community Links

Purpose: To provide the Committee with (a) an update on the consultation process; (b) an update on the feedback obtained through the consultation process; and (c) the options for the next stages in the project's development.

Recommendation: That the Committee: (a) notes the consultation process undertaken; (b) notes the feedback obtained through the consultation process; and (c) considers and agrees the preferred option for the next stages in the project's development.

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Fairlie Community Links Project was developed to improve the opportunities for walking and cycling in and around Fairlie for everyday journeys. A total of £850,000 was secured over the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16 to implement the project. This was secured from Sustrans Scotland's Community Links Fund and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's (SPT) Capital Programme with match funding from the Council's Capital Access Path Network Programme. This aimed to:

- Respond to the Motion passed by Council in March 2013 to develop "a costed proposal to complete the shore footpath from the Causeway to Bay Street to provide a safe walking route especially for children through the village";
- Assist Fairlie Community Trust (FCT) in their aspirations to deliver a coastal path between Bay Street and the Causeway; and
- Contribute to the delivery of the National Walking and Cycling Network (NWCN) as identified in National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3).

1.2 The project was comprised of two phases namely the:

- Upgrade of the existing National Cycle Network (NCN) Route between Fairlie and Hunterston Roundabout; and
- Construction of the Fairlie Coastal Path between Bay Street and the South Car Park.

- 1.3 £450,000 of funding is available in the current financial year to construct the Fairlie Coastal Path. Three rounds of public consultation have been undertaken to date in relation to the project in 2014 and 2015/16. This report provides an update on the consultation process and progress made to date on the delivery of the project and outlines the options for the next stages in its development. A further report will be considered by Cabinet on 1 March 2016 to formally agree the next stages in the project's development.

2. Background

- 2.1 The proposal to construct a path between Bay Street and Causeway in Fairlie was developed by Fairlie Community Trust (FCT). Planning permission was secured for the project in 2008 and was subsequently renewed in 2013. The Trust submitted funding applications to a number of sources to implement the project including the Weir Trust. These applications were unfortunately unsuccessful.
- 2.2 A motion was passed by Council in March 2013 to prepare "a costed proposal to complete the shore footpath from the Causeway to Bay Street to provide a safe walking route especially for children through the village". The need to broaden the extent of the proposal was recognised to continue the Coastal Path to the South Car Park providing an off-road route through the southern section of the village. The Fairlie Community Links Project was developed in response to this. This aimed to implement the Council's Motion and to realise Fairlie Community Trust's aspiration to construct a route between Bay Street and the Causeway.
- 2.3 National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3) identifies the development of the National Walking and Cycling Network (NWCN) as a National Development. This aims to enhance visitor and recreation experiences, as well as ensuring that local populations have better access to the outdoors for health and well-being. This in turn contributes to the priorities identified in the National Walking Strategy and Cycling Action Plan for Scotland. An improved path networks between Gourock and Ardrossan is identified as a priority within the NWCN.
- 2.4 The Council applied for and secured funding for the Fairlie Community Links project from Sustrans' Community Links Fund and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's (SPT) Capital Programme in 2014/15. This funding and implementation of the project was approved by Cabinet on 6 May 2014 for 2014/15 and 26 May 2015 for 2015/16. An initial phase of public consultation was undertaken in 2014 on the proposals. The first phase to upgrade the existing NCN was undertaken in 2014/15 and consultation continued on the Coastal Path proposals.

- 2.5 Two further rounds of consultation were undertaken between August and October 2015 and November 2015 and January 2016. The proposals consulted on through this process took account of the feedback obtained through the previous phases of consultation and included: a reduction of the overall height of the path; two options for edge protection; options for alignments at key sections of the route; and a maximum width of 2m with the exception of existing sections over this width. A summary of the consultation process and its outcome is provided in Appendix 1 to this Report.
- 2.6 The opinions expressed through the consultation process were wide ranging and polarised. These varied from being categorically against the proposed path to being highly supportive of the proposal. A number of key issues were identified through the consultation process including the need to provide for shared use and multi user access; the width of the path; concerns regarding access to the beach; and concerns regarding privacy. Appendix 2 provides a summary of the feedback received through the process and an analysis of the key issues.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The proposal is that the Committee:
- (a) Notes the consultation process undertaken as summarised in Appendix 1;
 - (b) Notes the feedback obtained through the consultation process as summarised in Appendix 2; and
 - (b) Considers and agrees the Committee's preferred option for the next stages in the proposals development as outlined in Appendix 3.

4. Implications

Financial:	The cost of the project could have been met from a combination of external funding from Sustrans Scotland's Community Links Fund, SPT's Capital Programme and the existing capital budget. Due to the need to undertake additional consultation it is now not possible to fully implement the project within the funders' required timescales. A proportion of the external funding will now require to return to Sustrans and SPT for reallocation to other projects within their respective programmes. The potential extent of this is detailed in Appendix Three. Further funding awards will be required to fully implement the project in 2016/17 if the project is approved.
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Human Resources:	There are no human resource implications arising from this report.
Legal:	Where necessary land ownership agreements will be pursued with landowners for example through Path Agreements under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. Initial discussions have been undertaken with a number of the landowners regarding such agreements. This will require to be addressed on a case by case basis. Should it be impractical or not possible to enter into a Path Agreement, the Council has powers under the Land Reform legislation to delineate the path through a Path Order. This approach would only be considered when all other avenues had been explored and exhausted.
Equality:	The Fairlie Community Links project will provide increased opportunities and improved access for all ages and abilities to the Fairlie Coastal Path. This will provide all abilities and multi-user access between Bay Street and the South Car Park.
Environmental & Sustainability:	The project will provide increased opportunities for active travel including cycling and walking. This in turn will promote modal shift which will improve health and well-being of communities, reduce the use of private cars and improve the air quality within North Ayrshire in accordance with the Council's Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy.
Key Priorities:	<p>The Fairlie Community Links project will contribute to the delivery of a wide range of the Council's strategic objectives. In particular it contributes to the delivery of the Council Plan mission to improve the life of North Ayrshire people and develop stronger communities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Helping all of our people to stay safe, healthy and active through the creation of new and improved opportunities for active travel, recreation and physical activity in and around Fairlie; and ● Growing our economy and increasing employment and regenerating our towns through the creation of a new and approved opportunity for active travel to key employment areas, services and local attractions in and around Fairlie.

Community Benefits:	The potential for the inclusion of community benefit clauses in the construction of the next stage of the project would be investigated through the procurement process. The delivery of the project would provide a range of benefits to the local community through improved all abilities and multi user access between Bay Street and the South Car Park.
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5. Consultation

- 5.1 The proposals for the project have been developed through three phases of public consultation. This has involved: local residents; access users including walkers and cyclists; landowners; visitors to the area; and other interested parties. It aimed to maximise interested parties' access to the consultation information and their opportunities to comment on the proposals. Over 180 interested parties attended the two public drop in sessions held in 2015 and over 235 responses were received through the 2015 stages of the consultation process. This was also supported by the North Ayrshire Outdoor Access Forum. The consultation process is summarised in Appendix One and the feedback obtained through this process is summarised in Appendix Two.



