

North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership

CPP Board

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 17 December 2009

Present

North Ayrshire Council

Councillor Margaret McDougall (**Chair**)

Councillor David O'Neill

Councillor Alan Hill

Elma Murray, Chief Executive

Bernadette Docherty, Corporate Director (Social Services)

Carol Kirk, Corporate Director (Educational Services)

NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Dr Carol Davidson, Director of Public Health

David Price, Non Executive Director

Jobcentre Plus

Robert McKay, Senior External Relations Manager

Scottish Enterprise

Jim Reid, Director of Regional Support

Skills Development Scotland

Brian Cameron, Area Manager for Ayrshire

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Neil Wylie, Director of Finance

Strathclyde Police

Superintendent Jim Coubrough

Scottish Government

Graeme Dickson, Director of Primary and Community Care

Also in Attendance

Justina Murray, Community Planning Co-ordinator (Chief Executive's Service), North Ayrshire Council

Sandra Bale, Policy Officer (Chief Executive's Service), North Ayrshire Council

Sandra Paterson, Co-Chair, Integrated Children's Services Plan Steering Group

Councillor Tom Barr, Chair of Environment Partnership

Patrick Wiggins, Chief Executive, Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company

Councillor Peter McNamara, Communities Portfolio Holder, North Ayrshire Council

Stephen McLaughlin, Volunteer Centre North Ayrshire

Craig Crosthwaite, Council for Voluntary Service North Ayrshire

Jim Nichols, Arran Council for Voluntary Service

Apologies for Absence

Jean Wilson, District Manager, Jobcentre Plus

Wai-yin Hatton, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Chief Superintendent Bill Fitzpatrick

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Submitted the Minutes of the Meetings held on (a) 10 September 2009; and (b) 19 November 2009 for approval.

Councillor O'Neill asked for an amendment to the minute of 10 September 2009, on page 5 paragraph 4, to read "John Wright and Councillor O'Neill noted that they were unhappy with the Facey Review that stated that NHS Ayrshire & Arran are £17m over funded, because the Facey formula does not take account of deprivation and unemployment levels".

The minutes of 10 September and 19 November 2009 were then approved.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes

(a) Legacy of the Commonwealth Games 2014

Justina Murray, Community Planning Co-ordinator advised in connection with the request to ascertain what East and South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnerships were planning in relation to the Commonwealth Games legacy, that a report had been submitted to the South Ayrshire Board in October, but there had been no progress since then and that a Short Term Working Group was proposed to be established for East Ayrshire.

Noted.

3. Development of the Third Sector Interface

The Board received a report and a presentation from Steven McLaughlin, Volunteer Centre North Ayrshire, Jim Nichols, Arran Council for Voluntary Service and Craig Crosthwaite, Council for Voluntary Service North Ayrshire on the development of a new interface between the Strategic Third Sector in North Ayrshire and the CPP. Councillor Peter McNamara, Communities Portfolio Holder, North Ayrshire Council also contributed to this item.

The presentation covered the national context, the local view of the national picture, the role for the interface, the interface contribution and the interface timeline.

The Scottish Government Third Sector Division has been seeking to develop a new interface between CPPs and the Strategic Third Sector in each local authority area. The Scottish Government published the "Enterprising Third Section Action Plan 2008-2011". The proposals will impact on Scottish Government funding in that there will be the creation of a single funding pot for each area.

Locally, relations between the voluntary and statutory sectors are improving with more partnership working, including the Compact Reference Group. The three organisations are looking locally at their capacity to deliver services and at a consortium to put in funding bids, with an awareness that grant funding is diminishing. There is an understanding of the need to take greater responsibility in partnership working. The three organisations involved, after considering options have agreed to work towards a formalised "enhanced partnership working agreement". The intention is to increase the voluntary sector contribution to the Single Outcome Agreement and that a shadow Community Planning Partnership be organised by the

interface, which will allow all local organisations to have an opportunity to have their say. They will be seeking a representative on the CPP Board.

