



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Cunninghame House,
Irvine.

6 August 2015

North Coast Area Committee

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the above mentioned Committee of North Ayrshire Council to be held in Skelmorlie Community Centre, Castle Road, Skelmorlie on **THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 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 (i) the ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 21 May 2015, (ii) the special meeting held on 18 June, and (iii) the special meeting held on 25 June 2015 will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copies enclosed).

3. CPP Partners

3.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 11th June 2015

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) held on 11 June 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

Submit report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on incidents within the North Coast area during the period 11 May to 29 July 2015 (copy enclosed).

4. Roads Maintenance Programme 2015/16

Submit report by Executive Director (Place) on the Structural Roads and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2015/16 (copy enclosed).

5. Largs Reports

5.1 Largs Campus

Receive presentation by Project Manager (Place) on progress in respect of the Largs Campus development.

5.2 Largs Sea Front Car Park: Update on Projects and Car Park Usage

Submit report by Executive Director (Place) on the implementation of agreed projects and the usage of the Largs Sea Front Car Park between April and June 2015 (copy enclosed) and receive presentation by Streetscene Officer (Place) on the Haylie Brae Wild Flower project.

5.3 Targeted Assessment of Property Condition in Largs

Submit report by Executive Director (Place) on an update in relation to a pilot 'targeted assessment' of private sector housing stock, undertaken in Largs (copy enclosed).

5.4 Economy and Communities Update

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

6. Fairlie Reports

6.1 Economy and Communities Update

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

7. Skelmorlie

7.1 Economy and Communities Update

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

8. Cumbrae

8.1 Economy and Communities Update

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

9. 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).

10. Millport Common Good : Application for Financial Assistance

Submit report by the Chief Executive on an application received in respect of the Millport Common Good Fund (copy enclosed).

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Coast Area Committee will be held on 24 September 2015 in Fairlie Village Hall.

12. Future Agenda Items

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

13. Urgent Items

North Coast Area Committee

Sederunt:

Alex Gallagher (Chair)
Alan Hill
Tom Marshall
Grace McLean

Chair:

Attending:

Apologies:

Meeting Ended:

North Coast Area Committee
21 May 2015

LARGS, 21 May 2015 - At a Meeting of the North Coast Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Alex Gallagher, Alan Hill, Tom Marshall.

In Attendance

A. Laurenson, Senior Manager (Regeneration); B. Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer (Community Engagement Team) (Economy and Communities); D. Tate, Senior Manager (Property Management and Investment) and T. Fitzsimmons, Principal Officer (Strategy) (Place); and M. Anderson, Acting Committee Services Manager (Chief Executive's Service)

Also In Attendance

Inspector J. Conway (Police Scotland); and M. Gallacher (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Chair

Councillor Gallagher in the Chair

Apologies for Absence

Grace McLean.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 16 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors, Councillor Gallagher, as Chair of the Viking Festival, declared an indirect pecuniary interest in the group's funding application which formed part of Agenda Item 10 (Largs Common Good Fund - Applications for Financial Assistance). Councillor Gallagher remained in the chair for this item of business but took no part in the discussion or determination.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 5 March 2015 was confirmed and the Minute signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

2.1 Matter Arising

The Acting Committee Services Manager referred to the award of £2,000 to Largs 1st Responders in terms of Item 5.4 (Largs Common Good: Applications for Financial Assistance) and advised of a request by the Group to utilise an underspend of £500 for the purchase of training defibrillators.

The Committee agreed that Largs 1st Responders be authorised to utilise the £500 underspend in Largs Common Good funding for the purchase of training defibrillators.

3. CPP Partners

3.1 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 19 March 2015

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) held on 19 March 2015.

Noted.

3.2 Police Scotland

Submitted report by Police Scotland on issues of local interest for the period from 1 April 2015.

The report included information on the following:-

- crime statistics for the North Coast area;
- the Local Community Policing Plan priorities of drunk or disorderly behaviour (including vandalism and graffiti), drug dealing and drug abuse, assault and violent crime, speeding motorists and housebreakings or other thefts;
- crimes of note in respect of drug supply and possession; and
- a sponsored walk in Largs on 6 June 2015, involving more than 1,000 people.

Members discussed the following:-

- factors which may have contributed to the overall reduction in crime;
- arrangements for contacting the Police locally; and
- a parking issue at Blackdales Avenue, Largs.

Noted.

3.3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on incidents within the North Coast area during the period 20 February to 10 May 2015.

The report included information on the following:-

- 5 accidental dwelling fires;
- a number of good intent and equipment fault false alarms; and
- special services activities, including assisting the Scottish Ambulance Service access properties.

Members discussed the following:-

- the circumstances surrounding the road traffic collision at Seton Terrace, Skelmorlie; and
- joint working arrangements with the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Noted.

4. Largs Reports

4.1 Economy and Communities Update

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on actions taken in relation to the following:-

- Largs forestry and hydro-electric proposals;
- a number of events including the development of the first children's opera in Scots, work by Archaeology Scotland at the Haylie Chambered Cairn, and Largs Fun Weekend at Broomfields; and
- Business Support and Development, and Employability.

Members discussed the following:-

- proposed measures to mitigate the visual impact of the forestry proposals;
- the feasibility of allowing scope in the forestry proposals for future community benefit, such as a visitor centre or relevant business; and
- arrangements for reporting on the Largs Masterplan.

The Committee agreed (a) to note the updates provided; and (b) that the Senior Manager (Regeneration) circulate the Largs Masterplan consultant's report to local Members for information.

4.2 Major Projects Update

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on major construction projects being undertaken by the Council, namely Largs Campus and Stevenson Court and Stevenson Day Care and Resource Centre.

Members discussed the following:-

- whether Scottish Ministers are likely to issue a notice to the Council to call in the Largs Campus proposals; and
- the allocation of the 11 amenity flats at Stevenson Court.

Noted.

5. Fairlie Reports

5.1 Update Report: Economy and Communities

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the actions taken in relation to the following projects and issues:-

- road safety on the A78;
- Hunterston;
- the application for a variation of EDF's authorisation licence at Hunterston B; and
- the Shore Path.

Members discussed the following:-

- arrangements for monitoring the effectiveness of the new traffic signals in Fairlie;
- plans for the completion of the Shore Path; and
- planned discussions between the Executive Director (Economies and Communities) and Clydeport regarding the Hunterston site.

Noted.

6. Cumbrae Reports

6.1 Update Report: Economy and Communities

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the actions taken in relation to the following projects and issues:-

- the outcome of funding bids in respect of the Millport Conservation Area;
- the future of the Garrison Stables;
- Cumbrae Economic Development; and
- fuel provision on the island.

Members discussed the following:-

- the interest expressed by three separate parties in developing the Garrison Stables;
- the current position in terms of the availability of funding for the development of fuel provision; and
- a consultation exercise being undertaken in respect of a proposed pharmacy at the Garrison.

Noted.

6.2 Housing Needs and Demand Assessment

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the 2013 Housing Needs and Demand Assessment undertaken in respect of the Isle of Cumbrae and carried out on behalf of the Council by Craigforth Consultancy.

Members discussed the following:-

- the need for a second homes strategy as part of the overall housing strategy on the island; and
- issues in respect of seeking to buy back housing stock.

Noted.

6.3 Major Projects Update

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the delivery of the new accommodation block and teaching facility at the Marine Biological Station, Millport. Members were also advised of a proposed press event on 1 July 2015 to mark the official opening of the new facility.

Members discussed the anticipated completion date of the new facility.

Noted.

7. Skelmorlie Reports

7.1 Update Report: Economy and Communities

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the options to alleviate the traffic concerns at Skelmorlie Cross at Skelmorlie Cross.

Members discussed the following:-

- consultation with the community council on traffic concerns; and
- progress in terms of the development of the new MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area).

The Committee agreed (a) to note the information provided in the report; and (b) to the proposal that officers liaise directly with Skelmorlie Community Council on options to address the traffic concerns at Skelmorlie Cross.

8. 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 and the Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Community Development Grants Scheme

Organisation	Award
Pupils Out of School Care Club	£1,527.65
The Butterfly Club	£111.28

Local Youth Action Fund

Organisation	Award
Largs Events	£2,000.00

9. Elderly Grants

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the level of funding available for disbursement in the Committee's area in 2015/16.

Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the allocation of elderly grant funding across the Committee's area as follows:-

Cumbræ	£1,030.00
Largs	£7,427.00
Fairlie	£1,528.00
Skelmorlie	£1,717.00

Noted.

10. Largs Common Good: Applications for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on two applications received in respect of the Largs Common Good Fund.

The Committee agreed to make the following awards:-

Organisation	Award
Largs Viking Festival	£5,000.00
Largs Events	£950.00

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Coast Area Committee will be held on 13 August 2015 (Skelmorlie Community Centre), and thereafter on 24 September 2015 (Fairlie Village Hall) and 19 November 2015 (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.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.

North Coast Area Committee
18 June 2015

Largs, 18 June 2015 - At a Special Meeting of North Coast Area Committee at 2.30 p.m.

Present

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

In Attendance

D. Rowland, Head of Service (Health and Community Care (North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership); M. Gilmour, Senior Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications) and M. Anderson, Acting Committee Services Manager (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

A. Shaw, Primary Care Manager - Pharmacy and Optometry (Primary Care Management Team) (East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership) and A. Thomas, Lead Pharmacist - Community and Public Health (NHS Ayrshire and Arran).

Chair

Councillor Gallagher in the Chair.

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. Presentation on Consultation: Proposed New Pharmacy for Cumbrae

The Committee received a presentation from Anne Shaw, Primary Care Manager - Pharmacy and Optometry (Primary Care Management Team) (East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership) on the background to the consultation process for proposed new pharmacies. The presentation highlighted the following matters:-

- the 'Control of Entry' process, which controls entry onto the pharmacy list;
- the NHS Pharmaceutical Services (Scotland) Regulations 2009, as amended, which determine how applications to provide NHS pharmacy services are considered and which include the requirement for public consultation;
- the factors taken into account in applying the controlled locality and prejudice tests;
- the various elements of the application process, including the stages of public consultation associated with applications;

- the purpose and conduct of the Pharmacy Practice Committee Hearing, which considers applications;
- the appeal process for refused applications; and
- current applications, including a proposed new pharmacy in Millport, Cumbrae.

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

- whether the existing pharmacy on Cumbrae is an NHS service;
- whether the issue of financial viability is taken into account in the application process;
- the rationale for the current regulations over allowing market forces to determine the number of pharmacies in an area;
- the elements which make up the cost of the consultation process, which is split 50-50 between the Health Board and the applicant;
- how the Pharmacy Practice Committee determines whether an existing service is adequate;
- the level of pharmacy provision on Cumbrae as measured against its population size;
- the current stage of the Cumbrae pharmacy proposals;
- whether the community representative referred to in the hearing process is in every case a community councillor and how the matter of community representation is determined;
- whether all applications are processed, notwithstanding that they might be deemed frivolous; and
- if consultation responses would be accepted from permanent residents of Cumbrae only, or if second home owners are also eligible to respond.

The Committee agreed (a) that the Acting Committee Services Manager arrange to circulate to its Members a copy of (i) the presentation slides, (ii) the consultation document for the proposed new Cumbrae pharmacy; and a summary of the process for considering pharmacy applications; and (b) otherwise, to note the information provided.

The Meeting ended at 3.05 p.m.

North Coast Area Committee
25 June 2015

IRVINE, 25 June 2015 - At a Special Meeting of the North Coast Area Committee at 9.30 a.m.

Present

Alex Gallagher and Tom Marshall.

In Attendance

M. Anderson, Acting Committee Services Manager (Chief Executive's Service).

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. Local Youth Action Fund: Application for Financial Assistance

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on an application received in respect of the Local Youth Action Fund.

The Committee agreed to make an award of £1,300 to Ayrshire Opera Experience.

The Meeting ended at 9.40 a.m.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 3.1

13 August 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 11 June 2015.**

Purpose: To submit the minute of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board (CPP) held on 11 June 2015.

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 11 June 2015 are appended. Particular matters for the Committee's attention include the following:

Agenda Item 4

- (a) Karen Yeomans, Executive Director (Economy & Communities) gave a presentation on Economic Development in North Ayrshire.
- (b) Caitriona McAuley, Head of Service (Economic Growth) submitted a report on a funding bid from the Big Lottery and the European Social Fund for Financial Inclusion work. The Board were advised of a plan to submit a Stage 1 tender in July 2015.

Agenda Item 5

- (a) Jim Scott, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service provided the Board with information on Audit Scotland's report into the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

- (b) Jim Scott, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service advised the Board on the development of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2016-19 and invited contributions to the consultation exercise on the Plan.

Agenda Item 6

Iona Colvin, Director of North Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership and Jo Gibson, Principal Manager (Planning & Performance) gave the Board a presentation on the Partnership's Strategic Plan, Change Programme and Ideas and Innovation Fund.

Agenda Item 7

- (a) Marjorie Adams, Programme Manager (Early Intervention and Prevention) updated the Board on Early Years Collaborative activity in North Ayrshire.
- (b) Marjorie Adams, Programme Manager (Early Intervention and Prevention) provided the Board with an update on the Improving Children's Outcome Project.