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Executive Director (Economy and Communities)

Reference : LK/AB

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Background Papers

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Fairlie Community Links

Appendix One – Public Consultation Process

Three phases of consultation have been undertaken on the Fairlie Coastal Path proposal to date. These are summarised as follows:

Phase One

The first phase of consultation commenced on 26 June until 26 July 2014. This consulted on a proposed path height of 2.7metres Above Ordnance Datum (mAOD) for the majority of the length of the path. This height was identified through good practice guidance by the consultant engineers and aimed to minimise the frequency with which the path would be inundated with sea water or waves. It also proposed two colour options for the path's construction and a range of options for the potential alignment of the path. A series of drawings and photographs were presented to enable interested parties to comment on the proposals and inform their development.

During this phase:

- The consultation documents were available on line from the Council's website;
- The consultation documents were available in hard copy at Fairlie Village Hall, Fairlie Library and the Village Inn;
- Electronic and paper feedback forms were available alongside the consultation documents;

The consultation process was promoted through:

- Letters outlining the details of the consultation to neighbouring residents, local groups and local organisations;
- E-mails outlining the details of the consultation and links to the on-line consultation information;
- Flyers and posters in local shops and facilities in Fairlie;
- Posters at strategic locations in Fairlie including the existing Coastal Path and path to Largs;
- Articles on the Council's website and tweets via the Council's Twitter account; and
- Press releases in local newspapers.

A public drop in sessions was held on Thursday 26 June 2014 between 4pm and 7pm in Fairlie Village Hall. A range of one to one meetings and site visits were also undertaken with local residents and interested parties thereafter. Over 60 people participated in the drop in session and over 60 responses were received through this phase of the consultation process.

Phase Two

The second phase of consultation commenced on 28 August 2015 and ended on 9 October 2015. The proposals outlined through this process were informed by the previous consultation. In particular:

- The proposed path height was reduced from 2.7mAOD to 2.4mAOD. This was identified as a height at which the frequency of inundation of the path by waves and seawater would be kept to a minimum;
- The proposed design was updated to take account of concerns in relation raised during the first phase of consultation regarding the impact of the proposal on the appearance, aesthetics and natural environment of the beach;
- Visual representations were produced to provide interested parties with a better idea of what the finished path would look like;
- Two solutions were proposed for edge protection in response to concerns raised during the first phase of consultation regarding the need for edge protection due to the height of the path;
- The proposals for drainage from neighbouring properties were further informed through site visits due to concerns raised through the first phase of the consultation;
- The arrangements for retaining access to and from properties were further informed through site visits due to concerns raised through the first phase of the consultation.

A series of drawings, photographs and visual representations were presented to enable interested parties to comment on the proposals and inform their development. During this phase of the consultation process:

- The consultation documents were available on line from the Council's website;
- The consultation documents were available in hard copy at a number of locations including Fairlie Village Hall, Fairlie Library, the Village Inn, Largs Yacht Haven and West Kilbride Library;
- Copies of the consultation documents including feedback forms were made available to groups such as the Fairlie Community Council and North Ayrshire Access Panel;
- An online feedback form was available on Survey Monkey;
- Electronic and paper feedback forms were available alongside the consultation documents;

The consultation process was promoted through:

- Letters outlining the details of the consultation to neighbouring residents, local groups and local organisations;
- E-mails outlining the details of the consultation and links to the on-line consultation information to respondents to the previous phase of consultation and through existing Council e-mail networks including the Community Engagement Network;
- A School Bag leaflet drop to all pupils at Fairlie Primary School
- Flyers and posters in local shops and facilities in Fairlie, Largs and West Kilbride. These included web addresses and QR codes to enable interested parties to access the information on line;
- Posters at strategic locations in Fairlie including the existing Coastal Path and path to Largs;
- Articles on the Council's website and tweets via the Council's Twitter account; and
- Press releases in local newspapers.

A public drop in session was held on Thursday 17 September 2015 between 11am and 3pm and between 4pm and 7pm in Fairlie Village Hall. Over 120 people participated in the drop in session and over 150 responses were received through this phase of the consultation process.

Phase Three

The third phase of consultation commenced on 1 December 2015 and ended on 5 January 2016. This phase consulted on designs for additional sections of the Path. This additional information was in part requested by Fairlie Community Council in response to Phase Two of the consultation. This complemented the previous process and provided more detail in key areas for example at Ferry Row.

A further series of drawings, photographs and visual representations were presented to enable interested parties to comment on the proposals and inform their development. During this phase:

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- The consultation documents were available in hard copy at a number of locations including Fairlie Village Hall, Fairlie Library, the Village Inn, Largs Yacht Haven and West Kilbride Library;
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- Press releases in local newspapers.

A public drop in session was held on Thursday 10 December 2015 between 4pm and 7pm in Fairlie Village Hall. Over 60 people participated in the drop in session and over 85 responses were received through this phase of the consultation process.

Summary

This highlights that a range of activities were undertaken to raise awareness of and encourage participation in the consultation process. Furthermore it outlines the range of opportunities provided to enable interested parties to examine and comment on the proposals.

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Appendix Two – Consultation Outcomes

This analysis concentrates on the feedback obtained through Phases Two and Phase Three of the consultation process as the proposals had changed substantially from Phase One. The opinions expressed through the consultation were wide ranging and polarised. These varied from being wholly against the project in any form to highly supportive of the project. It is not possible to definitively quantify how many respondents were for or against the project as not all clearly state this within their responses. It is also important to note that Fairlie Community Council stated in their response that they believe “that proceeding with the Coastal path proposal, even after the third consultation, will not be fully supported by the whole Fairlie community”.

It is not practical to summarise all of the responses within this Report however the report of the full feedback obtained during the process can be accessed from our website. This is under the Consultation Outcome Section. The documents are titled “Fairlie Coastal Path – Phase Two” and “Fairlie Coastal Path – Phase Three”. A range of questions were posed to the Council during the consultation process by Fairlie Community Council. These questions and the responses provided to them are also available from the website. This is titled “Fairlie Coastal Path – Additional Information”.

<http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/fairlie-coastal-path-consultation.aspx>

Key Issues

The following outlines the key issues identified in the feedback obtained through the consultation process. This also provides an analysis of the issue and outlines any actions taken to address the issue. Please note these issues are not listed in order of importance.

