

Safer North Ayrshire Partnership

3 November 2011

Committee Room 1, Cunninghame House



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James Dougall, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator

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Linda Jones, Strathclyde Police

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Apologies

Councillor Andrew Chamberlain, North Ayrshire Council

Councillor Peter McNamara, North Ayrshire Council

Colin Kay, Road Safety Officer, North Ayrshire Council

Gordon Jones, Strathclyde Police

Jane Houston, Principal Officer ASB/Community Safety Services, North Ayrshire Council

Iain Mitchell, Authority Reporter

Angela Morrell, Youth Services, Team Leader

Andy Lazzarin, Procurator Fiscal Depute

Alastair Osborne, Policy and Performance Officer, North Ayrshire Council

Lorne Campbell, Business Manager (Development), KA Leisure

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed partners to the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Partnership held on 8 September 2011 were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising

The Action Note arising from the meeting held on 8 September 2011 was enclosed. Updates were provided in relation to the actions arising.

Noted.

4. Future Group Strategy

Submitted paper outlining the main issues arising from the discussion that took place at the previous meeting in September in relation to SNAP's future strategy. Discussion took place around three questions i.e.

- Looking back at the work of SNAP in five years, what would you like use to achieve?
- In the short terms what do we need to do in order to achive this?
- Is there anything we need to do less of?

The Chair indicated his wish that the Group's future approach should be focused on delivering results and tackling issues that affect North Ayrshire e.g. domestic violence alcohol abuse etc. The issue of alcohol abuse will be discussed at the next meeting in December.

Noted.

5. Tasking and Problem Solving Group

Earlier in the year a 6 week Multi-Agency Problem Solving Action Plan was implemented in the Pennyburn area of Kilwinning. The Plan was coordinated by North Ayrshire Council led Tasking and Problem Solving Group and involved a variety of enforcement and community engagement activities alongside other environmental improvements in the area. The approach was successful in reducing incidents of violence and antisocial behaviour in the area.

In September, "Pennyburn Revisited" was launched with a primary focus on community engagement. An evaluation of the activities undertaken was provided. The intensive, highly visible approach, seems to have had success in delivering lasting change.

The approach adopted in the Pennyburn area has been rolled out to other areas within North Ayrshire including Castlepark, Kilbirnie, Bourtreehill and Saltcoats. Each area presents its own challenges.

Noted.

6. South West Scotland Community Justice Authority: Outcomes And Performance Framework

Submitted reports by the South West Scotland Community Justice Authority on (a) the adoption of an Outcomes and Performance Framework; and (b) a Shared Statement on Alcohol and Offending.

Outcomes and Performance Statement

The Community Justice Authority (CJA) Area Plan 2008-11 was implemented via an annual CJA Action Plan, which contained around 60 separate actions each year. Lead officers reported quarterly on progress, with detailed reports to the Area/Action Plan Implementation Group (APIG) and summary/exception reports to the CJA Board.

Whilst this model reflected the wide range of activities undertaken by partners to implement the Area Plan, it also had a number of limitations, for example around how far the action plan simply 'badges' individual partners' mainstream activities; a lack of ownership by (and connection with) the work of CJA groups and other partnerships; and limited meaningfulness of the quarterly 'red, amber, green' monitoring reports.

South West Scotland CJA has therefore developed an 'Outcomes Framework' to support the delivery of the Area Plan 2011-14, in discussion with all CJA groups. As part of the wider consultation on the Area Plan 2011-14, the CJA committed to sharing the action plans with the SNAP at a draft stage in order to build better links to community planning and to ensure wider consultation with partners.

The Outcomes Framework, a copy of which was attached, has been developed around the six Local Outcomes within the CJA Area Plan 2011-14. Each Local Outcome is owned by one or two CJA groups, and each group has developed a rolling, 'live' workplan to deliver the Outcomes for which it is responsible. These workplans will provide a focus for group meetings, and will be constantly updated. An example workplan is attached for information.

Reports to the Board will focus on progress in delivering each of the six Local Outcomes, rather than the previous system of reporting on a large number of individual actions.

