

ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minute of Meeting of the **ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD** held in the Strathmore Room, William Wallace House, Orchardbank, Forfar, on Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 10.00 am.

Present: ANGUS COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR IAIN GAUL, Leader of the Council

NHS TAYSIDE
DR DREW WALKER, Director of Public Health

VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS
BILL MUIR, Chair
GARY MALONE, Chief Executive Officer

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE
COLIN GRIEVE, Area Manager

POLICE SCOTLAND
CHIEF INSPECTOR DAVID MCINTOSH

CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT SECTOR
STUART TAYLOR, Chairman, Andrew Shepherd Group of Companies, Forfar

Also

In Attendance: DAVID PATEL, Scottish Government, Location Director
VIVIEN SMITH, Angus Council, Head of Planning and Place – Communities Directorate
ANNE MOLLISON, Angus Council, Service Manager – Communities Directorate
ANDREW WILSON, Angus Council, Committee Officer – Resources Directorate

Councillor GAUL in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Richard Stiff, Chief Executive, Angus Council; Chief Superintendent Paul Anderson, Divisional Commander, Police Scotland; Ray Mudie, Vice Principal for Planning and Learner Services, Dundee and Angus College. Councillor Gaul welcomed to his first meeting of the Partnership Board, Stuart Taylor, Chairman, Andrew Shepherd Group of Companies, Forfar, who, following a selection process, now represented the construction and development sector.

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Board of 23 March 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTE

(1) Partnership Governance Arrangements (Article 4 refers)

It was noted that the agreed actions had not yet been followed up.

In response, it was reported that a representative of the business sector had come forward, and that Mr Nik Scott-Gray, Chief Executive, Port of Montrose, had agreed to join the Board.

In addition, efforts were continuing through VAA to identify a community representative. Once these appointments were complete, it would be appropriate then

for the position of Chair of the Board to rotate, with a Depute Chair being appointed for the same year, following on as Chair in the next year, and so providing continuity.

The Board noted the position.

(2) Audit Scotland Report – Community Planning – An Update (Article 9 refers)

The Board noted that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service would circulate its National Strategic Plan by August 2016; the Local Plan covering Angus would be ready in 2017.

4. IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN – PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted Report highlighting progress to date on the detailed Improvement Action Plan, as agreed by the Board in December 2013.

Appendix 2 set out the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan timeline, setting out the steps which would culminate in the final plans being submitted to the Board for approval in June 2017 and finally approved and published in September 2017.

It was advised that Scottish Government had announced a new community fund which was linked with particular budgeting arrangements. Applications to the fund were due in July/August 2016. Communities or individual organisations could submit bids themselves.

The Board agreed to note the progress updates on the Improvement Action Plan.

5. CROSS-CUTTING PRIORITIES PROGRESS UPDATE

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of previous meeting of the Board, there was submitted Report highlighting progress to date on the three cross-cutting priorities identified in the Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013/2016, namely:-

- Sustainable economy and employment
- Poverty and disadvantage; and
- Shifting the balance of care.

The Board agreed to note the progress updates on the Improvement Action Plan.

In noting the progress updates on the three cross-cutting issues, the Board in particular noted the following:

Opportunities for Young People: - The “Angus Works” programme aimed to set up extended work experience placements within the Council, initially for up to 20 young people, with an eventual capacity of 100 places per annum. Modern apprenticeships were being developed across the whole public sector within Angus under the Angus Shared Apprenticeship Scheme.

It was suggested that Skills Development Scotland give all contracts to national providers who in turn had to approach local organisations for assistance. This appeared to go against what the Partnership understood by ‘localness’, and how it valued local work, and suggested inconsistency in the rules. While it was a view that there should be a standard process for awarding programmes, this point would be put for consideration to Scottish Government.

Digital Communications: - Superfast Broadband coverage in Angus remained at 74%. For the “hard to reach” areas to receive greater coverage, required small groups of people to come forward.

Welfare Reform: - Noted that universal credit was now live in Angus.

Early Years: - Noted the substantial support from NHS in connection with the development of priorities for the Early Years collaborative in Angus, culminating in a showcase event in April highlighting areas of good practice.