Agenda Item 8

Damien Griffith, Partnership Analyst, submitted a report on (a) the results from the six community based workshops on developing a Neighbourhood Approach in North Ayrshire and (b) proposals for establishing a Transition Board to manage the implementation of the Neighbourhood Approach in North Ayrshire.

Agenda Item 9

- (a) Linda Brough, Policy & Community Planning Officer submitted a report on the SOA Action Plan 2014-15 and the Board were advised of the Quarter 4 status of the SOA Actions and Quarterly Indicators.
- (b) Morna Rae, Community Planning Team Leader submitted a report on Community Planning Outcomes Profile developed by the Improvement Service.
- (c) Morna Rae, Community Planning Team Leader submitted a report on the revision of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2013-17. The Board agreed that the SOA should be revised from 2016-17.

3. Proposals

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

4. Implications

Financial Implications

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

Human Resource Implications

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

Legal Implications

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

Equality Implications

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

5. Consultations

- 5.1 No consultations were required.

6. Conclusion

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



ELMA MURRAY
Chief Executive

Reference : MR

For further information please contact Morna Rae, Community Planning
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Background Papers

None

North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership

CPP Board

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th June 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

Dr. Carol Davidson, Executive Director of Public Health

North Ayrshire Council

Willie Gibson (Chair)

Anthea Dickson, Councillor

Alex Gallagher, Councillor

Robert Steel, Councillor

Elma Murray, Chief Executive

Scottish Enterprise

Jim Reid, Stakeholders and Networks Director

Skills Development Scotland

Katie Hutton, Depute Director, National Training Programme

Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

Jim Scott, Area Manager

Kenny Hankinson, Group Manager

Strathclyde Passenger for Transport

Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner

Police Scotland

Chief Inspector Tim Ross

Third Sector Interface

Jim Nichols, Manager, Arran CVS

In Attendance

Angela Cullen (Audit Scotland), Paul Kerr (Clinical Director, Health & Social Care Partnership), Karen Yeomans Executive Director (Economy & Communities), Jo Gibson Principal Manager (Policy & Performance), Caitronia McAuley (Head of Service – Economic Growth), John Butcher Executive Director (Education & Youth Employment), Iona Colvin (Director of North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership), Marjorie Adams (Programme Manager – Early Intervention & Prevention), Damien Griffith (Partnership Analyst), Morna Rae (Community Planning Team Leader), Linda Brough (Policy & Community Planning Officer), Susan McAtee (Community Planning Assistant), Lauren Cameron (Policy & Performance Officer), Margaret Davison (Senior Manager, Democratic Services)

Apologies for absence

Garry Higgon (KA Leisure), Heather Dunk (Ayrshire College), Catriona Morton (DWP), Stephen Gallagher (Scottish Government), John Burns (NHS), Dr Martyn Cheyne (NHS), Dr. John O'Dowd (NHS), Councillor Ruth Maguire, Divisional Commander Gillian McDonald (Police Scotland), Jim Burns (DWP), John O'Dowd (NHS)

Chair

Councillor Gibson in the Chair.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed Angela Cullen, Assistant Director at Audit Scotland who was shadowing Elma Murray, Chief Executive, NAC.

Also welcomed was Kenny Hankinson of Scottish Fire & Rescue Service who was observing the Board meeting following his appointment as Head of Prevention and Protection for Ayrshire.

Katie Hutton of Skills Development Scotland was welcomed to her first meeting.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the CPP Board meeting of 19th March were approved.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

Chairs Report – Safer North Ayrshire Partnership

CI Tim Ross explained that he has examined the information available on the relevance of road surfaces at the time of road traffic incidents. 70% of incidents have taken place when the road conditions are fine and there is no wind or rain. He also advised the Board that a Road Safety Governance Group had been set up to look into the possible reasons for road traffic accidents, and consider partnership actions that can be taken.

4. A Working North Ayrshire

(a) Presentation on Economic Development in North Ayrshire by Karen Yeomans, Executive Director (Economy & Communities).

It was highlighted there has been a range of successful work through the partnership in relation to a Working North Ayrshire. A refresh is now due of the Economic Development Strategy- which dates back to 2010. The refresh will take into account the local dimension and develop an approach that fits with neighbourhood planning.

The Economic Development and Regeneration Board (EDRB) has had a focus on business growth and support through the Team North Ayrshire approach. Other areas are now approaching North Ayrshire CPP partners to find out more, viewing it as innovative. We also link up schools, academia and employers to ensure that our young people have the relevant skills and knowledge that employers are looking for. There has also been a lot of work around regeneration with 4 key projects: Irvine Vision; Irvine Enterprise; Ardrossan Harbour and North Shore and Cumbrae Economic Plan.

Discussion followed on how we ensure local people access job opportunities in North Ayrshire as well as capitalising on employment opportunities in neighbouring areas. Members considered the balance of a national school curriculum against local flexibility for Headteachers to focus on subjects aligned to local developing employment sectors. Members congratulated St Winnings School on winning a national award in numeracy.

The Board were also advised that the Royal Society of Edinburgh are linking with local schools in science and engineering, this is unique to North Ayrshire.

The Chair thanked Karen Yeomans for her presentation.

(b) Big Lottery ESF Financial Inclusion

A report was submitted by Caitriona McAuley, Head of Service (Economic Growth) on the Big Lottery Fund ESF Financial Inclusion. The Board were asked to note the development of a consortium of public and third sector agencies working together to bid for funds and seek support for financial inclusion services. North Ayrshire is one of 5 pilot areas across Scotland selected by the Big Lottery Fund Scotland to pilot a programme. The Lottery will be apply to be a lead partner for the delivery of £8m European Social Funds, alongside £10m Lottery resources. It is planned to submit a Stage 1 tender to the Scottish Government in July 2015 with a decision made by December 2015.

Councillor Dickson declared an interest in this item as a Board Member of North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service (NACAS) and therefore did not take part in any discussion.

The Board noted and considered this report and agreed to provide support for the process described.

5. A Safe and Secure North Ayrshire

Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – Audit Scotland Report

(a) A report by Jim Scott, Local Senior Officer was submitted. This report informed the Board as to the publication of Audit Scotland's report into the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS). As a result of the audit, four key recommendations were made which the Board were asked to consider. These are:-

- The SFRS should carry out a comprehensive lessons learned exercise on the merger process by December 2015 and share findings with the Scottish Government, and with other public bodies that are starting a merger process.
- Provide board papers that are timely with an appropriate level of detail. There should be a balance between quantity and quality and should differentiate between operational information and information the board needs for strategic decision-making.
- Agree a long-term financial strategy by the end of March 2016, developed from evidence-based options for achieving savings.
- Agree long-term strategies in the main areas that will contribute to savings and form the basis of the long-term financial strategy, including workforce, asset management and procurement.

The Board noted the content of the Report and the Audit Scotland Report published on 21st May 2015 in respect of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

(b) Development of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2016-19

A report by Jim Scott, Local Senior Officer was submitted. The Board were informed of the development of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2016-19. The SFRS has entered its third year and has commenced developing its next Strategic Plan for the period 2016-19. As part of this process the SFRS has begun a period of initial engagement to support the development of the new plan, prior to the formal consultation process being conducted between October 2015 and December 2015. In particular the Service is seeking feedback on the following four areas:-

- What are the key strengths of the SFRS?
- As a local partner what are our shared challenges and opportunities?
- What do you think SFRS can do to help improve matters a local partnership level or nationally?
- What really matters to our local communities?

Members requested clarification on where this Strategic Plan could be viewed. It was confirmed that the draft Plan will be available in October.

The Board noted the content of the report and partners agreed to feedback comments.

6. A Healthier North Ayrshire

Iona Colvin, Director of North Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership and Jo Gibson, Principal Manager (Planning & Performance) provided a presentation on the Strategic Plan, Change Programme and Ideas and Innovation Fund. The Board heard about the strong leadership across the partnership which supported North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership to move to integration and establish the Integrated Joint Board in advance of other areas. Heads of Service have been appointed and will cover both health and social work services.

The Board were advised of the process used to develop the Strategic Plan for the Health & Social Care Partnership including 3 cycles of consultation, a joint needs assessment and peer research. The content of the Strategic Plan, its vision, values and priorities was highlighted. Phase 1 of the Change Programme and the Ideas and Innovation Fund were summarised.

Community Planning partners commended the development of and content of the Strategic Plan. CI Tim Ross welcomed the links between the Strategic Plan and the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership. Carol Davidson, Director of Public Health supported the strategic priorities within the plan. Jim Nichols, Manager, Arran CVS, highlighted the interest from other areas of Scotland on learning from North Ayrshire's successes.

It was noted that a sub-group is being developed to look at issues such as pay rates, contract issues and career structure for carers.

The Board thanked Iona Colvin and Jo Gibson for their presentation.

7. Early Intervention & Prevention

(a) Early Years Collaborative

A report was submitted by Marjorie Adams Programme Manager (Early Intervention and Prevention) updating the Board on Early Year Collaborative activity in North Ayrshire. The Early Years Collaborative is a national Improvement Programme for Community Planning Partnerships. Its ambition is to make Scotland the best place in the world to grow up in by improving outcomes, and reducing inequalities.

The improvements being implemented and scaled up in North Ayrshire were detailed. John Butcher, Executive Director highlighted the positive work at the Springvale Early Years Centre with Dads.

The Chair suggested having a presentation from the Dads on parenting at a future meeting. The Board agreed this would be informative and interesting.

The Board noted the improvement towards the Collaborative's stretch aims nationally and the continuing work on building capacity locally in using this model.

(b) Improving Children's Outcomes

A report was submitted by Marjorie Adams, Programme Manager (Early Intervention and Prevention) which provided an update on the Improving Children's Outcomes Project. Evidence has been gathered on the needs of the child population through a community and a schools survey, which include analysis of how services meet these needs. 7951 children and young people within 9 secondary and 50 primary schools completed the survey. At a strategy day in February the results were reviewed and it was agreed that North Ayrshire's priorities were:

- Poor engagement with school
- Obesity
- Early initiation of substance use
- Social and Emotional Development (6-12 years)

The Chair welcomed the breadth and wealth of information gained through the project. Carol Davidson highlighted the relevance of obesity as a local priority.

The Board noted the progress being made in developing the Improving Children's Outcomes Project and that a further report on the outcome of the community engagement activity and future plans will be made to the next CPP Board.

8. Reducing Inequalities in Outcome

A report was submitted by Damien Griffith Partnership Analyst on (a) the results from the six community based workshops on developing a Neighbourhood Approach (b) and proposals for establishing a Transition Board to manage the implementation of the Neighbourhood Approach in North Ayrshire. Detail was provided on the workshop questions and responses, the distribution of comments by outlook, the distribution of comments by themes and issues and general observations across themes and neighbourhoods.

Members discussed providing feedback to the respondents and it was explained they will be asked to feed in further regarding the governance options. They will also receive a PDF of all input and feedback we have received so far.

There was also discussion on the fit between locality planning under the Health and Social Care Partnership and the neighbourhood agenda. Members were advised that this is still being considered.

Clarification was sought on the Terms of Reference and the membership of the Transition Board. The Board were advised that this had been discussed by the Strategic Management Team and that the report on this can be circulated.

The Board noted the progress in relation to the second round of community engagement workshops on developing Neighbourhood Approach across the six neighbourhoods and the formation of a Transition Board to manage the implementation of the Neighbourhood Approach in North Ayrshire.

9. Governance

(a) SOA Q4 Report

Report submitted by Linda Brough, Policy & Community Planning Officer on the SOA Action Plan 2014-15. The Board were advised of the Quarter 4 status of the SOA Actions and Quarterly Indicators.

There was discussion on the performance indicators relating to fires, and increased awareness of and reporting of fires. The Board also considered information provided by Tim Ross on the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and Iona Colvin on hospital admissions.

The Board noted the quarterly update.

(b) Community Planning Outcomes Profile

Report submitted by Morna Rae, Community Planning Team Leader on Community Planning Outcomes Profile. This included background on the development of this on-line tool and its potential uses for North Ayrshire CPP.

The Board noted the progress in the development of the Profile and agreed to receive further updates.

(c) Revising the Single Outcome Agreement

Report submitted by Morna Rae, Community Planning Team Leader on revising the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2013-17. The Board heard that a range of developments both internally and externally mean that the 2016-17 outcomes and priorities within the SOA may no longer be appropriate.

The factors influencing the lifetime of the current SOA were taken into account and the Board agreed that a revised SOA 2016-17 onwards be developed and a project plan be discussed at the June Strategic Management Team Meeting.

10. Chairs Reports

(a) Safer North Ayrshire Partnership

Report submitted by Chief Insp. Ross

Noted.

(b) Childrens Services Strategic Partnership

Report submitted by John Butcher

A draft Childrens Services Plan will be available for the next meeting of the Board.

Noted.

(c) Community Engagement Reference Group

Report submitted by Barbara Hastings

Noted.

(d) North Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership

Report submitted by Councillor Anthea Dickson

Noted.

