

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 27th March 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: **Board Members:**

Jeanette McCulloch, Director of Curriculum, Ayr College; **Natalie Marshall**, Planning and Performance Manager, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; **Peter Galliford**, Manager, Jobcentre Plus; **Joe Lafferty**, Kyle Area Community Representative; **Jim Reid**, Director of Stakeholders and Networks, Scottish Enterprise; **Ross Johnston**, Area Manager, Scottish Natural Heritage; **Councillor Bill McIntosh**, Leader of South Ayrshire Council (*Chair*), **Councillor Douglas Campbell**, **Councillor John McDowall** and **Eileen Howat**, Acting Chief Executive, South Ayrshire Council; **Hugh Kerr**, Area Commander, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service; **Allan Comrie**, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; **John Thomson**, Chief Superintendent, Divisional Commander, Strathclyde Police; and **Marie Oliver**, Manager, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire.

Apologies: **John Burns**, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; **Val Russell**, Chief Executive, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry; **David Kiltie**, Carrick Area Community Representative; **Henrietta Wright**, District Manager, Jobcentre Plus; **Marlene Crawford**, Head of Operations, Skills Development Scotland; and **Cameron Fong**, South Ayrshire Youth Forum.

Dr. Martin Cheyne, Chairman, NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

Others attending:

Claire Monaghan, Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs; Kenny Leinster, Head of Community Care and Housing; Valerie Stewart, Community Planning Co-ordinator; and Eillen Wyllie, Committee Services Officer, South Ayrshire Council.

Geoff Huggins, Locations Director, Scottish Government.

Opening Remarks.

The Chair welcomed and introduced Eileen Howat, Acting Chief Executive, South Ayrshire Council and Geoff Huggins, Locations Director, Scottish Government to their first meeting of the Board.

1. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Board in terms of the Board's Standing Order No.10.

2. Minutes of Community Planning Board.

The Minutes of the Community Planning Board of 6th February 2013 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. **Matters Arising/Action Log.**

There was submitted an action log (issued) of March 2013 outlining the current position and the progress being made with various issues which had emerged from meetings on 6th October 2010, 22nd February, 6th June and 28th November 2012 and 6th February 2013.

Decided:- to note the current position with the action log and update.

4. **Draft South Ayrshire Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016.**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 19th March 2013 by the Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs inviting Members to participate in a workshop session at this meeting of the Board which would cover the following themes:-

- feedback on 'Your South Ayrshire' Consultation;
- the outcomes framework;
- the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) Commentary; and
- the next steps.

The Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs thanked those partners who had participated to date in the 'Your South Ayrshire: Your Priorities' consultations and, thereafter, gave a presentation when she commented on the campaign and participation levels and various modes of engagement, provided some initial feedback on the key headlines and the way forward.

Thereon, she suggested that Members split into three groups and a workshop session commenced based on the draft Outcome Delivery Model framed around the following six key priorities:-

- economic recovery, growth and employment;
- supporting our children and families / early years;
- health inequalities and physical activity;
- caring for our older people;
- safer and stronger communities and reducing offending; and
- protecting and enhancing our environment.

Following the session, each group provided an overview of their findings, attached as an Appendix which forms part of these Minutes and further discussion took place.

The Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs thanked everyone for their input and outlined the next steps within the process and that the first draft of the SOA would require to be submitted to South Ayrshire's Locations Director by 8th April 2013.

Decided: to note the outcome of the workshop sessions (appended to the Minutes) and the next steps for the development of a South Ayrshire Single Outcome Agreement for 2013-2016 with the initial draft being submitted to the Scottish Director by 8th April 2013.

5. **Local Police and Fire Plans.**

The Chief Superintendent and the Area Commander (N&S Ayrshire) gave updates on the current position with finalising the Police and Fire local plans respectively and both indicated that these plans should be completed in due course for submission to the meeting of South Ayrshire Council on 25th April 2013.

Decided:- having heard the Chair thank both Officers for their respective updates, to note the current position with the development of both local plans and the anticipated smooth transition into the new organisational arrangements as of 1st April 2013.

The Manager, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire left the meeting at this point.

6. Improving Community Planning.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 19th March 2013 by the Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs informing of two recently published documents on 20th March 2013 which were relevant to improving community planning and requesting that these documents (outlined below and attached as appendices to the report) be factored into the work to review the operation of community planning following agreement of the Single Outcome Agreement:-

- Audit Scotland's report 'Improving Community Planning in Scotland'; and
- the Improvement Service's project evaluation report 'Self-assessment in Community Planning Partnerships'.

Decided:- to note Audit Scotland's report 'Improving Community Planning in Scotland' and the Improvement Service's report 'Self-assessment in Community Planning Partnerships' and to agree that these would be factored into consideration of the Board's improvement work.

7. Community Planning Funds – Finance Report.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 19th March 2013 by the Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs providing an update of the financial position in relation to community planning funds for the year to 13th March 2013 and informing that of the £75,000 allocated to the Community Development Fund Programme in 2012/13 and following four rounds of applications, a total of £74,989 had been allocated, leaving a remaining balance of £11.00.

