

Community Planning Partnership Board

Thursday 2 December 2021 at 11.00 am

Via Microsoft Teams



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Present

North Ayrshire Council

Joe Cullinane, Elected Member (**Chair**)

John Bell, Elected Member

Scott Davidson, Elected Member

Anthony Gurney, Elected Member

Ellen McMaster, Elected Member

Karen Yeomans, Executive Director, Growth & Investment

Caroline Amos, Interim Executive Director, Communities & Education

North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Bob Martin, Chair North Ayrshire IJB

Ayrshire College

Carol Turnbull, Principal and Chief Executive

DWP

Sheila Lynn, Service Leader

NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Ruth Mellor, Consultant in Public Health (sub for Lynn McNiven)

Police Scotland

Chief Superintendent Faroque Hussain

Scottish Enterprise

Theresa Correia, Senior Manager

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Ian McMeekin, Area Manager

Skill Development Scotland

Paul Zealey, Skills Planning Lead

Scottish Partnership for Transport

Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner

Third Sector Interface

Kaileigh Brown, Executive Director, The Ayrshire Community Trust

In Attendance

Morna Rae (NAC), Jacqueline Greenlees (NAC), Paul Timmons (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service), Jennifer McGee (NAC), Annie Torrance (Community Justice Ayrshire), Claire Gilsenan (Community Justice Ayrshire)

Apologies

Cllr M Burns (NAC), Cllr A Gallagher (NAC), Craig Hatton (NAC), Lesley Bowie, (NHS Ayrshire and Arran), Hazel Borland (NHS Ayrshire and Arran), Lynne McNiven (NHS Ayrshire & Arran), Caroline Cameron (NA HSCP), Vicki Yuill (Arran CVS), Audrey Sutton (NAC), Rhona Arthur (NAC), Lorraine Tulloch (KA Leisure), Sam Anson (Scottish Government).

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 meeting held on 30 September 2021 were approved.

Ian McMeekin highlighted that in terms of the Unwanted Fire Alarm Consultation action, discussions have taken place in regarding schools and the wider Council estate. The team continue to liaise with Council Officers.

3. Ayrshire Growth Deal

Karen Yeomans provided the Board with an update on the work of the Ayrshire Growth Deal.

K Yeomans advised the Board that in i3 area, Irvine there are two significant projects. The first is flexible space which is about bringing advanced manufacturing business space and will provide much needed high spec, energy efficient and flexible commercial space. The project has secured £15m of Ayrshire Growth Deal investment.

The project is currently at phase 1 which will commence in 2022 and the team are exploring options for acceleration of future phases. In the last 12 months the outline business case has received approval from the Scottish Government with anticipated Full Business Case expected early 2022.

The second project at the i3 area is the digital processing manufacturing centre which will be operated by the University of Strathclyde and the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland. The project has secured £6m of Ayrshire Growth Deal investment.

Online services were launched August 2021, with phase 1 opening in 2022 and phase 2 opening in 2025. K Yeomans commented that the business case for phase 1 is advanced.

In terms of the Great Harbour and Maritime Mile, K Yeomans highlighted that this comprises part of an expansive investment programme to secure The Great Harbour as a major regional destination.

The Growth Deal will commit £14m investment into a phased programme of works which will lead the physical transformation of the wider location by implementation of the maritime mile project. Additional Growth Deal funding will create capacity to support community participation in commercial opportunities at the maritime mile.

K Yeomans highlighted that detailed project work advancing. There has been:

- An appointment of design team for regional play facility concept,
- Early-stage interventions being identified for Ship/HAC/Harbour Master's Cottage to bring early opportunities to market,
- Partnership approach explored,
- Engagement with NPL (Harbour Master) to unlock potential and
- Boat based tourism funding explored to explore additional funding support.

K Yeomans commented that the development of The Great Harbour will create a unique coastal destination comprising a number of key assets to attract new visitors to the area and create jobs.

In terms of the Hunterston Strategic Development Area, K Yeomans highlighted that this project will receive £18m of Ayrshire Growth Deal Funding.