Councillor McNamara indicated that he would wish to see a partnership of equals between the voluntary sector and the Community Planning Partnership. He would wish to see one Board for the three organisations, with a representative on the CPP Board. Geoff Pearson from the Scottish Government Third Sector Division has been meeting with the three organisations and will be meeting them again in January. There will be an opportunity then to discuss further what the Scottish Government requirements are.

Board members expressed concerns about how to ensure that the interface would be a truly representative and feedback mechanism. The voluntary sector representatives advised that they routinely and regularly connect with large numbers of voluntary organisations held on their database and have well formed contacts and forums. There is also a groundswell from local community and voluntary organisations that they are seeking representation on the Board.

Board members also expressed the view that they could see no advantage in having separate organisations or enhanced partnership working between the organisations. They considered that there was more to be gained by having a single organisation, particularly at this time of financial constraint when there would be an expectation that the voluntary sector would take on more responsibility.

After a full discussion, the Board agreed (a) that they are seeking the three organisations to become one organisation and therefore one contact point and one representative on the CPP Board; and (b) that the Chair should write to the Board and Chief Officers of each of the three organisations advising them of the CPP Board's position on this.

4. North Ayrshire Environment Partnership

Received report by Councillor Tom Barr, Chair of the Environment Partnership on progress to date.

Councillor Barr advised that this reconstituted Environment Partnership has now been meeting for almost one year. There was a need to raise awareness of environmental issues, particularly with Government targets on waste reduction, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Carbon Reduction Commitment with potential financial penalties if targets were not met. He provided an update on the implementation of the Single Outcome Agreement Action Plan in relation to the Environment. He highlighted that in terms of the Council's budget for improvement to the condition of roads, footways, path networks and lighting, it is likely to be a standstill position due to financial constraints. There is also some slippage on the action to improve park and ride facilities and Irvine and Kilwinning due to problems with purchase of the land from Network Rail. Neil Wylie, SPT, confirmed that SPT are continuing to press Network Rail on these issues.

A Short Life Working Group had been established by the Environment Partnership to draw up actions for partners in relation to reducing the public sector's carbon footprint. Other areas of partnership working included a "great green get together" during Community Planning Week, environmental job placements under the Future

Jobs Fund, the Local Knowledge Exchange on the Environment Project with the University of the West of Scotland and the Green Gym Project in Irvine and Kilbirnie.

Opportunities for partnership working have been taken up enthusiastically by partners, as well as sharing information and links between the environment and health, mental health and wellbeing and the importance of outdoor access have been highlighted.

It is considered however that greater contribution is required from partners to bring forward their own agenda items and that the commitment to reduce carbon footprint requires buy-in at a strategic level from all partners.

Noted.

5. North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership (CHP)

(a) Submitted Minutes of the CHP Committee of 17 September and 12 November 2009.

Noted.

(b) Submitted report by Councillor David O'Neill, Chair of the CHP Committee on progress of the CHP.

Councillor O'Neill provided information on progress on the work of the CHP including the CHP Committee, the two Officer Locality Groups, the CHP Inequalities and Health Group, the North Ayrshire New Community Hospital and the Integrated Resource Framework.

He highlighted that the Alcohol and Drug Partnership, the Mental Health Partnership and the CHP Officers Locality Group for Adults and Older People are working well.

With regard to the CHP Forum, the organisational development session undertaken in October 2009 was very successful and a clear Action Plan for 2010/11 is now being prepared.

Noted.

(c) Submitted report by the Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Council on a visit to West Lothian Community Health and Care Partnership.

The Chief Executive advised that she had met with the Chief Executive of West Lothian Council and their CHP Director to obtain information about how the model there works. Their Director is jointly employed by the Council and the NHS and there is a combined budget, dual accountability and co-location. West Lothian is receiving some recognition for this approach. The key benefits are the ability to jointly manage and integrate service delivery on the ground and have a holistic approach from cradle to grave for managing care and health needs. The Chief Executive has had initial discussions with the Chief Executive of NHS Ayrshire & Arran on this model and will be meeting her again to discuss further. She advised that a growing number of local authorities and health boards are adopting this approach. There are also

some key recommendations in the Arbutnott Review of the Clyde Valley in relation to integrating health and social care.

