

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD.**

Minutes of meeting in the Maybole Room, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr  
on 28 August 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

**Present: Board Members:**

**Councillor Douglas Campbell**, Leader of South Ayrshire Council (Chair); **Councillor Martin Dowey**, South Ayrshire Council; **Tim Eltringham**, Director of Health and Social Care Partnership; **Douglas Hutchison**, Depute Chief Executive and Director – People, South Ayrshire Council; **Eileen Howat**, Chief Executive, South Ayrshire Council; **Paul Main**, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland; **Stewart Millar**, Director of Industry Programmes, Ayrshire College; **Pat McPhee**, Skills Development Scotland; **Craig Nicol**, University of the West of Scotland; **Jim Scott**, Area Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; **Kerry Wallace**, Unit Manager, Scottish Natural Heritage; and **Rhona Welch**, Jobcentre Plus.

**Apologies:** Allan Comrie, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; Stewart Connelly, Integration Joint Board; Marie Oliver, VASA and Dr Joy Tomlinson, NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

**Others attending:**

**Mark Baker**, Service Lead, Corporate Planning and Improvement, South Ayrshire Council; **David Burns**, Executive Manager – People, South Ayrshire Council; **Claire Monaghan**, Service Lead, Community Services and Facilities, South Ayrshire Council; **Fiona Smith**, Senior Health Improvement Programme Officer, NHS; **Phil White**, HSCP and **Valerie Stewart**, Community Planning Co-ordinator; South Ayrshire Council.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Councillor Douglas Campbell opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the Community Planning Board of 3 May 2018 (issued) were submitted and approved. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**4. Update from Community Planning Executive**

There was submitted (issued) a report by the Service Lead – Community Services and Facilities updating the Board on meetings of the Community Planning Executive.

The Community Planning Executive had met twice since the last Community Planning Board; 6 June and 9 August 2018. The June meeting focussed exclusively on Adverse Childhood Experiences and the on-going work to develop partners' capacity to be trauma informed. The meeting agreed to the formation of a Joint Action Group on Adverse Childhood Experiences under the auspices of the Community Safety Partnership.

At the August meeting the Executive considered:-

- Child poverty and the legislative requirement for an annual progress report, the on-going work to pull together work by partners contributing to the alleviation of child poverty and what additional work would be useful.
- Progress with the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.
- The Local Governance Review which has been initiated and was currently centred on the community engagement phase.

**Decided:** to note the contents of the report on the meetings of the Community Planning Executive.

## 5. **Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 – Reporting Requirements**

David Burns, Executive Manager – People gave a presentation to Board members on the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 (the Act).

The Act has 3 aims; increase income; lessen the impact of poverty and increase life changes of children across 3 thematic areas; wages and earnings; the cost of living and state benefits. There was however a requirement to consider and understand the implications of the Act in terms of the current climate, welfare reform and the economy, restrictions that would impact at a local level, the requirement to map out current impact against the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and Partner's Plans, interpret how we can contribute locally and identify the gaps and opportunities.

David Burns went on to discuss performance management and reporting requirements and the need to review and scrutinise performance regularly. Consideration would require to be given to the Act's aims in relation to forthcoming Place Plans with possible opportunities to develop:-

- Cost of the school day.
- Warmer homes.
- Procurement – Community Benefits/Local contractors.
- Maximisation of free school meals/school clothing grants.
- Income Maximisation/benefit automaton.
- Capital investment.

The Community Planning Partnership would require to consider a thematic, longer term visionary approach, sharing good practice and the avoidance of duplication through collaboration. The next step would be to consider what could be done in addition to the good work already being carried out and to identify partner leads to progress this work. Partners will require to map out current activity and to identify gaps in their service provision. Actions would require to be identified and agreed to help mitigate the impact of child poverty. In South Ayrshire this work was being led jointly by David Burns and Dr Regina McDevitt, Public Health Specialist.

On average it was noted that 26% of children within South Ayrshire lived in poverty, with some areas within the Council area being higher and lower than that figure. Each school within each area had a child(ren) in receipt of free school meals.

Councillor Dowey enquired about new build and energy efficiency in terms of the 'Passivhaus House' concept of heating which could result in almost zero heating bills.

David Burns advised that all new houses were energy efficient and in most cases would reduce heating bills from £1200 to £300 per annum. The 'Passivhaus House' concept was relatively new and would involve training on its use to prevent dampness. Stewart Millar, Rhona Welch and Paul Main intimated that they would be happy to link in to explore and develop initiatives that their organisations were currently working on.

It was noted that the first local action plan report detailing progress made would be due for submission to the Scottish Government by 30 June 2019 with it subsequently being reviewed by the Poverty and Inequality Commission. After discussion the Chair requested that the initial draft be submitted to the next meeting of the Community Planning Board.

**Decided:-**

- 1) note the requirement to publish an annual Child Poverty Local Action Plan by 30 June each year;
- 2) note that the first Child Poverty Local Action Plan must be published by 30 June 2019;
- 3) agree that each partner organisation nominates a Lead Officer to assist in the development of a South Ayrshire Local Action Plan;
- 4) agree that an initial draft year 1 Child Poverty Local Action Plan be developed and submitted to the next meeting of the Community Planning Board.
- 5) agree that ongoing monitoring of actions to mitigate Child Poverty be reported through the Children's Services Planning Group.

