

Community Planning Partnership Board

Thursday 19 September 2019 at 11.00 am

Fullarton Community Hub



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Present

North Ayrshire Council

John Bell, Elected Member **(Chair)**

Marie Burns, Elected Member

Alex Gallagher, Elected Member

Scott Davidson, Elected Member

Ellen McMaster, Elected Member

Craig Hatton, Chief Executive

Audrey Sutton, Interim Executive Director (Communities)

Rhona Arthur, Interim Head of Service (Connected Communities)

Morna Rae, Senior Manager, Policy, Performance and Community Planning

North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Stephen Brown, Director

Robert Foster, Elected Member and Chair of the North Ayrshire IJB

KA Leisure

Ashley Pringle, Vice Chair, KA Leisure

NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Lynne McNiven, Director, Public Health

Hazel Borland, Nurse Director

Police Scotland

Stuart McGregor, Superintendent

Scottish Enterprise

Mark Newlands, Head of Partnerships

Scottish Fire and Rescue

Gibby Lamont, Depute Group Manager

Steven Corrigan, Station Manager

Skills Development Scotland

Katie Hutton, Depute Director, National Training Programme

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner

In Attendance

Lauren Cameron (NAC), Jennifer McGee (NAC), Andrew Keir (NAC), Mhairi McFadyen (HSCP), Courtney Gemmell (HSCP)

Apologies

Cllr Joe Cullinane (NAC), Cllr Tony Gurney (NAC), John Burns (NHS) Audrey McGee (DWP), Stephen Gallagher (SG), Vicki Yuill (TSI), Michael Breen (Ayrshire College), Mark Hargreaves (Police Scotland), Ian McMeekin (SFRS), Martin Cheyne (NHS)

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Minute of the Previous Meeting and Action Note

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, and the action note was discussed.

3. Childrens Services Strategic Partnership Report

Lauren Cameron, Policy Officer (Children's Services) provided the Board with an update on the work of the North Ayrshire Children's Services Strategic Partnership.

Lauren advised that at the CSSP Meeting on 24 July, a question set for the pupil survey (ChildrenCount) was discussed. The group were able to select several bespoke options that would provide additional insights in addition to the core set of questions.

The options selected were:

- Coercive Control (secondary only),
- Suicidal Ideation (secondary only),
- Exercise, Positive Wellbeing; and
- Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement with Parents.

The group are also keen to include a section on Social Media Use which is currently being looked at by Dartington Research Unit.

The survey will be issued to school children aged eight and above during November and December 2019 with the results of the survey being available early 2020. The findings of this survey will help shape the work of the new Children's Strategy as the Partnership want to build their strategy on evidence-based information.

A findings report will be brought back to the CPP Board early 2020.

4. Corporate Parenting

Councillor Foster thanked the Board for allowing the Team to come along to the meeting to provide them with an update.

Councillor Foster highlighted that in 2017 Community Planning partners committed to being corporate parents to our young people in the care system. He also reported that North Ayrshire Council is the first Council in Scotland to provide 100% Council Tax exemption for our care leavers. This means that if any young person aged 18 to 25 was 'looked after' by the Council on their 16th birthday, or at any time after that date

and even if they are no longer looked after by the Council, they will be eligible for the exemption.

Councillor Foster then introduced the Council's Corporate Parenting Team to the meeting.

Andrew Keir, Corporate Parenting and GIRFEC Manager, Mhairi McFadyen, Corporate Parenting Co-ordinator and Courtney Gemmell Corporate Parenting Support Assistant provided the CPP Board on the work of the Corporate Parenting Team.

Andrew advised that there are 562 Care Leavers in North Ayrshire and there are 24 Corporate Parents (agencies). The North Ayrshire Corporate Parenting Team support local collaboration across 10 of these agencies.

Mhairi reported that she works in partnership with different services ensuring young people have the opportunity to get involved in youth and community work in their area. She also supports the North Ayrshire Champions Board (who recently celebrated their first birthday). The Board brings together care experienced young people and Corporate Parents to create change within the care system.

Mhairi highlighted work of the North Ayrshire Family Firm which supports care experienced young people (aged 15 plus) into employment. The initiative ensures that the young person gains paid work experience before moving on to an apprenticeship.

