



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Cunninghame House,
Irvine.

15 January 2015

North Coast Area Committee

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the above mentioned Committee of North Ayrshire Council to be held in Community Room, Largs Library, Allanpark Street, Largs on **THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2015** at **2.00 p.m.** to consider the undernoted business.

Yours faithfully

Elma Murray

Chief Executive

1. Declarations of Interest

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

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 November 2014 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).

3. CPP Partners

3.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 4th December 2014

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) held on 4 December 2014 (copy enclosed).

3.2 Police Scotland

Police Scotland will report on issues of local interest for the period 2 October 2014 to 8 January 2015 (copy enclosed).

3.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Submit report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on incidents within the North Coast area during the period 8 December 2014 to 11 January 2015 (copy enclosed).

4. North Coast Affordable Housing Provision

Submit report by the Executive Director (Place) with information relating to social housing development opportunities in the North Coast Sub Housing Market Area (copy enclosed).

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

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

6. North Ayrshire Council (Largs) Charitable Trust - Application for Financial Assistance

Submit report by the Chief Executive on an application received in respect of the North Ayrshire Council (Largs) Charitable Trust (copy enclosed).

7. Largs Common Good : Applications for Financial Assistance

Submit report by the Chief Executive on two applications received in respect of the Largs Common Good Fund (copy enclosed).

8. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Coast Area Committee will be held on 5 March 2015 in Largs Library.

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
20 November 2014

LARGS, 20 November 2014 - At a Meeting of the North Coast Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Tom Marshall, Alex Gallagher and Alan Hill.

In Attendance

K. Yeomans, Executive Director, J. McHarg, Community Engagement Manager, B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Community Development Team), A. Laurenson, Team Manager (Regeneration) and D. Lodge, Supervisory Engineer (Economy and Communities); J. Johnstone, Acting Streetscene Manager, C. Dempster, Assistant Network Manager, T. Fitzsimmons, Principal Officer - Strategy and H. Miller, Streetscene Officer (Place); and M. Anderson, Acting Committee and Member Services Manager (Chief Executive's Service)

Also In Attendance

Group Commander Mark Gallacher (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); M. Betram, Chief Executive (Cumbrae Community Development Company); and M. Angus and M. Penfold (Largs Bowling Club).

Chair

Councillor Marshall in the Chair

Apologies for Absence

Grace McLean.

1. Declarations of Interest

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

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 2 October 2014 was confirmed, subject to the correction of a minor typographical error at the end of the second paragraph of Item 5 (Cumbrae Fuel Facility: Update), to read "...it would not be in a position to pursue such a project on behalf of the community". Thereafter, the Minutes were signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. CPP Partners

3.1 Police Scotland

The Committee noted that, on this occasion, a Police Scotland representative was not in attendance.

3.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on incidents within the North Coast area during the period 17 September to 9 November 2014.

The report included information on the following:-

- a number of accidental dwelling fires;
- the low number of rubbish fire incidents, particularly given that the reporting period included 5 November;
- the relatively high incidence of good intent and equipment false alarm calls; and
- special service activities, including in relation to flooding at Glen Grove, Largs, and an open fire hydrant on Cumbrae.

Further details were provided at the meeting on the following:-

- action being taken, in partnership with the Council, to reduce the number of call-outs to sheltered housing; and
- attendance at a recent meeting of the new Largs Resilience group to discuss partnership working.

Members discussed the following:-

- the flooding at Glen Grove, Largs;
- the background to call-outs to sheltered housing accommodation; and
- whether the number of good intent and equipment fault incidents relating to Cumbrae merited some awareness raising activity on the island.

The Committee noted (a) the potential for Cumbrae Community Development Company to liaise with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on awareness raising activity surrounding good intent and equipment faults on the island; and (b) the content of the report.

4. Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Plan 2014

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Roads Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Plan 2014 in relation to the Council's statutory duties under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

Members discussed the following:-

- where authority lies for any decision to close the trunk road from Largs to Skelmorlie due to bad weather;
- whether there have been any major changes to the Plan in light of resource pressures;
- whether the Service has liaised with the new Largs Resilience group to discuss partnership working
- the need to dispel the myth that residents clearing footpaths of snow and ice might open themselves up to any legal action; and
- the provision of sand and sand bags on Cumbrae.

The Assistant Network Manager undertook to (a) liaise with the Largs Resilience group to discuss the potential for some partnership working in relation to the Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Plan; and (b) place information on the Council's website about the legal position as regards residents and local communities clearing local footpaths and roads of ice and snow.

Noted.

5. Building Names for Day Care Centre and block of flats at former Stevenson Institute site

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the naming of a block of flats and the new day care and resource centre located on the site of the former Stevenson Institute at Lade Street, Largs.

The Committee agreed that the flatted development and the day care and resource centre be named "Stevenson Court" and "Stevenson Day Care and Resource Centre", respectively.

6. Largs Sea Front Car Park: Update on Projects and Car Park Usage

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) which provided information on the implementation of agreed projects, and the usage of Largs Sea Front Car Park between June and August 2014.

Members discussed the following:-

- progress with the Largs Masterplan and whether local Members would have sight of a draft of the plan prior to formal consideration by the Area Committee;
- Transport Scotland's position on the use of alternative paving within the town centre and its subsequent maintenance;
- the potential availability of funding from EDF for the provision of cycle racks;

- the importance of seeking to create a sense of balance between the improvements to the narrower south and wider north side of the Main Street;
- the need for further works to Haylie Brae picnic area to address a dip between the surface level of the car park and the path leading up from it;
- the value of providing a large sign at the entrance to the town, allowing the Viking Festival and other local events to be highlighted; and
- the success of the parking arrangements during this year's Viking Festival.

The Committee agreed that (a) the Team Manager (Regeneration) liaise informally with local Members on the options within the draft Largs Masterplan before the final document is submitted to the Area Committee; and (b) the Acting Streetscene Manager seek to pursue (i) the potential for EDF funding for cycle racks, (ii) the surface levelling works identified in relation to the Haylie Brae picnic area and (iii) the provision of a large sign at the entrance to Largs which might allow the Viking Festival and other local events to be highlighted to visitors.

7. Town Centre Parking Strategy

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the Town Centre Parking Strategy as it relates to Largs. Appendix 1 to the report listed the actions to be taken forward within Largs.

Members discussed the following:-

- the need to revisit the 2012 traffic survey given changes to the number of available parking places within the town centre; and
- the importance of seeking to develop further car parking sites within Largs.

The Committee agreed (a) to note the actions to be undertaken and the proposed timescales; and (b) that local Members liaise directly with the Supervisory Engineer should they have (i) any issues in relation to bus stops and (ii) suggestions as to the location of further Electric Vehicle Charging Points, subject to the availability of further funding.

8. Quality of Housing: Private Rented Sector, Largs

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on current and potential interventions to address poor quality private rented accommodation within Largs.

The Principal Officer (Strategy) provided a verbal update on (i) the consultation arrangements relating to a Private Sector Condition Strategy referred to at Section 1.5 of the report and (ii) the planned deployment of the Multi-Agency Problem Solving Group to Largs over a six-week period.

Members discussed the following:-

- the work of the Multi-Agency Problem Solving Group, including the targeting of dog fouling;
- the lack of improvement grants to support the maintenance of properties;
- the need to gather evidence in relation to poor environmental standards and other information which might support an application for an Enhanced Enforcement Area;
- the value of concentrating available resources on surveying the condition of part of a street in Largs where there are concerns about the condition of private rented housing; and
- the Council's powers in terms of Rent Penalty Notices.

The Committee agreed (a) that the Principal Officer (Strategy) liaise with local Members to identify part of a street within Largs where the limited resources available could be focussed in terms of condition survey work; and (b) otherwise to note the content of the report.

9. Millport: Regeneration and Community Engagement

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on progress with regeneration projects in Millport and a proposed approach to develop a refreshed local economic action plan.

The Team Manager (Regeneration) provided a verbal update on the timing of the planned facilitated workshop, which is likely to take place in February 2015.