Dr Carol Davidson, NHS Ayrshire & Arran advised that the major CHP review within Ayrshire & Arran had resulted in the current arrangements which had been in place for about a year, and that the groups are now working well. She also advised that NHS Ayrshire & Arran have different arrangements in the way in which they are structured compared to other Health Board areas.

Noted.

6. Integrated Children's Services Plan

The Board received a presentation by Sandra Paterson, Co-Chair, Integrated Children's Services Plan Steering Group on the development of the new Integrated Children's Services Plan and its implications for Community Planning partners.

The Plan will be linked to the SOA Outcomes. It is in draft form and will be issued for consultation and will incorporate an annual Action Plan. The Plan is about fundamental changes in the way in which services require to be delivered. At the heart of the Plan is the concept of "early intervention". This approach will require:-

- the development of the children's sector workforce to have the capacity and skills for the new roles involved;
- a shift from service provision to deliver outcomes for children, to building the capacity of parents, families and communities to secure outcomes for themselves;
- streamlining and improving capacity in the systems and processes between agencies.

Some changes have already been adopted, e.g. the integrated assessment framework, which is producing good results. The Plan covers the period 2010 to 2015, but some of the changes will be generational and the timescale of the Plan may change to fit in with other Plans.

The Corporate Director (Educational Services) confirmed that there are clear links with the More Choices More Chances agenda under the Economic and Learning Partnership, that it will cover the 16-18 age group, and that as far as vulnerable children are concerned, through Psychological Services, the age range is up to age 25.

The Board noted the progress in developing the Integrated Children's Services Plan.

7. Irvine Bay URC

The Board received a presentation from Patrick Wiggins, Chief Executive, Irvine Bay URC on progress of the URC.

Patrick Wiggins advised that since the last report to the Board in June 2009 a number of developments had taken place including the following:-

Ardrossan

Shell Site – a February sign-off was anticipated which will allow the development of the site, employment opportunities on site and potential for the marina extension on a phased basis, all subject to funding.

Quayside Development – the site overlooking the marina will be marketed in the New Year to assess development interest.

Former Lyric Bingo Hall – the mixed use development is now complete.

Jack Miller's Public House – this should be developed into new office space by June 2010.

Harbour Bar – some changes to the exterior were being examined to assist in the development.

Medical Centre – work was ongoing with NHS Ayrshire & Arran on this.

Saltcoats

Station Building – the development of the former station building, Saltcoats should be completed by June 2010.

Shopfront Improvements Programme – work was ongoing with a number of shop owners with a timescale of March 2010.

Stevenston

Former Grange Bingo Hall – this had now been demolished and there were plans for a Business Centre.

Irvine

Annick Bank – construction work has commenced on new high quality business space which it is anticipated will be the most environmentally friendly Business Park in Scotland.

Trinity Church – the work on stabilisation of the building was almost complete. The bid for regeneration funding had been unsuccessful.

Bridgeway House – the Council has recently approved the tender for the facelift to this and the next development would be public realm work.

Harbourside – Irvine Splash have submitted a planning application.

NACCO Site – the demolition of the main building should take place early in the New Year and some office space may be reused.

"The Ayrshire" – the planning application for the golf complex and hotel is being worked on.

Kilwinning

Main Street Phase 1 – has almost been completed. 6 trainees taken on have now been given full time employment by Land Engineering.

Community Engagement

Working within Schools – working within the school curriculum and work experience was ongoing. Developers had also been involved.

Business Community – the URC was engaging with the business community in conjunction with the Council's Economic Development Service.

Website – improvements to the website were ongoing.

Issues

Current issues included:-

- The Recession
- The SIMD Data
- Unemployment statistics
- Household Income
- The current property market
- Linking physical regeneration to economic and social regeneration
- Forward funding

Councillor O'Neill asked whether the Ardrossan Harbour development, marina and Shell site would have linkages into the town centre.

Patrick Wiggins advised that this issue had been raised by their Board. There was an agreement with Clydeport that they will require to amend their master plan to look at entry points, walkways and more terrace type of development.

The Board noted progress by the URC.

