



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Community Planning Partnership Board

Friday 4 October 2024 at 9.00 am

Garnock Committee Room, Ground Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine

Time	No.	Page	Item	Presenter	Ask of CPP Partners
09.00 – 09.05	1.		Welcome & Apologies	Cllr Burns Chair of CPP, North Ayrshire Council	
09.05 – 09.15	2.	Pg 4	Minutes of Previous Meeting Submit minutes and action note of 11 June 2024 (copy enclosed)	Cllr Burns, Chair of CPP, North Ayrshire Council	Confirm that this is an accurate record of the meeting and actions have been completed.
3. Workshop Session (9:15- 10.30)					
Upon arrival, members will be divided onto three tables. During the workshop sessions facilitators will visit each table in turn.					
The workshops will allow closer discussion, increase understanding of partners areas of work and provide opportunities for partnership working and support.					
Child Poverty and Cost of Living Board Receive update on the work of the Child Poverty and Cost of Living Board from David Hammond and Sam Anson			David Hammond, Executive Director, Communities & Housing Sam Anson, Executive Director, Education		Receive update and consider opportunities for partnership working and support.
The North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Annual Report Receive overview from Jacqueline Greenlees and agree draft report.			Jacqueline Greenlees Senior Manager, Policy, Performance & Community Planning		Receive overview and approve draft report.
Corporate Parenting Receive overview and update on work taking place from Jennifer Lewis			Jennifer Lewis, Corporate Parenting Engagement & Participation Lead		Receive update and consider opportunities for partnership working.

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Future Developments					
10.30 – 10.50	4.	-	Partner Discussion and Sharing on Key Developments and Opportunities	All	Partners share developments and partnership working opportunities.
10.50 – 11.00	5.	-	AOCB	Cllr Burns, Chair of CPP, North Ayrshire Council.	

**North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board
Board Membership**

<p>Ayrshire College Angela Cox, Chief Executive and Principal</p>	<p>Scottish Government Elenor Passmore, Deputy Director</p>
<p>Health and Social Care Partnership Margaret Johnson, Elected Member (Chair, IJB) Caroline Cameron, Director</p>	<p>Skills Development Scotland Claire Tooze, Area Manager</p>
<p>Jobcentre Plus Dean Anderson Service Lead</p>	<p>Scottish Fire & Rescue Ian McMeekin Area Manager</p>
<p>KA Leisure Ashley Pringle, KA Leisure</p>	<p>Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner</p>
<p>NHS Ayrshire and Arran Lesley Bowie, Chair (Vice Chair) Claire Burden, Chief Executive Linda Semple, Interim Chair NHS Ayrshire & Arran Board</p>	<p>North Ayrshire Council Marie Burns, Elected Member (Chair) John Bell, Elected Member Charles Currie, Elected Member Scott Davidson, Elected Member Alan Hill, Elected Member Amanda Kerr Elected Member Shaun Macaulay, Elected Member Craig Hatton, Chief Executive David Hammond, Executive Director Sam Anson, Executive Director Rhonda Leith, Head of Service</p>
<p>Scottish Enterprise Karen Craib, Project Manager</p>	<p>Police Scotland Chief Supt Raymond Higgins Supt Stephen McGovern</p>
<p>Third Sector Interface Vicki Yuill, Chief Executive Officer, Arran CVS Kaileigh Brown. Executive Director, TACT</p>	

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Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 11.15 am

Fullarton Connexions



North Ayrshire
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Present

North Ayrshire Council

Cllr Marie Burns, Elected Member (**Chair**)

Cllr John Bell, Elected Member

Cllr Scott Davidson, Elected Member

Cllr Alan Hill, Elected Member

Cllr Shaun Macaulay, Elected Member

Cllr Margaret Johnson, Elected Member

Sam Anson Executive Director

David Hammond, Executive Director

Rhonda Leith, Head of Service

Department of Work and Pensions

Pamela Holmes, Customer Service Lead

NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Lisa Davidson, Assistant Director (Public Health)

Police Scotland

Chief Supt Raymond Higgins

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Ian McMeekin, Local Senior Officer

Scottish Partnership for Transport

Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner

Skills Development Scotland

Claire Tooze, Area Manager

In Attendance

Jacqui Greenlees (NAC), Lesley Forsyth (NAC), Jennifer McGee (NAC), Jennifer Wraith (NAC), Kirsty Baker (Community Justice Ayrshire), Lynne Pearson (NAC), Jennifer Wraith (NAC), Elaine Caldwell NHS), Gillian Jennings (NHS), Emma Halliday (Greenspace Scotland).