Members discussed the following:-

- the importance bringing together the various actions plans and identifying priorities;
- plans for a facilitated workshop involving all local partners and relevant/appropriate agencies;
- the legal position on the transportation and domestic storage of combustible materials; and
- issues in relation to the provision of a community fuel facility, including the Cumbrae Community Development Company Board's intention to give further consideration in the new year to the matter, including seeking to identify suitable land, grants and local groups which might allow the project to progress.

The Committee agreed (a) to note progress made with regeneration projects in Millport; and (b) to the proposed approach to develop a refreshed local economic action plan including local groups and stakeholders and other relevant agencies and organisation.

10. 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 Grants Scheme.

The Committee agreed to (a) make an award of £146.02 to The Ayrshire Community Trust (TACT) from the Community Development Grants Scheme; (b) refuse the application from Cumbrae Primary School Parent Council, on the grounds that it does not meet the grant criteria; and (c) that officers seek to direct Cumbrae Primary School Parent Council to other potential sources of funding to cover transport costs.

11. Largs Common Good

11.1 Matter Arising from the Previous Meeting: Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on further information received in respect of applications for financial assistance considered by the Committee at its meeting on 2 October 2014.

At its last meeting, the Committee agreed to continue consideration of applications from Largs Bowling Club and Douglas Park Bowling Club, pending the provision, either in person or in writing, of (i) further information on how an award would benefit the community as a whole and (ii) three quotes for the planned work. Appendix 1 to the report outlined the applications received and the additional information provided by the groups was set out at Appendices 2 and 3 to the report.

Representatives of Largs Bowling Club attended the meeting and provided further information on the club's diverse membership, community activities and work with local schools.

The Committee agreed to make awards of £2,000 and £1,745 to Largs Bowling Club and Douglas Park Bowling Club, on the basis that both groups actively encourage the participation of the wider community and undertake a variety of activities which benefit the residents of Largs as a whole.

11.2 Application for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on an application for financial assistance received in respect of Largs Common Good.

The Committee agreed to make an award of £300 to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

12. Future Chairmanship of the Area Committee

The Committee considered arrangements for the future chairmanship of the Area Committee, pending the conclusion of the period of appointment of the current Chair.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that (a) Councillor Gallagher be appointed to Chair the Area Committee for the period 1 January 2015 to 29 February 2016; and (b) thereafter, Councillor McLean be appointed as Chair for the remainder for the current Administration.

13. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Area Committee will be held on 22 January 2015 in Largs Library.

14. Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed to (a) request that the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) submit a report to a future meeting on the potential for the compulsory purchase of the Stable building within the grounds of Garrison House, Millport; and (b) note that Members should advise Committee Services of any further potential items for inclusion on a future Agenda.

The Meeting ended at 4.40 p.m.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 3.1

22 January 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 4th December 2014**

Purpose: To submit the Minute of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) held on 4th December 2014.

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

1. Introduction

- 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. Current Position

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting of the CPP Board held on 4th December 2014 are appended. Particular matters for the Committee's attention include the following:

Agenda Item 4

Mark Inglis, Senior Manager (Specialist Support), North Ayrshire Council provided a presentation on the Early and Effective Intervention approach used in Youth Justice.

Report submitted by Marjorie Adams, Programme Manager on the Early Years Collaborative. This provided an update on the national sessions as well as local tests of change being undertaken.

Agenda Item 5

The Board received a presentation on Universal Credit from Stephen Humphries (North Ayrshire Council) and Liz McCreadie (DWP). This provided an overview of Universal Credit with particular focus on the role of CP partners in delivery and support.

Agenda Item 6

Chief Inspector Tim Ross presented the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Annual Report. This provides an overview of progress made over the past year using a template provided by the Scottish Government.

Agenda Item 7

Damien Griffith, Partnership Analyst provided a report on Resource Mapping. An initial resource mapping exercise has been undertaken with further recent analysis on welfare benefit claimants across the neighbourhood areas. An update was also provided on the second series of stakeholder and community based workshops on the Neighbourhood Approach during Winter 2014/15.

Agenda Item 8

Morna Rae, Community Planning Team Leader presented several reports on the governance of the Community Planning Partnership.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the CPP Board Minutes and, in particular those matters highlighted at 2.1 above.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

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

Human Resource Implications

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

Legal Implications

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

Equality Implications

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

5. Consultations

5.1 No consultations were required.

6. Conclusion

6.1 The Minutes are submitted for information with the matters arising.

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ELMA MURRAY
Chief Executive

Reference : MR

For further information please contact Morna Rae, Community Planning
Team Leader on 324177

Background Papers

None

North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership

CPP Board

Minutes of Meeting held on 4th December 2014



Present

Ayrshire College

Jackie Galbraith, Vice Principal

Irvine Bay Regeneration Company

Patrick Wiggins

NHS Ayrshire & Arran

John Burns, Chief Executive

Dr. John O'Dowd, Consultant in Public Health Medicine

Martin Cheyne, Chair

North Ayrshire Council

Councillor William Gibson (Chair)

Councillor Alex Gallagher

Councillor Robert Steel

Councillor Anthea Dickson

Councillor Ruth Maguire

Elma Murray, Chief Executive

Police Scotland

Divisional Commander Gillian McDonald

Chief Inspector Tim Ross

Scottish Fire and Rescue

Jim Scott, Area Manager

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner

Third Sector Interface

Jim Nichols, Manager

In Attendance

Allan Stewart Head of Response and Resilience Scottish Fire and Rescue Services, Mark Inglis Senior Manager North Ayrshire Council, Marjorie Adams Programme Manager North Ayrshire Council, Stephen Humphries Senior Manager North Ayrshire Council, Liz McCreadie Jobcentre Plus, Damien Griffith Partnership Analyst North Ayrshire Council, Morna Rae Community Planning Team Leader North Ayrshire Council, Iona Colvin Director Health and Social Care Partnership, John Butcher Executive Director Education and Youth Employment.

Apologies for absence

Katie Hutton Skills Development Scotland, Jim Reid Skills Development Scotland, Etta Wright Jobcentre Plus, Stephen Gallagher Scottish Government, Karen Yeomans, Executive Director (Economy and Communities), Hazel Mathieson

Chair

Councillor Gibson in the Chair.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and a special welcome was extended to Allan Stewart, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, who has recently been appointed as Head of Response and Resilience for North Ayrshire

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of meeting held on 4th September were approved.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

Submitted note of action taken on matters arising from previous meeting on 4th September.

In relation to access to healthcare John Burns advised that meeting arrangements were being made in order to discuss a manager from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport joining the Strategic Board.

4. Early Intervention & Prevention

(a) Early and Effective Intervention and Youth Justice

Mark Inglis, Senior Manager (Specialist Support), North Ayrshire Council provided a presentation on the Early and Effective Intervention approach used in Youth Justice.

Discussion followed on:

- Public perceptions of dealing with young people with a diversionary instead of punitive approach
- Benefits in later life of young people not having a criminal record

- A change in culture amongst police officers following the adoption of this approach

The Board recognised the Early and Effective Intervention approach as having a clear impact on outcomes for young people.

(b) Early Years Collaborative

Report submitted by Marjorie Adams on the Early Years Collaborative. This provided an update on the national sessions as well as local tests of change being undertaken.

The Board discussed the aim of 90% of children meeting developmental milestones and that these targets exclude those who have additional support needs.

There was also discussion on:

- The impact and benefits of using ipads within Early Years settings
- Changes in methodology in assessing children's development
- The need to target tests of change appropriately in order to close the inequality gap in outcomes for children

John Burns commended the work of the Early Years Collaborative and advised that the power of this approach was to scale up successful tests of change.

The Board approved the proposals for further testing, requested that future update reports be provided and that information be provided on how the tests of change can be replicated in order to achieve a greater impact.

5. Working North Ayrshire

Universal Credit

The Board received a presentation on Universal Credit from Stephen Humphries (North Ayrshire Council) and Liz McCreadie (DWP). This provided an overview of Universal Credit with particular focus on the role of CP partners in delivery and support.

Discussion followed on:

- The amount of uncertainty about timings and detail of provisions
- The pressures of accelerating our partnership approach to meet changing timescales
- The resource required by CP partners to support claimants
- Undertaking a child poverty impact assessment

Local work to develop a vulnerability matrix for council tenants was discussed, along with the role of the Money Matters team in supporting vulnerable people within the wider Health and Social Care Partnership.