11. Urgent Items

12. Future Agenda Items

13. Date of Next meeting

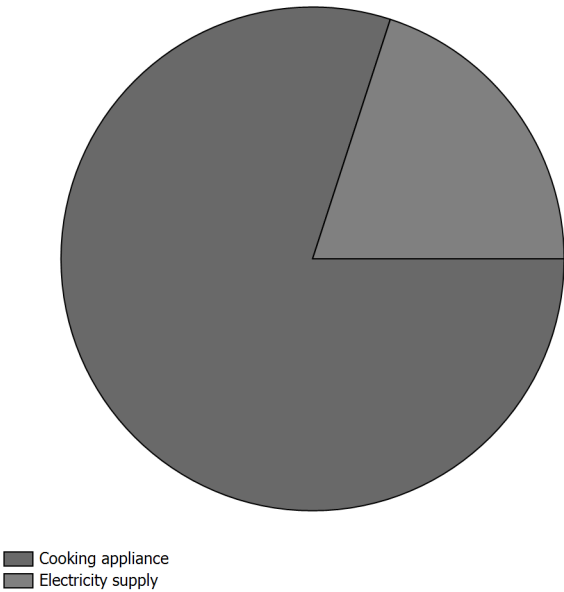
The next meeting of the CPP Board is 10th September at 10.30am within the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine.

Dates: 11/05/2015 - 29/07/2015
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	45	386	11.7%
Casualties	10	35	28.6%
Fire	1	13	7.7%
RTC	4	9	44.4%
Other	5	13	38.5%
Fatalities	0	3	%
Fire	0	0	%
RTC	0	0	%
Other	0	3	%

Dwelling Fires: Accidental



Top 10 Accidental Dwelling Fire Locations

Street	Incident Count
WATERSIDE ST, ., LARGS	2
BRISBANE RD, ., LARGS	1
NODDLEBURN RD, ., LARGS	1
SEAMORE ST, ., LARGS	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	5

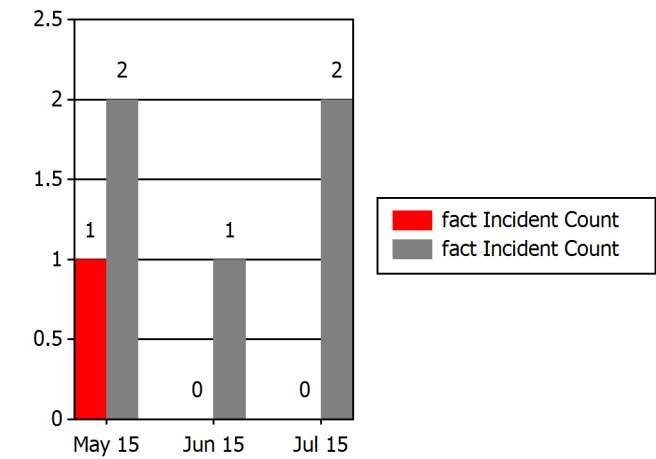
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Top 10 Deliberate Dwelling Fire Locations

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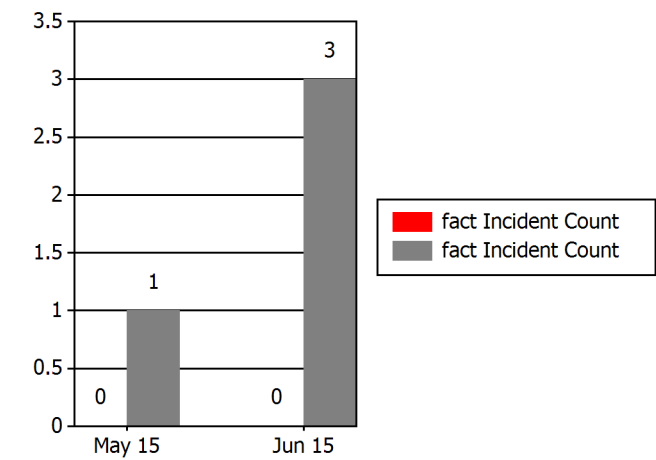
Non Domestic Fires: Accidental



Top 10 Accidental Non Domestic Fire Locations

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IRVINE RD, ., LARGS	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	1

Non Domestic Fires: Deliberate

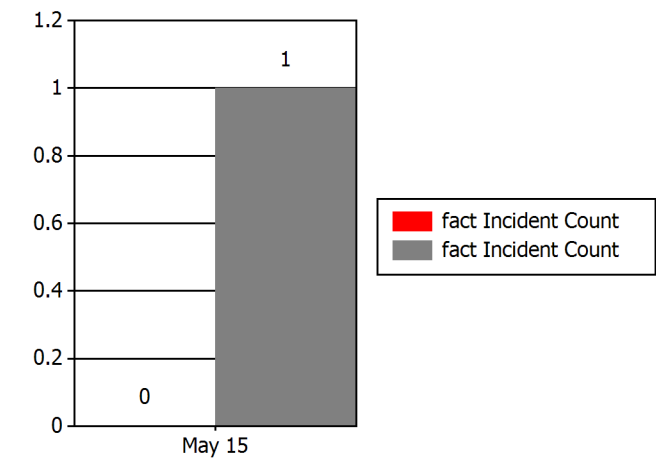


Top 10 Deliberate Non Domestic Fire Locations

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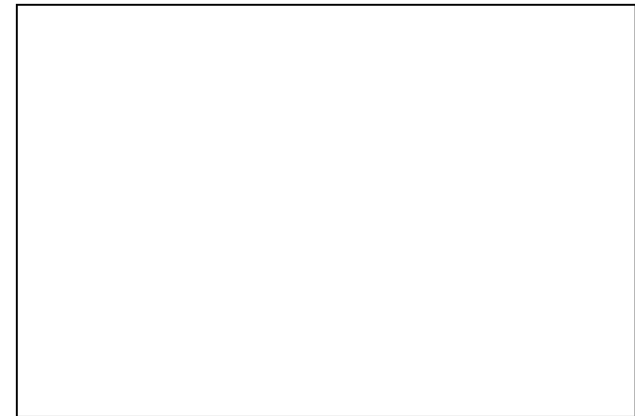
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Top 10 Accidental Vehicle Fire Locations



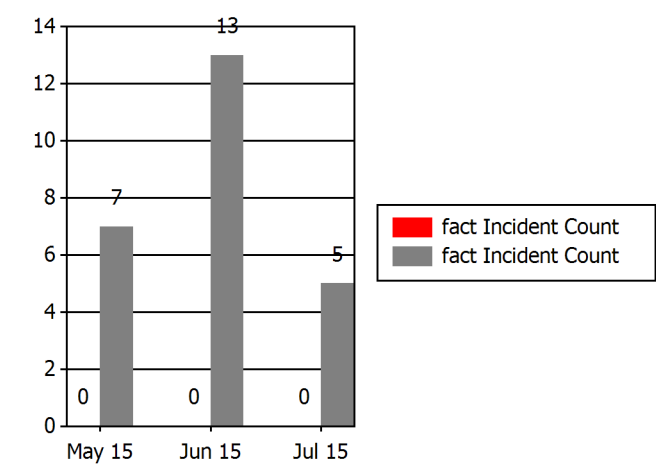
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Top 10 Deliberate Vehicle Fire Locations

Rubbish Fires



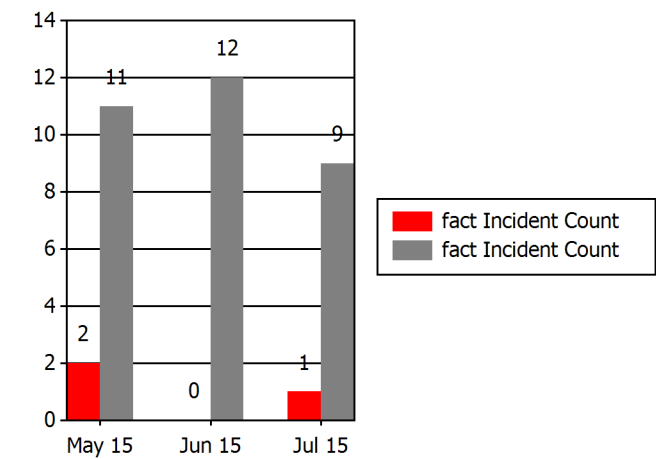
Top 10 Rubbish Fire Locations

Street	Incident Count
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	

Heath and Grass Fires

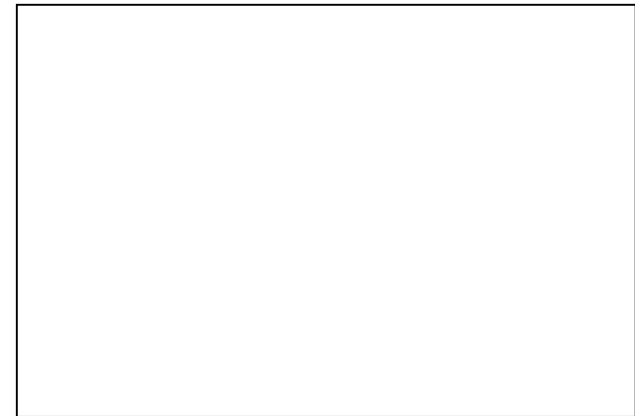
Top 10 Heath and Grass Fire Locations

Street	Incident Count
BURNSIDE RD, ., LARGS	2
MAIN RD, ., FAIRLIE	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	



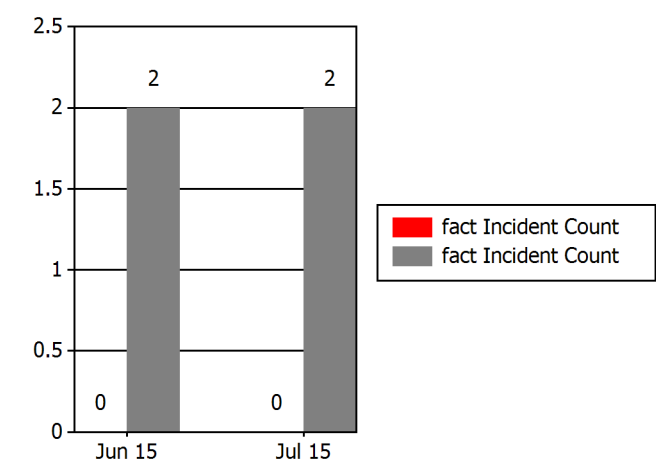
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Top 10 Accidental Derelict Buildings Locations

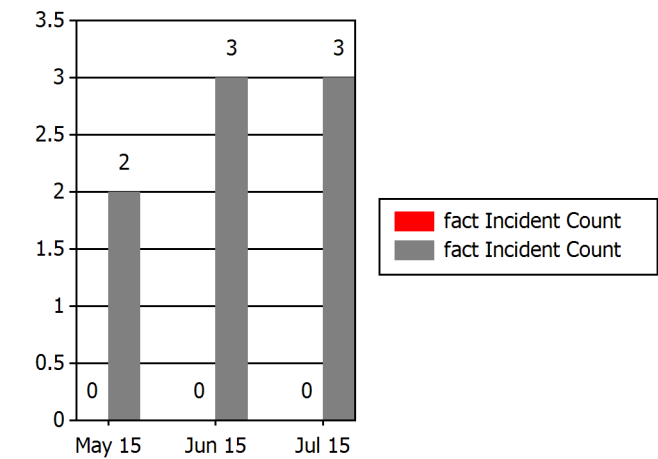
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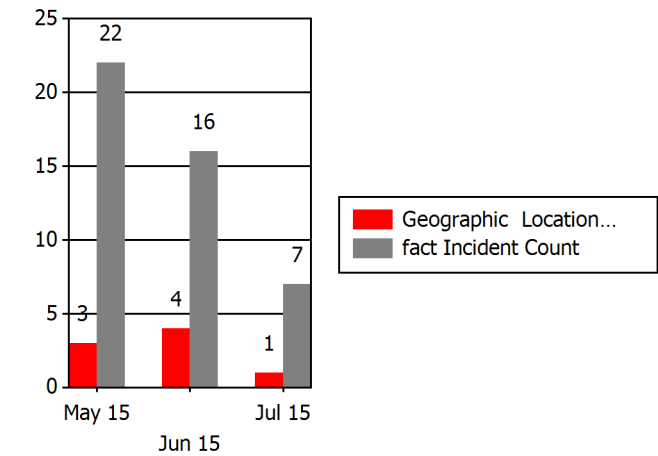
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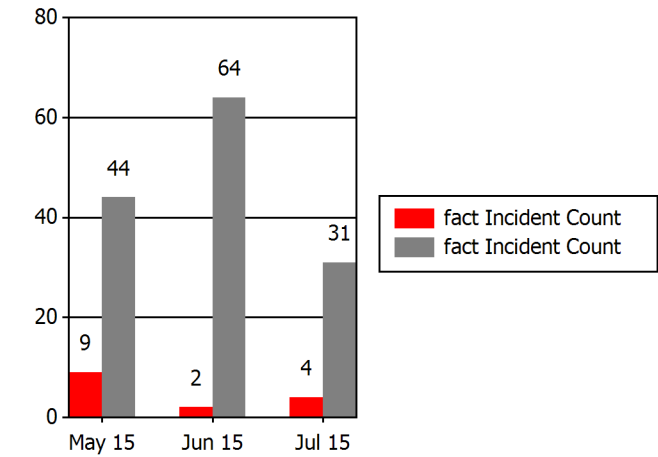
Top 10 Malicious False Alarm Locations