Apologies

Vicki Yuill (Arran CVS), Craig Hatton (NAC), Caroline Cameron, (NAHSCP), Cllr Timothy Billings, Elected Member, Julie McLachlan, (Scottish Government), Cllr Amanda Kerr (NAC), Kaileigh Brown (TSI). Angela Cox (Ayrshire College).

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Minute of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Board meeting held in March 2024 were approved.

3. CPP Board Rotating Workshops

At this point Partners were given the opportunity to attend three rotating workshops linked with the work of the Community Planning Partnership:

Green Health Framework- Gillian Jennings and Elaine Caldwell, NHS Ayrshire & Arran and Emma Halliday, Greenspace Scotland (Links to LOIP Wellbeing, Work and World)

Gillian Jennings and Elaine Caldwell (Public Health) and Emma Halliday (Greenspace Scotland) provided an overview and update on development of the North Ayrshire Green Health Framework and sought endorsement from the CPP Board.

What is Green Health and what are the benefits?

Green health is about the positive impact that nature and the outdoor environment have on our physical and mental health. It's all about getting people out to walk, cycle, grow, garden and connect with others for their benefit.

Why is Green Health Important?

We are currently facing rising health inequalities in our country, the past decade has seen the long-standing trend of population health improvement slow, stall and more recently move into reverse. We have the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss alongside a cost-of-living crisis and reduced public sector funding. Climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century. The more we ignore the climate emergency the bigger the impact will be on health and people living in poverty in Scotland are more affected by the environmental crises than those who are not. The activities, initiatives and the infrastructure required to deliver green health can provide many co-benefits beyond improving our health and wellbeing. Many of the interventions required to mitigate and adapt bring enormous benefits for human health and wellbeing in the form of cleaner air, healthier diets, and more liveable places.

Framework Development

The North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership has initiated, piloted and delivered a lot over the past 5 years. The partnership has raised awareness of green health amongst individuals and health practitioners; it has increased participation in green health activities and has started the path toward mainstreaming a nature-based green health approach. Initial stakeholder mapping and policy and evidence reviews were followed by engagement sessions with the Green Health Partnership, CPP Senior Officers Group and CPP Board on key achievements and current activities as well as proposed content of the Framework.

The North Ayrshire Green Health Framework

The vision of "North Ayrshire people get outside and active in good quality, nature filled greenspaces that improve their wellbeing, build their skills and benefit our planet." Has been outlined in the Green Health Framework underpinned by four principles:

- Collaborative
- Inclusive
- Realistic
- Innovative

Five goals have been prioritised from the workshop feedback, conversations and meetings with multiple stakeholders. Three align to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan themes of Wellbeing, Work and World, and the remaining two are cross-cutting across all themes.

1. **Wellbeing** Support the development of green health across North Ayrshire enabling more people to improve their health and wellbeing.
2. **Work** Nurture volunteering, skills development and employment in nature conservation, food growing and citizen science.
3. **World** Ensure green health initiatives and infrastructure contribute to addressing the biodiversity and climate crises.
4. Continue the Green Health Partnership working approach.

5. Sustain the current level of communications about green health activities and services.

Partners were positive about the contents of the Green Health Framework and the development work with partners and key stakeholders.

Partners were happy to endorse the new North Ayrshire Green Health Framework. The document and appendices can be accessed at <https://northayrshire.community/reports/na-green-health/>

Climate Change Steering Group- Jennifer Wraith (Links to LOIP World)

Jennifer Wraith, Senior Manager (Energy & Sustainability) provided each group with a session on the Climate Change Steering Group.

The presentation highlighted:

Community and Council Support:

- The council provides significant support through various funds and strategies, including the Community Regeneration Enablement Fund and initiatives for solar farms.
- Community climate change action plans are in development, drawing on lessons learned from projects like the Stevenson Carbon Neutral School, with a focus on expanding community groups and enhancing carbon literacy.

Carbon Neutral and Renewable Energy:

- Efforts include integrating renewable energy and aiming for carbon neutrality. The council is working on strategies to support local food production and make better use of derelict land.
- The Nature and Biodiversity Office is part of this team to address climate change.