Elma Murray advised the Board of a recent planning meeting in relation to the roll-out of Universal Credit. Whilst timescales are very challenging officers are confident that we can manage the situation.

6. A Healthier North Ayrshire/ A Safe and Secure North Ayrshire

Chief Inspector Tim Ross presented the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Annual Report. This provides an overview of progress made over the past year using a template provided by the Scottish Government.

It was noted that many of the prescribed data sources only provide information from several years ago. There are therefore challenges in presenting a current picture.

It was agreed that a recent session run by the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership for Elected Members was useful in providing an overview of activity and that future sessions could be widened to include CPP Board members.

Tim Ross suggested that improved performance reporting could be developed by the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and clearer illustrations of progress be presented to the Board in future.

The Board discussed the role of licensing on the consumption of alcohol amongst our local population.

The report was agreed by the Board.

7. Tackling Local Inequalities of Outcome

(a) Resource Mapping

Damien Griffith provided a report on Resource Mapping. An initial resource mapping exercise has been undertaken with further recent analysis on welfare benefit claimants across the neighbourhood areas. It was stated that further contextual information is required from CPP partners to assist in the interpretation of variance in gross expenditure across areas by their respective organisations.

The Board agreed to (a) note the need for further information, (b) note the rationale for the overall resource mapping exercise and its contribution to the transparency of future Neighbourhood Plans and (c) note the ongoing analysis of DWP benefits data and its potential application across the Partnership.

(b) Pre-Engagement and Consultation Programme

An update was provided by Damien Griffith on the second series of stakeholder and community based workshops on the Neighbourhood Approach during Winter 2014/15.

Workshops discussions with the three main stakeholders groups have taken place (Community Engagement Reference Group on 13/11/14, Community Planning Partnership Board on 18/11/14, and Elected Members on 20/11/14). Consultation with a wider group of stakeholders across the six neighbourhoods will take place in early 2015.

A number of themes were identified from these early discussions including the need to increase opportunities for coproduction with the Third Sector, improved communication, simplified language, engendering trust and a level of ownership of the process among all stakeholders. A full report of key findings from these and other workshops will be submitted to the March 2015 Board.

The Board discussed the challenges of using small area statistics in a consistent and meaningful way. Dr John O'Dowd, Consultant in Public Health Medicine advised of the development of a panAyrshire intelligence network to support this work.

The Board agreed the consultation programme.

8. Governance

(a) Audit Improvement Plan

Morna Rae presented a report on the CPP Audit Improvement Plan. Following the publication of the audit report in March 2013, an Improvement Plan was approved by the CPP Board in June 2013. There has been ongoing delivery and monitoring of the Improvement Plan. Audit Scotland undertook audit follow up in June/July 2014 and in their feedback letter they stated "*It is clear that the CPP is taking action to address all of the areas in its improvement agenda*". They also gave examples of specific areas of improvement which had been completed.

Updates were provided against each of the actions in the Improvement Plan. The Board agreed that good progress has been made across the themes. There are areas of work which will continue such as the delivery of the Neighbourhood Planning Approach but this does not require to continue to be monitored through the Improvement Plan as direct reports on progress are given to the CPP Board. It was therefore agreed that further Audit Improvement Plan progress reports are not required. A Development Plan for the CPP is being considered by the Strategic Management Team which will identify areas for development in 2015.

(b) CP Self Assessment

The Board considered a report by Morna Rae on CP Self Assessment. The Improvement Service have offered to support North Ayrshire CPP Board in a self assessment exercise. The aim of this would be to understand strengths and areas for improvement, to define challenges and to drive change forward.

At its meeting on 14th November the Strategic Management Team (SMT) considered whether North Ayrshire CPP should undertake this self assessment exercise and, if so, what the timing of this should be. The SMT's position was that participation should be delayed. Following the previous self assessment, audit, and SOA quality assurance processes we know what our areas for development are. We have fulfilled much of our previous Audit Improvement Plan and are developing our Development Plan for 2015.

There was discussion on the range of inspections and self assessment which has recently taken place across the partnership (e.g. Children's Services) and of the need to allow time for improvements to embed before further self assessment is undertaken.

The Board agreed the SMT's recommendation that participation in self assessment should be delayed, and that the SMT should consider the position in 6 months time.

(c) Benchmarking in CPPs

Morna Rae presented a report on a Scottish Government and Improvement Service benchmarking programme for Community Planning to support the ongoing reform of Community Planning and the delivery of improved outcomes. This will provide a framework which helps CPPs better assess their performance, evidence the impact of interventions, improve accountability/transparency, and share learning.

The CPP Benchmarking Indicator set will include a small number of high-level 'can-opening' outcome indicators to both inform CPPs' understanding of need locally and provide a basis through which CPPs can understand and ask questions about the impact of partners' interventions. The benchmarking framework will also highlight supplementary/drill down data in order to allow deeper exploration and better understanding of why areas differ.

The CPP Board noted the development of a CPP benchmarking framework and agreed to update reports in due course.

(d) SOA Action Plan 2014-15 Quarter 2 Performance Report

The Board discussed a report by Morna Rae on the Quarter 2 performance of the SOA Action Plan and quarterly indicators.

The Board considered the quarterly indicators which were not on target: claimant count aged 25-64, emergency inpatient bed day rate for over 75s, number of fire related casualties and number of dwelling fires. They noted the explanatory information provided.

Two actions were noted as not being on target for Quarter 2. Contextual information was provided along with detail of remedial action.

The Board approved the report.

(e) Verbal Update on Best Practice Visit from Mid and East Antrim District Council

Morna Rae gave a verbal update on the recent visit by officers and Elected Members from Mid and East Antrim District Council to North Ayrshire CPP. The presentations, group discussions and site visits were well received. Thanks were extended to CP partners who supported the event.

9. Chairs Reports

- (a) Safer North Ayrshire Partnership
- (b) Community Engagement Reference Group
- (c) Health and Social Care Partnership
- (d) Childrens Services Strategic Partnership

Noted.

10 Urgent Items

Community Justice Redesign

Morna Rae presented a report on proposals to implement a pan Ayrshire model for community justice services. The three chief executives of the Ayrshire local authorities and the Chief Executive of NHS Ayrshire and Arran agreed at the meeting of the Strategic Alliance of 7th November 2014 that one of the Ayrshire Community Planning Partnerships should take the lead for the strategic elements of Community Justice in Ayrshire. This would mean the re-branding the current SWSCJA as an Ayrshire Community Justice Strategy Group which is led by one of the Ayrshires and reports to all three Community Planning Partnerships. It is suggested some of the funding currently allocated to the South West Scotland CJA should continue to be made available by Scottish Government to allow a rebranded sub-group for Community Justice to continue. This new structure would also cover the remit of the Criminal Justice Joint Committee. There will be consultation on how criminal justice services should be delivered and three options have been put forward as follows:

Option A – The Criminal Justice service would be delivered within each of the three Ayrshire Council areas (Lead Authority/local delivery model).

Option B - The Criminal Justice service would be managed by one of the Ayrshire Councils (Lead Authority/shared service model).

Option C - The Criminal Justice service would be managed and delivered within partnership teams aligned to Children and Family services with pan Ayrshire matters addressed through the single partnership.

The Board agreed the report.

11. Future Agenda Items

No specific items noted.

12. Date of next meeting

19th March 2015 at 10.30am

13. Marketplace Event

Members of the Board attended a lunchtime marketplace event showcasing recent activity within Early Years Services to promote early intervention and prevention.

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED



**North Coast Area Committee
22nd January 2015**

Submitted for attention of North Coast Area Committee is the Police Scotland report for 22nd January 2015

This report includes crime and offence information relating to the Multi Member Ward Area for North Coast and Cumbraes which encompasses the geographical area of Largs, Skelmorlie, Fairlie and Cumbrae for the period between 2nd October 2014 and 8th January 2015.

The Local Community Policing Plan priorities for 2014/2015 form the main focus of our proactivity and support for public reassurance continues. The priorities as formulated from the public consultation exercise during 2014 are;

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

A breakdown of the crime/offence statistics and incidents for the Multi Member Ward Area for the period from 1st July 2014 to 30th September 2014 is detailed below in comparison to the same period the previous year.

