

ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD AND EXECUTIVE GROUP JOINT MEETING

Minute of JOINT MEETING of the ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD and EXECUTIVE GROUP, held REMOTELY on Wednesday 23 June 2021 at 10.00 am.

Present:

BOARD

ANGUS COUNCIL

Councillor DAVID FAIRWEATHER, Leader
MARGO WILLIAMSON, Chief Executive

POLICE SCOTLAND

No board representative present.

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

No board representative present.

NHS TAYSIDE

IMRAN ARAIN, Senior Health Promotion Officer

VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS

HAYLEY MEARNS, Interim Chief Executive

DUNDEE & ANGUS COLLEGE

JAKI CARNEGIE, Vice Principal, Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE GROUP

ANGUS ALIVE

KIRSTY HUNTER, Chief Executive
COLIN KNIGHT, Senior Manager, Sport & Leisure

ANGUS COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP

No representative present

ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING LOCALITY PARTNERSHIPS

No Chairs Present.

ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

EMMA-JANE WELLS, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside; Chair,
IJB
PETER DAVIDSON, Non-Executive Board Member, IJB

ANGUS HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

GAIL SMITH, Chief Officer
VIVIENNE DAVISON, Principal Planning Officer

DUNDEE & ANGUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ALISON HENDERSON, Chief Executive Officer

SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE

No representative present

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

SCOTT GIBSON, Group Commander, Service Delivery – Angus Area

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

David Milne, Acting Location Director

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

GORDON MACDOUGALL, Head of Operations NE Region, Grampian
Tayside and Fife

TACTRAN

MARK SPEED, Director

DWP

Pam Sangster

ANGUS COUNCIL SUPPORT OFFICERS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

MARK ARMSTRONG, Depute Chief Executive

VIVIEN SMITH, Director, Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector
Reform (SPT&PSR)

SHELLEY HAGUE, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager, SPT&PSR

KIM RITCHIE, Strategic Policy and Planning Officer, SPT&PSR

PETE MORTON, Senior Practitioner, Strategic Commissioning

ANDREW WILSON, Committee Officer, Democratic Services

LAURA KERR, Angus Health & Social Care Partnership

Margo Williamson in the Chair.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, in particular, Emma-Jane Wells, representing the Integration Joint Board as a replacement for Councillor Lois Speed.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were intimated on behalf of; Nicola Russell (Police Scotland) Leanne Blacklaw present as substitute; Gina Ford (Scottish Enterprise); Alison Smith (Angus Council Economic Development), Marie Watson, (DWP) Pam Sangster in attendance as substitute, Stephen Wood, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Sharon Faulkner, Director of HR, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ELECTED MEMBERS ONLY)

No declarations of interest were intimated.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minute of the Joint Meeting of the Board and Executive Group of 24 February 2021 submitted and approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE / UPDATE

None, other than contained in items listed separately on the Agenda.

5. RESILIENCE UPDATE – Jacqui Semple

Reference – Minute of Meeting of 24 February 2021 Article 5

JS updated the Partnership members on the resilience position as it related to Covid-19 and also wider resilience work. There were increasing numbers of positive cases, even allowing for a slight decrease on the previous day. Positive tests were identified from individuals who had travelled to/from different areas. It was clear that communities would have to live with increasing numbers of infected cases, for example, in Kirriemuir, where

additional testing was taking place with the assistance of the NHS. All community planning partners were working together to deal with Covid-19. Partners had increased staffing and support for more vaccination centres, including drop-in centres. In her most recent public statement, the First Minister had indicated that she anticipated possible reductions in restrictions by August.

Gail Smith advised that there were currently 19 cases requiring hospital admission, and several patients were currently in intensive care. Numbers of cases continued to rise in Dundee; however the position in Angus was improving following a spike in Kirriemuir last week. Jackie Carnegie indicated that the College been advised to continue testing at present.

Mark Armstrong referred to a 'host of interventions' which existed to enable individuals to engage with testing either through pharmacies / chemists or homes, with details on the Angus website. The Scottish Ambulance Service was supportive, providing a vehicle in Angus seven days a week, augmented depending on circumstances. A van was also based in Kirriemuir administering inoculations, with a further scheme via the British Red Cross with whom the Council had weekly meetings. It is hoped that this scheme will be signed off by Scottish Government.

Margo Williamson believed that Angus was fortunate in having an effective local resilience partnership; however winter would bring other tests, notably flu and poor weather however it was reassuring to all to see the good work currently going on in Angus.

Jacqui Semple advised that the Council and a Partnership between them also formed the Angus Covid Group, which met monthly, but could be escalated as required.

In terms of a transition to recovery, the Resilience Partnership had a plan. It included traditional elements of recovery, but also there had to be considered the concurrent risks and continuation of Covid, with all Partners having to engage in joined up thinking. Over the next 2/3 weeks, event organisers had to consider what had to be put in place to enable events to proceed, in a close as possible an approach to business as normal in the circumstances.

