

## **Community Planning Partnership Board**

Thursday 3 March 2022 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

Anthony Gurney, Elected Member

Craig Hatton, Chief Executive

Audrey Sutton, Executive Director

Rhona Arthur, Head of Service

#### **North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership**

Caroline Cameron, Director

#### **DWP**

Susan Agnew

#### **KA Leisure**

Lorraine Tulloch, KA Leisure Board Member

#### **NHS Ayrshire and Arran**

Lesley Bowie, Chair NHS Ayrshire & Arran Board (**Vice Chair**)

Claire Burden, Chief Executive

Ruth Mellor, Consultant in Public Health

#### **Police Scotland**

Superintendent Derek Frew

#### **Scottish Enterprise**

Theresa Correia, Senior Manager

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Ian McMeekin, Area Manager

#### **Scottish Government**

Sam Anson, Location Director

#### **Skill Development Scotland**

Paul Zealey, Skills Planning Lead

#### **Scottish Partnership for Transport**

Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner

### **In Attendance**

Morna Rae (NAC), Angela Morrell (NAC), Jennifer McGee (NAC),

### **Apologies**

Cllr E McMaster (NAC), Cllr S Davidson (NAC), Carol Turnbull (Ayrshire College) Bob Martin (NA IJB), Karen Yeomans (NAC), Kaileigh Brown (TACT), Vicki Yuill (Arran CVS), Sheila Lynn (DWP).

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.

## **2. Minute of the Previous Meeting and Action Note**

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 2 December 2021 were approved.

## **3. Fall Fighters**

Ian McMeekin provided the Board with a report in relation to fall fighter awareness raising. I McMeekin highlighted that falls can have a huge impact on individual's lives, as well as on our partner services. Falls are also the single biggest cause of accidental injuries in the home, and the largest cause of accidental death among over-65s in the UK.

Earlier this year the CPP Senior Officers Group received presentation from RoSPA. Following the meeting there were further discussions around the opportunities for partners to work closer together to address this issue.

RoSPA offer a free online Fall Fighter programme which can be undertaken individually or in group sessions. It raises awareness of the risks of falls and how to prevent them. A link to the online programme was embedded within the report issued to the Board.

RoSPA are very keen to work with all Local Authorities and Community Planning Partnerships and would welcome North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership agreeing to implement the awareness programme.

Hazel Borland highlighted that this is a very welcome opportunity. The work with SFRS and ambulance colleagues already taking place has been very valuable. H Borland also commented that she would be happy for the NHS Ayrshire and Arran Falls Co-ordinator to support and get involved in this work.

A Sutton highlighted that the opportunities for the Third Sector to take up some of this awareness raising would be welcomed.

R Mellor highlighted the risks of falling outdoors and asked for information on North Ayrshire's approach to gritting. C Hatton advised that the Council has an extensive gritting strategy, which focuses on higher footfall areas such as schools, town centres and sheltered housing units.

The Board agreed to promote the Fall Fighter programme across their organisations and will encourage members of staff, volunteers and the wider community to undertake the programme.

## **4. Community Learning and Development Plan**

Angela Morrell provided the Board with a six month update on the Community Learning and Development Plan.

A Morrell advised the Board that the North Ayrshire Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan was submitted to the Scottish Government in October 2021. The plan is focused on a co-production model, there were a number of workshops, community focus groups and consultations to gather the information to create the plan.

The team identified key priorities under each of the CLD areas of work as per occupational standards. These are:

- Youthwork and work with young people,
- Community development/ community capacity,
- Adult education, literacies, employability, Gaelic and ESOL (English for speakers of other languages), and
- Unmet need.

A Morrell provided an overview of each of the key areas of work

**Youth Work** – the priorities that were identified are:

- Climate Change
- Poverty and inequality
- Digital connectivity
- Young people's voice and rights
- Positive destinations for 16-19 year olds
- Attainment
- Wider achievement
- Health and Wellbeing

Key areas have been discussed at a Joint Cabinet meeting and a robust action plan has been created to follow through on some of the issues raised by young people.

A member of the team will be receiving a lifetime achievement award at the National Youthlink Awards and there are also finalists for the Volunteer of the Year Award and the STEM and Digital Award.

