

Community Planning Partnership Board
Thursday 30 September 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
Marie Burns, Elected Member
Alex Gallagher, Elected Member
Ellen McMaster, Elected Member

North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Bob Martin, Chair North Ayrshire IJB

Ayrshire College

Carol Turnbull, Principal and Chief Executive

DWP

Tom Gilligan, Work Services Manager

KA Leisure

Ashley Pringle Vice Chair, KA Leisure

NHS Ayrshire and Arran

L McNiven, Director of Public Health

Police Scotland

Superintendent Derek Frew

Scottish Enterprise

Theresa Correia, Senior Manager

Scottish Government

Sam Anson, Location Director

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Ian McMeekin, Area Manager

Skill Development Scotland

Paul Zealey, Skills Planning Lead
Claire Tooze, Area Manager

Scottish Partnership for Transport

Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner

Third Sector Interface

Kaileigh Brown, Executive Director, The Ayrshire Community Trust

In Attendance

Caroline Amos (NAC), Rhona Arthur (NAC), Morna Rae (NAC), Jacqueline Greenlees (NAC), Greig Robson (NAC), Kevin Rennie (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service), Ruth Malloy (NHS Lanarkshire), Jennifer McGee (NAC).

Apologies

Cllr Scott Davidson (NAC), Cllr Anthony Gurney (NAC), Craig Hatton (NAC), Lesley Bowie, (NHS Ayrshire and Arran), Hazel Borland (NHS Ayrshire and Arran), Sheila Lynn (DWP), Karen Yeomans (NAC), Caroline Cameron (NA HSCP), Vicki Yuill (Arran CVS), Chief Supt Faroque Hussain (Police Scotland), Audrey Sutton (NAC)

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

The Chair also welcomed Bob Martin and Paul Zealey to their first North Ayrshire CPP Board meeting and highlighted that Paul Zealey would be the Skills Development Scotland representative going forward.

The Chair advised the Board that Ruth Malloy from NHS Lanarkshire was in attendance at the meeting shadowing Lynne McNiven.

2. Minute of the Previous Meeting and Action Note

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The following action note updates were provided by Morna Rae:

- **Ayrshire Growth Deal** – An update will be brought to the December Board meeting.
- **Multi-agency locality working** – An update will be brought to the December Board meeting.
- **Children's Services Strategic Plan** – The document was circulated to the Board, the action is now complete.
- **Youth Participation and Citizenship Strategy** - Derek Frew advised that positive discussions have taken place between North Ayrshire Council and Police Scotland on youth engagement with over 50 officers in attendance.

3. The Role of the Third Sector Interface

Kaileigh Brown provided the Board with a presentation on the role of the Third Sector Interface.

K Brown advised the Board that the Third Sector Interface (TSI) in North Ayrshire is a partnership made up of The Ayrshire Community Trust (TACT) on the mainland and Arran Community and Voluntary Service (ACVS) on Arran. Both organisations have a long history of engaging with the local community, volunteers, community organisations and service providers. The vision is of improved quality of life for the people and communities of North Ayrshire by building a strong, effective and sustainable Third Sector.

Their remit as stated by the Scottish Government is to provide:

- Knowledge Hub for the Third Sector locally, including local and national policy and how it might affect the local Third Sector, communities and citizens and also where and how the Third Sector can and does contribute to those agendas,
- Voice - ensuring a strong Third Sector voice at a strategic level within local Community Planning structures and nationally as a network,
- Capacity Building within volunteering, community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprise to achieve lasting positive change,

- Connect by providing leadership, vision and coordination to the local Third Sector to better respond to local priorities through partnership and collaboration, and
- During Covid-19 supporting local and national government in the recovery and renewal of our local communities.

K Brown also shared how the strategic responsibilities in North Ayrshire are split between the two organisations. Areas of shared responsibility are Locality Partnerships and the CPP Senior Officers Group. There is also an agreement that the TSI representative at the CPP Board will rotate on an annual basis.

K Brown shared how TSIs deliver to our communities across North Ayrshire:

- Gathering data,
- Creation of local,
- Pop up events,
- Training,
- Information sharing,
- Supporting partner events,
- Funding support,
- Strategic priorities,
- Supporting volunteers and sourcing volunteering opportunities,
- Covid-19 Response, and
- Capacity building.