1. Shared Use

A number of concerns were raised in relation to the shared use status of the proposed path. These concerns related to the potential conflict between walkers and cyclists and irresponsible use of the path particularly by cyclists. The following information was provided in relation to shared use as part of Phases Two and Three of the consultation:

1. The need to provide for all abilities access and multi user access
Varying views were received on the issue of providing multi user and all abilities access along the path through the previous consultation. Respondents’ views ranged from being supportive of multi user access to being against multi user access. Respondents’ suggestions in relation to this issue included: the provision of multiple paths, dedicated sections for users, restricted use and for the path to provide equitably for all abilities and multi-use.

The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 provides the public with the right of responsible access to a large amount of Scotland’s land and inland water. This includes paths, parks, beaches and open spaces. The terms and conditions of the funding and the provisions of the Land Reform legislation require that the path be constructed to a standard which is accessible to all non-motorised users.

Furthermore the Equality Act 2010 requires that service providers provide equitably for users of all abilities. This therefore requires the Council to provide for all abilities access wherever possible. The path must be constructed in a way that it doesn't limit the enjoyment and use of all non-motorised users. The project aims to promote responsible access along the path through signage, educational activities and promotional material. There is therefore no scope to limit which users can and cannot utilise the path.

Furthermore the funding partners, Sustrans and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), both confirmed that they could not fund improvements to the route which did not provide for multi user access. There is therefore no scope for the Council to deviate from the provision of multi user access.

It is envisaged that should the project go ahead signage would be prepared to reflect the shared nature of the path and to encourage responsible access. This would be worded in accordance with the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and Scottish Outdoor Access Code and linked to a wider responsible cycling programme. This would also be developed in partnership with local organisations and interested parties to ensure that it addressed local concerns as far as possible.

2. Path Width

A number of respondents indicated that they would prefer the path to be narrower than the proposed two metre width. The following information was provided in relation to the path width as part of Phases Two and Three of the consultation:

2. The width of the path

On this basis of the need to provide for all abilities and multi user access as outlined in point 1 above, the width of the proposed path also has not changed and remains at 2 metres. This is to ensure that the path provides for all abilities and multi user access and accords with national good practice guidance.

Two metres is the minimum width for a route of this nature to enable it to remain in accordance with good practice guidance such as Cycling By Design and to provide for all abilities access. Adherence to good practice guidance is a key requirement of the funding partners. Furthermore sections of the existing path are currently wider than the proposed 2m width. It is envisaged that the width in these areas would be maintained through the reconstruction/remodelling of the path. There is therefore no scope for the Council to deviate from the proposed width.

3. Car Parking

The feedback obtained highlighted that parking opportunities are relatively limited within the village for both residents and visitors. A number of respondents were concerned that the project would result in additional parking pressure in the streets adjacent to the path. The proposals would not alter current parking arrangements. The project aims to encourage walking and cycling for everyday journeys by local people and as such it is not envisaged that there will be an increase in vehicular traffic. It is however appreciated that, if constructed, the new path may attract users from the wider area and that a number of users currently drive to adjacent areas to access the existing path on foot.

It is envisaged that if the project is to go ahead the signage for the two main car parks could be improved. This would further highlight their locations for visitors to the area. This

could be delivered as part of the implementation of the project. Residents in the Ferry Row and Causeway have also requested that a more detailed investigation of parking be undertaken in this area. This would require further investigation with Physical Environment Services if the project is to be implemented.

4. Impact on the aesthetics and naturalness of the Beach

A number of respondents raised concerns regarding the impact of the proposal on the aesthetics and naturalness of the beach. The design presented through the consultation process aimed to provide a sympathetic approach to access in the area. Two colour options were also proposed to ensure that the path was in keeping with the environs. Visual representations were also prepared to provide interested parties with a better understanding of what the path might look like when constructed. Alternative alignments were also proposed to reduce the potential impact on the beach and rock formation.

The designs were informed by good practice guidance in relation to coastal and path construction. The designs also had to be delivered to a sufficiently high standard to enable the path to be adopted by the Council for maintenance purposes and to accord with national good practice guidance. There is therefore limited scope to deviate significantly from the designs presented.

5. Path alignment at Ferry Row

A number of concerns were raised regarding the impact of the proposals on the rocks in front of Ferry Row. Furthermore concerns were expressed regarding the impact on the privacy of the adjacent properties. Two alignments were proposed for the path in this area. Option A was an alignment to the rear of Ferry Row along Kelburn Terrace and Option B was an alignment to the front/along the seaward side of Ferry Row. A lower height for the path using Option B was also presented in Phase Three of the consultation. Option A was identified through a site visit with a number of residents from Ferry Row and was identified as their preferred option. Respondents preferred alignment for this section is outlined in the next section of this report.

6. Path alignment at Southannan Sands

Concerns were raised at all three stages of the consultation regarding the potential impact of the path on the Marie Curie Field of Hope. Three options were proposed for this section of path to address these concerns as far as practical. Option 1 was an alignment adjacent to the A78 and is the most cost effective option. Option 2 is an alignment on the seaward side of a higher level path and Option 3 is an alignment on the seaward section of a lower level path. These two options are more costly than Option 1 and would require further site investigation and potentially negotiation with Scottish Natural Heritage in terms of their proximity to the Southannan Sands Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Option 1 would have the greatest impact on the Field of Hope however this would be designed in such a way as to sensitively relocate the daffodils and to create a new area as part of the Field of Hope. Respondents preferred alignment for this section is outlined in the next section of this report.

7. Path alignment at Fairlie Cottage

A number of concerns were raised in relation to the alignment of the path at Fairlie Cottage. These were predominantly due to the impact on the rock formation and the

height of the path potentially resulting in users being able to see over the boundary wall. Additional drawings were prepared to further illustrate the two options available for the path at this location. Option A in which the path was designed on the rocks would impact further on the rock formation and potentially result in users being able to see over the boundary wall. Option B in which the path was designed at a lower level would be more costly to construct and would impact further on the beach. Both options would require a small section of railing as edge protection due to the height of the path.

It is not possible to establish respondents' preferences for this alignment as not all stated a preference in their response. The issues were also discussed with the property owner and there are a number of options available to address these concerns if the project is implemented. The property owner has indicated that their preference would be Option B. It is envisaged that the final approach would be agreed with the property owner prior to implementation to ensure that this did not negatively impact on their property.

8. Path alignment at the Pine House

A number of concerns were also raised in relation to the alignment of the path at the Pine House. These were predominantly due to the impact on the rock formation and the location of the path potentially resulting in users being able to see in the property. Two options were proposed for this section. The alignment for Option A was over the existing rock formation and took the path closer to the property and Option B was closer to the beach and took the path further away from the property.

It is not possible to establish respondents' preferences for this alignment as not all stated a preference in their response. The issues were discussed with the property owner's attorney who confirmed their preferred option as being Option B in rock and red concrete. It is envisaged that the final approach would be agreed with the property owner prior to implementation.

