

ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minute of Meeting of the **ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD** held in the Canmore Room, Municipal Building, Castle Street, Forfar, on Wednesday 23 March 2016 at 10.00 am.

Present: ANGUS COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR IAIN GAUL
COUNCILLOR PAUL VALENTINE
RICHARD STIFF, Chief Executive

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE
COLIN GRIEVE, Local Senior Officer, Dundee, Tayside and Perth & Kinross

POLICE SCOTLAND
SUPERINTENDENT ANDY TODD
INSPECTOR DAVID MCINTOSH

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

In Attendance: 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

Councillor GAUL in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Professor John Connell, Chairman, NHS Tayside; Dr Drew Walker, Director of Public Health, NHS Tayside; Chief Superintendent Eddie Smith, Police Scotland (Inspector David McIntosh substituting); and David Patel, Scottish Government Location Director.

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Board of 9 December 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTE

(1) Centre for Excellence (C4E (Article 3(1) refers)

Richard Stiff introduced the Action Plan circulated with the Board papers. He emphasised that these were produced largely from the perspective of Angus Council. Many of the recommendations were within the current remit of the Council's Economic Development service, and particular partners; although the Partnership might wish to adopt some. He highlighted the following as being of particular interest to the Board and Partnership:

Recommendation 1 – Angus Economic Partnership should consider developing an action plan for the Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Sector. The consultants' report had shown engineering to be more important to the Angus economy than previously thought, supplying more jobs than realised. The Council had developed a Manufacturing and Energy Framework and Action Plan for 2016/2017, aligned with the recommendations of the study; this would be integrated with further actions. A final collaborative Action Plan would be agreed with Community Planning Partners along with a monitoring and review timetable, by June 2016. Richard suggested that the Partnership adopt this as a project.

Recommendation 3 – The Partnership should consider the development of a virtual C4E, with a central portal setting out the range of local and national support available to engineering and advanced manufacturing firms in the area, and access details. There should be a link with an existing local academic institution. All Partners would be in a position to contribute to the formation of an East of Scotland virtual centre and community, beyond the Angus area and existing provision. The target date to achieve this would be December 2016.

Recommendation 5 – Formation of a secure, shared, comprehensive database of company contact details and records of engagement with all Partners. The main presence would be digital, and across the City Deal area – including north Fife, Angus, Dundee and part of Aberdeenshire. In preparation, Angus Council Economic Development would undertake a programme of company visits and related desk research; explore options for a shared information system; establish base line information; and implement a communications plan, again by December 2016.

There was some discussion regarding data security, and the possible use of a two tier log in system to differentiate between what was public, and what was protected, data.

The Board agreed to implement recommendations 1 and 3 as set out by the consultants, and detailed in the Action Plan; and to seek the support of Scottish Government through David Patel to help carry these forward. The other recommendations, falling as they did within the remit of Angus Council's Economic Development service, would be progressed over time by that Service.

4. PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

With reference to paragraph 6 of the minute of the previous meeting, there was submitted Report on the future governance arrangements for Angus Community Planning Partnership, designed to meet the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

This had taken into account the views of members as expressed at the previous meeting, and Vivien Smith welcomed the desire of agencies to be involved in the re-vamped Board. The Report contained six options for membership of the Board; however it was considered that Option 4 offered the inclusion of Partners with the greatest ability to deliver on local outcomes. It proposed that there be included representatives from the Business and Developer sectors, and from the local community.

The Board agreed to implement Option 4, enabling a Board of 12 members in total as under:

Angus Council (Chief Executive and Leader of the Council)
NHS Tayside (one member to be nominated by NHS Tayside Board)
Integrated Joint Board (one member to be nominated by IJB)
Voluntary Action Angus (Board Member and Chief Officer)
Dundee and Angus College (one member)
Police Scotland (one member)
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (one member)
Business Developer and community representative (one member from each sector).

The Board had previously recognised the need to have a rotating chair; it agreed that the Vice Chair should be appointed for the same year and follow on as Chairman in the next year, so providing continuity.

5. IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN – PROGRESS UPDATE

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of previous meeting of the Board, there was submitted Report, highlighting progress to date on the detailed Improvement Action Plan, previously agreed by the Board in December 2013.

Appendix 1 to the Report detailed progress being made in terms of 15 actions, 3 of which were complete, and the remainder being on track.

In terms of the ACP self-assessment of June 2014, six actions had been identified and all were on track.

Highlights included the Charrette currently taking place in Montrose; participation in a collaborative bid for European funding was being made for digital engagement technology acquisition led by Groningen (The Netherlands); and the Partnership's continuing work with the Improvement Service in terms of collaborative resourcing the focus being on improving employment pathways for people in the Arbroath locality.