Crimes	Multi Member Ward Area – North Coast and Cumbraes			
	31/03/14- 08/01/15		01/04/13- 08/01/13	
	Reports	Detected	Reports	
Groups 1-4	325 (-6%)	21%	347	
Groups 1-5	380 (-8%)	31%	414	
All Group 1	14	78%	14	
Attempt Murder/ Murder	2 (+100%)	100%	1	
Serious Assault	4 (-20%)	75%	5	
Robbery	4(-20%)	75%	5	
Common Assault	100	77%	100	
Knives/Offensive Weapons	2	100%	2	
Consumption of Alcohol	21 (-57%)	100%	49	
Drug Supply and Production	4 (-20%)	100%	5	

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

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Incidents	31/03/14- 08/01/15
Stop and Search conducted	1496
Antisocial Behaviour reports	664 (-12%)
Domestic Abuse incidents	83 (+8%)

Additional Information**Directed Patrol Plans**

Officers from the Community Policing Team continue to address areas of concern, particularly violence, vandalism, drug dealing, road safety, antisocial behaviour and acquisitive crime in line with the priorities outlined and as documented via information presented to the Area Committee in February 2014 in relation to "Operation Haylie"

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

- Housebreaking
- Speeding
- Mobile Phones/Disqualified Drivers (promote Road Safety)
- Drug supply
- Disorder/ Antisocial behaviour

Crimes of Note

2/10 2020hrs- Main Street Largs- 32 year male reported for driving a car not in accordance with his licence, drive without insurance and take the car without the permission of the owner.

3/10 1730hrs- Day to Day store Nelson Street, 20 year old male reported for purchasing alcohol and cigarettes for a person under the age of 18 years.

19/10 1700hrs – Irvine Road Largs – 50 year old male drove a motor vehicle without insurance.

4/11 2355hrs – Boyd Street Largs – 22 and 21 year males reported for a robbery whereby they threatened the victim with a knife.

11/11 1145hrs – Noddleburn Largs – 46 year old male arrested for attempting to break into a house by smashing the glazed panel in the rear door.

21/11 0030hrs – Irvine Road Largs- 23 year old male arrested for drink driving.

26/11 1410hrs Nelson Street Largs- 33 year old male and a 25 year old female arrested for being concerned in the supply of Heroin and being in possession of Diazepam/ cannabis and methadone.

27/12 2253hrs – Castle Road Skelmorlie – 48 year old male arrested for drink driving.

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28/12 1930hrs- Main Street Largs – 48 year old female arrested for assaulting a 25 year old female within MaCauleys licensed premises.

Force Website

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

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

North Coast & Cumbraes

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

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

Community Policing Plan

A copy of the Multi Member Ward Community Policing Plan for North Coast and Cumbraes for 2014/15 may be accessed via the link below.

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

Inspector Michael Oates
Community Policing Inspector for
North Coast/Cumbrae & Garnock Valley

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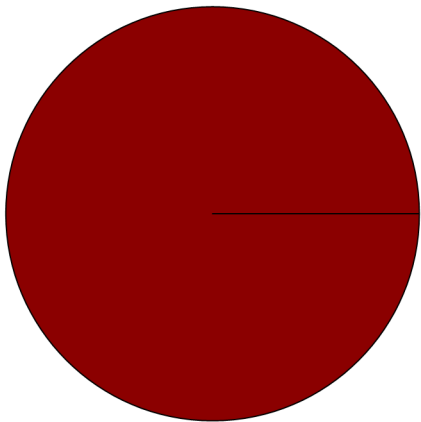


Dates: 08/12/2014 - 11/01/2015
Councils: North Ayrshire
Wards: North Coast and Cumbraes Ward

Incident Analysis

	Ward	Council	Ward as % of Council
Population	16295	135817	12%
Dwellings	9163	65550	14%
Incidents	24	162	14.8%
Casualties	0	11	%
Fire	0	3	%
RTC	0	6	%
Other	0	2	%
Fatalities	0	3	%
Fire	0	0	%
RTC	0	1	%
Other	0	2	%

Dwelling Fires: Accidental



■ Cooking appliance

Top 10 Accidental Dwelling Fire Locations

Street	Incident Count	
AITKEN ST, ., LARGS	1	
BRISBANE RD, ., LARGS	1	
NELSON ST, ., LARGS	1	
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets		3

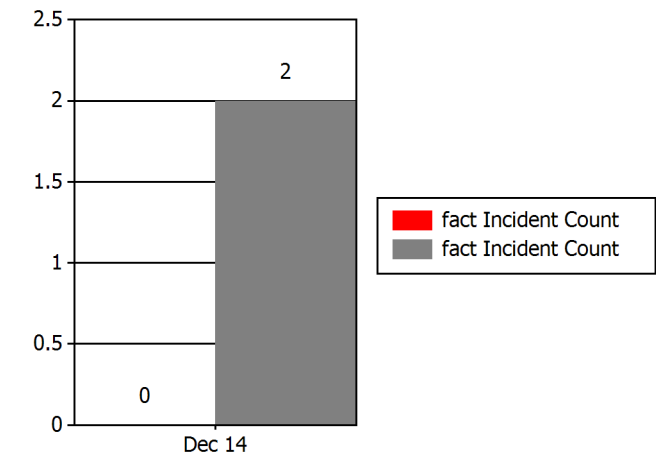
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Top 10 Deliberate Dwelling Fire Locations

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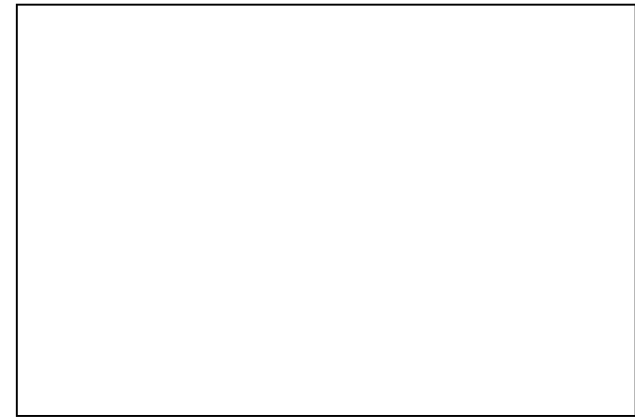
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Top 10 Accidental Non Domestic Fire Locations

Non Domestic Fires: Deliberate

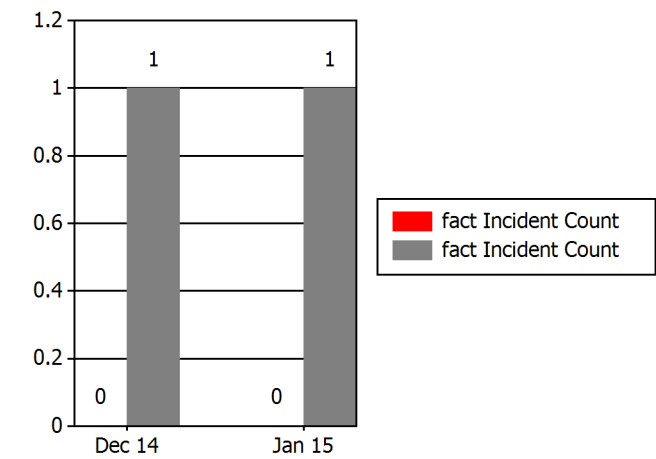
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Top 10 Deliberate Non Domestic Fire Locations