9. Residents' and Fairlie Yacht Club's access to/from the beach

A number of concerns were raised that the path would negatively impact on local residents, Fairlie Yacht Club and dinghy users' ability to access the beach. Access arrangements to and from the neighbouring properties, Fairlie Yacht Club and dinghy parking would be maintained and enhanced where appropriate. If the preferred option is the rock edge protection access points would require to be created at key locations. The details for this would be agreed with individual property owners and organisations. Any safety measures required would be addressed on a case by case basis with input from and the agreement of the property owners and organisations.

10. The security and privacy of the properties nearest to the path

A number of concerns were raised that the path would negatively impact on the security and privacy of the neighbouring properties. The concerns predominantly related to an increased use of the path and the perception that this would result in increased levels of antisocial behaviour. The path has been designed to reduce the potential impact on the security and privacy of the neighbouring properties. The potential for users to overlook properties and gardens has been reduced as far as possible. Seats and benches would be appropriately located to reduce the potential for antisocial use and behaviour. There is also significant evidence that increased use of path networks and open spaces reduces the potential for antisocial behaviour rather than increasing it. Any remaining issues would

be addressed on an individual basis as appropriate. Path use would also be monitored to allow any issues which may arise after implementation to be addressed.

11. Maintenance and longevity of the path

Concerns were raised regarding the arrangements for the maintenance of the path and whether or not the designs presented were robust enough to withstand the coastal conditions. A number of respondents were particularly concerned that maintenance arrangements would not be rigorous enough to address issues of coastal debris on the path.

The consultants appointed to prepare the designs have significant experience of coastal works. The path has been designed in accordance with national good practice guidance. The consultants are satisfied that the path design is fit for purpose for the environment in which it would be sited. Further investigation will be undertaken where required through the detailed design stage.

The Council has agreed to adopt and take responsibility for the future maintenance of the path subject to it being constructed to appropriate standards. The relevant Council Services would develop and undertake a maintenance regime in line with good practice guidance. Any additional maintenance would be undertaken as and when required.

Maintenance issues in relation to the path could also be reported:

- By telephone via the Council's Contact Centre on 01294 310000
- On line via the Council's website: www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/contact-us/report-it/report-it.aspx
- On line through the Report It App which can be downloaded from: www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/contact-us/report-it/report-it-app.aspx

12. Repair of the existing path

A number of respondents stated that they would prefer for the existing path to be repaired rather than a complete path upgrade. The funding available for the project could not be used for repairs to the existing path. Furthermore the path could not be brought up to a suitable standard for adoption by the Council through such repairs.

13. Alternative path alignments

A number of respondents posed an alternative alignment for the path. This was examined on the ground with staff from Sustrans who have advised that the alternative route:

- Is unlikely to be used by less able users and less confident/able walkers and cyclists due to the topography of the land. In particular the gradient of Castle Park Drive was viewed as a barrier to inclusive use.
- Is less direct/more circuitous than the Coastal Path; and as such
- Does not meet the aims of the Community Links Fund.

They confirmed that the Coastal Path option provides a more inclusive approach which meets the aims of the Community Links Fund. They advised that they would not be in a position to fund works to the alternative route.

14. Safety Concerns

A number of respondents raised concerns regarding users walking or cycling on the path in poor weather conditions. It is envisaged that information on the coastal nature of the path would be provided for users to make an informed judgement about their use of the path at the start and end of the path. The wording for this would take account of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and be informed by the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code is based on three principles, one of which is to take responsibility for your own actions. This highlights that the outdoors is not a risk free environment and requires users to act with care at all times for their own safety and that of others. It is envisaged that this would be developed in partnership with local organisations and interested parties to ensure that it addresses these concerns.

Options Questions Responses

The outcome of the options questions posed in the Feedback Forms is summarised in the table provided below. This is based on the total number of responses. The most popular options at both stages of the consultation are underlined:

Path Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
Red coloured concrete	25	19
<u>Grey coloured concrete</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>Rock edge protection</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>30</u>
Step edge protection	42	28
None of these options	18	13
Other	0	30
<i>No Response</i>	37	14
Ferry Row Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
Option A – alignment to the rear of Ferry Row along Kelburn Terrace	15	10
<u>Option B – alignment to the front/along the seaward side of Ferry Row</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>58</u>
Neither of these options	17	12
Other	7	1
<i>No Response</i>	13	15
Southannan Sands Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
<u>Option 1 – alignment adjacent to the A78</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>29</u>
Option 2 – alignment on the seaward side – higher level path	35	15
Option 3 – alignment on the seaward side – lower level path	N/A	16
None of these options	16	13
Other	10	18
<i>No Response</i>	49	21
Lighting Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
<u>Solar Lighting Studs</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>43</u>

No lighting provision	40	29
Other	3	3
<i>No Response</i>	47	15
Signage Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
Metal Signage	39	26
<u>Wooden Signage</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>30</u>
Neither of these options	14	12
Other	7	19
<i>No Response</i>	54	25
Seating Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
Metal Seating	34	5
<u>Wooden Seating</u>	NA	<u>28</u>
<u>Recycled Plastic Seating</u>	<u>58</u>	11
Other	14	17
<i>No Response</i>	53	28
Bin Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
Additional bins are required	NA	35
<u>Additional bins are not required</u>	NA	<u>37</u>
<i>No Response</i>	NA	24

Fairlie Community Council Response

The Community Council provided the following response to Phase 3 of the consultation. This details their considered position and outlines a series of requests should the project be implemented:

“The proposal of Fairlie Coastal path has been divisive for this community. This is because for all positive aspects associated with the path, there are also significant negatives.

Despite the unsightly broken concrete at the north of the shoreline, our beach has provided an invaluable amenity to those who want to get away from the hustle and bustle, the noisy A78, and enjoy tranquillity wandering the unique shore, kayaking and swimming from the sands, and just generally relaxing on the rocks.

Many villagers see the proposal as a loss of this unique amenity that has been enjoyed by many for generations, and forms part of our local heritage.

We acknowledge that the original design, height and route of the proposed multi-use path has been reviewed and consulted upon, as a result of the continuing requests for clarification and challenges to design to protect our valuable environment. Fairlie Community Council is proud that we held an EGM asking residents their views, including the fundamental question as to whether a multi-use path was required by them. Local residents expressed their differing views, attitudes and feelings about the proposal, which lead to us forwarding concerns to the NAC Access Officer, and subsequently liaising on feedback and information requests.

One positive aspect of this path proposal is that it will provide a more suitable route for wheelchair and pushchair users.

We believe that proceeding with the Coastal path proposal, even after the third consultation, will not be fully supported by the whole Fairlie community.