David Milne offered some feedback that from discussions with Ministers to the effect that Mr Swinney now had the role of Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery, amongst his other responsibilities. Mr Milne believed that his reflected how ministers saw recovery moving. Child poverty and financial security was also all in the minds of ministers. The Programme for Government coming up in September was to be person centred, in the way in which the Angus Partnership was moving. The Chair commented that the Partnership was fortunate to be working with the Hunter Foundation.

Jacqui Semple noted that various projects were going on around the country, mostly small scale given the difficulties involved in holding any events, in locations including Glamis Castle, Dundee and Perth. There were also 'gateway' events to consider, such as the AIG Women's Golf Open to be held in Angus later this year.

6. ANGUS CULTURAL STRATEGY – Jeannie Scott, Director, Culture Radar Ltd

Kirsty Hunter advised that Culture Radar had been commissioned, just prior to Covid by AngusAlive to prepare a Cultural Strategy for Angus. It was well understood that culture and heritage always contribute significantly to wellbeing and also to the regeneration of Angus in the longer term.

Jeannie Scott, Director, Culture Radar, introduced the Angus Cultural Strategy (ACS) with a presentation, where the priorities aligned with this Partnership. Culture Radar were contracted in the first week of lockdown but managed to achieve a high level of engagement. They carried out desk research followed by baseline mapping of culture and heritage offerings across Angus. Over 100 responses were received to a sector survey; while over 30 in-depth interviews

were held with culture and heritage stakeholders area to see what was already happening across Angus – this would be put into a database.

There was plenty of consultation using Zoom, and approximately 100 people were attracted to themed talks on similar ideas for AngusAlive. A webpage was created to enable all talks to be shared and accessed at will. The Strategy itself was delivered. Around 200 people had their views fed in to the mix, so the Strategy reflected this input.

Drivers for a cultural strategy in Angus included: on a regional basis, change in regional responsibility for culture; Creative Scotland Angus Place Partnership; and the Tay Cities Deal; on a national basis, A Cultural Strategy for Scotland, from Scottish Government, 2019; on a global basis, Brexit; Covid; climate, social and political change.

- Overall in Angus, over 200 cultural organisations and activities were mapped during lockdown, with strongest representation in: History, natural environment
- Music and song;
- Crafts, musicals, events.
- Visual arts, photography.
- The biggest cultural employers in Angus: AngusAlive; Historic Environment Scotland; and National Trust for Scotland.
- Vast majority of activity delivered by small independent local providers.

Strengths:

- Strong cultural infrastructure – facilities; heritage sites; natural environment; new venues.
- Variety – deep-rooted traditional culture, history and language; festivals; world class visual arts; literature and film.
- Valued nature of culture, associated with regional prosperity, identity and community wellbeing.
- Wealth of Angus in terms of cultural assets.
- Collections, historical sites, cultural organisations and programmes.
- Angus natural environment, from sea to glens.
- Volunteering, grassroots groups, community involvement. Talented pool of freelancers and creative professionals.

Opportunities:

- Culture as central to identity of Angus.
 - Culture as central to health and wellbeing of Angus people.
 - Angus as a place where culture can be enjoyed by all.
 - Culture as central to the tourism offer of Angus.
 - Culture seen as central to the regeneration of Angus.
- Challenges:** High level of fragmentation and competition.
- Poor comms around cultural offer.
 - Need for essential sector development and resilience skills – ie- leadership and advocacy; governance, business, fundraising, marketing, digital skills.
- No pot of money – up to the sector to make the case for investment.

Strategic Aims Emerging for Angus:

1 – Valued role of culture in Angus' prosperity, identity and sense of place

2 - Culture playing a transformative role in Angus' communities.

3 – Angus has a thriving and sustainable cultural ecology.

The Chair thanked Ms Scott for giving her comprehensive view of the Strategy and asked if the Strategy would include an action plan which would extrapolate key actions. Ms Scott replied in the affirmative, advising that the current wishlist of objectives would have to be worked through by the consortium and prioritised. Some may be pushed forward, or be held back to happen over the following months. The Chair expressed her appreciation to Ms Scott for her work in pulling the Strategy together.

Emma Jane Wells believed that the Strategy would be helpful towards overall recovery in Angus, and included much for potential use in social prescribing (i.e., non-medical), with much that would be beneficial to physical and general health. Kirsty Hunter agreed, noting that social prescribing was one of the transformation policy areas being looked at by AngusAlive. Some useful case studies could be found in Fife.

Jeannie commented that Hospitalfield currently engaged with local communities at present, and Angus was well placed with its kind of outdoors environment which promoted activities beneficial to health and wellbeing; while Haley Mearns noted that the cultural strategy promised to open up new opportunities across Angus, and welcomed the use of social prescribing as part of this strategy, and the positive work being carried on, with the aim that a social prescriber be allocated to each general practice across Angus.

Jaki Carnegie asked about the composition, size and approach of the consortium. Jeannie advised that it was an informal consortium to begin with, when it started to engage with people. Members had to be Angus-based or at least have a link to Angus, to be able to join. Dundee and Angus College would be welcomed to the group. The ability to fund raise would be important. The local community input as well as voices, would be needed. A supporting Partnership agreement would be crucial to the success of the consortium and the Strategy.