Shared Statement on Alcohol and Offending

The CJA Board held a workshop on Alcohol and Offending at its meeting in September 2010. As part of an ongoing programme of work, a draft Statement on Alcohol and Offending, was prepared and subsequently endorsed by the CJA Board. It was further suggested that further engagement with Alcohol and Drug Partnerships take place to develop a shared statement.

Recognising that the Safer North Ayrshire Partnership also shares this agenda the CJA agreed to share the statement with the partnership. A copy was appended. The Partnership was invited to comment on the Shared Statement on Alcohol and Offending and to consider adding its name to the signatories.

The SNAP agreed (a) to note that the draft Outcomes Framework; (b) that Partners consider the Framework and provide feedback to Morna for onward transmission to the CJA; and (c) to note the Shared Statement on Alcohol and Offending and to consider it at the next meeting as part of the discussion on alcohol abuse.

7. Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan

The Anti Social Behaviour Action Plan was submitted. Progress against actions contained therein was highlighted.

The need for Partners to update actions at the same time as partner reports was highlighted.

Mr Dougall advised that a Tenants Conference would take place on Saturday 19 November in Ardrossan. This would be an opportunity for partners to share information with tenants if they so wished.

It was agreed that anyone interested in participating in the conference should contact Jim Dougall.

8. Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) Action Plan 2011-12: Q2 Indicator and Action Report

Submitted report which highlighted progress against the 2011/12 SOA Action Plan as at 30 September 2011.

The SOA Action Plan contains quarterly indicators to allow progress against outcomes to be monitored over the course of the year. Indicators have been identified in relation to each of the three Community Planning priorities. The report covered those relevant to the "Tackling Community Safety" priority only. Two indicators were significantly adrift of target i.e.

- 9b2 Common assault offences
- 9b7 Antisocial behaviour complaints (serious and persistent)

The remaining indicators are on target or data only as no quarterly target has been set.

Noted.

9. Domestic Abuse

At the previous meeting of the Partnership held on 8 September there was discussion on the increase in the number of common assaults which could be related to the increase in reporting of domestic abuse incidents. It was agreed that a focused discussion on the issue should take place at the November meeting.

There was submitted a report which put in context the problem of domestic abuse within North Ayrshire. Members were invited to discuss what more can be done to tackle domestic abuse and to develop new proposals which could be taken forward locally.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the outcome of the discussions be summarised and circulated to Partners and a report brought back to the next meeting.

10. Financial Monitoring

Submitted report on expenditure against the Community Safety Budget in 2011/12.

Mr Dougall advised that unallocated funding had been transferred to Safer Streets.

Noted.

11. Updates:

a) **CashBack for Communities**

b) **North Ayrshire Physical Activity and Sports Strategy**

c) **Community Representative**

12. Partner Reports

Reports were submitted on behalf of a) Anti Social Behaviour; b. KA Leisure; c. Strathclyde Police; d. NHS Ayrshire and Arran; e. Criminal Justice Services; and f. Community Development.

Noted.

13. Minutes of Meetings

The Minutes of the meeting of the Violence Against Women Forum held on 24 August 2011 were noted.

14. Future Agenda Items

The Chair reminded partners that the issue of alcohol abuse would be considered at the next meeting in December.

It was agreed that partners consider who might be invited to attend the meeting for that item of business and advise Morna accordingly.

15. Any Other Business

The Chair advised that Lesley Jeffery had moved on to Join the Ayrshire Civil Contingencies Team.. He further advised that Gordon Jones had been promoted to the rank of temporary Inspector based in Irvine. His role as Local Authority Liaison Officer would be taken up by Garry Muir.

The Chair recorded his thanks to Lesley and Gordon for their contribution to the work of SNAP.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 15th December at 10am in Committee Room 1, Cunninghame House.

Dates for 2012

Thursday, 26th January, Committee Room 2

Thursday, 26th April, Committee Room 1

Thursday, 21st June, Committee Room 1

Thursday, 16th August, Committee Room 1

Thursday, 25th October, Committee Room 1

Thursday, 13th December, Committee Room 1