The Community Council therefore asks:-

- 1. That the planning application process is transparent to the public and that local residents' views and objections are heard as part of this process. We expect a formal planning application to be submitted.*
- 2. That the consultation feedback from local residents is given precedence over feedback submitted by parties from outside the community.*
- 3. That the proposed path does not go in front of Ferry Row and local residents directly impacted by alternatives are individually consulted with to ensure that their immediate access and amenity usage does not suffer a detriment.*
- 4. That slip ways currently in existence giving access for boating and water sports are retained e.g. the end of The Causeway, next to the green boathouse on the south, Bay Street.*
- 5. The NAC Access Officer's commitment to detailed step by step consultation with adjoining property owners regarding final path design and construction is fully and assiduously met.*
- 6. That the decisions regarding at which height the path is constructed at the Pine House and Fairlie Cottage, should be made by those house holders along whose boundary it will run.*
- 7. That option 3, at the lowest level, is adopted on the Southannan Sands, if this proposal goes ahead. This is after considerable thought and discussion.*
- 8. Should the path go ahead safety/advice notices inform path users of right of way priorities."*

Other Information Received

A "Petition" was received which included 70 names and addresses which stated as follows:

"Fairlie needs the present beach path upgraded of that there is no doubt but to go from this to a 2m wide (minimum) multi use path stretching from the south end of the village to Bay Street is detrimental to our natural beach and environment. Nothing has been done to gauge how many people are actually against it. If you are against it or don't know about the proposed multi use coastal path which will change the beautiful and natural face of Fairlie forever please sign below, indicating whether against or not aware.

The 70 respondents outlined that they were against the proposal and 8 of the 70 indicated that they were not aware of the proposal.

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Appendix Two – Next Stages Options

There are three main options available regarding the next stages in the project's development. These are summarised in the table provided below and include an analysis of the potential implication for each option:

Option	Option Details	Comments
A	To complete the detailed design of the project and not proceed with the implementation of the project.	This would meet the requirements of the motion passed by Council but would not contribute to the development of the National Walking and Cycling Network (NWCN) as identified in National Planning Framework 3 or the delivery of Fairlie Community Trust's (FCT) path. This would also require a significant level of funding to be downturned in the current financial year.
B	To proceed with the detailed design and construction of the project.	This would meet the requirements of the Motion and contribute to the development of the NWCN and the delivery of FCT's path. This would require a reduced level of funding to be downturned in the current financial year. The construction would however be subject to securing external funding in 2016/17 or future financial years. This is due to the fact that it is not possible to construct the full path within the required timescales for the current allocations of funding.
C	To proceed with the detailed design and construction of elements of the overall project for example the section between Bay Street and Ferry Row as identified by the Fairlie Community Trust (FCT).	This would meet the requirements of the motion passed by Council, deliver FCT's path and partially contribute to the development of the NWCN. The funding partners may require any remaining funding to be downturned on this basis. It also may not be possible to secure funding in future financial years from partners on this basis. The construction would however be subject to securing external funding in 2016/17 or future financial years. This is due to the fact that it is unlikely that it would be possible to construct the chosen section of path within the required timescales for the current allocations of funding.

If the preferred option is to **Option B**, there are a number of further options regarding delivery. These are summarised in the table provided below:

Option	Option Details	Comments
1	To undertake further consultation on the proposals. This would be with a view to completing the	This could potentially further consider local concerns in relation to the proposal however the future delivery of the project

	detailed design and constructing the path in 2016/17	would be wholly dependent on securing funding in 2016/17. It is also important to note that Fairlie Community Council stated in their response that they believe “that proceeding with the Coastal path proposal, even after the third consultation, will not be fully supported by the whole Fairlie community”.
2	To complete the detailed design within the current financial year with a view to constructing the path in 2016/17.	This would enable the project to be delivered subject to funding within 2016/17. This would result in a significant level of funding required to be downturned.
3	To complete the detailed design and key elements of the project as far as practical within the current financial year with a view to constructing the path in 2016/17.	This would reduce the level of funding required to be downturned within the current financial year. The timeframe available for delivery is however limited. Continued delivery in 2016/17 would also be subject to funding.

If the preferred option is **Option B**, the preferred options for the path design and alignment also require to be agreed. These are summarised in the table provided below. This table also provides a summary of the respondents’ preferences at Phase Two and Three of the consultation. This is based on the total number of responses. The most popular options at both stages of the consultation are underlined:

Path Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
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Neither of these options	17	12
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<i>No Response</i>	13	15
Southannan Sands Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
<u>Option 1 – alignment adjacent to the A78</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>29</u>
Option 2 – alignment on the seaward side – higher level path	35	15
Option 3 – alignment on the seaward side – lower level path	N/A	16

None of these options	16	13
Other	10	18
<i>No Response</i>	49	21
Lighting Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
<u>Solar Lighting Studs</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>43</u>
No lighting provision	40	29
Other	3	3
<i>No Response</i>	47	15
Signage Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
Metal Signage	39	26
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<u>Recycled Plastic Seating</u>	<u>58</u>	11
Other	14	17
<i>No Response</i>	53	28
Bin Options	Phase 2	Phase 3
Additional bins are required	NA	35
<u>Additional bins are not required</u>	NA	<u>37</u>
<i>No Response</i>	NA	24

If the preferred option is **Option C**, it is necessary to identify the sections which are to be implemented. The options available are as follows:

Option	Option Details	Comments
D	Construct path between Bay Street and Ferry Row	This would meet the requirements of the motion passed by Council, deliver FCT's path and partially contribute to the development of the NWCN. The funding partners may require any remaining funding to be downturned on this basis. This would also remove the concerns expressed by respondents regarding constructing the section of path at Ferry Row.
E	Construct Southannan Sands section of path	This would complete the link from Hunterston Roundabout. This would not meet the requirements of the motion passed by Council and deliver FCT's path. It would partially

		contribute to the development of the NWCN. The funding partners may require any remaining funding to be downturned on this basis.
F	Construct the path between the Causeway and South Car Park	This would not meet the requirements of the motion passed by Council and deliver FCT's path. It would partially contribute to the development of the NWCN. The funding partners may require any remaining funding to be downturned on this basis.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 6.1

11 February 2016

North Coast Area Committee

Title: **Millport Flood Protection Scheme**

Purpose: To update the Committee on the position of the Millport Flood Protection Scheme.

Recommendation: The Committee is invited to note the progress to date in the development of the Millport Flood Protection Scheme and the potentially positive impact on Millport Harbour.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is to advise on the current position of the Millport Flood Prevention Scheme and to provide an update on the measures being taken to progress the scheme.
- 1.2 The proposals will have an impact on Millport Harbour and the pier in particular. The report will outline the potential impact of the scheme on the pier.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting of 8th December 2015 Cabinet agreed on the prioritised schemes/works and studies required for submission to Scottish Government to inform the national Flood Risk Management Strategy.
- 2.2 The national Flood Risk Management Strategy identified a Flood Prevention Scheme for Millport Coastal as having a national priority rating of 10 of the 42 schemes, the estimated cost of the scheme is £12.1 million.
- 2.3 The Councils Capital Investment Programme agreed by Council at its meeting of 9th December 2014, allocated £500,000 to demolish the timber section and repair the masonry section of the pier subject to an assessment of the impact upon coastal defences.