False Alarms: Good Intent



False Alarms: Equipment Fault



Road Traffic Collisions

Top 10 Good Intent False Alarm Locations

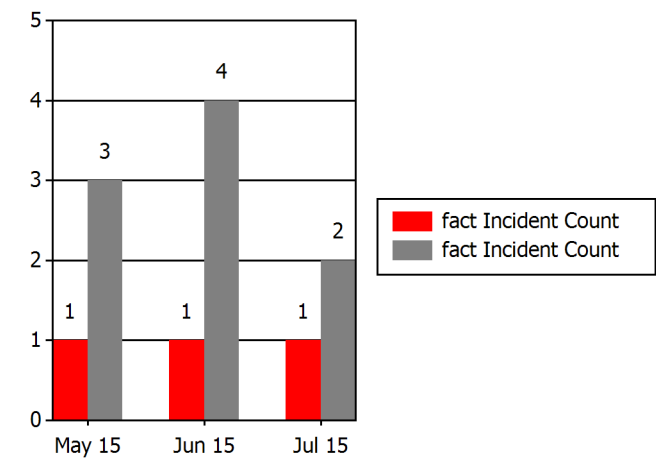
Street	Incident Count
BRISBANE RD, ., LARGS	1
FERRY RD, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
GOGOSIDE RD, ., LARGS	1
HASTIE AVE, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
HOWARD ST, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
KAMES BAY, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
NELSON ST, ., LARGS	1
SCHOOL ST, ., LARGS	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	8

Top 10 Equipment Fault False Alarm Locations

Street	Incident Count
IRVINE RD, ., LARGS	3
BRISBANE RD, ., LARGS	2
COLLEGE ST, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	2
FLATT RD, ., LARGS	1
KELVIN WALK, ., LARGS	1
KNOCK CASTLE, ., LARGS	1
NELSON ST, ., LARGS	1
SHORE RD, ., SKELMORLIE	1
THE PROMENADE, ., LARGS	1
TOWARD VIEW, ., SKELMORLIE	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	15

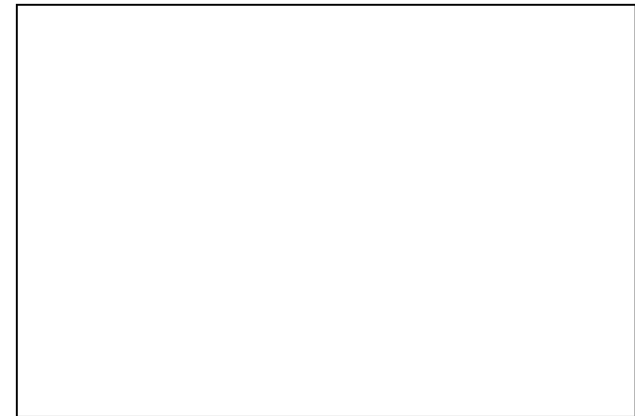
Top 10 Road Traffic Collision Locations

Street	Incident Count
BRISBANE GLEN RD, ., LARGS	1
CATHCART RD, ., LARGS	1
COLLEGE ST, MILLPORT, CUMBRAE	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	3



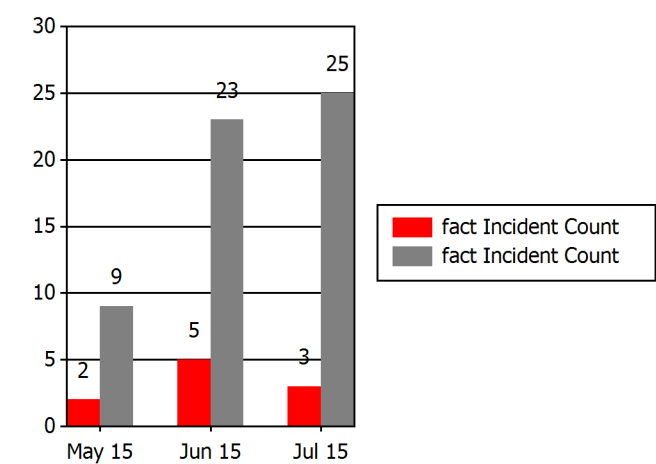
Water Related Incidents

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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
BRISBANE RD, ., LARGS	3
MAIN ST, ., LARGS	2
GOGO ST, ., LARGS	1
KELBURN CRT, ., LARGS	1
NELSON ST, ., LARGS	1
ROUTENBURN RD, ., LARGS	1
SEAMORE ST, ., LARGS	1
Total Incidents in all Ward Streets	10

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

13 August 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **Road Maintenance Programme 2015/16**

Purpose: To advise Local Area Committee of the approved Structural Roads and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2015/16.

Recommendation: That the Area Committee agrees to note (a) the approach taken to determining the asset maintenance programme for roads and street lighting and (b) the maintenance programme for 2015/16, as shown at Appendix 3a and 3b.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 North Ayrshire Council has a statutory obligation under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to manage and maintain its public road network. The adopted road network within North Ayrshire has a total length of 1031km. The core roads assets are currently estimated at a value of approximately £1.7billion.
- 1.2 North Ayrshire council have no responsibility for the maintenance of the Trunk Road Network which is the responsibility of Transport Scotland and their management contractor, Scotland TranServe. The Trunk Road network includes the A78, the A737 from Kilwinning to the East Renfrewshire Boundary and A738 from the Pennyburn Roundabout to the A737 Dalry Road Kilwinning.
- 1.3 North Ayrshire Council's roads are the Council's largest Community Asset and play a vital role in supporting the local and wider economy by facilitating the movement of people, goods and services and connecting people with economic opportunities.
- 1.4 The Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) was submitted to and approved by the former Executive of North Ayrshire Council on 28 February 2012.
- 1.5 The maintenance strategy developed within the RAMP complies with the recommendations contained within the 'Well Maintained Highways' Code of Practice, ensuring that the Councils statutory obligations as delegated Roads Authority are being met.

- 1.6 The Code of Practice states that the establishment of an effective regime of inspection, assessment and recording is the most critical component of road maintenance. The characteristics of the regime including frequency of inspection, items to be recorded and nature of response should be defined following an assessment of the relative risks.
- 1.7 This approach to roads maintenance assists in not only providing a sustainable road network for the future but one that promotes social inclusion and contributes to economic growth within the area. The approach also ensures the Council is providing value for money on any investment attributed to road maintenance.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The structural roads and street lighting maintenance programme for 2015/16 has been produced using the associated Lifecycle Plans, developed in accordance with the strategy contained within the RAMP for managing the core assets. The Lifecycle Plans provide the level of detail required for informed decisions to be made on the location and type of maintenance treatments that will deliver the maximum return on investment.
- 2.2 A key element of the Asset Management process is that condition assessments are carried out on the public road network on an annual basis as part of the inspection regime. All locations are assessed using a risk assessment process.
- 2.3 Condition assessments are carried out simultaneously with the Coarse Visual Inspections (CVI's) in accordance with the pre-determined timescales contained within our Safety Inspection Manual. All faults are logged within our electronic Routine Maintenance System (RMS).
- 2.4 All carriageway and footway locations where the condition assessment score is assessed as being 11 or more require a full priority assessment to be carried out. See attached table at Appendix 1.
- 2.5 The data from the condition assessment is then entered into a Prioritisation Matrix for consideration of inclusion onto the Councils Strategic list of priorities. The assessment matrix is attached in Appendix 2.

- 2.6 The assessment matrices take into account information gathered from a variety of sources. The main factors considered are:-
- Road Condition – based on detailed visual inspection and the Scottish Road Maintenance Conditions Survey (SRMCS). Non-destructive testing of columns.
 - Road Hierarchy – this takes account of the strategic importance of the road and is determined from our Local Transport Plan.
 - Community Concerns – this takes consideration of requests from Members, requests from the community and third party claims.
 - Assistance to Other Council Priorities – this takes account of other priorities such as economic development, access to shops, amenity housing or schools.
- 2.7 Each location that progresses onto the prioritisation process is rated using the additional criteria and is placed on the strategic list of priorities relative to its score. Each location is also reviewed at least once a year depending on its location within the Roads Hierarchy as part of the routine inspection process.
- 2.8 There are various types of surfacing materials and processes available depending on the particular road type, location and level of existing deterioration. Options available for treatment include preventative measures such as surface dressing, micro surfacing or asphalt preservation. Resurfacing options such as screeding, resurfacing (inlay and overlay), retread and overlay and depending on the severity of deterioration full reconstruction may be the most effective option.
- 2.9 The level of investment required to be allocated to the varying treatment types was identified using the Society of Chief Officer of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) cost projection model that was developed as part of the Roads Asset Management Planning project. The model assists with identifying what effect the use of various treatments will have on the on-going condition of the carriageway. This enables officers to determine a more accurate design life for the treatments currently available and to assist in ensuring that the Service is achieving value for money on its use.

Treatment Option	Cost / Sq m	Extension to life
Surface Dressing	£4.81	Up to 10 years
Micro Surfacing	£4.80	7 - 10 years
Asphalt Preservation	£3.00	Up to 5 years
Screeding	£8.22	5 - 10 years
Retread	£11.80	Up to 20 years
Inlay HRA	£26.99	Up to 20 years
Inlay SMA	£20.70	Up to 20 years
Overlay <100mm	£20.19	Up to 20 years
Structural Overlay <100mm	£26.95	Up to 20 years
Reconstruction <200mm	£79.39	Up to 20 years

- 2.10 An option appraisal matrix has also been developed to assist with the identification of the most appropriate treatment to be used at each location.
- 2.11 Street Lighting column replacement is also prioritised as a result of non-destructive strength testing to determine the level of deterioration associated with the columns. Following testing, columns are categorised within the Asset Management database for road lighting.
- 2.12 Testing is carried out in accordance with the Institute of Lighting Engineer's Technical Report No.22 Managing a Vital Asset: Lighting Supports as well as UK Lighting Board Code of Practice: Well-lit Highways.
- 2.13 Once results are input, the database then compares these results against the more general age profile to determine a final list of priority repairs. This produces recommendations in order of priority for both individual units and whole street areas.
- 2.14 Recommendations are generally categorised as Category A to K as follows:
- A: Immediate replacement
 - B: Replace urgently or reinspect within 6 months
 - C1: Column Material failure, replace as soon as possible or re-inspect within 1 year
 - C2: Bracket failure, sleeve where possible or replace unit within 1 year
 - D: Foundation failure, realign, reinstate and re-inspect within 6 months

- E: Materials approaching failure, replace as soon as possible or Re-inspect within 2 years
- F: Material approaching failure, replace as soon as possible or re-inspect within 5 years
- G: Condition reasonable, but age expired and certified insured for 2 year periods until replaced
- H: Condition reasonable, but age expired and certified insured for 5 year periods until replaced
- I: Acceptable condition but age expired and insured for 5 year periods until replaced
- J: Sound condition but age expired & visually poor (evidence of concrete cracking etc.)
- K: Sound condition and not age expired – no current requirement for strength structural inspection, visual only at planned maintenance cycle.

2.15 Where non-urgent replacement recommendations (Category F to J) are on an individual column basis, the data is further analysed to determine a percentage value for recommended replacement numbers against the balance of units in a street. If this figure exceeds 30% then the entire street will be considered for higher prioritisation which will address the design class standard of the street beyond individual replacement for safety reasons only.

2.16 The total level of investment attributed to the maintenance of the roads and street lighting infrastructure in 2015/16 is approximately £2.9m for work on the mainland and £560k for work on Arran. The programme of work associated with this is identified in both Appendix 3a and 3b.

2.17 A medium term investment programme is being developed for Arran. Once completed a wider public consultation event will be undertaken.

3. Proposals

3.1 That the Area Committee notes the approach taken to determining the asset maintenance programme for roads and street lighting.

3.2 That Area Committee notes the maintenance programme for 2015/16, as shown at Appendix 3a and Appendix 3b.

4. Implications

Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Roads Structural Maintenance Programme will be delivered from allocated Capital and Revenue budgets.

Human Resource Implications

- 4.2 There are no human resource implications.

Legal Implications

- 4.3 North Ayrshire Council has a statutory obligation to manage and maintain its public road network under the terms of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

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 Effective management of these assets contributes to a number of key objectives including effective and efficient services, protecting vulnerable people and regeneration our communities and increasing employment.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 The Structural Roads and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2015/16 was presented to and approved at the Cabinet on 26 May 2015.
- 5.2 The process of developing the annual programme of works using the Asset Management approach was previously presented to all the Local Area Committees. This was well received by Members and no adverse comments were raised during this process.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 North Ayrshire Council has a statutory obligation to maintain its public road network. The road maintenance programme has been prepared by adopting an asset management approach with the available budget allocated to the roads and footways in most need of attention throughout the Council area.

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CRAIG HATTON
Executive Director (Place)

Reference : YB/JS/JA

For further information please contact Joe Smith, Senior Manager (Roads & Transportation) on telephone number 01294 324865


Background Papers

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APPENDIX 1

1.4 Survey Outcome

The results of condition & extent will be put together to give the area a score out of a possible 16. Anything with a score of 11 or more will be put forward to have a full Scheme Assessment carried out at the inspectors earliest opportunity.