8. Partners Responses to the Economic Situation

Submitted update reports from partners, North Ayrshire Council, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Enterprise, and Jobcentre Plus on further responses to the Economic downturn.

Robert McKay, Jobcentre Plus reported on the unemployment figures just published which showed an increase in North Ayrshire. This was against the national trend which had shown a decrease.

Noted.

9. Response to the Publication of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2009

Submitted report from Justina Murray, Community Planning Co-ordinator on the findings of the SIMD 2009.

Due to changes in methodology, the SIMD 2009 as a whole is not directly comparable with the previous SIMD. However, the SIMD 2009 indicates North Ayrshire's relative position with the rest of Scotland and the relative position of different areas within North Ayrshire. It shows significant change, with a total of 45 datazones in North Ayrshire now within the most deprived 15% in Scotland, an increase of 12 datazones compared to 2006. North Ayrshire is now ranked 5th highest in Scotland in terms of the population living in these most deprived areas.

The change in methodology and the improvements to Glasgow's position can explain some of the increase, as the SIMD is a relative measure which will always have a

most deprived 15%. Nevertheless, it is acknowledged that the SIMD shows that levels of deprivation in North Ayrshire have increased, despite the significant efforts of the Council and community planning partners.

The Community Planning Co-ordinator and the Council's Economic Development Manager have already started to prepare business case to present to the Scottish Government to lobby for increased assistance and seek 'special status' for the area.

A lunchtime briefing is also planned and the Fairer North Ayrshire Lead Officers have been advised of the changes to the datazones.

Councillor O'Neill advised that the Council has been lobbying the Government prior to this and as a result obtained the establishment of the URC, but more action is required.

As well as the unemployment levels, one of the key issues is health inequalities which have increased. Dr Carol Davidson, NHS Ayrshire and Arran advised that NHS Ayrshire and Arran also have a group who are examining the SIMD 2009 report and would be willing to provide mutual support.

It was suggested that information should be obtained on what has worked well elsewhere. The Community Planning Co-ordinator indicated that she would check with the Scottish Centre for Regeneration on whether they have any information available on successful strategies elsewhere. Dr Carol Davidson suggested that the Glasgow Centre for Population Health may also be a useful source of information.

The Board agreed (a) to restate the commitment to tackling poverty and deprivation as a priority for all partners; (b) to support North Ayrshire Council to lobby the Scottish and UK Governments to respond to North Ayrshire's decline; (c) to co-sign the letter to both Governments when the business case has been prepared.

10. SOA Action Plan 2009/10 – Quarter 2 Performance Report

Submitted report by Justina Murray, Community Planning Co-ordinator on the SOA Action Plan 2009/10.

The report indicated that 94% of the actions have been coded green, i.e. on target, ahead of target or complete.

David Price, NHS Ayrshire and Arran pointed out that this would appear to show a mismatch in relation to tackling poverty and deprivation in the light of the previous report on the SIMD 2009.

The Community Planning Co-ordinator advised that although the actions may be complete, the outcomes may not have been achieved yet. Some will be long-term outcomes. The indicators will be looked at and consideration given to reporting on these more frequently.

The development of the SOA Action Plan 2010/11 has commenced and will be led by the Chairs of the Strategic Partnerships and the CHP Committee. The Management Group will lead the development of the actions for the outcomes for which the Board has responsibility. The Scottish Government has confirmed there is no requirement to resubmit the SOA in 2010/11. The focus will now be on delivery, identifying clearer priorities, reducing the number of actions and ensuring they are more strategic and focused.

The Board noted (a) progress on the implementation of the SOA Action Plan for Quarter 2; and (b) the process underway to develop the SOA Action Plan 2010/11.

11. Urgent Items

(a) Conference

The Chair advised of a Holyrood conference in January on public sector budget cuts, which may be of interest to partners.

Noted.

12. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items were suggested as follows:-

- The Arbuthnott Review
- Presentation on the NHS Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care Strategy

13. Dates of meetings in 2010

The dates of the meetings in 2010 were agreed as follows:-

- Thursday 18 March
- Thursday 24 June
- Thursday 16 September
- Thursday 16 December

All meetings will be held at 10:30am, in Cunninghame House, Irvine.