This site offers offering a unique industrial capacity associated with strategic infrastructure such as rail, utilities, grid connections, deep water marine access and proximity to key academic research and innovation resources across the City Region. As Scotland's largest strategic deep-water port with direct rail and grid connections, the site has a critical role in Scotland's energy, blue and green economy priorities.

Extensive research, analysis and engagement with experts, industry, academics and land owners has developed a sophisticated understanding of the strategic capacity of the assets at Hunterston and relationship with International Marine Science and Environment (IMSE) and wider blue economy opportunities. This is currently being tested and finalised with partners in order to enable a strategic programme of activity that will unlock a national scale opportunity in the Blue Economy and one that will support the national transition to net zero. This will provide a new platform for socio economic benefit and wellbeing to North Ayrshire

In terms of the International Marine Science and Environment Centre at Ardrossan, K Yeomans highlighted that this project will receive £10.5m of Ayrshire Growth Deal funding and it will be part of £170m+ of Capital investment which will fund:

- Campus,
- Harbour,
- Marina expansion,
- International Marine Science and Environment Centre ,
- Housing and
- Low Carbon Hub.

This project is a Centre of Excellence & Innovation developed between industry and academic partners. It will develop and capture innovation in marine sciences; marine spatial planning; marine technology; and marine education and training and ensure that the Firth of Clyde is recognised as an exemplar in marine sustainability.

The University of Stirling are supporting project development as a blue economy academic partner.

In terms of the Marine Tourism, K Yeomans highlighted that this project will receive £9.5m of Ayrshire Growth Deal Funding. £5.5m will be used for enabling works for expansion at Ardrossan which is expected to commence in 2023. The team are currently reaching final draft outline business case with concept design and financially viable operating and capex model. £4m will be use for transit marina provision on Arran & Cumbrae which is currently programmed for commencing 2025/26, although project activity now underway and will explore opportunities for acceleration. Outline business cases will be targeted in 2022.

The Chair thanked K Yeomans for her comprehensive update and advised that the Board would welcome further updates in 2022.

I McMeekin asked K Yeomans about wider performance management and how the team report back to stakeholders and links back to groups across Ayrshire. K Yeomans explained the benefits realisation plan which is being pulled together. K Yeomans suggested that this should be brought to a future meeting of the CPP Board.

M Rae asked K Yeomans if she can advise the Board of the comms plan used for the Growth Deal work. K Yeomans highlighted that there is a plan for each programme, the next engagement work will be around the Great Harbour in the new year. K Yeomans suggested that it would be keen to meet with M Rae to discuss how to effectively consult communities.

T Correia commented that the team do a tremendous amount of work and it is exciting to see things taking shape.

The Chair thanked K Yeomans for her update.

4. Workshop Session

The Board split into two groups, and each attended two workshop sessions.

Workshop 1 – New Fire Alarm Requirements from 2022 – supporting vulnerable people

I McMeekin led this workshop which covered new legislation around home fire alarms coming into force in Scotland in 2022 and partners discussed how best to prepare communities and spread the message.

This included:

- Discussion around increased scams relating to the purchase of new fire alarms and how to protect communities against this. National adverts have been circulated but what could we be doing locally?
- The role of locality planning and the Locality Partnerships in helping spread the message.
- Partners working with Trading Standards to ensure good quality advice and support on choosing a provider is available.
- A letter drop was suggested covering what communities need to know.
- Partners including the Police continuing to refer Home Fire Safety Visits when entering properties.

Workshop 2 – Community Justice Ayrshire

A Torrance led this workshop. Background was given on Community Justice and partners discussed what more we can do.

This included:

- Support with cascading key messaging effectively through CPP and to Council services,
- Building on engagement with Ayrshire College,
- Sharing learning with CJAP from DWP pilot with HMP Kilmarnock,
- Supporting Recruit with Conviction, highlighting strategic link with Community Wealth Building and sharing learning from Scottish Fire and Rescue's experience,
- Working with the CPP Senior Officers Group to identify opportunities, and
- There is a need to ensure parents get access to wrap around childcare allowing them to be able to attend training, work, or volunteering.

5. Governance

Development of the new LOIP

Morna Rae advised the Board on the development of the new LOIP and the work done to date.

A Stakeholders Reference Group has been set up and their first meeting has taken place. The group is chaired by Kaileigh Brown.