A Flood Risk Assessment was carried out in spring 2015 and the Flood Risk Assessment concluded that removal of the timber pier, would without other mitigating works, increase the risk of flooding and damage to Millport.

- 2.4 The inclusion of Millport Coastal within the national Flood Risk Management Strategy provides an opportunity to consider works to the harbour as part of any scheme e.g. a breakwater. However, it must be noted that such works will need to be integral to the primary purpose of flood defence.
- 2.5 A project execution plan has been completed and a contract for the design of the Millport Flood Protection Scheme is currently being tendered. The contract for the design is programmed for award around the end of February and design work will commence very shortly afterwards.
- 2.6 It will be necessary to undertake formal consultation as part of the scheme development.

The consultation process will assist in determining how the scheme can be designed to contribute towards improved harbour facilities for economic benefit.

- 2.7 The outline design, consultation process and Flood Protection Scheme submission to the Scottish Government will take approximately 18 months to complete. The detailed design, following on from this, is estimated to take around a further 9 months to complete.
- 2.8 The removal of the timber pier will be included as part of the Flood Protection Scheme and the safety of the timber pier will be monitored and managed until the point at which construction of the Flood Protection Scheme begins and the timber section of pier is removed.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the actions being taken in respect of Coastal Defences and the harbour area at Millport.

4. Implications

Financial:	Projects agreed by Scottish Government attract 80% funding. The Council has not yet agreed the 20% contribution however sufficient provision is continued within existing budgets to complete outline scheme design.
Human Resources:	The design work is being carried out externally, but the project will be managed by NAC staff. Any additional human resource implications will be met from within available budgets.
Legal:	The scheme will enable the Council to undertake its statutory obligations as identified in the 2009 FRM (Scotland) Act.
Equality:	National studies have identified that the impact of flooding is greater within areas of deprivation.
Environmental & Sustainability:	An environmental assessment report will be produced to review the options in the options appraisal and the design development stages of the project.
Key Priorities:	Flood mitigation and protection of our communities is a key Single Outcome Agreement, and also addresses the Council Plan key priority of 'protecting and enhancing the environment for future generations'.
Community Benefits:	The proposed projects will provide economic and physical benefits to the community, providing business continuity within a community currently at risk from flooding.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 The development of the Flood Risk Management Strategy has been subject to national consultation.
- 5.2 The project will involve consultation with statutory stakeholders, landowners and the public.

- 5.2 Public consultation will involve a series of newsletters for the local community which will be issued throughout the scheme preparation process in order to update on the progress and proposals for the flood prevention scheme. Two public consultation meetings are planned. The first will be in spring or early summer 2016 and the second will take place early in 2017.

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CRAIG HATTON
Executive Director (Place)

Reference : CH/AC/RH

For further information please contact Arthur Cowley, Team Manager - Structures, Flooding and Design on 01294 324872

Background Papers

N/A

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 6.2

11 February 2016

North Coast Area Committee

Title: **Economy and Communities Update - Millport**

Purpose: To update the Committee on actions taken in relation to the list of projects and issues provided by the Chair.

Recommendation: That the Committee notes the update contained within the report.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 In March 2015 the Chair of the North Coast Area Committee requested regular updates on a list of projects and issues pertinent to the North Coast Area. The report contains updates on projects since the last committee on 19th November 2015.

2. Background

2.1 Millport Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS)

The CARS scheme will be launched in April 2016, and will operate for a five year period thereafter. An event will be held in the Garrison House in early April to launch the Scheme and to outline how it will operate. A specific officer has been allocated to take forward the CARS project, and it is envisaged that this officer will be based in Milport for part of the working week to be as accessible as possible. Accommodation is being sought for the officer.

- 2.2 Officers are working with an architect to confirm the scope of the shopfront scheme, and they have produced some initial designs. Given limited funds the award of funds will require to be prioritised in terms of location and this will affect the grant intervention rate offered. This will be confirmed prior to the launch. The priority area for the small grant scheme has already been determined and this will focus on the Quayhead area.

- 2.3 The approval of CARS funding proposed significant expenditure on Millport Town Hall as a priority building. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, it is considered that a masterplan for the Town Hall and Garrison Grounds is required which considers the future of all of the relevant properties including the Stables, former NHS clinic, Town Hall, Garrison, DA Hall, etc. It will assess future uses in light of demand (for example for accommodation, community space, craft space, etc); assess condition and annual running costs; consider grant funding availability; and, assess the most appropriate ownership or management models.
- 2.4 This would also help with consideration of the future of the Garrison Stables building. Both the Council and CCDC have written to the owner of the property to seek confirmation of any development proposals or proposed repair works without response.
- 2.5 Grant applications for funding in the region of £100,000 were submitted in association with the CCDC to the Coastal Communities Fund (for renovation of the former NHS clinic) and Scottish Government (for the provision of play facilities in the Garrison House Grounds) in October 2015. Unfortunately both of these applications were unsuccessful.
- 2.6 Millport Economic Group
- 2.7 Only a limited number of comments were received on the draft Economic Plan which was circulated in late 2015. The CARS officer will arrange an initial meeting of the proposed group in March and a chair will be confirmed at this meeting.
- 2.8 Millport Field Centre
- 2.9 Officers continue to support the Field Studies Council (FSC) in their operation of the Millport Field Centre. The FSC are currently implementing refurbishment works to the previously existing teaching and accommodation facilities at the site. This will see the implementation of a further package of works that will extend to over £1m funded by a range of sources secured with the assistance of the Council.
- 2.10 Other
- 2.11 Officers continue to explore the potential for investment in additional accommodation facilities on the Island through proposals emerging at both the Westpoint Village and George Hotel. The provision of economic benefit through any works to the pier will be pursued by incorporating facilities for leisure boats, step ashore facilities and the potential for expansion of the George Hotel. The future of the Pier is the subject of a separate report to the Committee.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee note the developments of the above projects.

4. Implications

Financial:	None
Human Resources:	None
Legal:	None
Equality:	None
Environmental & Sustainability:	None
Key Priorities:	None
Community Benefits:	None

5. Consultation

- 5.1 None.



KAREN YEOMANS
Executive Director (Economy and Communities)

Reference : AL/AB

For further information please contact Alasdair Laursen, Senior Manager (Regeneration) on 01294 324309.

Background Papers

None

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 7

11 February 2016

North Coast Area Committee

Title: **Community Development Grant Scheme Award and Local Youth Action Fund: Applications for Financial Assistance 2015/16**

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

Recommendation: Agree that the Committee considers and determines the applications as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Community Development Grant Scheme Award for the North Coast and Cumbrae Area Committee has a balance of £3,519.57 available for disbursement.
- 1.2 The Local Youth Action Fund has a balance of £1,350 available for disbursement.