Courtney advised the Board that the Team were currently working on a new Mental Health Toolkit specific to care leavers, it will follow a similar approach to the current Mental Health toolkit. They are also looking at the possibility of the toolkit being made into an App to ensure young people have access to it at all times.

Andrew thanked the Board for allowing the team to come along and showcase their work. He also advised that Board that the funding for the posts that support all this excellent work were only funded until March 2020 and that other funding options would need to be explored to keep the programme running.

Both Audrey Sutton and Hazel Borland highlighted that they would like to be a part of discussions relating to the programme. Partners commended the input to the Board and the work undertaken by the team.

5. Workshops

The Board split into two groups for the workshop session, which focussed on two of North Ayrshire's Locality Partnerships – Three Towns and Garnock Valley. At the workshop partners considered:

- What are the priorities at a local level?
- What is being done to address them?
- How should this impact strategic approaches?
- What else can be done across partners to support this work?

Three Towns:

Shirley Morgan, Locality Officer (Three Towns) provided the group with an overview of the Locality Partnership and Sub Groups which support and feed in to the Partnership. Shirley also highlighted the reasoning behind the priorities which have been set for the area.

Shirley also highlighted some of the examples of key areas of work in the Three Towns:

- £50,000 CIF Funding granted to the Training Station. This is located at Saltcoats Train Station. As well as receiving CIF Funding this project has also received in excess £400,000 of funding from a range of partners including ScotRail, the Railway Heritage Trust, Sport Scotland and the Scottish Government. It will re-purpose a category B listed building, developing local community-based facilities that meet community needs and contributing to the community's health and wellbeing.
- £100,000 of CIF Funding was granted to the Three Towns Growers. This project provides opportunities for local people involved in growing and supports making the Three Towns a 'centre of environmental excellence'. Three Towns Growers also received £367,000 of funding from the Big Lottery Fund. The Growers are hoping to get incredible edible town status and have been exploring options with private land owners to use areas of derelict land to grow on.
- Support to set up an Ardrossan Development Trust. This initiative was set up on the back of a very successful 'Save Our Ferry' campaign which saw the people of Ardrossan working together to ensure the Arran ferry crossing remained within Ardrossan. The Development Trust also received funding from Cunninghame Housing and Big Lottery Our Place Fund.
- The Partnership are also looking in to options for better signage in the area to point visitors in the direction of the lovely beaches and coastal areas as well to historical sites.

Garnock Valley

Councillor John Bell, Chair, Garnock Locality Partnership and Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, Garnock Locality Partnership provided the group with an overview of the Locality Partnership and the Sub Groups which support and feed in to the Partnership. Angela also highlighted the reasoning behind the priorities which have been set for the area.

They also highlighted some of the examples of good practice in the Garnock Valley:

- £28,000 of CIF funding granted for the creation of a Men's Shed in Kilbirnie. The aim of the Mens Shed was to address social isolation and to provide opportunities for community involvement, health and well-being and employment. This initiative provides a meeting place or collective "shed" where men are able to share skills, actively pursue hobbies, work

on community projects and have a place to go and relax knowing they are among friends. It has also been replicated in other areas across North Ayrshire also.

- Financial and Locality Partnership support to conduct a travel needs analysis to investigate what can be done to improve accessibility to employment, education, social and leisure activities and health services. Lack of Public Transport in the Garnock Valley area is very often an issue raised by the residents.
- Weekly Parklives events which bring together local people to engage and participate in a sporting activity for free, with food provision. The event is very well attended each week.

Some of the comments/feedback received at workshops by Board Members were:

- We can improve sharing of learning across Locality Partnerships: eg consultants brief for Garnock Valley, this could be useful in other areas
- Some issues are North Ayrshire wide, how can we support such issues?
- Utilise current meeting structures more effectively: focus on the priority issues: less about how meeting went;
- Create a solution focused culture;
- Create a learning Hub for Locality Partnerships, where projects/ briefs etc could be stored.

6. LOIP Performance and Annual Performance Report

Morna Rae provided the Board with an overview of the LOIP Annual Performance Report which has designed as a Story Map. She invited Board members to provide feedback prior to the finalisation of the report at the end of September.

7. Minutes/Reports for information.

Morna Rae advised that Board that a number of items were attached for their information.

8. AOCB

No other business was discussed.