K Brown shared the value of the Third Sector locally:

- In North Ayrshire, formal volunteering contributed £63.8 million to the local economy
- Last year 4 out of 5 Scots used a voluntary sector organisation
- Income in 2018 for the sector was £6.02bn with a North Ayrshire contribution of £73.42m
- In 2018 North Ayrshire's annual expenditure was £73.18m
- The voluntary sector across Ayrshire employs 4,929 staff
- The sector owns £4bn+ worth of fixed assets

Partners discussed the funding challenges faced by the Third Sector. R Mellor asked K Brown what proportion of funding is stable, and not made up of short-term grants. K Brown advised that she would forward a detailed breakdown to the Board, and commented on the negative impact of reliance on short-term funding. Cllr Gallagher asked about the Scottish Government funding arrangements and an explanation was provided.

The Chair thanked K Brown for her presentation and commented that the presentation highlights and demonstrates the value the Third Sector brings to the local area and economy.

4. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service UFAS Consultation

Ian McMeekin provided the Board with an overview on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) Consultation.

I McMeekin advised responding to UFAS in commercial settings accounts of one third of Scottish Fire and Rescue's activity.

In terms of all UFAS this equates to:

- 57,000 unnecessary blue light visit each year
- 575 Carbon tonnes emission produced from using mobile appliances
- 6400 hrs lost every year and accounts to approx. £3.4m of pay.

Kevin Rennie provided the Board with a short presentation which covered the three options of the consultation which closes on 11 October 2021.

These are:

- a) Call challenges to all Automatic Fire Alarms (AFA) from non-domestic premises. No response is mobilised, if questioning confirms there is no fire, or signs of fire. Sleeping risk premises are exempt from call challenging and will receive the following immediate response:
 - Residential Care Homes receive a pre-determined attendance (PDA) of two fire appliances regardless of time of day
 - All other sleeping risks receive a PDA of one fire appliance between 0700-1800hrs and two fire appliances out-with these hours
- b) Call challenge all AFAs from non-domestic premises. No response is mobilised, if questioning confirms there is no fire, or signs of fire. No exemptions to call challenging apply (i.e. all AFA calls received are call challenged, regardless of premises type and caller).
- c) Non-attendance to all AFAs from non-domestic premises, unless back-up 999 call confirming fire, or signs of fire is received. Sleeping risk premises are exempt from non-attendance and will receive the following immediate response:
 - Residential Care Homes receive a PDA of two fire appliances regardless of time of day
 - All other sleeping risks receive a PDA of one fire appliance between 0700-1800hrs and two fire appliances out-with these hours

I McMeekin also highlighted that as well as this consultation, there has also been a change in legislation relating to smoke alarm laws which will commence in February 2022.

C Amos highlighted that she would be keen to meet with I McMeekin to discuss the potential implications for educational establishments.

M Rae advised that a copy of the consultation document will be shared with the Board and partners were encouraged to respond.

The Chair thanked I McMeekin and K Rennie for their presentation.

5. Local Employability Partnership

Greig Robson provided the Board with an update on the Local Employability Partnership (LEP). This included an overview of the funding arrangements and how partners work together to devise and deliver the most effective programmes in a North Ayrshire context. Information on their response to the employability challenges during the pandemic was shared.

G Robson advised the Board that he will be leaving the organisation in a few weeks and proposed that going forward his successor will provide bi-annual updates to the Board. This was agreed.

The Chair thanked G Robson for the update and conveyed his best wishes on his new venture.

6. Workshop Session

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

Workshop 1 – Locality Partnership (LP) Priorities

Derek Frew led this workshop which covered:

- The background to the development of refreshed LP priorities,
- The supporting research and the public consultation, and
- An overview of the priorities agreed at the June LP meetings.