Condition → Extent ↓	1 – Acceptable	2 – Safe but poor appearance	3 – Minor deterioration	4 – Major Deterioration
1 – Up to 25%		5	9	13
2 – 25% - 50%		6	10	14
3 – 50% - 75%		7	11	15
4 – 75% - 100%	4	8	12	16

North Ayrshire Council - Roads Carriageway Scheme Assessment Form



APPENDIX 2

Town:

Area:

Road Name:

Location:

Comments:

Category: **CONDITION RATING**

Type: **CARRIAGEWAY**

Rated By:

Date Rated:

Criteria	Score (S)	Weighting (W)	Priority Score (S x W)
1. Condition		4	
2. Maintenance Category		2	
3. Public Liability Claims / Fault Reports / Complaints		1	
4. Assistance to Other Priorities		1	
Total Priority Score:			

Treatment Type:					
Length:		Breadth:		Area:	
Patching Required:	Area:			Depth:	
Kerbing Required:	Length:				

Additional Comments

Assessed By:	
Assessment Date:	
Checked By:	

Reassessed By:	
Reassessment Date:	
Checked By:	

North Ayrshire Council - Roads Carriageway Resurfacing Scheme Priority System

General

The weighting system devised enables the programme of carriageway resurfacing schemes to be objective, rated against a number of important criteria.

Scoring System			
Criteria	Maximum Score	Weighting	Score
1. Condition	16	4	64
2. Maintenance Category	10	2	20
3. Public Liability Claims / Fault Reports / Complaints	6	1	6
4. Assistance to Other Priorities	10	1	10
Maximum Total:			100

1. Condition

Taken from initial Condition Assessment Score generated during inspection

Condition → Extent ↓	1 – Acceptable	2 – Safe but poor appearance	3 – Minor deterioration	4 – Major Deterioration
1 – Up to 25%		5	9	13
2 – 25% - 50%		6	10	14
3 – 50% - 75%		7	11	15
4 – 75% - 100%	4	8	12	16

2. Maintenance Category - Local Transport Strategy (LTS)

Maintenance Category	Score
Strategic Routes - (A760 / A736 / A71)	10
Main Distributor Routes	7
Secondary Distributor Routes / Bus Routes	5
Link Roads / All other Routes	2

3. Public Liability Claims / Fault Reports / Complaints

Score according to the type / source of complaint / fault report / request for service received for the location

- 1 - Public Complaint or a Fault Report resulting in a confirmed defect
- 2 - Multiple Requests for service or Fault Reports resulting in confirmed defects
- 4 - Elected Member Complaint or Request for Service
- 6 - Public Liability Claim

4. Assistance to Other Priorities

Use your own knowledge of the surrounding area to rate the location in relation to:

- 1 - Adjacent to Local Shops
- 2 - Adjacent to Amenity Housing, Residential Care Homes and Medical Centres
- 4 - Adjacent to Schools, Leisure Facilities and Tourist Attractions
- 6 - Business Parks and Industrial Estates
- 8 - Access to Train Stations and Park & Ride facilities
- 10 - Town Centre

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APPENDIX 3a

<i>Carriageway Resurfacing (Inlay / Overlay / Retread)</i>				
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>	<i>Assessment Score</i>
Kylesview	Saltcoats	Full Length	£30,000	90
Main Street	Kilwinning	Church Street to Bridgend	£130,000	85
Raise Street	Saltcoats	Full Length	£60,000	84
Bank Street	Irvine	East Road to Thornhouse Avenue	£100,000	80
Station Road	Stevenston	Old Quarry Road to Rail Crossing	£80,000	80
Dalry Road Service Road 32 - 50	Ardrossan	Full Length	£30,000	79
B896	Millport	From Ferry round Island	£100,000	78
A760 Haylie Brae	Largs	Picnic Area to anti-skid	£100,000	76
Jacks Road Saltcoats	Saltcoats	Full Length	£100,000	76
A760 Blair Park	Largs	Blair park to Jocks castle	£60,000	76
A760 Amenity Site	Largs	Green gates passed skip site	£60,000	76
Cochrane Street	Irvine	Victoria Roundabout to Montgomery Street	£45,000	75
B777	Gateside	U10 Hoodsyard to Gateside Nursery	£100,000	75
Bridgend	Dalry	Full Length	£65,000	74
B7080 Long Drive	Irvine	Shewalton Roundabout to River Bridge	£65,000	72
Shewalton Road	Irvine	Full Length	£100,000	70

<i>Screeding</i>				
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>	<i>Assessment Score</i>
U32 Highfield	Dalry		£10,000	72
Alton Street	West Kilbride	South Road to Bellard Walk	£15,000	70
U28 Greenhills	Beith	C67 Junction	£10,000	70
U45 Milton	Kilbirnie	Blackburn Farm to River Bridge	£30,000	69
U20 Windyedge To Brodicklea	Dalry	Various Locations	£20,000	69
C19	Dalry	C19 Little Barkip	£10,000	69
Anthony Road	Largs	Full Length	£20,000	68
U 15 Bannock Cottage	Kilwinning	Full Length	£20,000	68
U62 Windy Edge	Dalry	Various Locations	£20,000	68
U59 Thirdpart	Dalry	Full Length	£25,000	68
U8 Boag	Kilbirnie	Halfway along Boag	£20,000	68
C67 Nethergree	Beith	300m beyond Browns Pressure Wash to Crookhill Farm	£15,000	68

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<i>Micro Surfacing</i>				
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>	<i>Assessment Score</i>
Telford Place	Irvine	Full Length	£20,000	70
Bridgepark	Ardrossan	Full Length	£10,000	67
Leven Place	Irvine	Full Length	£16,500	67
Heatherstane Way	Irvine	Full Length	£20,000	66
Island View	Ardrossan	Full Length	£10,000	62
Sunderland Court	Kilbirnie		£15,000	61
Deerpark Avenue	Stevenston	Cul-De-Sac	£5,000	61
Fudstone Drive	Kilbirnie	No 41 – 47 Spur	£3,500	60

<i>Surface Dressing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
B769	Irvine	Between Chapelton and the EAC boundary.	£32,000
B778	Kilwinning	Between Lylestone and Auchentiber	£100,000
U31	Beith	Hessilhead Loop Road	£2,000
U28	Beith	South of the C67	£4,000
U28	Beith	From Tandleview to the C80	£4,000
B780	Dalry	North of the A78	£32,000
B780	Dalry	West of Dalry	£52,000

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<i>Footway Resurfacing</i> <i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate</i> <i>Cost</i>	<i>Assessment</i> <i>Score</i>
Vernon Street	Saltcoats	Number 31 to 49	£10,000	95
Station Road	Stevenston	Various Sections	£50,000	86
Chapelhill Mount	Ardrossan	Number 65 to 94 Number 96 to 102	£40,000	86
Kilwinning Road	Irvine	Flemming Terrace to BP Station	£10,000	84
Glebe Street	Stevenston	Full Length	£12,000	83
Findlays Brae	Saltcoats	Full Length	£5,000	82
Barnett Crescent	Saltcoats	Full Length	£10,000	81
Castlepark Circle	Irvine	Morar Place To Lomond Place	£40,000	80
St Margarets Road	Ardrossan	St Andrews Road to Lawson Drive	£30,000	79
Raise Street	Saltcoats	Odd Number Side	£25,000	78
Townhead Street	Stevenston	Full Length	£30,000	78
Fullerton Place	Stevenston	Number 2 to Number 14	£5,000	78
Quay Street	Saltcoats	Braes Road to Bradshaw Street	£15,000	78
Dalry Road	Saltcoats	Number 1 to Gilfillan	£25,000	77
Portencross Road	West Kilbride	Footway on one side up hill	£10,000	77
West Bay Road	Millport	Between Column R1 and R4	£20,000	74
Church Street	Largs	Full Length	£10,000	72

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<i>Lighting Deteriorated Column Replacements</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Auchenharvie Road Craigs Place Mayfield Road Mayfield Place	Saltcoats		£59,800
Arran Crescent Larch Terrace Mid Road Blackthorn Avenue Elms Place	Beith		£65,200
Douglas Place Douglas Street Brisbane Glen Road Brisbane Street	Largs		£130,000
Castlepark Villas Glen Road Montgomerie Avenue School Brae Montgomerie Drive Castlepark Drive Castlepark Gardens	Fairlie		£101,200
Annick Road Bourtreehill Community Route Broomlands Busway Bank Street East Road	Irvine	Irvine Bus Routes	£355,800
Station Brae	Dreghorn		£29,200
Abbots Place Lauchlan Way Dovecot Lane Bankhead Church Street Bridgend	Kilwinning		£90,400

Arran Roads Programme 2015/16

APPENDIX 3b

<i>Carriageway Resurfacing (Inlay / Overlay / Retread)</i>				
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>	<i>Assessment Score</i>
B880 Main Street	Shiskine	Balgowan To High Feroline	£150,000	79
Kildonan Road	Kildonan	200m prior to Kildonan Hotel for 100m	£30,000	79
B880 Main Street	Shiskine	Shikine Cemetery To Balmichael	£110,000	75

<i>Carriageway Screeding</i>				
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>	<i>Assessment Score</i>
Castle Road	Lochranza	Full Length	£15,000	74
Manse Road	Lochranza	A841 to B&B	£10,000	73
U84 Glenrosa Road	Brodick	From Campsite Gate to Track	£10,000	70
U81 Auchencar	Machrie	C147 to 75m past house	£30,000	65
Bellfield Road	Whiting Bay	From cross roads to end	£30,000	65

<i>Surface Dressing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
C147	Blackwaterfoot	Kilpatrick	£55,000
C147	Kildonan	Between Kildonan and Kilmory (2 locations)	£70,000

<i>Footway Resurfacing</i>				
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>	<i>Assessment Score</i>
Main Street	Brodick	Market Road To Douglas Hotel	£10,000	83
Main Street	Lochranza	Ferry Slipway to Pontoon	£10,000	75
Main Street	Whiting Bay	Just after school to bus stop opposite playing fields	£25,000	75
Main Street	Lagg	Across bridge towards shop	£2,000	71

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 5.2

13 August 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **Largs Sea Front Car Park: Update on Projects and Car Park Usage**

Purpose: The purpose of the report is to (a) provide the Area Committee with an update on the implementation of agreed projects; and (b) provide the Committee with information on the usage of the Largs Sea Front Car Park between April and June 2015.

Recommendation: That the Committee agrees to note (i) the progress on expenditure and the agreed projects to date; (ii) the balance of £310,728 available in 2015/16 to fund the Viking Festival and any new projects; and (iii) the usage of the Largs Sea Front Car Park between April and June 2015.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting on 26 June 2014 the Committee received an update on the usage of the Largs seafront car park during 2014/15. The report highlighted that 80% of those using the car park leave within three hours, which indicates that visitors to the town only stay for a short period. The Committee requested that quarterly reports on the car park's occupancy rates be presented to future meetings to inform discussions on how to retain visitors for longer periods and thus increase spend within the town.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 5 March 2015 the Committee received an update on i) usage of the car park between May and December 2014; and ii) the various projects and events being funded from the Largs Car Park Fund.

2. Current Position

2.1 Progress with agreed events and projects is as follows:

2.1.1 Town centre walk around

- Improvements to paving, including utilisation of coloured surface - options for addressing the paving issues will be considered as part of the Largs master plan work which is currently underway.
- Provision of replacement lighting columns - Transport Scotland have installed new lighting columns fitted with brackets to enable the display of banners.

2.1.2 Comprehensive review of Largs Promenade

- The Council's regeneration team has undertaken a master planning exercise in Largs which includes the railway station, Main Street, Vikingar, Aubrey Park and Charles Street. TGP Architects have produced outline proposals for consideration; these were viewed at a public consultation event held on 20 and 21 January 2015.

2.1.3 Potential repair or replacement of the gargoyles on the Pencil Monument

- Works to remove two decorative stones and replace them with similarly carved stones has been completed.

2.1.4 Improvements to the Haylie Brae Picnic Area.

- All works have now been completed with the exception of the large 'Augmented Reality' information sign which will be installed later this summer.

2.1.5 Progress and estimated cost of 'quick win' improvements

Of the quick wins identified to the Area Committee at its meeting on 6 March, 2014, the following progress has been made since the last update to the Committee on 20 November 2014:

- Hanging baskets have been planted and sited by the Council's third sector partner, Hazeldene.

2.2 Sea Front Car Park Usage

Car park usage data for 2014/15 showed that 77% of car park users stayed for up to three hours. The data for the first quarter of 2015/16 (April - June) further demonstrates that the majority of users, 80%, stayed for up to three hours. Visitor numbers to the car park are lower in the first quarter of 2015/16 compared to the same period in 2014/15 (See Appendix A).

2.3 Largs Car Park Fund current budget position

Funding of £368,976 - comprising £178,976 brought forward from 2014/15 and £190,000 estimated income in 2015/16 - is available to be spent during the year on new and existing projects. After recognising committed expenditure of £58,248, there is a remaining balance of £310,728 available to fund new projects, as summarised in the table below. Approval of the funding for the Viking Festival will further reduce the funds available.