2. Background

- 2.1 Applications have been received within a number of categories of the Community Development Grant Scheme Award and the Local Youth Action Fund. Details of these applications are summarised in Appendix 2 of this report.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee considers the applications as outlined in Appendix 3 of this report.

4. Implications

Financial:	Awards will be met from the available balance.
Human Resources:	There are no human resource implications arising from this report.
Legal:	There are no legal issues arising from this report.
Equality:	There are no equality issues arising from this report.
Environmental & Sustainability:	There are no environmental and sustainability issues arising from this report.
Key Priorities:	<p>By supporting the applications listed in Appendix 3 to this report will assist in achieving outcomes:</p> <p>Children's health and wellbeing is improved through breaking the cycle of poverty, inequality and poor outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children and young people are safe, healthy, active, aspiring and achieving. <p>Adults and older people in North Ayrshire live healthier and more active lives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● People are more active more often. ● Mental wellbeing is improved.
Community Benefits:	

5. Consultation

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



KAREN YEOMANS
Executive Director (Economy and Communities)

Reference : JMCH/BA

For further information please contact Jim McHarg, Senior Manager, Participation and Empowerment Team on 01294 324424.

Background Papers

None

Community Development Grant Scheme Award 2015/16**North Coast & Cumbrae Area Committee**

Amount Allocated 2013/14: £11,640

Amount Allocated 2014/15: £11,474

Amount Allocated 2015/16: £11,640

Group/Organisation	Ref No. CDGS	Client Group	Town/Area	Purpose of Grant	Amount	Balance £11,640.00	50% £5,820
Pupils Out of School	4	Children	Largs	Transport for trips	1,527.65	10,112.35	4,292.35
The Butterfly Club	3	ASN	NA	IT equipment/cameras	111.28	10,001.07	4,181.07
Largs Horticultural Soc	5	Community	Largs	Flower show costs	250.00	9,751.07	3,931.07
Largs Viking Festival	6	Community	Largs	Hire of staging/sound, chairs	1,850.00	7,901.07	2,081.07
Millport Festival Group	7	Community	Millport	Hire of hall/tables, chid. ent.	1,500.00	6,401.07	581.07
Fairlie Gala Committee	8	Community	Fairlie	Generator/hall/marquee, ent	1,000.00	5,401.07	-418.93
Fairlie Fairtrade Init.	10	Community	Fairlie	Event costs	700.00	4,701.07	
Largs Gaelic Choir	9	Arts/Community	Largs	Accommodation costs - MODs	900.00	3,801.07	
Refund	5	Largs Viking Festival			15.00	3,816.07	
NA Food Bank	11	NA Foodbank	NA	Professional fees & visit	20.50	3,795.57	
Largs Allotment	14	Environmental	Largs	Start up costs	276	3,519.57	

Local Youth Action Fund 2015/16

North Coast , Cumbrae Area Committee

Amount Allocated 2013/14: £5,072

Amount Allocated 2014/15: £5,072

Amount Allocated 2015/16: £4,650

Group/Organisation	Ref No LYAF	Town	Purpose of Grant	Award	Balance £4,650.00
Largs Events	1	Largs	Kite display/activities	£2,000	£2,650.00
Ayrshire Opera Experience	2	Largs	Performance costs	£1,300	£1,350.00

Appendix 2

Community Development Grants Scheme 2015/16				
Applications from Organisations seeking Financial Assistance - North Coast & Cumbrae Area Committee - 11 February 2016				
Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>Upbeats Community Choir</p> <p>Meeting place: The Lounge, Main Street, Largs</p> <p>Established: August 2014</p> <p>Numbers attending: 36</p> <p>Balance in bank: £955 (restricted funds towards MD fee and equipment)</p> <p>Past awards: 0</p>	<p>Costs towards P.A. and musical equipment to enable sustainability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roland ckF-20=cb Contemporary black digital piano - £449 ● BOSE L1 compact portable array system - £1,404 ● Mackie DL 1608 mixwer with lighting connector - £79 <p>Total cost of project - £3,000 (the group are paying subscriptions and the balance of £1,068 will come from group funds and fundraising).</p>	<p>£2,000</p>	<p>£2,000</p>	<p>The choir is building on work that has already been done through North Ayrshire Schools. It is encouraging people to continue building their skills and to use them to promote music in their local community.</p> <p>The group should be encouraged to share their resources and to work in partnership with other groups.</p> <p>The recommended amount will assist the group's sustainability and the award would be subject to sharing the resources with other local groups.</p>

Local Youth Action Fund 2015/16				
Applications from Organisations seeking Financial Assistance - North Coast & Cumbrae Area Committee - 11 February 2016				
Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>Capall Dorcha Theatre Company</p> <p>Meeting place: various locations throughout North Ayrshire (during school holidays)</p> <p>Numbers attending: 3 in Committee</p> <p>Balance in bank: £0</p> <p>Past awards: 0</p>	<p>Costs towards Introduction to Shakespeare Workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drama facilitator - £2,835 ● Hall hire - £630 ● Admin and management - £300 ● Facilitator travel - £123.90 ● Workshop tools (print, photocopy and stationery) - £25 ● Contingency - £117.42 <p>Total cost of project - £4,031.32</p>	£2,835	£1,500 (£500 from this Area Committee)	<p>Following on from the success of free workshops in secondary schools, they now wish to develop this further by offering these workshops.</p> <p>The group are actively fundraising and applying for external funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cal Mac Ferries ● Ardrossan Community Development Trust ● Lloyds TSB ● Co-op Awards (finalists) <p>The recommended amount will go towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hall hire - £630 ● Workshop tools - £25 ● £845 towards the drama facilitator <p>The criteria for funding does not include admin and contingency costs.</p>
<p>Open Ayrshire</p> <p>Meeting place: Ayrshire College, Kilwinning</p> <p>Numbers attending: 49</p> <p>Balance in bank: £8,213.17 (restricted funds for various youth groups throughout Kilwinning and Irvine).</p> <p>Past awards: 0</p>	<p>Costs towards an open event in North Ayrshire to promote transgender and non-binary community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hire of hall - £1,200 ● Binders for information - £800 <p>Total cost of project - £9,000 (£1,000 secured from the Youth Bank).</p>	£2,000	£1,840 (£294.40 from this Area Committee)	<p>The recommended amount is based on 16% of young people coming from the North Coast & Cumbrae area.</p> <p>The Open Event has come from the young people who want to create a North Ayrshire wide event that will promote the transgender and non-binary community and reduce and prevent the stigma towards them. The young people are also opening up the event to people from all over Ayrshire, inviting them and promoting it in the Ayrshire College Campuses.</p> <p>The recommended amount of £780 is based on £2,000 of which 8% of the young people come from outwith North Ayrshire and do not meet the criteria for funding.</p>



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Community Development Grant Scheme Assessment Form

1. Reporting Officer: Mae Murray
2. Department: Education and Youth Employment
Telephone No.: 01294 470172

SECTION 1 - Details of Group/Organisation

3. Name of Group/Organisation: Upbeats Community Choir
4. Date of Officer's Visit: 21 January 2016
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? - No

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

If NO explain why

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?