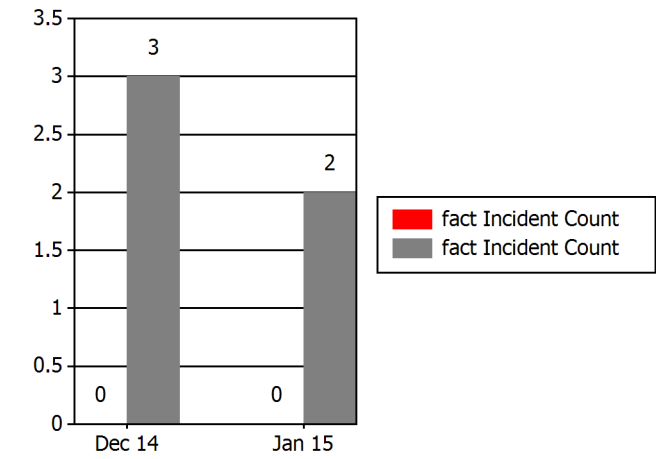
Vehicle Fires: Accidental

Top 10 Accidental Vehicle Fire Locations



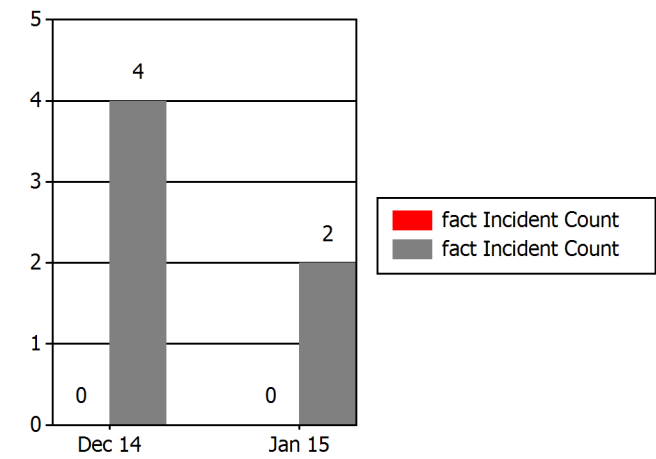
Vehicle Fires: Deliberate

Top 10 Deliberate Vehicle Fire Locations



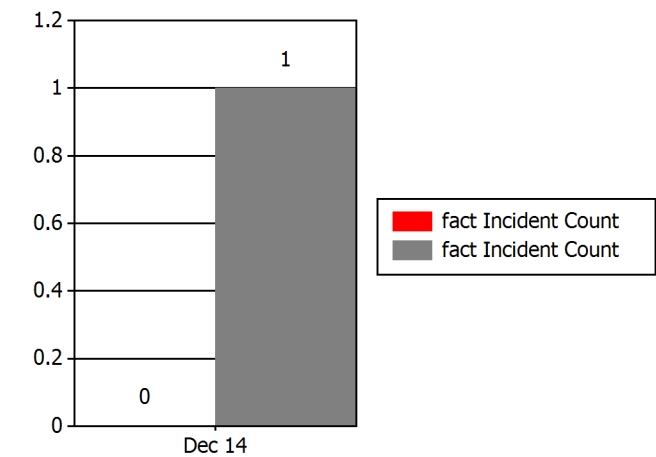
Rubbish Fires

Top 10 Rubbish Fire Locations



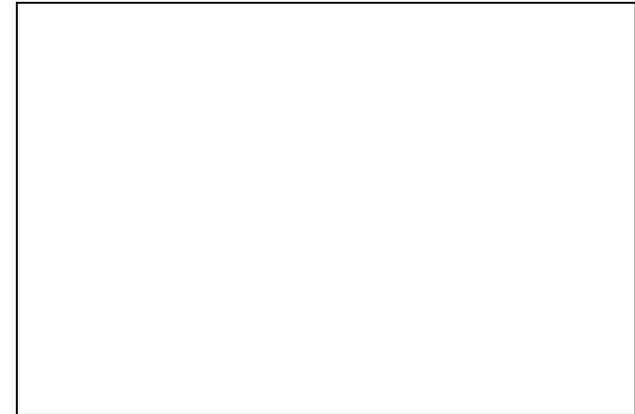
Heath and Grass Fires

Top 10 Heath and Grass Fire Locations



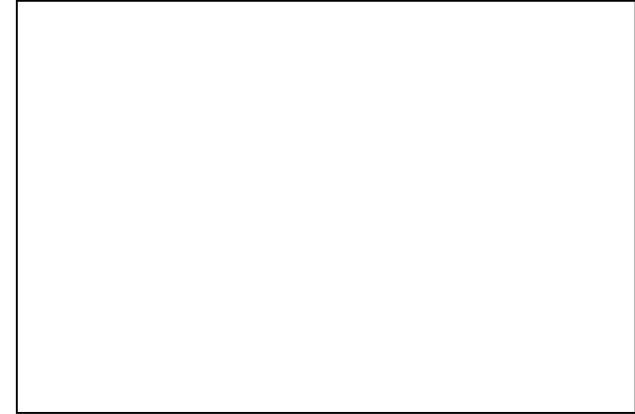
Derelict Buildings: Accidental

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Derelict Buildings: Deliberate

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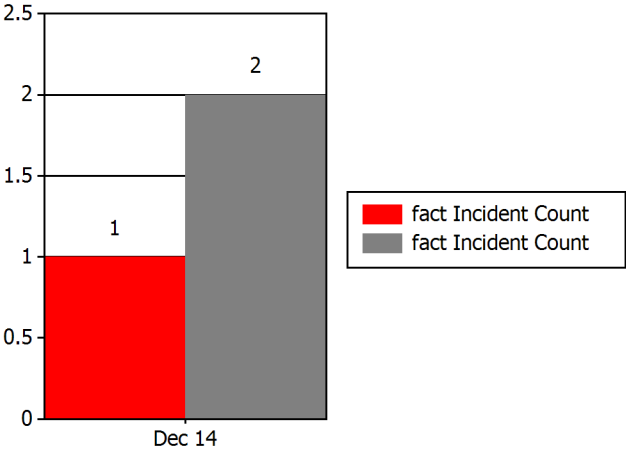


False Alarms: Malicious

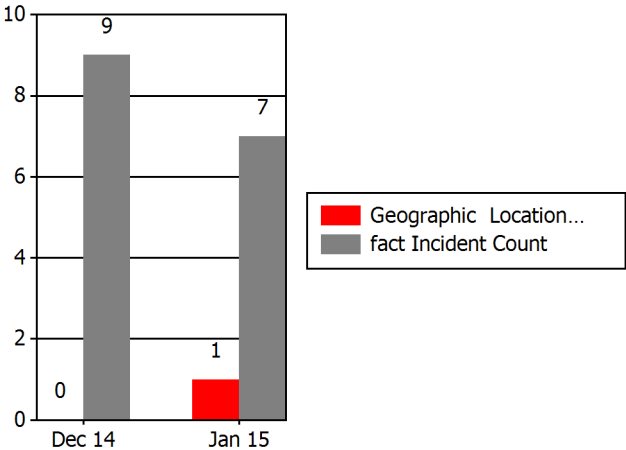
Top 10 Accidental Derelict Buildings Locations

Top 10 Deliberate Derelict Buildings Locations

Street	Incident Count
BURNSIDE RD, ., LARGS	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	1



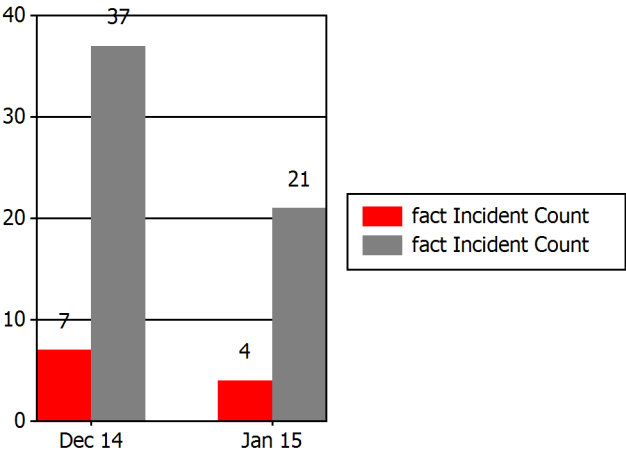
False Alarms: Good Intent



Top 10 Good Intent False Alarm Locations

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

False Alarms: Equipment Fault



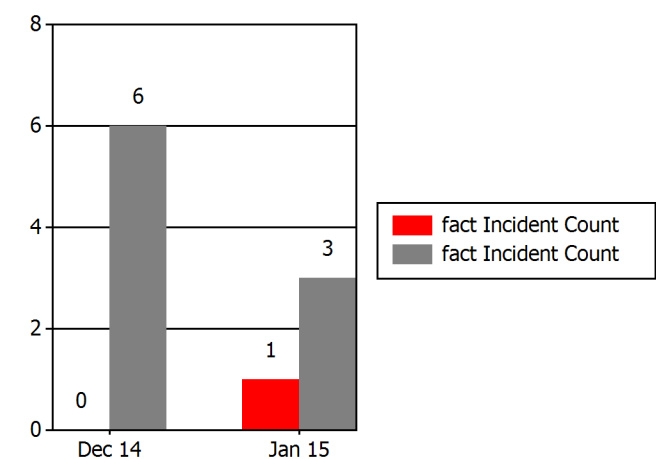
Top 10 Equipment Fault False Alarm Locations