Committed Projects	Agreed Expenditure 2014/15 £	Actual Expenditure 2014/15 £	Agreed Expenditure 2015/16 (incl. c/fwd from 2014/15) £	Actual Expenditure to 30/6/15 £	Comments
Income:					
Balance from previous year	104,690	104,690	178,976	178,976	
Car park income	190,000	192,784	190,000	49,786	Car park income for 2014/15 was slightly higher than originally forecast
	294,690	297,474	368,976	228,762	
Expenditure:					
Replacement of festoon lights 2013/14	11,000	11,000	0	0	Lights were purchased in 13/14 at a cost of £9,481. The £11,000 paid in 14/15 relates to installation works undertaken by Building Services.
Improvement works to Haylie Brae	15,088	6,840	8,248	0	Unspent balance from 2014/15 is required to complete works in 2015/16.
Promotion of Largs events - STV campaign	5,860	5,860	0	0	

Additional costs of Streetscene team	10,000	10,000	10,000	2,500	
Car park running costs	51,000	55,782	0	3,381	
Consultancy study - Largs Promenade, Main Street and Open Space improvements	40,000	0	40,000	0	Expenditure was approved in 2104/15 but costs will be payable in 2015/16.
Repair/Replacement of Gargoyles on the Pencil Monument	193	193	0	0	
Viking Festival	28,823	28,823	tbc	tbc	
Total Expenditure	161,964	118,498	58,248	5,881	
Potential funding available for further projects in 2014/15	132,726	178,976	310,728	222,881	

3. Proposals

- 3.1 That the Committee notes (i) the progress on expenditure and the agreed projects to date; (ii) the balance of £310,728 available in 2015/16 to fund the Viking Festival and any new projects; and (iii) the usage of the Largs Sea Front Car Park between April and June 2015.

4. Implications

Financial Implications

- 4.1 Funding of £368,976 is available to be spent during the year on new and existing projects. After recognising committed expenditure of £58,248, there is a remaining balance of £310,728 available to fund the Viking Festival and any new projects.

Human Resource Implications

- 4.2 There are no Human Resource Implications.

Legal Implications

- 4.3 There are no Legal Implications.

Equality Implications

- 4.4 There are no equality implications.

Environmental and Sustainability Implications

- 4.5 Several of the agreed projects outlined above will provide environmental enhancements to the Largs area.

Implications for Key Priorities

- 4.6 The improvements identified will contribute towards the delivery of some of the Council's priorities, including regeneration.

Community Benefit Implications

- 4.7 Data supplied will be used to inform and decide the best way the car park can be used to benefit the community.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 No public consultation has taken place in the preparation of this report.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The projects agreed by the Committee continue to be developed and implemented within the budgets allocated. The car park continues to be well used, generating significant funds for re-investment in Largs.

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CRAIG HATTON
Executive Director (Place)

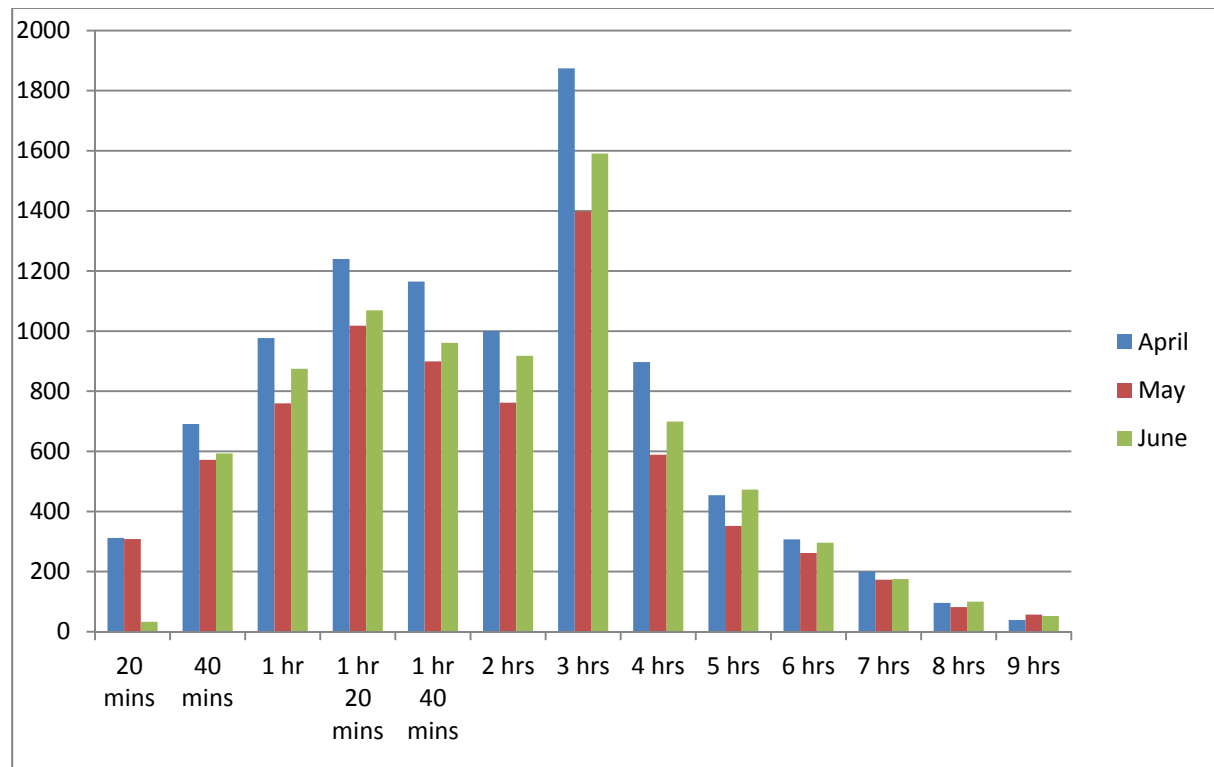
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For further information please contact Helen Miller, Streetscene Officer on telephone number 01294 324859

Background Papers

none

PARKING DURATION LARGS CAR PARK - April to June 2015



NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 5.3

13 August 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **Targeted Assessment of Property Condition in Largs**

Purpose: To provide the Committee with an update in relation to a pilot 'targeted assessment' of private sector housing stock undertaken in Largs.

Recommendation: That the Committee notes the contents of this report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The North Ayrshire Local Housing Strategy sets out the Council's commitment to improving the quality of our housing. As part of this process, property condition surveys are carried out in the private housing sector.
- 1.2 On 20 November 2014, the North Coast Area Committee requested that Housing Services undertake a pilot 'targeted assessment' exercise to assess the standard of private housing in the Largs area.
- 1.3 The Council's Private Sector Advice Service, who provide information and advice to property owners to ensure that housing stock is maintained and meets minimum standards, carried out the assessments. The pilot was undertaken in accordance with the North Ayrshire Scheme of Assistance.
- 1.4 The Scheme of Assistance sets out how the Council will provide information and advice to home owners, landlords and tenants within the private housing sector to assist them to repair, maintain and improve their homes. The Council is required to prepare a Scheme of Assistance by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.
- 1.5 The assessment was undertaken within existing staffing and budget resources.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The area identified for targeted inspection comprises 41 properties, dispersed between 7 blocks, at 97 - 109 Nelson Street (inclusive).

- 2.2 This area was selected for the following reasons:
- the number of properties was appropriate for a pilot exercise;
 - all homes in the area are privately owned;
 - the area represents a range of private sector housing issues relating to owner occupation, private rent, empty homes and common closes;
 - the area is generally subject to low average sale values (over the last 11 years the average sale price is £23,500) - low cost properties can tend to be more susceptible to disrepair.
- 2.3 On 13 March 2015, letters were issued to occupiers of each property in the pilot area. Officers advised they would visit occupiers at home on 19 - 20 March 2015 to discuss their property condition. If occupiers were not at home at this time, a calling card would be left to allow a mutually convenient appointment to be made.
- 2.4 On 1 April 2015, staff returned to the area and again attempted to gain access to un-inspected properties. Where access was not possible, letters were hand-delivered asking the property occupier to contact the team.
- 2.5 During the visits to the area, staff also undertook property condition assessments of all of the common areas within the 7 blocks.
- 2.6 Due to the low response rate from the property occupiers, the focus of the exercise shifted to individual property owners (consisting of landlords, owner occupiers, second / holiday / empty home owners).
- 2.7 On 13 April 2015, in a further attempt to secure entry to the remaining properties, a letter was sent to all property owners asking them to contact Housing Services. The letter offered advice and assistance on issues such as maintenance plans, common repairs and empty homes (where applicable).
- 2.8 On 13 April 2015, staff also issued a letter to the owners of visited properties. This correspondence sought to promote the Council's Scheme of Assistance and assess interest from owners in relation to setting up a voluntary maintenance plan (i.e. a plan which all owners in a block agree to, and pay a regular financial sum in order that ongoing maintenance can be carried out).
- 2.9 Again, due to a low response rate from property owners, on 4 June 2015, staff carried out a final assessment of the common closes and used this review to update photographs of evident disrepair. This information was collated and fed into formal reports.

- 2.10 On 19 June 2015, formal reports with photographs were issued to the owners of all properties in the pilot area. These reports detailed the disrepair noted and included leaflets and information on common repairs, an invitation to participate in a voluntary maintenance plan (for common repairs), and information on special uplifts.

Property Condition

- 2.11 In total, 9 of the 16 occupied properties in the pilot area were accessed and inspected. One home was found to be Below the Tolerable Standard (BTS) - the minimum standard a house must achieve to be used as living accommodation.
- 2.12 The owner of this home was offered advice and assistance to allow the property to be brought up to the Tolerable Standard. Furthermore, the tenant of the property has had their housing application updated to reflect the fact that their current accommodation is BTS. It is worth noting that the landlord is carrying out internal repairs, and is also attempting to engage with other owners to address a roofing repair. However, the roof repair is a communal repair and to date a majority of owners within the block have been unwilling to engage with the landlord concerned regarding this matter. This is most likely to be because the landlord's property is the only one currently affected by the roof disrepair.
- 2.13 The inspections of external and common areas identified that all seven blocks would benefit from maintenance and improvement works - three blocks were subject to water ingress. Other common repairs which were identified across all blocks included vegetation within the rain water goods, exposed electrical wiring within the common closes and discarded items within the rear gardens and shared spaces. As with the BTS case, before common repairs such as these can progress, property owners are required to obtain the consent of the majority of the owners within the block.
- 2.14 The outcome of the pilot exercise is as follows:
- within the pilot area there are 7 blocks containing 16 occupied properties and 25 empty homes (21 of which are in receipt of a 'long-term' empty homes Council Tax discount);
 - inspections were undertaken in all 7 common closes;
 - inspections were undertaken in 9 of the 16 occupied properties;
 - of the 16 currently occupied properties, 4 are owner-occupied and 12 are occupied by tenants;
 - 1 property is below the tolerable standard;
 - the number of empty homes in each block ranges from 2-4;
 - 3 empty home owners are interested in bringing their property back into use.

- 2.15 Council officers have provided information on individual property repairs to owners, as well as advice on arranging common repairs and agreeing maintenance plans. The team have also offered to convene meetings for all owners in blocks to facilitate such plans.
- 2.16 Officers have sought to engage with empty home owners to attempt to bring these properties back into use, and again have provided information relating to repair and maintenance. Empty home owners have also been provided with information on the Council's Empty Homes Loan Fund.
- 2.17 It should be noted that the responsibility to repair privately owned homes lies with the owner of the property. Whilst the Council can offer advice and support, there is no mechanism or resource with would allow us to intervene and undertake improvement works directly.

Progress

- 2.18 The Private Sector Advice Team have recently carried out a 'match-making' exercise. This is where owners of empty homes who wish to sell their home agree for their contact details to be passed to other property owners in the area. In one case, an adjoining owner has purchased one of the empty properties in the pilot area. Not only does this improve the prospects for that individual unit, it also contributes to making a maintenance plan more viable.
- 2.19 The team have also been successful in securing agreement from the majority of owners in two of the three blocks which are experiencing water ingress (including the property assessed as BTS). The owners have agreed to attend maintenance plan meetings convened by the Council, which have been scheduled for August. Council officers will seek to support the owners to agree a plan for addressing existing disrepair and assist them in planning for future programmed maintenance work to be undertaken.

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 contents of this report.

Human Resource Implications

- 4.2 There are no Human Resource implications arising from the contents of this report.

Legal Implications

- 4.3 The Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, as amended by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, outlines the Council's duty to ensure properties in the local area meet the tolerable standard.
- 4.4 The interventions outlined in this report are in accordance with the Council's agreed approach to meeting this duty, as outlined in the North Ayrshire Scheme of Assistance. The Scheme notes that the Council will provide information and advice to home owners, landlords and tenants within the private housing sector to assist them to repair, maintain and improve their homes.

Equality Implications

- 4.5 Young people, those at risk of homelessness and poorer households may find it difficult to access decent affordable housing. Working to improve the quality of the private rented sector may have a positive implication for these groups.

Environmental and Sustainability Implications

- 4.6 By supporting owners to repair and maintain their properties, this will in turn extend the lifespan of the building. This is a more sustainable solution than demolition and rebuild as it requires less investment, use of new materials, landfill etc.

Implications for Key Priorities

- 4.7 The interventions discussed in this report support the Single Outcome Agreement between North Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Government, specifically National Outcome 10 - "We live in in well-defined, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need".