Children's health and wellbeing is improved through breaking the cycle of poverty, inequality and poor outcomes:

- Children and young people are safe, healthy, active, aspiring and achieving.

Adults and older people in North Ayrshire live healthier and more active lives:

- People are more active more often.
- Mental wellbeing is improved.

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

Upbeats developed from a need within the younger community in Largs. A number of very talented pupils who had been heavily involved in Largs Academy school show found that on leaving school there were no local choirs where they could meet like minded people who loved to sing contemporary music. The group lobbied their previous principle teacher of music to take on the role as musical director and out of this the beginnings of the 'Upbeats' started to evolve.

13. How does the application show innovation or development?

Parents have joined their children to sing together along with friends and neighbours. The group have a facebook page and social networking sites proved invaluable to increase the membership of the group.

The young people attending the choir use this opportunity to build their experience and skills which is helping with their applications for employment and university. They can maintain and build on their musical experience from the school.

14. Overall assessment?

The grant will be used to buy the P.A. system and musical equipment to enable the group to sustain and expand into the future. It will also allow the group to become more mobile and be able to put on concerts throughout the local community and beyond.

SECTION 3 - Details of Proposed Expenditure

15. Amount Requested: £2,000

Group Contribution: £1,000

16.

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

17. Support Application: Yes

18. Defer Application?

19. Amount recommended: **£2,000**

Give reasons

Upbeats developed from a need of ex pupils from Largs Academy. This shows innovation and the will to keep going with what they love and enjoy. Their enthusiasm has attracted parents, friends and neighbours to come along and join in.

Music has been proven to reduce isolation, increase wellbeing and build self confidence.

Signature: Bernadette Anderson

Date: 25 January 2016



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Local Youth Action Fund Assessment Form

1. Reporting Officer: Marie Blackwood
2. Department: Information and Culture
Telephone No.: 01294 274059

SECTION 1 - Details of Group/Organisation

3. Name of Group/Organisation: Capall Dorcha Theatre Company
4. Date of Officer's Visit: 7 January 2016
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? - No

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

If NO explain why

10. Does the expenditure meet North Ayrshire Council's Single Outcome Agreement Priorities? - Yes

If YES, which Single Outcome Agreement Priorities are being addressed?

Children's health and wellbeing is improved through breaking the cycle of poverty, inequality and poor outcomes.

- Children and young people are safe, healthy, active, aspiring and achieving.

SECTION 2 - Criteria for Assessment

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

- Increase the number of services and facilities available that provide constructive and relevant activities.
- Increase in numbers of young people accessing facilities.
- Young people to have a sustained interest and involvement in the activities provided.
- A reduction in youth related call outs to police in areas where new facilities are located.
- A reduction in community perception/concerns about youth crime.
- An increase in satisfaction of young people.

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

Ayrshire Youth Arts Network has been consulted, along with all the young people in the schools who participated in the free workshops.

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

The group have engaged with teachers, pupils, Rangers Service and the Library Service regarding this proposed activity.

14. Are Partnership links in place? Yes

Rangers Service (Eglinton Country Park)
Library Service

15. Overall Assessment

Capall Dorcha Theatre Company have previously undertaken a great range of drama activity to the community, bringing professionals to North Ayrshire and providing opportunities for young people to work with respected actors.

Following on from the success of free workshops in secondary schools, they now wish to develop this further.

In addition to this funding, they are actively seeking additional funding and have been successful in securing funding from Cal Mac Ferries to cover the cost for 5 participants travel for the week to attend the workshops. Support from Ardrossan Community Development Trust for £250 and TSB for £500, and they have reached the final of the local co-op awards for funding and will hear the outcome of this late January.

SECTION 3 - Details of Proposed Expenditure

16. Amount Requested: £2,835

17. Group Contribution: £750

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

18. Support Application: Yes

19. Defer Application? No

20. Amount recommended: **£1,500 (£500 from this Area Committee)**

Give reasons

Supporting this week of workshops, many more young people from North Ayrshire will have the opportunity of experiencing a high quality week of drama, which ordinarily may not be available to them.

Signature: Marie Blackwood

Date: 11 January 2016



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Local Youth Action Fund Assessment Form

1. Reporting Officer: Bernadette Anderson
2. Department: Participation and Powerment Team
Telephone No.: 01294 604612

SECTION 1 - Details of Group/Organisation

3. Name of Group/Organisation: Open Ayrshire
4. Date of Officer's Visit:
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? - No

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

If NO explain why

10. Does the expenditure meet North Ayrshire Council's Single Outcome Agreement Priorities? - Yes

If YES, which Single Outcome Agreement Priorities are being addressed?

Children's health and wellbeing is improved through breaking the cycle of poverty, inequality and poor outcomes.

- Children and young people are safe, healthy, active, aspiring and achieving.

SECTION 2 - Criteria for Assessment

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

- Increase the number of services and facilities available that provide constructive and relevant activities.
- Increase in numbers of young people accessing facilities.
- Young people to have a sustained interest and involvement in the activities provided.
- A reduction in youth related call outs to police in areas where new facilities are located.
- A reduction in community perception/concerns about youth crime.
- An increase in satisfaction of young people.

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

Young people throughout North Ayrshire via Youth Participation and Empowerment Team.

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

LGBT

14. Are Partnership links in place? Yes

Youth Participation and Empowerment Team
Ayrshire College, Kilwinning Campus

15. Overall Assessment

By promoting transgender and non-binary community with a view of reducing the stigma towards them that the young people feel very strongly about and feel that this event will educate the community, promote equality and reduce and prevent this stigma against transgenders and non-binary people.

The event will be part of LGBTBI History Month in February 2016 in the Menzies Hotel, Irvine. The event will take the theme of a fashion show where the young people design their own outfits and will not have their face showing, to show their individuality and to emphasise that gender is not important.

SECTION 3 - Details of Proposed Expenditure

16. Amount Requested: £2,000

17. Group Contribution: £6,000

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

18. Support Application: Yes

19. Defer Application? No

20. Amount recommended: **£1,500 (£500 from this Area Committee)**

Give reasons

The recommended amount will enable the young people to go ahead and book the venue and purchase the information binders for the fashion show event.

This will enable the group to promote and celebrate the transgender and non-binary community throughout the whole of Ayrshire and to promote the Open Ayrshire group within the community.

The recommended amount is pro-rata to those residing in the North Coast and Cumbrae area and taking out the 8% of young people who reside outwith North Ayrshire.

Signature: Bernadette Anderson

Date: 25 January 2016