**6. Local Outcomes Improvement Plan – Progress Report**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Service Lead – Corporate Planning and Improvement updating members of the Community Planning Board on the progress with the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

The LOIP, published in October 2017, identified two overarching outcomes and four priorities as the focus for improvement:-

- 1) Closing the outcomes gap for children and young people in South Ayrshire.
- 2) Supporting older people to live in good health.

Following workshops and input from Strategic Delivery Partnerships, Appendix 1 of the report set out the main objectives for each of the four priorities:-

- 1) Improving outcomes for care experienced children and care leavers.
- 2) Providing support for young people who are carers.
- 3) Reducing Social Isolation and Loneliness.
- 4) Support for people with Dementia and their Carers.

The report also contained, in appendices, the current draft strategies and implementation plans for each of the LOIP priorities which reflect the breadth of work progressed to date. The next stage will be to develop a performance management framework which will be taken to the CP Executive on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**Decided:** to consider the work being done to progress the priorities within the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and which will form the basis of the first annual report on the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

## 7. Social Isolation

Fiona Smith, Senior Health Improvement Programme Officer gave an interesting presentation to the Board on Social isolation and Loneliness. Her presentation outlined the definition of social isolation and loneliness, the risk factors, prevalence, the impact on health, the national context and the local approach.

Life course triggers identified were pregnancy, childhood and adolescence, young adults, working age, retirement and later life. In terms of the prevalence of social isolation and loneliness it was concerning to note the comparison between national and local statistics as detailed below:-

	Scottish	South Ayrshire
Do not feel that they can rely on friends/relatives for help?	33%	58%
Feel that they don't have a strong sense of belonging to their local community?	22%	18.5%
Would not offer help to a neighbour in an emergency?	25%	57%

Fiona Burns went on to describe the impact of loneliness on health, particularly with regard to mental health with adults suffering loneliness having a 64% greater chance of developing clinical dementia, more prone to depression and a predictor of suicide in older age.

Fiona spoke about the development of a draft Strategy and Implementation Plan to include three areas of focus; Present Respond and Restore. The Implementation Plan will include the development of a 'pathway' from identification to reconnection, raising awareness across all partner organisations and communities, improved access to transport, improved use and availability of technology by the development of a South Ayrshire web portal, identify resources to deliver and co-ordinate a consistent approach.

The South Ayrshire figures were questioned in terms of accuracy however Fiona advised that the figures had been provided by a Researcher in Public Health.

Members discussed various aspects of the presentation and the Implementation Plan and how it complemented other work currently being undertaken i.e. the development of a Dementia Strategy. Tim Eltringham intimated that social isolation and loneliness had a significant impact on someone's ability to self-care and commended the work currently being undertaken.

Various examples of initiatives were discussed; raising the issue at the next Transport Forum meeting; Listening Services; Bereavement Counselling; volunteer escorts on My Bus; and Compassionate Inverclyde. Douglas Hutchison intimated that he felt the Implementation Plan required to be more focused and clearly identify responsible partners and timescales which are the next steps in the process.

Phil White intimated that he felt there required to be a cultural change and a different approach as HSCP were trying to persuade others to become involved i.e. churches.

The Chair intimated again that he was concerned regarding South Ayrshire stats as detailed above and asked if targeted questions on this topic could be developed for the next SA1000 survey.

**Decided:**

- 1) To seek clarity as to the accuracy of the figures as detailed above.
- 2) Consult with SA1000 with regard to social isolation and loneliness.

**8. Support for People with Dementia and their Carers**

Phil White spoke about the Dementia Strategy intimating that the number of people suffering from dementia in South Ayrshire was 20% higher than the Scottish average due to the higher number of elderly people living in the area.

Members discussed how dementia sufferers and carers could be best supported. Discussion arose around the good work that was currently being undertaken in the area i.e. Prestwick and Troon. Prestwick Airport had offered to take part in the production of a video which could be used for training purposes. Diagnoses required quickly and earlier to arrest symptoms. Societies required to change their minds set in a similar way to people's attitude towards cancer.

**Decided:** to note the discussion.

**For Information**

The Chair thanked Valerie Stewart, Community Planning Co-ordinator, who is leaving her post, for her support to the Board over the preceding years.

**9. Community Justice Ayrshire**

Valerie Stewart spoke to a report by the Manager, Community Justice Ayrshire updating the Community Planning Board on progress made by Community Justice Ayrshire in relation to the use of the Transitions Funding and also to provide the Board with a copy of the refreshed Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan (CJOIP) for 2018-21.

**Decided:** to note the information contained in the Report and Appendices.

**10. Any Other Items of Business**

Valerie Stewart informed the Board of an allocation of £138,780 from Transport Scotland to the CPP, via the 'Switched on Fleets' fund to lease or purchase ultra-low emission vehicles. An e-mail will be circulated to partners inviting interested parties to a meeting to discuss options.

**11. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Planning Board would take place on 1 November 2018 at 2.00pm, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.

The meeting ended at 3.40 pm