5. Consultations

- 5.1 Engagement has taken place with residents, home owners, private landlords, Council Tax and Building Standards in order to prepare the property condition reports.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 This reports details the work undertaken as part of a pilot 'targeted assessment' exercise carried out on private sector housing property in Largs.



CRAIG HATTON
Executive Director (Place)

Reference : CH/YB/TF/LB

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Background Papers

None

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 5.4

13 August 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **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, as well as any other relevant activity undertaken by the Directorate.

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

1. Introduction

- 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.

2. Current Position

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

Largs Forestry Proposals

- 2.2 A significant area of new woodland is proposed on land extending to c.1400 ha to the east of Largs at Halkhill and Blairpark. It is also intended to develop a hydro-electric project on the Gogo and Greeto Waters.
- 2.3 A planning application (ref: 15/00167/PP) for the hydro scheme on the Greeto Water has been lodged and is currently being considered.
- 2.4 In terms of the forestry proposal, this is still with the Forestry Commission for consideration and the Council has not been consulted as yet. The consultation is anticipated imminently. There are no further updates since the last North Coast Area Committee meeting.

Largs Viking Festival

- 2.5 In preparation for the changes to funding for the Viking Festival, Connected Communities staff have engaged with the organising committee for the Festival to assist in the transition phase that will see the delivery of Party at the Pencil transfer to the committee. Economy and Communities staff are working with them regarding potential funding opportunities and also to investigate new, potential events and activities that could be introduced as the festival evolves. Assistance from Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Team has been requested to facilitate committee members attending other festivals in Scotland which may be a source of inspiration.

Events

- 2.6 St Mary's PS is working with Ayrshire Opera Experience to develop the first children's opera in Scots (based on the Oor Wullie at the Viking Festival picture) which will be premiered during the Viking Festival.
- 2.7 Archaeology Scotland are carrying out some work at the Haylie Chambered Cairn in Largs on the 4 and 5 July 2015. With the help of local volunteers and the Adopt A Monument initiative, they will be clearing vegetation and some bracken and brambles from within the tomb. They will also be doing a survey and some photography and photogrammetry which produces a 3D image and, hopefully as a result, popularising the area's archaeology more widely .
- 2.8 Officers have worked with them on the necessary permissions and to link them in to some local groups who may be interested in assisting.
- 2.9 Largs Fun Weekend will be taking place at Broomfields on the same weekend. The group are keen to also tie in with the event and raise awareness of the heritage in the area. They hope to site an interpretation board at the Cairn at a later date. Officers will again assist where possible.

Business Support and Development and Employability

- 2.10 To align with North Ayrshire Council's neighbourhood planning strategy, the Business Support and Development and Employability Teams have recently adopted a geographical approach in order to align activity with the six key areas of Arran, Irvine, the Three Towns, Kilwinning, the Garnock Valley and North Coast and Cumbraes.

- 2.11 As a result, the below teams and staff are the dedicated contacts for the North Coast and Cumbraes towns. They will be working hard in the coming year to develop a deeper understanding of the economic challenges specific to the North Coast and Cumbraes, expand their private sector network in order to better support our local SMEs, and communicate more regularly and effectively with Elected Members in the area:
- 2.12 Business Growth Team (Stuart Munro) - Stuart manages a portfolio of high growth companies based in the North Coast & Cumbraes. He will be working with them pro-actively to develop growth action plans and to provide quality support to help them expand and increase employment. He will utilise the stakeholder network that has recently been enhanced by the Team North Ayrshire initiative, bringing together key partners to support these companies. Stuart has engaged with the Largs Business Improvement District and other support organisations in the North Coast Area. At present Stuart's portfolio contains the following companies: Seamill Hydro, Cumbrae Oysters Ltd, Opus Couture, Fairlie Furniture Works, Coastworks Operations Ltd, Maritime Craft Services, Largs Matters, Nardini's of Largs Ltd, Largs Printing Company, Largs Yacht Haven Ltd, John Pearson Motors Ltd, Nicolson Maps, Get To Grips With Grants and Flamingo Yacht Charters.
- 2.13 Business Team (Steven Rieley) - Steven is developing a portfolio of early stage growth companies and entrepreneurs within the North Coast & Cumbraes area. He will be working with colleagues in the Business Gateway service to identify clients with early stage growth potential, and support them to develop growth action plans which will allow them to move up the value chain and into the Business Growth Team (mentioned above). This is a new service which is in the early stages of development, however Steven's portfolio currently consists of: Essential Home Improvements Ltd, Haylie Hotel, Stewart Associates, Robert F Duff and Co, Cloud-Nueve UK Ltd, SC Waste Management Ltd, Hutton Park, DDZ Marine Ltd and Total Turfing Ltd.
- 2.14 Employability and Skills Team (Robert Martin) - Robert is responsible for delivering the Modern Apprenticeship programme in the North Coast Area, as well as being the key contact for employability and skills in that area. Stuart and Steven drive the activity to Robert as they engage with the North Coast business base and collectively they will work in the coming year on supporting North Coast residents into sustained employment and to up-skill. A suite of employability and skills projects are currently being finalised, which will also be promoted in the area, such as youth wage subsidy employment grants for local companies who recruit an unemployment North Ayrshire resident.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to note the update provided within this report.

4. Implications

Financial Implications

- 4.1 None.

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 None.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 None.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 This report is the second regular update on a list of current projects and priorities within the North Coast area. Members are asked to note the update within the report.



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Reference : DH

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Background Papers

None.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 6.1

13 August 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **Economy and Communities Update - Fairlie**

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. Introduction

- 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.

2. Current Position

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

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- 2.2 The changes to the signals have now been in place for several months. The traffic signals are activated by vehicles exceeding 30mph through the village and turn to red when speeding vehicles approach. Additional speed warning signs are also in place on both approaches which are there to warn drivers and encourage speed reduction. Transport Scotland are currently monitoring the vehicle speed data they are collecting on an on-going basis. They are also attending the Fairlie Safer Roads Group meeting to report on this.
- 2.3 One of the previous complaints was the noise generated from the empty lorries travelling through the village in the early hours. This was mainly due to vehicles driving over the potholes etc. as the road condition was poor. Transport Scotland have recently resurfaced the road and laid high friction surfacing on the approaches to the signals to minimise vehicle noise.
- 2.4 Officers from Economy and Communities are attending the meetings of the Fairlie Safer Roads Group and another meeting is to be scheduled shortly. This will follow a meeting that Kenneth Gibson MSP is to have with Fergusson Coal.

Hunterston

- 2.5 Discussions between the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) and Clydeport are ongoing and a meeting is planned to discuss matters further.

Radioactive Waste

- 2.6 As Members are aware, a live application for a variation to EDF's authorisation license at Hunterston B was lodged with SEPA (Scottish Environmental Protection Agency) last year. The latest update from SEPA is that the application is still under consideration. Initial indications are that the variation will be determined before the end of 2015.

Shore Path

- 2.7 In terms of the Fairlie Shore Path, the following updates for the two phases of the project are as follows:

Phase 1 - Coastal Path Bay Street to South Car Park

- 2.8 The funding package for the project was considered and approved by Cabinet on 26 May 2015. This is comprised £225,000 from Sustrans' Community Links Fund and £180,000 from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Capital Programme.
- 2.9 A meeting was organised with Elected Members on 16 June 2015 to discuss the design options for the path. The feedback obtained through this process has been incorporated into the design options. Meetings were also held with Roads to ensure that the design options were acceptable in terms of adoption, maintenance and coastal protection. Consultation with landowners, neighbouring residents and other stakeholders is on-going to further inform the design options for the path, and additional consultation is planned. It is proposed that this will be undertaken in August and September 2015 to avoid the main holiday periods. The consultants, AECOM, will prepare the consultation information advance of the consultation. The consultation process will include:
- A public exhibition in Fairlie;
 - Consultation information being available electronically on the Council's website;
 - Consultation information being available in hard copy at a number of locations in and around Fairlie;
 - Meetings with stakeholders and groups; and
 - On-line and hard copy feedback forms.

- 2.10 Any works proposed between the Hunterston Roundabout and the South Car Park will be consulted on alongside Phase One as detailed above. The details for the consultation process will be promoted widely and locally around Fairlie in the near future. This will include: posters; flyers; and letters being issued to respondents to the previous consultation and other interested parties.

Phase 2 - South Car Park to Hunterston Roundabout

- 2.11 The works on this section of path are now complete with the exception of areas of grass seeding a few snagging issues. These are currently being resolved by the contractor. The third stages of the Cycle and Road Safety Audits are currently being undertaken by the consultants, Grontmij. This assesses the path as constructed to identify any potential hazards and recommend measures to remove or mitigate against any such hazards.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The Committee are asked to note the update provided within this report.

4. Implications

Financial Implications

- 4.1 None.

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 None.

5. Consultations

5.1 None.

6. Conclusion

6.1 This report is the second regular update on a list of current projects and priorities within the North Coast area. Members are asked to note the update within the report.



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Background Papers

None.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 7.1

13 August 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: **Economy & Communities Update - Skelmorlie**

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. Introduction

- 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. A

2. Current Position

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

Skelmorlie Cross

- 2.2 The options to alleviate the traffic concerns at Skelmorlie Cross are as follows:
1. Remove both bus stops, markings, and shelter permanently. Advise operators not to stop there.
 2. Remove (burn off) the bus stop marking from the Spar side, retaining the stop.
 3. Remove the bus stop and marking permanently from the Spar side, advise operators to only use the stop on the Eglinton Arms side.
 4. Request a review delivery times for the Spar and Eglinton Arms so that deliveries do not all happen at the same time.
 5. Request a reconsideration of the size of delivery vehicles to a size that better suits the character of Skelmorlie.
 6. Relocation of the school pick-up point.
 7. A combination of some of the above.

- 2.3 At the last Area Committee meeting, Officers were instructed to engage with Skelmorlie Community Council on the potential options. A letter was sent out to the Community Council on 18 June 2015, and a response has been received.
- 2.4 The Community Council expressed a preference for Options 2 and 6, with relocation point for Option 6 being Skelmorlie Community Centre Car Park. Officers intend to implement Option 2 within the next four weeks. In terms of Option 6, this will require further consultation with colleagues in the Education and Youth Unemployment Directorate.

Skelmorlie Community Sports Club

- 2.5 Following a delay in securing funding from the Leader Programme, the Committee are continuing to work on securing the final funding elements for the proposed project. Officers will provide a further update at the next meeting.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The Committee are asked to note the update provided within this report.

4. Implications

Financial Implications

- 4.1 None.

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 None.

5. Consultations

5.1 None.

6. Conclusion

6.1 This report is the second regular update on a list of current projects and priorities within the North Coast area. Members are asked to note the update within the report.



KAREN YEOMANS
Executive Director (Economy and Communities)

Reference : DH

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Background Papers

None.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 8.1

13 August 2015

North Coast Area Committee

Subject: Economy and Communities Update - Cumbrae

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. Introduction

- 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.

2. Current Position

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

Conservation

- 2.2 Officers submitted bids to the Heritage Lottery Fund (£1.2m) and Historic Scotland (£800k) for investment in the Millport Conservation Area in August 2014. Confirmation was received on 30 March that our bid for funding of £750,000 for a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) from Historic Scotland has been successful. This will enable the implementation of a Millport CARS to be launched early in 2016, and it will operate for a five year period thereafter. The profile of expenditure on physical works which has been discussed recently with Historic Scotland is as follows:

- Town Hall: £610,000
- Grants Scheme: £500,000
- Shopfronts: £150,000

- 2.3 The CARS will also see the provision of business/marketing support for local businesses.

- 2.4 A specific officer will be appointed to take forward the CARS project.

Garrison Stables

- 2.5 A Compulsory Purchase Order of the Garrison Stables building has previously been suggested by Members.
- 2.6 Officers wrote to the owner of the property on 26 May 2015 to seek a meeting to determine their future plans for the building, to refer to the recent award of funding support from Historic Scotland, and to the need to promote a positive use for the building. At the time of writing, no response had been received.
- 2.7 The Committee has previously been advised that, subject to correspondence with the owner not delivering sufficient progress, a specific proposal demonstrating a positive use for the building would be required to be in place to provide sufficient justification for the use of compulsory purchase processes.
- 2.8 CCDC have also written to parties who have previously expressed interest in the use of the building. Officers will continue to work with any interested parties to assist in the development of proposals for the property. Should these prove viable and the owner continue to fail to respond to correspondence, then CPO may be considered.
- 2.9 The case for any CPO would require to be approved by the Council, and ultimately be determined by the Scottish Government. In deciding whether to confirm a CPO Scottish Ministers would weigh up the public benefit in the proposals against the interests of the people affected.

Museum of the Cumbraes

- 2.10 Connected Communities staff are engaging with CCDC regarding the development of the space in Garrison House in particular in relation to the museum. All parties who deliver events and activities in the space would benefit from increased flexibility that is not possible at the moment due to the large, fixed museum display cases. While the delivery of the Council's museum and heritage services are evolving to include the Town House in Irvine, we plan to realign the digital based museum offer in the Garrison in line with the developments elsewhere. At the same time we hope to take the opportunity to move the current cases and in turn assist with the day to day flow and operation of the Garrison. We will also refresh the content of the displays in partnership with the local community. The physical changes are all dependent on external funding which will be requested as part of the overall package of grants being sought as part of the developments.