Street	Incident Count
NELSON ST, ., LARGS	5
BRISBANE RD, ., LARGS	1
BURNSIDE RD, ., LARGS	1
COLLEGE ST, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
IRVINE RD, ., LARGS	1
KELBURN CASTLE, ., FAIRLIE	1
KEPPENBURN AVE, ., FAIRLIE	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	11

Road Traffic Collisions

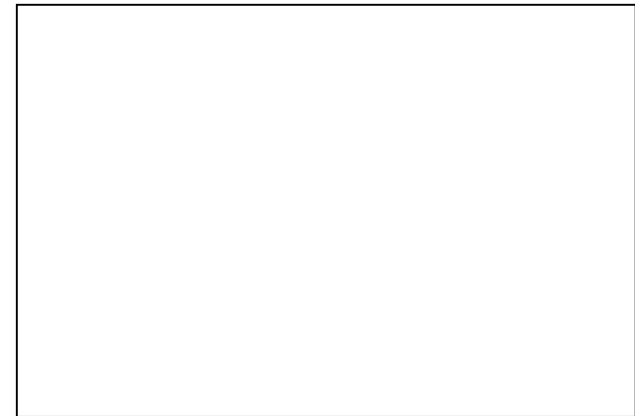
Top 10 Road Traffic Collision Locations

Street	Incident Count
SKELMORLIE CASTLE RD, MEIGLE, SKELMORLIE	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	1



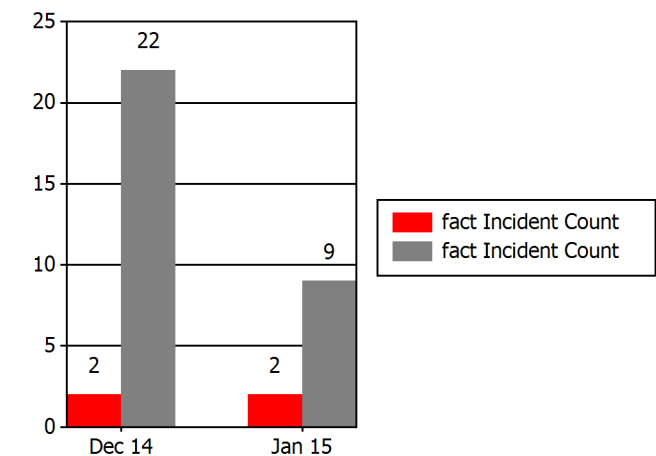
Water Related Incidents

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Top 10 Water Related Incident Locations

Other Special Services*



* - Excluding road traffic collisions and water related incidents

Top 10 Other Special Services* Locations

Street	Incident Count
BOYD ST, ., LARGS	1
MOUNT STUART ST, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
STUART ST, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
WILSON ST, ., LARGS	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	4

Report Description

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

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 4

22 January 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **North Coast Affordable Housing Provision**

Purpose: To provide the Committee with information relating to social housing development opportunities in the North Coast Sub Housing Market Area.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Committee notes the content of this report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The North Coast Sub Housing Market Area comprises of Largs, Fairlie, West Kilbride and Seamill, Skelmorlie and the Isle of Cumbrae.
- 1.2 In 2009, Housing and Planning Services jointly commissioned a North Ayrshire Mainland Housing Needs and Demand Assessment (HNDA). As part of a cohesive and inclusive strategic framework, the findings of this assessment informed firstly the Main Issues Report, followed by the Local Housing Strategy, and finally the Local Development Plan.
- 1.3 The mainland HNDA was accredited by the Scottish Government as 'robust and credible'. It found that the mainland North Coast Sub Housing Market Area (SHMA) has the highest affordable housing shortfall in North Ayrshire. The shortfall is concentrated in the town of Largs.
- 1.4 As a result, the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2011-2016 recognises the town of Largs as having the greatest need for affordable housing investment within North Ayrshire and the remaining mainland North Coast Sub Housing Market area as having the third highest need for investment.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 As part of the LHS process, the Council is required to prepare a Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) which is submitted to the Scottish Government every two years. This plan sets out the current investment priorities and forward affordable housing development programme.
- 2.2 Since the LHS was adopted, additional and ongoing research has

indicated that there is almost no affordable housing demand pressure in Skelmorlie or on Cumbrae.

- 2.3 The North Coast (excluding Cumbrae and Skelmorlie) has had the highest recognised priority for affordable housing policy interventions since 2009.

Local Development Plan

- 2.4 A key constraint to developing in Largs is the lack of available land. The geography of the town (ie. surrounded by sea or hills) makes it difficult to expand the existing boundaries.
- 2.5 This in turn pushes up the value of available land, making it expensive, and therefore not suitable for social housing development.
- 2.6 In recognition of these constraints the Local Development Plan (LDP), which was adopted by Council on 28 May 2014, sought to increase affordable housing numbers by allocating mainland North Coast sites specifically for affordable housing development purposes.
- 2.7 This means that land values on these sites do not increase as a result of the residential planning allocation, as the only use they have is for affordable housing development.
- 2.8 All sites allocated for affordable residential development have been included in the development programme, with the exception of Alexander Avenue, Largs.
- 2.9 Consultation is currently being undertaken in relation to a new education campus for Largs, which would occupy the land currently allocated for affordable housing adjacent to Alexander Avenue.
- 2.10 If development of the new campus goes ahead then the future uses of the existing school sites could include affordable housing.
- 2.11 The LDP introduced the mainland Affordable Housing Policy. This policy notes that market development in the entire North Coast SHMA will be subject to a developer contribution at a rate of 25%. This is the highest contribution rate in North Ayrshire.
- 2.12 All contributions should have an identical financial impact on the developer and all are calculated by assessing 25% of the difference between the market and affordable value of the site.

- 2.13 In practice, this means that when a private developer seeks planning permission, they will be asked to factor in either:
- the transfer of 25% of the complete units on site to the Council or local RSL;
 - the transfer of 25% of the developable land on site to the Council or local RSL; or
 - pay a commuted sum.
- 2.14 The LDP identifies sufficient market sites in the North Coast to allow approximately 400 units of market housing to be delivered. As per the terms of the Affordable Housing Policy, outlined above, this could provide up to 100 additional units or equivalent contribution for the North Coast.
- 2.15 Any sites which are not specifically allocated within LDP, but which are suitable for residential use, will be subject to the same 25% affordable housing contribution.

Affordable Development Programme

- 2.16 The affordable development programme for the North Coast area for the period 2011-2020 is as follows:

Project	Developer	Status	General Needs	Particular Needs	Total Units
Rae Court, Largs (Flatt Farm)	CHA	Completed (August 2013)	16	10 (amenity)	26
Stevenston Institute, Largs	NAC	On site (due March 2015)	0	11 (amenity)	11
Jetty Road, Fairlie (Kelburn Hotel)	CHA	On site (due December 2014)	10	3 (amenity)	13
St Beya Gardens, Millport	NAC	Completed (September 2013)	0	12 (amenity & wheelchair)	12
Waterside Street, Largs	CHA	Pending (due to complete March 2016)	0	12 (amenity)	12
Lawhill Farm, West Kilbride*	CHA	Pending (due to start 2018/19)	54	10 (amenity & wheelchair)	64
		Total	80	58	138

**This project is still in the early planning stages and a full feasibility assessment is still to be undertaken.*

- 2.17 By the end of 2016, 74 new units of affordable housing will have been built during the lifetime of the Local Housing Strategy 2011-2016 in mainland North Coast (excluding Skelmorlie), 49 of which are in Largs.
- 2.18 The Council continues to seek development opportunities in both Largs and the wider mainland North Coast (excluding Skelmorlie).
- 2.19 The Council is also introducing other investment programmes which have the potential to impact on the North Coast. This includes buying back 8 properties which have been offered to the market, and which were previously subject to right to buy.
- 2.20 This affords the Council the opportunity to address small pockets of housing pressure or to target particular housing types.

