

Fair for All Advisory Panel



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Fair for All Advisory Panel** on **Wednesday 28 August 2019** from **1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.** in the **Garnock Committee Room, Ground Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE.**

BUSINESS

1.30 – 1.40	1.	-	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies <i>Councillor Joe Cullinane, Leader of the Council</i>
1.40 – 1.50	2.	Pg - 2	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 19 March 2019 <i>Councillor Joe Cullinane, Leader of the Council</i>
1.50 – 2.15	3.	Presentation and Discussion	ALLIANCE Scotland <i>Receive presentation from Tommy Whitelaw, UK Project Lead Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland.</i>
2.15 – 2.50	4.	Presentation and Discussion	Child Poverty Action Group <i>Receive Presentation from John Dickie, Director of Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland.</i>
Comfort Break			
3.00 – 3.25	5.	Verbal	The potential impacts of a No Deal Brexit on Employment & Skills <i>Receive update from Professor Alan McGregor, Glasgow University.</i>
3.25 – 3.35	6.	Verbal	Update on the work of Fair For All <i>Receive update from Morna Rae, Senior Manager, Policy, Performance and Community Planning.</i>
3.35 – 3.45	7.	-	AOCB
Date of Next Meeting: To be arranged			

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At a meeting of the Fair for All Advisory Panel on 19 March 2019 at Ardrossan Civic Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Joe Cullinane (North Ayrshire Council) (**Chair**)
Councillor Donald L Reid (North Ayrshire Council)
Councillor Shaun Macaulay (North Ayrshire Council)
Councillor Marie Burns (North Ayrshire Council)
Councillor Louise McPhater (North Ayrshire Council)
Craig Hatton (North Ayrshire Council)
Audrey Sutton (North Ayrshire Council)
Morna Rae (North Ayrshire Council)
Louise Walker (North Ayrshire Council)
Shirley Morgan (North Ayrshire Council)
Jacqui Greenlees (North Ayrshire Council) (Minutes)
Avril Croner (Community Representative)
Nathan Payne (Church of Nazarene)
Craig Crosthwaite (North Ayrshire Food Bank)
Alison Drever (University of Glasgow)

APOLOGIES

Martyn Evans (Carnegie UK Trust)
Gerry McLaughlin (NHS Health Scotland)
Chris Chapman (Robert Owen Centre)
Tommy Whitelaw (Dementia Carers Voices)
Jim Sweeney (YouthLink Scotland)
John Dickie (Child Poverty Action Group)
Fraser Paterson (Young Scot)
Alan McGregor (University of Glasgow)
Jim McCormick (Joseph Rowntree Foundation)
Pete Seaman (Glasgow Centre for Population and Health)
Christine Soutar (Department for Work and Pensions)

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Cullinane welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were recorded.

2. MINUTE/ACTION NOTE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 22 August 2018

The Minute/Action Note of the Meeting of the Fair for All Advisory Panel held on 22 August was confirmed.

3. FAIR FOR ALL UPDATE

Morna Rae provided a brief update on Fair for All progress outlined in the new 'Fair for All-One Year In' report, including the partners involved and the purpose of the strategy. The report also touches on the key challenges, themes and examples of achievement that have taken place over the past year including examples around activity, young people and mental health. The themes covered in the report are as follows:

- Children
- Environment
- Fairer Food
- Economic Growth
- Health

The report also outlines the work of the Fair for All Commission, future actions and focuses and highlights the Fair for All Mapping Tool.

Panel members provided positive feedback to the report, specifically around links to the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and being able to see progress encapsulated in once place.

The new Fair for All report is available online at <http://www.northayrshire.community/about-us/fair-for-all/>

The Chair thanked Morna for her presentation.

4. PLACE BASED APPROACH OVERVIEW

Audrey Sutton then set the scene for a wider discussion on place based approaches around how we work with different geographies across North Ayrshire.

Audrey highlighted that it is important to work strategically whilst also weaving in the places and communities that local people recognise and feel connected to. North Ayrshire is committed to working with local people in their local area around community and locality planning. The Locality Partnership approach was developed to address this while also linking in strategically to tackle inequalities in our communities, for example through statutory places for community reps to foster participation by experience.

Audrey also highlighted the Corra Foundation work taking place in Kilwinning Blacklands area and the Saltcoats Inspiring Scotland work as using place based approaches to deepen local partnerships. Place Partnerships for Ardrossan with the Big Lottery are also being developed in order to make best of partnership approaches to address local issues and develop successful funding bids in order to attract attention nationally.

The Chair thanked Audrey for providing this overview.