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

6. CROSS-CUTTING PRIORITIES PROGRESS UPDATE

With reference to Article 9 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.

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

Early Years – NHS Tayside had facilitated learning sessions in relation to the improvement methodology to help further develop the priorities for the Early Years collaborative in Angus. A showcase event would take place in April intended to spread the learning and highlight areas of good practice.

Transport and Access – A bid was currently being prepared for the promotion of Active Travel. The Angus *Angus on the Go* brand had been introduced, covering cycling, walking, public transport and lift share. Active travel promotion through workshops for P7 school pupils in Brechin in preparation for moving to the new community campus. A similar activity would take place in the feeder primary schools to the new Forfar Academy later this year, it being hoped that children could influence their parents' travelling patterns as a result. Anne Mollison noted that there was a realistic expectation that additional Government funding would be available for further development of *Angus on the Go*.

Third Sector Development - *Care About Angus* had been established as a new social enterprise to offer a locally based, person centred basic level of care and company to those that needed it. Voluntary Action Angus and Angus Council were engaged in discussions about potential development of a range of services, and the initiative was attracting interest from elsewhere in Scotland.

7. RESOURCES GROUP UPDATE

There was submitted and noted the minute of meeting of the Resources Group, held on 24 February 2016.

8. COMMUNITY JUSTICE DRAFT TRANSITION PLAN 2016/2017

There was submitted the draft Transition Plan to cover the period leading up to the disestablishment of the Tayside Community Justice Authority on 31 March 2017 and the establishment of the new national body, Community Justice Scotland and transfer of Community Justice responsibilities to Angus Community Planning Partners.

Consideration was needed as to how effective 32 new bodies would be in influencing the national organisations e.g. Scottish Prison Service. Besides the Angus perspective, a Tayside dimension would be desirable. It was possible that Angus might lose out on the current funding arrangements when the funding formula is agreed.

It was noted that for the first time the Community Planning Partnership would become responsible for a particular service area. This was a significant change which the Board would need to accord sufficient priority. This would include provision of services to offenders leaving prison and the promotion of the avoidance of re-offending. Key communications

between Partners to avoid duplication or cross-over of activities would be required. Criminal Justice services remained under the Council's People Directorate, shortly to become the Children and Learning Directorate. The Council would require to assess the role of the Children and Learning Committee with regard to the revamped Criminal Justice services and whether this role would be strategic a scrutinising one.

9. AUDIT SCOTLAND REPORT – COMMUNITY PLANNING – AN UPDATE

There was submitted Report summarising the key messages and recommendations for the Audit Scotland Report *Community Planning – An Update*, published in March 2016, which provided an update on progress in relation to the Report published in March 2013 *Improving Community Planning in Scotland* and the follow-up Report from November 2014 *Community Planning – Turning Ambition into Action*.

According to the Report, progress on Community Planning had not yet achieved the major change needed to fulfil its potential to reduce inequalities and put communities at the heart of delivering public services, with more effort being required to shift resources on a larger scale towards long-term goals and to involve communities fully in making decisions which affected their lives so bringing about improved outcomes and the addressing of inequalities, particularly in more disadvantaged areas. On the plus side, the Report recognised that Community Planning Partnerships had improved leadership and scrutiny and the use of data to set clearer priorities. The covering Report set out the Angus position as against the main Audit Scotland recommendations and which enabled a positive response to be given from Angus to Audit Scotland. The new format of the ACPP Planning Day had achieved a positive and vibrant event and it was important to acknowledge that the Angus Partnership was moving in the right direction. One Partner suggested that the Partnership should engage direct with the community and make greater user of social media to publicise its work, as to engage with the mainstream media represented much wasted effort. It was noted that detailed guidance was being released by the Scottish Government on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. This would feed in to the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, the deadline for which was October 2017 and engagement with local communities would be a large part of this.

Colin Grieve advised that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service as a national body had produced its Strategic Plan, and that beneath that there would be an Angus Plan. This was expected to be available in August and would relate to the Community Plan for Angus. Superintendent Todd noted that a similar situation applied to Police Scotland with Local Police Plans being put in place.

It was noted that the locality planning process would help address the dangers of over-consulting communities which some members felt was a risk, and might result in making community engagement more difficult.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS CALENDAR 2016

The Board noted that its next meeting, the first as a re-constituted Board under the new arrangements, would take place on 22 June 2016 at 10.00 am.

Other meetings of the Board and partnership were scheduled as follows:

Partnership – 8 June;
Board – 22 June;
Partnership – 7 September;
Board – 21 September;
Partnership – 16 November;
Board – 7 December.