Pressured Area Status

- 2.21 Housing Services has also sought to protect the existing social housing in the North Coast area. On 26 March 2014, Cabinet approved a report which sought permission to designate various areas in North Ayrshire, including the entire North Coast SHMA, as pressured. This designation suspended the right to buy for many tenants in the North Coast area, for a period of 10 years.
- 2.22 Pressured Area Status is due to be superseded by legislation which has just been passed which will end the right to buy for all tenants from summer 2016.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee notes the content of this report.

4. Implications

Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from the information in this report, which is provided for information only.

Human Resource Implications

- 4.2 All endeavours outlined in this report are delivered by existing resources. There are therefore no HR implications.

Legal Implications

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

Equality Implications

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

Environmental and Sustainability Implications

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

Implications for Key Priorities

- 4.6 The development programme supports the Single Outcome Agreement between North Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Government, specifically National Outcome 10 - "We live in well-defined, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need" and Local Outcome 10b - "Availability of affordable housing has improved."

5. Consultations

- 5.1 Consultation is an integral part of strategic planning.
- 5.2 Consultation with key stakeholders was a key element of the HNDA preparation. The Main Issues Reports, Local Housing Strategy and Local Development Plan were subject to extensive consultation with all relevant parties, including public consultation.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 This reports details the opportunities for social housing development in the town of Largs, and wider North Coast Area.
- 6.2 Housing & Planning Services continue to adopt a strategic approach to addressing housing need, and involve partners and stakeholders in the ongoing endeavours.



CRAIG HATTON
Executive Director (Place)

Reference :

For further information please contact Yvonne Baulk, Head of Physical Environment on 01294 324542

Background Papers

None

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 5

22 January 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **Community Development Grant Scheme and Local Youth Action Fund: Application for Financial Assistance**

Purpose: To advise the Committee of an application received in respect of the Community Development Grant Scheme.

Recommendation: That the Committee considers and determines the application as outlined in the attached Appendix 2.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Community Development Grant Scheme for the North Coast and Cumbrae Area has a balance of £128.98 available for disbursement as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.2 The Local Youth Action Fund has a balance of £3,572 available for disbursement as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 An application has been received within a number of categories of the Community Development Grant Scheme Award. Details of this application is summarised in the attached Appendix 2.
- 2.2 There are no applications for the Local Youth Action Fund going to this meeting. Children and Young People Services have been advised of the available balance to encourage groups working with young people to apply.

3. Proposals

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

4. Implications

Financial Implications

- 4.1 Award will be met from the available balance.

Human Resource Implications

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

Legal Implications

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

Equality Implications

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

Environmental and Sustainability Implications

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

Implications for Key Priorities

- 4.6 Supporting the organisations listed in Appendix 2 to the report will assist in achieving outcomes:

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.

Health inequalities have reduced.

Older people are more active and independent within their own communities.

Mental wellbeing is improved.

North Ayrshire residents feel safer and communities are empowered:

More residents engage in community activities and volunteering.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place between the applicant body and appropriate officers of the council as highlighted in the officer's assessment in Appendix 3 to this report.

6. Conclusion

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



KAREN YEOMANS
Executive Director (Economy and Communities)

Reference : JMcH/BA

For further information please contact James McHarg, Community Engagement Manager, Economy and Communities on 01294 324424.

Background Papers

None

Community Development Grant Scheme Award 2014/15

North Coast & Cumbrae Area Committee

Amount Allocated 2013/14: £11,640

Amount Allocated 2014/15: £11,474

[illegible]

Local Youth Action Fund 2014/15

North Coast , Cumbrae Area Committee

Amount Allocated 2013/14: £5,072

Amount Allocated 2014/15: £5,072

[illegible]

Community Development Grants Scheme 2014/15				
Applications from Organisations seeking Financial Assistance - North Coast & Cumbrae Area Committee Meeting - 22 January 2015				
Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>Douglas Park Bowling Club</p> <p>Meeting place: Douglas Park Bowling Clubhouse, Largs</p> <p>Established: 1965</p> <p>Numbers attending: 30-40</p> <p>Balance in bank: £7,134.53 (reserved for lease as per regulations of lease, general running expenses).</p> <p>Past awards: CDGS - 0</p>	<p>Costs towards 50th Anniversary celebration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner (£20 per head) - £1,200 • Anniversary badges x 100 - £250 • Commemorative gifts x 80 - £440 <p>Total cost of project - £1,890</p>	£1,890	£128.98	<p>The recommended amount will go towards the anniversary badges.</p> <p>The Community Development Grant Scheme criteria does not normally support commemorative gifts and the dinner costs should come from the club themselves.</p>



Community Development Grants Scheme Assessment Form

1. Reporting Officer: Bobby McGhee
2. Department: Connected Communities
Telephone No.: 01294 475900

SECTION 1 - Details of Group/Organisation

3. Name of Group/Organisation: Douglas Park Bowling Club
4. Date of Officer's Visit: 15 December 2014
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.
- Health inequalities have reduced.
- Older people are more active and independent within their own communities.
- Mental wellbeing is improved.

North Ayrshire residents feel safer and communities are empowered:

- More residents engage in community activities and volunteering.

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

The expenditure is to support the costs of the club hosting its 50th Anniversary Celebrations in 2015 - it was founded in 1965.

It is important for the identity of a community that its organisations, identity and culture are celebrated - and reaching this milestone is important for the club and Largs as a whole.

It is keen as part of its 50th year activities to engage more with local schools - and to this end discussions have started with Active Schools. This is part of their plan to change the age profile of the club overall.

13. How does the application show innovation or development?

Douglas Park is the only Bowling Club in the North Shore which provided walk on playing facilities for non-members and visitors. This is part of the lease agreement with North Ayrshire Council - the club lease the clubhouse from the Council and also pay for maintenance of the green (the Council's Streetscene Section maintains the ornamental and woodland areas of Douglas Park, and the Burns Garden).

The club has recently made successful funding applications to the Largs Common Good Fund and the Kelburn Wind Farm Community Fund. These have helped upgrade the clubhouse, and also improve changing facilities for visiting clubs. In recent years the club has also upgraded its kitchen and bar areas.

The success of Scottish Bowling at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games has generated new interest in the sport, and Douglas Park Bowling Club is keen to make the most of this by increasing the number of young players at the club. Furthermore, it has good access for those with impaired mobility which may be a consideration when Inverclyde becomes the Scottish Centre for Disability Sport.

14. Overall assessment?

Douglas Park Bowling Club likes to think of itself as the 'friendly club', and is open to new ideas whilst upholding its heritage.

It is one of 3 Bowling Clubs in Largs and currently has 56 members.

SECTION 3 - Details of Proposed Expenditure

15. Amount Requested: £1,890

16. Group Contribution: £360

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

17. Support Application: Yes

18. Defer Application?

19. Amount recommended: **£128.98**

Give reasons

A modest contribution to the 50th Anniversary Celebrations would be appropriate.

Signature: Bobby McGhee

Date: 7 January 2015

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 6

22 January 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **North Ayrshire Council (Largs) Charitable Trust**

Purpose: To advise the Committee on an application received in respect of the Trust

Recommendation: That the Committee (a) notes the financial position; and (b) considers and determines the application.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 North Ayrshire Council previously approved the establishment of Charitable Trusts at its meeting in January 2012. A subsequent report was submitted to the Committee outlining the proposed procedure for considering applications and grants from the Trust. The Committee agreed to delegate the administration of the Largs Trust, including disbursements from the Trust, to the North Coast Area Committee.
- 1.2 In the case of the Largs Trust funds are held for the purpose of:
- A the prevention or relief of poverty;
 - B the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended; and
 - C the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.
- 1.3 The Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) confirmed to the Council on 2 April 2014 that the amount available for disbursement from the Largs Charitable Trust for 2014/15 is £329.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The Trustees' primary obligation is to consider whether an application meets the trust purposes in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed. In so doing, the Trustees must act in good faith. The Committee must, therefore, take cognisance of the facts behind any application. Each application should be considered on its own merit.
- 2.2 The attached schedule provides details of the application received.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee (a) notes the financial position; and (b) considers and determines the application for financial assistance, having regard to the satisfaction of the Trust purposes.