Decided: to note the information contained within the report.

8. Any Other Business.

(1) Local Government and Regeneration Committee.

Decided: having heard the Head of Policy, Community Planning and Public Affairs advise of a forthcoming meeting of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee on 15th April 2013, to note the position.

(2) **Format of meeting.**

The Community Representative congratulated everyone on the group format of this meeting and indicated that he had found it very informative and an innovative way to work. The Chair also commented that he had found this workshop arrangement very worthwhile and that he intended to email everyone from the group that he had been involved in to follow-up on the various ideas discussed.

Decided: to note the positive feedback received from this informative session.

9. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Decided: to note that the next scheduled meeting would take place on Wednesday, 12th June 2013 at 2.00 p.m. within the Maybole Room.

The meeting ended at 4.15 p.m.

**Community Planning Board
Single Outcome Agreement Workshop Session
on 27th March 2013 - Notes**

Economic Recovery, Growth and Employment:-

Group 1

- There should also be a focus on assisting specific companies in South Ayrshire resulting in better growth opportunities;
- Take advantage of the 'ripple effect' of pan Ayrshire and other Ayrshire initiatives;
- Should the 'rural economy' be separate?;
- Add something about social enterprises in relation to the economy; and
- Need more about town centres and repopulation.

Group 2

- Yes there should be a focus on the rural economy and specifically community transport – have the goals changed? Links to jobs, economy, young mums etc. and should be joined up;
- If you have improved broadband then you may not need transport?; and
- Rural should be distinct.

Group 3

- Recognition that issues cross cut the various themes – e.g. when developing town centres can consider accommodation for older people etc.

Supporting our children and families / Early Years:-

Group 1

- Consider the Triple P parenting programme;
- Bring in more about physical activity;
- Make clearer linkages to the Alcohol and Drug Partnership;
- Better use of 'place' - public use of places;
- Overlap to health inequalities; and
- Early Years Collaborative (EYC) is still underdeveloped.

Group 2

- More consideration regarding short term impacts of welfare reforms;
- Expected to get people into work before the jobs are available. Many will have to remain on benefits but will be poorer;
- Need to promote healthy living and eating in children but difficult with reducing budgets;
- How do we address the impact on children?; and
- More prevention via the Early Years Collaborative.

Group 3

- Focus on the Early Years Collaborative and preventative measures; and
- How do we improve prevention in other areas and use learning to cross cut across other themes?

Health Inequalities and Physical Activity:-

Group 1

- Heavily reliant on existing strategies;
- Need to bring key content of these into the Logic Model;
- Need to consider how participation can be increase – e.g. through use of sport to get people involved; and
- What are the current numbers participating and how can we improve targets?

Group 2

- Keep it low level and achievable – encourage walking etc.; and
- Promote the outdoors as a social activity.

Group 3

- Again recognition that health inequalities are cross cutting across all the SOA themes e.g. being in employment is known to be good for you health.

Caring for our Older People:-

Group 1

- Consider the impact of dementia / self directed support;
- Issues re suitable accommodation and fuel poverty;
- Keep older people active longer; and
- Is there a measure for living longer in good health?

Group 2

- Transport issues - encourage older people to get out.

Group 3

- Is there a measure for living longer in good health? Again cross cutting across all SOA themes; and
- Need to emerge from 'silos'.

Safer and Stronger Communities and Reducing Offending:-

Group 1

- Communities are underdeveloped – need to do more with online technology;
- Prioritisation of effort across communities;
- 'Tell our Story' - use all media to get the messages across (Twitter, Facebook etc.);
- 353 Ward level policing plans; and
- Addressing sectarianism and homophobic crime.

Group 2

- Zero tolerance of low level crime;
- Focus on rural – if various themes are addressed then greater community spirit is created; and
- What can the local community do?

Group 3

- Impact of alcohol on society and children – again a cross cutting issue.

Protecting and Enhancing our Environment:-

Group 1

- Logic Model too concentrated on carbon reduction;
- Ross Johnston to develop additional outcomes / activities in relation to clean and attractive; and
- Fuel poverty is a growing problem.

Group 2

- Issues about paying for bags which are not used. Litter and fly tipping – need to look at this differently from a social benefit point of view; and
- Need to ensure that right type of housing is in the right location.

Group 3

- Explore potential of centralised heating systems – incorporate into communal heating with equal payment;

Other Comments:-

- Consider restructuring the SOA e.g. Infrastructure which could include transport and structural issues. If you get this right then other issues can be 'hinged' onto this;
- Sea change – communities are now asking how they can help to deliver SOA outcomes;
- Need to join up more effectively;
- What part of the SOA should get the 'lead' headline and who is ultimately responsible?; and
- Services should be provided at the heart of the community.

Next Steps:-

- Comments made today will be circulated with a first draft of the narrative for consideration; and
- A draft SOA will be submitted to Scottish Government on 8th April 2013.