Cumbræ Economic Development

2.11 A public consultation event was held on 30 March with a view to the production of a Cumbræ Economic Regeneration Plan. This event involved the local community and community groups, businesses, and partner agencies such as the Field Studies Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. The event took the form of a workshop where the background was set out (policy context challenges, demographic and employment statistics, public sector investment, and community projects) before a discussion on how the economy of the island may be developed. This was based upon a proposal for an action plan considering the four themes of:

- Economic infrastructure,
- The visitor economy;
- The Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme; and,
- Community activity.

2.12 The intention is not to produce another version of the Cumbræ Community Development Plan, but a more focused action plan based upon key priorities along with a mechanism for its implementation. While playing a role where possible and in bringing together activity, the Council is likely to focus on projects such as the CARS, the redevelopment of the Pier/George Hotel, Garrison grounds masterplan, how to respond to the introduction of Road Equivalent Tarrif, and a review of planning policies for the Island. It will also seek to determine responsibilities for other groups in implementing the plan.

2.13 Considering the discussion at the event, a draft action plan is currently being developed with a view to a further workshop/presentation on 31 August.

3. Proposals

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

4. Implications

Financial Implications

4.1 None.

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 None.

5. Consultations

5.1 None, other than those referred to at Section 2 above.

6. Conclusion

6.1 This report is the second regular update on a list of current projects and priorities within the North Coast area. Members are asked to note the update within the report.



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Executive Director (Economy and Communities)

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Background Papers

None.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 9

13 August 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 applications received in respect of the Community Development Grant Scheme Award and the Local Youth Action Fund.

Recommendation: That the Committee considers and determines the applications 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 £4,181.07 from the 50% split available for disbursement. A further £5,820 will be released in September 2015.
- 1.2 The Local Youth Action Fund has a balance of £1,350 available for disbursement.

2. Current Position

- 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 the attached Appendix 2.

3. Proposals

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

4. Implications

Financial Implications

- 4.1 Awards will be met from the available balances.

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:

Job density increases:

- Support is given to the creation of distinctive and vibrant town centres and mechanisms to encourage spend in North Ayrshire are established.

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

- Children and young people are nurtured and parents are supported.
- 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.
- 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 bodies and appropriate officers of the Council as highlighted in the officer's assessments in Appendix 3 to this report.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Awards from the Community Development Grant Scheme Award 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
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Background Papers

Application forms and paperwork

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

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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

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Community Development Grants Scheme 2015/16				
Applications from Organisations seeking Financial Assistance - North Coast & Cumbrae Area Committee Meeting - 13 August 2015				
Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>Largs & District Horticultural Society</p> <p>Meeting place: TOC H Rooms, Largs</p> <p>Established: 1841</p> <p>Numbers attending: 15</p> <p>Balance in bank: £5,052 (general running costs; costs towards the flower show).</p> <p>Past awards: CDGS 2013/14 awarded £645 towards marketing costs. 2014/15 awarded £350 towards flower show costs.</p>	<p>Costs towards the annual flower show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry forms - £132 • Membership cards - £126 • Show schedules - £310 • Engraving - £180 <p>Total cost of project: £1,600 (not all items listed on application).</p>	£748	£0	<p>The group has sufficient funds to support the flower show costings and the application does not demonstrate sufficient development or progression as detailed within the Community Development Grants guidance.</p> <p>Nil Award</p>
<p>Largs Viking Festival</p> <p>Meeting place: St Columba's Episcopal Church Hall, Largs</p> <p>Established: 1980</p> <p>Numbers attending: 9 in Committee</p> <p>Balance in bank: £16,518.67 (marketing and publicity costs, insurance and general running costs towards the Festival).</p> <p>Past awards: CDGS 2009/10 awarded £2,500 towards stage hire. 2010/11 awarded £2,000 towards festival costs. 2011/12 awarded £1,000 towards equipment. 2013/14 awarded £1,600 towards stage and sound hire. 2014/15 awarded £1,600 towards stage and sound hire.</p>	<p>Costs towards the Largs Viking Festival 29 August - 6 September 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire of staging and sound equipment - £1,600 • Purchase of 8 gopak tables - £600 • Purchase of 50 ikea folding chairs - £250 <p>Total cost of project - £2,450</p>	£2,450	£1,850	<p>The Largs Viking Festival has developed into a nationally recognised festival, attracting visitors from not just the local area, but from throughout Britain and Europe.</p> <p>The recommended amount will go towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire of staging and sound equipment - £1,600 • Folding chairs - £250 <p>Condition of award that the Committee allow other local community groups to access use of the chairs.</p>

Community Development Grants Scheme 2015/16				
Applications from Organisations seeking Financial Assistance - North Coast & Cumbrae Area Committee Meeting - 13 August 2015				
Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>Millport Festival Group Association</p> <p>Meeting place: Newton Bar, Glasgow Street, Millport</p> <p>Established: 1995</p> <p>Numbers attending: 6 in Association</p> <p>Balance in bank: £1,944.82 (towards the overall festival costs)</p> <p>Past awards: CDGS 2010/11 awarded £1,500 towards festival costs. 2011/12 awarded £1,500 towards festival costs. 2013/14 awarded £1,350 towards festival costs. 2014/15 awarded £1,250 towards festival costs.</p>	<p>Costs towards the Millport Country and Western Festival on 4 September to 6 September 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security - £1,600 • Hall hire and tables - £800 • Insurance - £350 • Hire of portaloos - £840 • Marquee hire - £500 • Bands, DJs, Dance Schools - £4,700 • Accommodation - £600 • Adverts, flyers & programmes - £500 • Street Theatre - Kids, Mischief Labas, Clown, DJ for Children's workshop, face painting and crafts - £900 <p>Total cost of project - £11,000 (not all items listed within application)</p>	£1,500	£1,500	<p>Millport Country and Western weekend is a popular festival which promotes tourism, not just in Millport, but for North Ayrshire as a whole. This is an important fixture in the Western Calendar.</p> <p>The recommended amount will go towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall and table hire - £800 • £700 towards children's entertainment

APPENDIX 3 - Officer's Assessments



Community Development Grants Scheme Assessment Form

1. Reporting Officer: Amanda Downie & Helen Miller
2. Department: Connected Communities & Streetscene
Telephone No.: 01294 551776

SECTION 1 - Details of Group/Organisation

3. Name of Group/Organisation: Largs Horticultural Society
4. Date of Officer's Visit: 8 June 2015
5. Are you satisfied that the details contained in the Grant Application are accurate? - Yes

If NO give reasons

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

If NO explain why

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

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

If NO explain why

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

SECTION 2 - Criteria for Assessment

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

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

- People are more active more often.
- Health inequalities have reduced.
- 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?

This is a local traditional event that brings the community of Largs and surround areas together. The flower show engages members of the community and works with local primary schools who exhibit at the show.

13. How does the application show innovation or development?

No evidence of development or innovation is shown and it would be recommended that this is addressed for any future applications.

14. Overall assessment?

The flower show is part of a traditional local event that produces great civic pride in the area and allows members of the community to proudly show their achievements. This event is held during the main summer tourist season and is attended by tourists, local visitors and residents.

It is without a doubt that this is a successful and well managed event that benefits the local community by encouraging members to engage in this traditional event. However, it should be noted that this group is successful and has sufficient funds within its own club funds to finance such an event. The application does not outline how the extra funds would be spent to benefit and develop the existing event.

However, community events should be supported and encouraged to build on their success and I would recommend that they are awarded a lower amount of funding until the group can provide adequate evidence of the upgrades and improvements that are being made to the event to justify the level of funding requested.

SECTION 3 - Details of Proposed Expenditure

15. Amount Requested: £748

16. Group Contribution: £852

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

17. Support Application: Yes

18. Defer Application?

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19. Amount recommended: **£0**

Give reasons

<p>The group has sufficient funds to run this event without additional support from this grant scheme. No evidence has been shown to how the extra funds would benefit/enhance the event. It would be recommended that in future applications the group outline in greater detail their involvement with the local community and schools throughout the year.</p>

Signature: Amanda Downie & Helen Miller

Date: 7 July 2015



Community Development Grants Scheme Assessment Form

1. Reporting Officer: Claire Duncan
2. Department: Communications
Telephone No.: 01294 324156

SECTION 1 - Details of Group/Organisation

3. Name of Group/Organisation: Largs Viking Festival
4. Date of Officer's Visit: 10 July 2015 (telephone)
5. Are you satisfied that the details contained in the Grant Application are accurate? - Yes

If NO give reasons

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

If NO explain why

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

Job density increases:

- Support is given to the creation of distinctive and vibrant town centres and mechanisms to encourage spend in North Ayrshire are established.

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

- Children and young people are nurtured and parents are supported.
- 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.

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 Viking Festival attracted 62,000 visitors to Largs last year, with an economic impact of £33,000 (Event Scotland). The event involves all the community, bringing everyone together to celebrate Largs history and culture.

13. How does the application show innovation or development?

The Largs Viking Festival has developed into a nationally recognisable festival, attracting visitors from not just the local area, but from throughout Britain and Europe.

14. Overall assessment?

An award will provide a quality platform and sound for the entertainers and the official guests at the opening ceremony.

The Festival draws 62,000 visitors to Largs which impacts on the local economy of £33,000 (stats from Event Scotland).

The group are also applying for tables and chairs which they normally borrow from local Churches, however these tables and chairs are heavy and difficult to move about. The group are happy if granted award towards this to make these tables and chairs available to other local community groups.

SECTION 3 - Details of Proposed Expenditure

15. Amount Requested: £2,450

16. Group Contribution: £15,000

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

17. Support Application: Yes

18. Defer Application?

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19. Amount recommended: **£1,850**

Give reasons

<p>The recommended amount should go towards the cost of sound and staging - £1,600. £250 towards the costs of chairs provided that they make them available to other community groups.</p>
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Signature: Claire Duncan

Date: 29 July 2015



Community Development Grants Scheme Assessment Form

1. Reporting Officer: Claire Duncan
2. Department: Communications
Telephone No.: 01294 324156

SECTION 1 - Details of Group/Organisation

3. Name of Group/Organisation: Millport Festival Group Association
4. Date of Officer's Visit: 10 July 2015 (telephone)
5. Are you satisfied that the details contained in the Grant Application are accurate? - Yes

If NO give reasons

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

If NO explain why

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

Job density increases:

- Support is given to the creation of distinctive and vibrant town centres and mechanisms to encourage spend in North Ayrshire are established.

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

- Children and young people are nurtured and parents are supported.
- 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.

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 grant will assist with costs associated with arranging the annual Country and Western Festival. The whole community participates and benefits from the influx of tourists to the Island and the extra trade for local businesses.

13. How does the application show innovation or development?

Millport relies on visitors to the annual events, including this key event which attracts approximately 13,000 visitors. The event showcases Millport and North Ayrshire as an excellent tourist destination all year round.

14. Overall assessment?

Millport Country and Western weekend is a popular festival which promotes tourism, not just in Millport, but for North Ayrshire as a whole. An important fixture in the Western calendar, the festival attracts visitors from not just North Ayrshire but from the wider UK market.

SECTION 3 - Details of Proposed Expenditure

15. Amount Requested: £1,500

16. Group Contribution: £8,000

SECTION 4 - Recommendation

17. Support Application: Yes

18. Defer Application?

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19. Amount recommended: **£1,500**

Give reasons

The recommended amount will cover the costs of: hall/table hire - £900 and £600 towards children's entertainment.

Signature: Claire Duncan

Date: 29 July 2015

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 10

13 August 2015

North Coast Area Committee

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

Purpose: To advise the Committee of an application for financial assistance received in respect of the Millport Common Good Fund.

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

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Millport Common Good Fund has a balance of £119 available for disbursement in financial year 2015/16.

2. Current Position

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

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee agrees to consider and determine the application 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 Millport Common Good must benefit all, or a significant group, of the inhabitants of Millport.



ELMA MURRAY
Chief Executive

Reference :

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Background Papers

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NORTH COAST AREA COMMITTEE

MILLPORT COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2015/16

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
Millport Festival Group	Support for annual Millport Country & Western event on 4-6 September 2015, promoting tourism in Cumbrae.	£ 500	£ 500 (14/15) 500 (13/14) 360 (11/12)
<p>Economy & Communities, Finance & Corporate Support, and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:</p> <p>Finance & Corporate Support Finance are concerned that only one of the grants applied for (£3000 from SSE) has been confirmed, - is there a contingency in place if the other grants are not paid in full and what impact would be the impact on the event?</p> <p>Legal Legal have no adverse comments.</p> <p>Economy & Communities The Country and Western Festival caters for all age groups and is very successful.</p> <p>The festival continues to prove to be a very successful attraction to the Isle of Cumbrae for visitors and the local community and economy. It offers a most welcome boost to the town and generates much needed income and employment to the Island.</p> <p>The funding would be used to cover the key elements of the Festival e.g. bands, insurance, security, hall and marquee hires, portaloos, advertising/flyers, street and children's entertainment.</p> <p>There is clear benefit to the wider Isle of Cumbrae community and the Festival attracts visitors to the Island, which then benefits the local economy.</p> <p>Economy and Skills are supportive of this. Any future application however, must demonstrate a greater shift towards sustainability.</p>			