**Community Development/ Community Capacity** - the priorities that were identified are:

- Food insecurities
- Community Asset Transfer
- Participation and Democracy
- Community Leadership
- Community Engagement
- Participation Request
- Networking
- Funding

To support this work, a refreshed community association handbook has been created in partnership with NAFCO (North Ayrshire Federation of Community Organisations). This handbook provides guidance and support for all community associations.

In terms of local food systems, a google map has been created to allow organisations and communities to check where their local larder is situated and their opening times. There are currently 11 larders in North Ayrshire with another three scheduled to open.

Three Participatory Budgeting (PB) events have taken place during the last reporting period:

- Youth PB – 4726 young people voted in this PB and £97,500 awarded to a variety of groups that are working with young people.
- Locality PB - £154,609 was allocated across all six localities. Supporting 154 groups to address their local priorities.
- Arts and Culture PB - £9408 was awarded to groups delivering arts and culture.

In terms of Adult Education, a CBAL Investment Plan has been created with the Third Sector Interface. £67,000 was awarded from the Scottish Government to support this work. 45 applications were received and 27 organisations have successful in securing the funding they required.

We now have our first constituted ESOL group, who have already secured £11,500 funding during this reporting period to develop activities. They recently took over the Café Solace kitchen and provided free Syrian food.

In terms of unmet need, an engagement and participation structure has been created for older people which sees Council Chief Officers meeting with older people. A post has also been created to work with older people forums. Two face to face events have taken place and have received excellent feedback from those in attendance. The engagement hub/toolkit resources which were created pre-pandemic will be soft launched via the Community Engagement Network in March.

A Morrell highlighted that over the next six months the team will be working on:

- Implementing the Engagement Hub/toolkit resources that were created pre pandemic,
- Return to full programmes,
- Addressing the digital gap,
- Older peoples voice, and
- Updates to all Locality Partnerships.

L Bowie commented that it is amazing what the team has achieved and asked if there had been an opportunity to come together with other local authorities to showcase this work. A Morrell confirmed that the team are part of a collaborative with other Ayrshire Councils and Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Cllr Gallagher commended the work that has been done by A Morrell and her team.

Cllr Burns highlighted that as a Chair of one of the Locality Partnerships she sees how this work has impacted the work of the Locality Partnership. Cllr Burns also commented that staff within the team have been amazing and all go above and beyond their duties.

A Morrell thanked both Cllrs for their comments and advised that these would be passed on to the team.

A Sutton conveyed her thanks to the team for this work and highlighted that it is important to note that this is not a centralised plan but North Ayrshire wide. The real value is the reflection of all the communities within this plan.

The Chair thanked A Morrell for her update and stated that the Board would welcome a further progress report later in the year.

## **5. Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2022 – 2030**

Rhona Arthur and Morna Rae provided the Board with an update on the work of the LOIP 2022-2030.

R Arthur highlighted that the LOIP is our plan going forward about how we can work together and focuses on where Community Planning partners can make a difference. In North Ayrshire we have really strong working relationships with partners. This was evidenced in the 2020 Best Value report. The LOIP captures the power of everyone working together in our most vulnerable areas.

R Arthur also wished to convey her thanks to M Rae, K Brown and wider partners for their support with this work.

M Rae advised the Board provided information on:

- The provisions of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 s14 stating that the LOIP is a binding plan for CPP partners,
- From autumn 2021 there has been discussion at CPP Board and Senior Officer Group meetings, one to one meetings between the M Rae and CPP partners, and workshop discussions,
- The Stakeholder Reference Group which guided the participation process and ensured that the questions being asked were meaningful to our communities,
- The consultation process and the results of this,
- The Strategic Needs Assessment,
- The Health Impact Assessment carried out as part of the CPP commitment to health in all polices, and
- Research into other areas to identify best practice.

M Rae explained that in developing the LOIP we have used the rationale of not replicating existing work but what can we do more of, accelerate or do differently. The LOIP focusses on a smaller number of priorities, and each priority should address inequalities and be partnership in nature.

M Rae advised the Board that the LOIP is broken down in to three sections. Wellbeing, Work and World.

**Wellbeing** will focus on health and wellbeing:

- Addressing inequalities,
- Promoting children and young people's wellbeing, and
- Enabling community wellbeing.

**Work** will focus on economy and skills:

- Increasing employment,
- Developing volunteering, and
- Better supporting our young people to develop the skills they need to play a strong role in our local economy.