4. Implications

Financial Implications

- 4.1 It should be noted that the amount of grant requested exceeds the amount available for disbursement from the Trust for 2014/15.

Human Resource Implications

- 4.2 There are no human resource implications.

Legal Implications

- 4.3 Applicants must fulfil the criteria required by The Trust. In the case of the Largs Trust, funds are held for

- Purpose A - the prevention or relief of poverty;
- Purpose B - the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended, and
- Purpose C - the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Equality Implications

- 4.4 There are no equality implications.

Environmental and Sustainability Implications

- 4.5 There are no environmental implications.

Implications for Key Priorities

- 4.6 The award of funding contributes to the following outcomes:

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

People are more active more often.

Older people are more active and independent within their communities.

North Ayrshire residents feel safer and communities are empowered:

More residents engage in community activities and volunteering.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 Legal, Finance and Corporate Support, Economy and Communities, have been consulted on the applications.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to consider and determine the applications for financial assistance as detailed in the attached schedule.



ELMA MURRAY
Chief Executive

Reference :

For further information please contact Ann Pearson, Committee Services Support Officer on 324129

Background Papers

nil

LARGS CHARITABLE TRUST – SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

APPLICANT/ JUSTIFICATION OF CRITERIA	PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED £	PREVIOUS AWARDS £
Largs Community Sport & Leisure Club	<p>A contribution towards project marketing and coaching costs for 2015.</p> <p>The Project: Getting Fit, Getting Involved, Having Fun together – Whatever the Weather!</p> <p>Legal, Finance and Education have commented on the application, as undernoted:-</p> <p><u>Legal</u></p> <p>It is noted that the application is primarily intended to assist with funding the provision of sports activities for primary school children.</p> <p>In terms of the trust deed there are 3 purposes for which assistance may be given:</p> <p>Purpose A - the prevention or relief of poverty;</p> <p>Purpose B - the provision of recreational facilities or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended; and</p> <p>Purpose C - the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.</p> <p>This application appears to meet the criteria of Purpose B, as it is for the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the activities are primarily intended, in this case children.</p> <p>The funds held in this Trust are primarily held for Purpose A, but the Trustees may award grants for one of the other purposes where more applications have been made for one of the other trust purposes and the Trustees consider granting funds for that purpose will most effectively relieve need amongst the persons who have applied for or are eligible for financial support.</p>	2,000	

	<p>The application can therefore be legally justified in terms of the trust deed on the following grounds: The application meets the criteria of Purpose B; There are at present no other applications for assistance for Purpose A.</p> <p>If satisfied the proposed use would be a beneficial use of the trust funds, the Members as Trustees may accordingly grant the application if they wish, they should bear in mind the need to protect the capital in the fund.</p> <p>It is noted that the applicant is seeking a grant of £2,000, but the income from the Trust available for distribution in the current year is only £329. While the Trustees may award a grant in excess of this amount</p> <p><u>Finance</u> It is noted that the amount available for disbursement is £329.00 and it is earmarked for relief of poverty.</p> <p><u>Economy & Communities</u></p> <p>(Community Development)</p> <p>Largs Community Sports and Leisure Club received £2,000 from the Community Development Grant Scheme Award in 2013/14 for the same purpose.</p> <p>To continue to subsidise this type of group for the same purpose to attract more primary school children, parents etc. offering both outside and inside taster sessions will set precedence for the future.</p> <p>This is an extract from the assessment: The Club has recently carried out an extensive consultation exercise which was carried out by Largs Academy pupils and included the 6 local Primary Schools (Staff, parents and pupils), Social Services, and Enable Scotland (the Club has provided support for young people affected by disability through the partnership with Active Schools). This has led to an expansion of the programme, opening hours, and days in which the Club operates.</p> <p>The Income from the club members pays for the coaching costs. Coaching is predominantly delivered by young leaders from the Active Schools programme. Activities currently on offer include gymnastics, basketball, badminton, football, dance, boxercise, cricket, rounders, and table tennis. The</p>	
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	<p>Club meets on Saturday mornings in Largs Academy.</p> <p>Economy and Communities cannot support this application due to the application not showing any development from the award received in 2013/14 from the Community Development Grant Scheme Award.</p>		
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NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 7

22 January 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **Largs Common Good Fund : Applications for Financial Assistance**

Purpose: To advise the Committee of applications for financial assistance received in respect of the Largs Common Good Fund.

Recommendation: The Committee is invited to consider the applications outlined in Appendix 1.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Largs Common Good Fund has a balance of £8125.00 available for disbursement (Appendix 2).

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The attached schedule provides details of the applications received for financial assistance.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee agrees to consider and determine the applications as outlined in the Appendix 1.

4. Implications

Financial Implications

- 4.1 The award of financial assistance can be met from the balance of the Common Good Funding available for disbursement in the current financial year.

Human Resource Implications

- 4.2 None

Legal Implications

- 4.3 None

Equality Implications

4.4 None

Environmental and Sustainability Implications

4.5 None

Implications for Key Priorities

4.6 Levels of voluntary action and community involvement have increased (SOA 11a).

5. Consultations

5.1 The Executive Directors (Economy and Communities), (Finance and Corporate Support) and the Legal section have been consulted on the application and their comments are detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.

6. Conclusion

6.1 Awards from the Largs Common Good must benefit all, or a significant group, of the inhabitants of Largs.



ELMA MURRAY
Chief Executive

Reference :

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Background Papers

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NORTH COAST AREA COMMITTEE

**LARGS COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2014/15**

Common Good Criteria -

The application should benefit all or a significant group of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Common Good Awards
St Johns Church of Scotland Largs	The grant will be used to fund the purchase and installation of 40 solar panels.	£ 5000	
<p>Economy & Communities, Finance & Corporate Support, and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:</p> <p>Finance & Corporate Support has reviewed the application and note that there is a balance of £203,882.69 in the Fabric & Reserve Fund - it may be possible to fund the solar panels from this fund.</p> <p>Legal supports the application as it is arguable that there has been a clear benefit to the community due to the numbers of community groups who make use of the hall, if the application is in respect of the church hall.</p> <p>Economy & Communities supports the application as it would make the church more viable and help sustain the many individuals, groups and organisations who rely on the accommodation to add to the vibrancy of the social, recreational and social welfare requirements of local residents.</p>			

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Common Good Awards
<p>Largs First Responders</p> <p>The group is a voluntary section of the Scottish Ambulance Service and at present have 20 members. They primarily cover the areas of Largs, Skelmorlie and Fairlie.</p>	<p>The grant would be used to purchase new uniforms.</p>	<p>£ 2000</p>	
<p>Economy & Communities, Finance & Corporate Support, and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:</p> <p>Finance & Corporate Support has reviewed the application and as there is no financial information regarding funding or income and expenditure, I have no recommendations.</p> <p>Legal have advised that due to the lack of information available regarding the governance of this group and the operation of the bank account we would suggest that consideration of the application is deferred to a future meeting to allow clarification in respect of the governance.</p> <p>Economy & Communities are supportive of this application as uniforms are an essential part of the group's services.</p>			

NORTH COAST AREA COMMITTEE

LARGS COMMON GOOD FUND

ANALYSIS OF GRANTS EXPENDITURE - 2014-15

GRANT REF.	GROUP NAME	PURPOSE OF GRANT	AMOUNT OF GRANT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
				£
				17,915.00
01/14-15	Largs& District Museum & Hist Society	purchase of photocopier	745.000	17,170.00
02/14-15	Largs Viking Festival	2014 festival	£5,000.00	12,170.00
03/14-15	Society of St Vincent de Paul	Christmas party	300.00	11,870.00
04/14-15	Largs Bowling Club	banks & ditches repair	2,000.00	9,870.00
05/14-15	Douglas Park bowling club	power supply to portacabins	1,745.00	8,125.00