The next step would be evaluation by AngusAlive of the post which it would fund to support the development and implementation of the Strategy. Kirsty Hunter indicated that she would work with colleagues from Angus Council to complete the partnership agreement and talk also to potential partner colleague organisations. As Ms Scott stated, momentum was the key, to keep people who have already been engaged, to remain so, and maintain momentum for the project.

7. ANGUS SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FRAMEWORK – Colin Knight, Lynne Haxton, Andy Garnett

Reference – Minute of Meeting of 24 February 2021 Article 7

There was submitted *A Sport and Physical Activity Framework for Angus* produced by a partnership of AngusAlive; Dundee and Angus College, SportScotland and NHS Tayside, and based upon the Scottish Government Active Scotland outcomes. It had been developed with a three way approach, involving the public, through a survey; national governing bodies / sports hubs; and with local community partners via an on-line survey. It had looked at the wider impact of sport on society; partners including the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and Police Scotland and Police sought to re-engage with the active in the community and engage with the inactive. This was the final version of the vision first presented to the Joint Meeting in February.

The Framework would contribute to the national Active Scotland outcomes and the main priorities of the Angus Community Plan – reducing child poverty; improving mental health and wellbeing; and improving accessibility and connectivity in Angus communities. It would also underpin the work of the Angus Sport and Physical Activity Planning Partnership comprising AngusAlive, Angus Council, NHS Tayside, Sport Scotland, Dundee and Angus College and third sector agencies; while also serving as a key reference point for all partners across Angus including transport, planning and relevant private sector organisations. The Partnership would report annually to the Angus Community Planning Partnership (this meeting next year) on progress made across the Framework. It would meet quarterly to monitor the progress against the Active Scotland National Outcomes. Sub-groups with representation from wider local partners and staff, would be responsible for implementation, ongoing development and evaluation of progress against the national and local outcomes.

To support implementation of the Framework, each local outcome was grouped as part of an operational theme, which in turn was underpinned by a measured action plan and aligned to local outcomes, to support further the development of the Framework.

The next steps would include the launch of the Framework; completion of reporting /monitoring templates; identification of any gaps in provision and working groups personnel.

Jaki Carnegie was impressed with the enthusiasm for driving the initiative forward, and noted the high level of reporting and monitoring of progress. Shelley Hague suggested that monitoring could be embedded into community planning performance reporting. The Chair was keen to avoid that the Framework was not overlaid with key performance indicators etc, Peter Davidson congratulated the presenting team on their consultation. Lynne Haxton conceded that the pandemic was a challenging time to consult; Shelley had been of great assistance, along with other partners. What had been particularly noteworthy was how consultees wanted to be involved as stakeholders. Andy Garnett concluded by commenting that there was “a lot of great stuff going on in Angus” and the Framework would look to facilitate the continuation of that.

8. ANGUS CONNECT UPDATES

Women’s Project – Shelley Hague

There was submitted an update paper, outlining that much had been happening over the last few months. Focus Groups had facilitated the service design coming through. One growing concern however was that people were falling through the cracks and missing out on assistance – they were seen as not meeting the threshold to qualify for support. Haley Mearns commented on the advantage of having so many involved agencies/organisations now based together in The Cross building in Forfar. It had proved to be a great place to be hosting space for the Women’s Project; it also provided enough open space and larger rooms to accommodate social distancing. Groups now operating from The Cross included the Glen Clova Project; Inspire; Angus Women’s Aid; Care about Angus; Relationship Scotland; Deep Employability; and the Angus Community Planning Partnership. A soon to be added newcomer would be Hear Me.

Shelley Hague highlighted that a focus group would be held on 30th June, hosted by an external consultant, which would offer the opportunity to be honest about experience of services, for example, what happens outwith 9am-5pm, standard ‘office hours’.

Angus Transport Network – Shelley Hague

Shelley Hague noted that the number of representation relating to transport network issues was consistently an issue –Mark Speed considered that a re-write of the regional transport strategy was required, one that worked for our area. TACTRAN was currently consulting on a new Regional Transport Strategy 2023-2044 to consider the challenges and opportunities which had arisen since 2015. He had been seeking to publicise the consultation at various meetings and groups. He encouraged partners to respond through the interactive storyboard and executive summary on the TACTRAN website. There was a two month timescale for the consultation with an initial report on the findings due in September. This would be followed by a main issues paper in December. The consultation link was currently live.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26 August 2021 at 10.00am.

Reports for Noting

The Chair drew members’ attention to the following documents:

Local Child Poverty Action Report: Year 3

Angus Community Learning and Development Plan

Tay Cities Update

Community Planning Partnership Risk Register (currently under review)

CONCLUSION

Scott Gibson drew the attention of Partners to a forthcoming consultation on a long term vision for the Fire Service and encouraged as wide a response as possible.

The Chair expressed her thanks to all of today's contributors, and closed the Meeting.