5. ARDROSSAN COMMUNITY INPUTS

Shirley Morgan provided an overview of her role as Three Towns Locality Officer, bringing together the work taking place across the locality and making community links.

Shirley also gave an overview of the work of the Three Towns Growers, who have just received £367,000 from the Lottery to develop an Education Hub where people can share knowledge and learn about growing. Community Investment Fund money is also being put

towards this project. The Growers also hold socials that are open to the whole community as well as being the organisers of Ayrshire Potato Day. Additionally, the launch of Ardrossan Development Trust will take place on 23 March, and will be well represented by organisations from across Ardrossan.

A number of community representatives then provided updates on work taking place across Ardrossan:

Ardrossan Whitlees Community Centre- Avril Croner

A number of projects take place at the centre, including Centre Stage Coaching on a Budget sessions, school wheels and the local youth group. The centre also received £350,000 from the Lottery for a new kitchen in order to open a café serving the community with affordable prices. The café can now generate income for the centre through the sale of food and drink as well as delivery of community events, for example Christmas parties.

The centre also now employs four members of staff that work in the kitchen, as well as a development worker and around 20 volunteers. They hold fun days and outings for young and old people alike that are free of charge.

The centre are currently looking at how best to provide a sustainable model for the community moving forward, specifically around expanding the use of the café and events as well as potentially providing childcare.

The North Ayrshire Foodbank- Craig Crosthwaite

The North Ayrshire Foodbank is based in the Church of the Nazarene in Ardrossan, where referral rates for the bank have increased from around 1,800 to 4,500 since 2012. There are currently 12- 14 distribution points across the authority and the foodbank have tried to provide as many ways to assist people in food crisis as possible while also looking at developing preventative approaches.

Discussion followed around the reasons behind the significant increase in referrals. In addition to rising costs and low wages, a significant proportion of households in North Ayrshire are suffering from chronic financial issues including double income households. Families are also specifically having issues during the school holidays. Workers are in place to address this and a cooking class has been set up to help people with both cooking skills and budget management, as well as the 'Heat and Eat' programme, which offers those with no to low energy access cooking facilities two days a week.

The foodbank are developing a small growing area for community use as well as already delivering a community cinema providing food that shows six times per year. They have also now received funding to run a pilot community kitchen where the community can come along to cook and develop skills. This will take place on a Saturday to help with weekend provision.

Audrey Sutton highlighted that the Three Towns Growers, Church of Nazarene and Whitlees' contributions to the North Ayrshire Food Forum have been immeasurable, setting an example of good practice for other organisations and areas.

Café Solace- Louise Walker

Locality Link Worker Louise Walker provided an overview of Café Solace, which originally started in Ardrossan but now also takes place in Kilbirnie and Irvine. Café Solace originally started as a recovery café, but has developed into a community café that also has facilities for children available. A community development approach has been taken in developing the café, making sure there is a focus on ensuring volunteers can run the café themselves in a sustainable way. Volunteer development is key, with staff focusing on getting existing

volunteers into employment to make way for new volunteers and supporting the Committee to build their own capacity, with a view to eventually becoming a social enterprise.

There followed discussion on the growing levels of food provision becoming embedded across the Three Towns, with the community representatives highlighting that it is not just about providing food but also bringing the community together. The work around kindness taking place across North Ayrshire with the Carnegie Trust was also discussed in relation to food provision as being key to creating the ideal conditions for these projects to take place.

Ardrossan Church of the Nazarene- Nathan Payne

Rev Nathan Payne provided a brief update on some of the other work taking place at the Church of the Nazarene in Ardrossan. There is a 'Pay What You Can' café that takes place three times per week and is open to all. The church also work jointly with TACT to provide volunteer placement opportunities, for example P7 children have previously come to volunteer in the café.

A number of groups are held at the church including those supporting people with addictions, parent and toddler groups, kids clubs, a local youth group and a community choir. They are also working with Christians Against Poverty around provision of debt management advice and jobs clubs, as well as running a life skills service to help people develop the tools to live on a low income, for example cooking on a budget and money courses.

The Chair thanked the community representatives for providing this useful and interesting overview.

Audrey Sutton stressed the need for community voices to be heard at the right levels and highlighted the work taking place across the Three Towns being key in communicating this.

Councillor Burns emphasised how impressive the work taking place across the Three Towns is and highlighted that it would be useful to link in with the team to see what approaches could be transferred to Irvine Locality, and learn from their work. She would also be keen to learn about the Three Towns approach to volunteer pathways.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items of business.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible	Update
1.	Continue to promote community voices through communication of key work across the localities	All	
2.	Consider links between Three Towns and Irvine Locality Teams	Shirley Morgan	