M Rae commented that there has been good participation from Community Reps, Elected Members and Community Planning partners which fed into our consultation which is now live.

Communities can respond to the consultation via a number of different channels such as:

- Hard copy forms will be available in libraries,
- Online Microsoft Forms questionnaire,
- Shaping North Ayrshire – online debate,
- Email,
- Telephone and
- Survey to Peoples Panel members.

M Rae advised the Board that communication materials were shared with Community Planning partners and encouraged them to promote this via their channels. In terms of internal promotion of this work M Rae advised that the following promotional methods are being used:

- CPP and Council social media,
- All staff email to NAC/HSCP employees,
- Email distribution lists,
- Youth engagement, and
- School social media.

M Rae also highlighted that there will be thematic workshops scheduled in January to look at potential outcomes and targets. To support discussions the team are carrying out some background research.

The Chair thanked M Rae for her update.

Community Planning Improvement Board

M Rae advised the Board that Community Planning Improvement Board (CPIB) is a national group. They wrote to all Chairs of Community Planning Boards in October 2021 to share their research into the critical role Community Planning has played during Covid and the significant contribution Community Planning can make to Covid recovery plans in Scotland. The CPIB asked for comment on their report and M Rae provided an overview of the response provided.

This included some examples of our local response to the pandemic which reflect the themes of whole systems response, empowerment and Community Planning as a mechanism for local delivery. Such as:

- Community Supports Hubs,
- Kindness work with Carnegie,
- Whole Systems approach – Health Weight Priority 6,
- Clear strong communication and
- Fortnightly meetings with the TSI to provide coordinated support to community groups.

The CPIB has identified the following areas of focus for Community Planning to meet future expectations:

- Re-Focusing priorities
- Involving and empowering communities
- Relationships, structures and bureaucracy

The local illustrations given for each of these were:

- Aligning spatial planning and community planning,
- LP refresh of priorities,
- Approach to new LOIP,
- Case study of the Local Police Plan HISA,
- Supporting people to be more involved with local democracy, and
- Customer to Citizen work.

Partners commented on the usefulness of the report as an overview of the local approach. The Chair thanked M Rae for her update.

LOIP Q2 Performance

J Greenlees provided Senior Officers with a presentation on the LOIP Q2 Performance. J Greenlees provided updates under each of the LOIP themes:

- Working and Fair For All Economic Growth
- Thriving & Fair For All Children
- Safer & Fair For All Environment
- Healthier & Fair For All Health
- Fair For All Food

J Greenlees highlighted that in terms of next steps, the Q2 detailed report will be circulated in due course.

The 20/21 Annual Report has been published. J Greenlees encouraged the Board to complete the survey embedded with the Annual Report.

Cllr Bell asked J Greenlees how the average earnings were calculated. J Greenlees undertook to find out this information and report back to Cllr Bell.

The Chair thanked J Greenlees for her update.

6. Key Partner Discussion and Sharing on Key Developments and Opportunities

The Chair advised at the September Board meeting that this would become a standing item on the agenda to allow wider sharing amongst partners.

I McMeekin explained to the Board that Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have sought funding for another youth volunteer scheme in North Ayrshire covering Kilwinning and Three Towns. The team are also having discussions regarding the Kickstart scheme to help get people back into employment.

T Correia advised that Scottish Enterprise are waiting on the publication of the Government Economic Strategy to support the finalisation of Scottish Enterprise's plan. There will be consultation with a range of partners as the new plan is developed.

A Comrie advised that SPT are consulting with Local Authorities about their capital projects and accepting bids from various schemes. Discussions have taken place to see how projects can be carried forward to the next financial year.

M Rae advised that Ashley Pringle from KA Leisure has stepped down as link between KA Leisure and the CPP Board. M Rae conveyed her thanks to A Pringle. Anne Todd and Lorraine Tullloch will be taking forward this role.

M Rae also advised that she produces a weekly policy briefing and asked for any members of the Board who wish to be added to the distribution list to get in touch.

The Chair thanked everyone for their updates.

9. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending today and conveyed his best wishes for the festive period.

10. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Ayrshire CPP Board will be held on **Thursday 3 March 2022 at 11.00 am via Microsoft Teams.**