**World** will focus on climate change:

- Working together to reduce carbon emissions,
- Increasing active travel, and
- Increasing carbon literacy within our organisations and communities.

M Rae also highlighted the next steps for this work should it receive Board approval include finalisation of the LOIP document, and creation of an easy read version and LOIP on a page. Action planning in collaboration with our communities is required (an engagement plan will be created to support this) and a performance management framework will be developed.

R Arthur commented that the action plan will be a live action plan that will grow. Some of the actions will grow at a faster pace than others.

Partners commended the work and the approach taken. The Board agreed to approve the LOIP 2022-30 and commit partner organisations to its delivery.

## 6. Locality Partnership Overview

M Rae provided the Board with an update on the work of the six Locality Partnerships in North Ayrshire.

The report highlighted:

- Additional £3m funding for the Community Investment Fund (CIF) was approved in the Autumn 2021,
- The number of CIF Applications received and approved over the last six months,
- The common themes discussed across the six Locality Partnerships such as:
  - Health and Social Care Partnership service pressures and changing delivery models and the priorities addressed through the HSCP Locality Forums,
  - Education updates on the return to school, exam arrangements, roll out of 1140 hours and staffing,
  - Presentations on the range of grants that the Locality Partnerships have available for disbursement, and decisions on the allocation of grants,
  - Community Council Elections, and
  - Membership changes following the 2022 Local Government Election
- Specific items discussed at the six Locality Partnerships

R Arthur commented on the progress by the Locality Partnerships and conveyed her thanks to everyone involved. R Arthur also commented that it is amazing to see how the CIF supports projects in each of the six areas.

Cllr Bell highlighted that in terms of Garnock Valley one of the the success of the Locality Partnership has brought together the three Community Councils who have recently carried out a joint PB exercise.

Cllr Gallagher commented that the projects that have come from the North Coast have been fantastic achievements. Cllr Gallagher also spoke about the locality sub groups and options for the chairing of these.

Cllr Burns commented that the Locality Partnerships have come a long way over the last six years and conveyed her thanks to the Connected Communities team within the Irvine locality. Cllr Burns also explained that the launch of the chit chats in Irvine helped massively as discussions were much more localised.

The Chair thanked M Rae for her report.

## 7. Partner Discussion and Sharing on Key Developments and Opportunities

Scottish Enterprise – T Correia advised that Jane Martin will be the new Managing Director for Innovation and Investment. The National Strategy for Economic Transformation was published by the Scottish Government this week and will set the direction for Scottish Enterprise. Offices reopened on 28 February.

Connected Communities – R Arthur highlighted that an online consultation on period dignity will be launched next week. The aim of the consultation is to tackle period poverty and to improve the service provision by asking for community views, feedback and support on tackling the issue and helping to bring about positive change to reduce stigma and widen access to essential products. R Arthur encouraged the Board to share the consultation.

R Arthur also highlighted that the Council approved a statement of intent to develop a Participation Strategy which will set out the ways in which communities can have their say, take part, share decisions and take ownership.

SPT - A Comrie advised the Board that £1.85m funding has been agreed to support improvements on active travel in North Ayrshire.

Police Scotland – D Frew highlighted that Police Scotland have appointed Inspector Ian Murray to lead the work of the Community Wellbeing Unit. The unit will seek to better understand and prevent repeat victimisation, target vulnerable people and actively seek to include people who may not traditionally engage with the police.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – I McMeekin highlighted that the team are currently working on their strategic plan and there will be a plan for North Ayrshire. Following the consultation for unwanted fire alarm systems, [Option A](#) was agreed, however implementation has been postponed to April 2023.

I McMeekin also highlighted that the tri services group which is made up of representatives from Police, Fire and Ambulance services, recently looked at ambulance demand and capacity review. Both Ardrossan and Dreghorn fire stations will now be colocated with two additional ambulances being located in Ardrossan and one at Dreghorn.

A Sutton highlighted a conversation at the Public Protection Group this morning on The National Care Service and the potential implications they will have for partners.

## **8. AOCB**

No other business was discussed. The Chair conveyed his thanks to everyone in attendance.

## **9. Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the North Ayrshire CPP Board will be held on **Thursday 23 June 2022 at 11.00 am via Microsoft Teams.**