CPP partners discussed how they can help support achievement of these priorities:

- A focus on children and young people – Police Scotland noted their community wellbeing and youth engagement work. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service spoke about engaging with the community and young people through joint work with TACT on the Positive Steps programme. They are also working in partnership with the Council and Police around corporate parenting.
- Community Wealth Building – opportunities to use partners land and assets for food systems was discussed.
- Irvine representatives spoke about a focus on mental health and green health for the LP. It was noted that KA Leisure will be key in supporting this work for example through outdoor activity programmes, community engagement and training, and developing new memberships for young people. This will be key in reducing inequality.
- Food is a key focus on Arran- the work of the Arran Pioneers was noted. Partners discussed the Garden Project in Glasgow.
- TACT spoke about projects relating to skills and work- another key theme for some LPs. Volunteering opportunities, and how effectively these are promoted will be key in getting the community work ready. The Third Sector will also be key in supporting community groups in community regeneration.
- Each of the LP priorities has links to the wider determinants of health, and as such Public Health partners are keen to work with the CPP going forward to progress them. Campus Police Officers and GP Link Workers will also be a key resource in progressing locality work.
- The Stalled Spaces work taking place in Glasgow was mentioned- Community groups can look after green or empty spaces that are sitting unused until they are sold or redeveloped.
- The value of the CPP Community Book model and the Fairer Food map was noted.

It was agreed that the output of the discussions would feed into the LP action planning.

Workshop 2 – Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2022

Morna Rae led this workshop and explained the requirements of the Community Empowerment Act in relation to our new LOIP, which needs to be in place from 2022. An overview was given of the project plan, and the intention to use a Stakeholder Reference Group to shape the public consultation. A proposal for a more focused LOIP across around five key themes, with key outcomes related to inequalities was also shared. Partners supported this approach, commenting on the value of being more targeted in the LOIP. It was noted that workplans under each theme could be developed, and governance arrangements and group memberships reviewed to align with the new LOIP. A Strategic Needs Assessment will provide an evidence base for the LOIP priorities along with the public feedback. Partners discussed different options for the lifespan of the LOIP. There was general consensus that running to 2030 would align with other key local strategic approaches and allow sufficient time to progress the LOIP outcomes.

7. Governance

Locality Partnership Standing Orders

Morna Rae advised the Board that the six Locality Partnership have Standing Orders which outline the remit of the groups and how they should operate. The current Standing Orders date from 2016 when the Locality Partnerships were first established. M Rae also advised an updated draft of the Standing Orders have been created.

M Rae highlighted the amendments:

- Parts which were out of date,
- Areas which needed additional explanation or clarity – based on experience through the Locality Planning work and
- Changes – where the previous practice wasn't as effective as it could be.

M Rae commented that there is still scope for the Board's feedback and she will share a copy of the draft Standing Orders by email for review.

Annual Report

M Rae highlighted that the team are finalising the Fair for All and Local Outcomes Improvement Plan annual report. The team are aiming to balance having a reasonably short and engaging document with something that shows the breadth of partnership achievements.

M Rae advised that instead of using Board agenda time to review, this would be shared with the Board via email to provide comments.

The Board agreed with this approach.

Annual Appraisal

M Rae advised the Board that the team will be sending out some appraisal templates that we would ask members to complete and return. This is to help us assess the effectiveness of our current approaches and identify any changes required. Responses will be pulled together, anonymised and shared with the Chairs and then members for discussion and agreement of action.

The Board agreed with this approach.

The Chair thanked M Rae for her update.

8. Partner Discussion and Sharing on Key Developments and Opportunities

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

Skills Development Scotland – Paul Zealey advised the Board that work on the Ayrshire Regional Skills Investment Plan is now underway. This will align with work of the new economic strategy and will build on the current Ayrshire Regional Skills Group. They have a strong partnership steering group. P Zealey highlighted that if there are any partners who feel they should be involved in this consultation and haven't been contacted already, he is happy to have a meeting with them to ensure their views are captured.

Police Scotland – Derek Frew highlighted that the team are developing a different and public health approach to addictions. The Divisional Commander has spoken to the three Ayrshire

Councils and it has been agreed that a pan-Ayrshire high level drugs strategy would be created. Engagement will take place in the coming months.

Scottish Enterprise – Theresa Correia advised the Board that since last meeting Adrian Gillespie has been appointed as Scottish Enterprise Chief Executive. He will be taking forward the development of the new three-year business plan which will be discussed with partners.

KA Leisure – Ashley Pringle advised the Board of the work that the Interim Chief Executive Malcolm McPhail has been leading and the innovation and ambition of the organisation. A recovery and renewal plan was developed following the pandemic, this was presented to the Council's Cabinet recently.

The Chair thanked everyone for their updates.

9. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

10. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Ayrshire CPP Board will be held on **Thursday 2 December 2021 at 11.00 am via Microsoft Teams.**