Transportation and Infrastructure:

- Transitioning to a decarbonised fleet, including upgrading to HVO (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil) and increasing electric vehicle charge points.
- A £3.2 million investment for more charge points in East and South Ayrshire is planned, with a long-term lease arrangement.

Waste Management and Energy:

- Utilising landfill gas and exploring hydrogen production for heating and vehicle use.
- Assessing options for green hydrogen production and split.

Adaptation and Community Involvement:

- A Scotland project involves mapping environmental issues and promoting active travel and green spaces.
- Emphasis on community involvement, carbon literacy training, and filtering lessons to local groups.

Opportunities and Support:

- Identifying ways to better support community climate action, understanding needs, and addressing barriers to effective support.

The focus overall is on enhancing community engagement, advancing renewable energy, improving infrastructure, and promoting sustainable practices to address climate challenges.

Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan- Kirsty Baker (Links to LOIP Wellbeing and Work)

Kirsty Baker, Manager Community Justice Ayrshire provided each group with a presentation which focussed on working together to break the cycle of offending.

The presentation highlighted:

Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership

Community Justice Ayrshire is a partnership focused on preventing and reducing reoffending across the Ayrshire region. It brings together various partners to work collaboratively towards this goal.

Definition and Approach

Community justice is an approach where individuals who have broken the law are held accountable while being supported to reconnect with and contribute to their communities. This can involve various methods such as unpaid work, fines, addiction treatment, or restrictions like curfews and electronic tagging.

Statutory Requirements

Each Community Justice Authority in Scotland is required to develop a partnership plan. In Ayrshire, this takes the form of the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan (CJOIP) for 2024-2029, published in April 2024. This plan outlines how partners will collaborate to achieve national aims and outcomes for community justice across Ayrshire.

The CJOIP Aims

The CJOIP focuses on four main aims:

1. Optimising early diversion and intervention
2. Ensuring consistent availability of high-quality community interventions and public protection arrangements
3. Providing accessible services to address the needs of accused or convicted individuals
4. Strengthening leadership, engagement, and partnership among community justice partners

Imprisonment Rates and Effectiveness

Scotland has one of the highest imprisonment rates in Western Europe, with 131.9 per 100,000 inhabitants. Evidence suggests that short custodial sentences are less effective at reducing reoffending compared to community sentences. Individuals released from short custodial sentences (12 months or less) are more likely to be reconvicted than those serving Community Payback Orders (CPOs).

Presumption Against Short Sentences

The Presumption Against Short Periods of Imprisonment (Scotland) Order 2019 extended the presumption against short sentences from less than 3 months to 12 months or less. This aligns with the government's aim to reserve prison for serious or dangerous offenders and to use short imprisonment only when no alternatives are available.

Employment and Reoffending

The presentation emphasised the significant role employment plays in reducing reoffending. Being employed is associated with improved self-esteem, resilience, positive social connections, and a lower likelihood of reoffending.

Ongoing Initiatives.

The presentation also touched on ongoing work related to community reintegration and emergency release, highlighting the partnership's commitment to supporting individuals throughout their justice journey

K Baker asked Partners to consider four key questions:

- What support do partners already provide to people at different stages of the justice system?
- What could be done to raise awareness and confidence in community justice?
- Are there further opportunities for partnership working?
- Is there anything else we should be focussing our efforts towards?

Throughout the group discussion the following matters were discussed:

Cllr Johnson queried what North Ayrshire Council's position was on recruiting those who have convictions. K Baker highlighted that the Council has recently achieved "Recruit with Conviction" Ambassador status and will work to break down barriers between ex-offenders and job opportunities. Those applying for roles will be asked at interview whether they have any convictions rather than beforehand and an online module has been created for all hiring managers.

R Leith highlighted that education/literacy levels can link with offending and it is a conversation needed with SPS to address need around this matter.

D Hammond highlighted that the importance of the Housing First approach and how this needs to continue for those leaving prison setting. D Hammond also queried the process for having a piece of work carried out by the Community Payback Team. K Baker highlighted that the Team at the CPO office will be able to advise further

4. Partner Updates

There were no partner updates highlighted.

5. AOCB

No items were raised.

The next meeting of the North Ayrshire CPP Board will be held on **Friday 4 October 2024 at 9.00 am with venue tbc.**