It was noted that Homestart had been instrumental in a start-up of “Bumps and Beyond” offering small scale level support to mothers, involving four or five mothers in its first year. Resource discussions were continuing with a view to scaling up the service.

Third Sector Development: - Care About Angus had been established as a locally based, personal centred enterprise offering basic levels of care and company to those who needed it. Discussions were currently taking place with Angus Council on potential expansion of the range of services.

Welfare Reform: - Noted that any of the partners could refer cases to the Welfare Rights Team; Citizens Advice Bureau; or to Community Learning/Digital Learning; and that there was no Police representative on the Welfare Reform Group as yet. The Board agreed that it would be advantageous to for Police Scotland to join the Group - the Chair of Welfare Reform Group would be the appropriate contact.

6. **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015 – CONSULTATION ON GUIDANCE**

There was submitted Report presenting draft responses from the Partnership to Scottish Government regarding free consultations on guidance and regulation for the 2015 Act.

The different parts of the Act were likely to come into force at different times, with most parts expected to come into effect by late summer 2016. The three consultations were carried out by Scottish Government ahead of the development of secondary legislation and guidance to be developed before the legislation could come into effect. The consultations had been circulated widely to all Partners. Concerns expressed by Partnership members included the suggestion that six months was a reasonable length of time for an Authority to make a decision on asset transfer requests. The draft response suggested that 12 months, rather than the 6 months proposed by Government, would be a more reasonable length of time, given that in such cases there were usually variables outwith the control of the Authority to be able to achieve within the six months period. It should also be noted that the 2015 Act now enabled communities to request the asset transfer of land or buildings regardless of whether they were surplus to the requirements of the authority; the Authority potentially being any Community Planning partner.

7. **CITY DEALS**

(1) **Update**

There was submitted the Tay Cities Deal Overview outlining the collaborative approach to be adopted by Angus, Dundee City, Fife and Perth & Kinross Councils, working together with Community Planning partners to take a collaborative approach to sustainable economic growth to deliver an ambition to be a smarter, fairer place. This would be achieved through the support of a City Deal Agreement providing additional funding, provided that the area delivered outcomes agreed with the Scottish and UK Governments. All four local authorities were progressing this and more follow-up discussions would take place with Scottish Government.

There was some uncertainty about who should be driving the City Deal, although a Directors Group had been suggested supported by a team of relevant officers. Arrangements should be in place by September 2016.

The Board agreed to note the position.

(2) **Centre for Engineering Excellence (C4e) – Action Plan Update**

There was submitted and noted the updated Action Plan supporting the engineering and advanced manufacturing sector in Angus and north-east Scotland.

8. **RESOURCES GROUP UPDATE**

There was submitted and noted the minute of meeting of the Resources Group held on 18 May 2016.

9. **BEAT THE STREET**

There was submitted details regarding “Beat the Street”, a 12 month community-wide programme which aimed to improve health and wellbeing by “getting people moving”. Members considered that the evaluations of the initiative had been based on a low response rate from participants, with little supporting demographic evidence. They were not convinced

that it would be a good investment for Angus to adopt. While there might be some short term benefits, it was difficult to see how these could be maintained for any length of time.

The Board agreed not to pursue the "Beat the Street" initiative but to give future consideration to the question of how to encourage people who were less likely to do physical activity.

10. INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES GROUP

It was noted that by April 2017, partners were required to have implemented the new Children's Plan. The Interim Draft Plan indicated that it would be resource-intensive. Much work remained to be done, including prioritisation of what would be possible. The current children's inspection was another driver.

The focus had been on early intervention up until now, and how to open up opportunities for young people. Where there were many youth organisations, this often involved costs. There was a clear need to engage with families.

The Board agreed that the Group bring forward a paper for consideration by the Board/Partnership. The Group would have to consider what it could currently progress and what it saw as a strategic issue.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS CALENDAR 2016

The Board noted that its next meeting was scheduled for 21 September 2016 at 10.00am. Other meetings of the Board and Partnership were scheduled as follows:

Partnership – 7 September
Partnership – 16 November
Board – 7 December