

# 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 24 February 2021 at 10.00 am.

Present:

## **BOARD**

### **ANGUS COUNCIL**

Councillor DAVID FAIRWEATHER, Leader  
MARGO WILLIAMSON, Chief Executive

### **POLICE SCOTLAND**

WAYNE MORRISON, Chief Inspector

### **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

GORDON PRYDE, Local Senior Officer for Perth & Kinross, Angus and  
Dundee

### **NHS TAYSIDE**

No Representative present.

### **VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS**

No Representative present.

### **BUSINESS SECTOR**

No representative present.

### **CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT SECTOR**

No representative present.

### **DUNDEE & ANGUS COLLEGE**

JAKI CARNEGIE, Vice Principal, Corporate Services

## **EXECUTIVE GROUP**

### **ANGUS ALIVE**

KIRSTY HUNTER, Chief Executive

### **ANGUS COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP**

No representative present

### **ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING LOCALITY PARTNERSHIPS**

No Chairs Present.

### **ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

Councillor LOIS SPEED, Vice Chair

### **ANGUS HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP**

VIVIENNE DAVISON, Principal Planning Officer

### **DUNDEE & ANGUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

ALISON HENDERSON, Chief Executive Officer

### **SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE**

GINA FORD, Engagement Partner

**SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

SCOTT GIBSON, Group Commander, Service Delivery – Angus Area  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

**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

**ANGUS COUNCIL SUPPORT OFFICERS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

MARK ARMSTRONG, Depute Chief Executive

VIVIEN SMITH, Director, Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector  
Reform

SHELLEY HAGUE - Strategic Planning & Policy Manager (SPT&PSR)

KIM RITCHIE, Strategic Policy Planning Officer (SPT&PSR)

ANDREW WILSON – Angus Council - Committee Officer (Democratic  
Services)

MARGO WILLIAMSON, Chair, ACP Board, in the Chair.

Margo welcomed all to the meeting, her first in her term as new Chair of this Joint Meeting of the Angus Community Planning Partnership Board and Executive Group. She paid tribute to the sterling work done by her predecessor, Scott Gibson, over the past year and looked forward to the Joint Meeting continuing to take forward the good work of the Partnership.

The Chair particularly welcomed the return of Scottish Government representation at these meetings through David Milne, and looked forward to a beneficial renewal of the link between the Partnership and Government.

Mr Milne thanked the Partnership for inviting him to attend today, and expressed his regret at the lengthy absence of a Scottish Government Location Director from these meetings. His current SG post was as a Team Leader in Public Sector Reform & Community Planning. Until a permanent appointment could be made, he would be pleased to act as a bridging link with Scottish Government. He also advised that unfortunately he would be on annual leave on the date of the next Joint Meeting, but looked forward to attending future sessions.

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Haley Mearns (VAA Interim Chief Executive Officer); Moira Cambridge (DWP, Angus & Perthshire Customer Service Leader); Sharon Faulkner (Locality Chair, Brechin); Stewart Ball (Locality Chair, Carnoustie); Ian Lorimer, (Locality Chair, Arbroath); Lynsey Dey (Angus Council Team Leader, Sustainable Communities); Jacqui Semple (Angus Council); Gail Smith, (Angus Health & Social Care

Partnership, Interim Chief Officer; Kate Cowey (Angus Council, Service Leader, Planning & Communities).

## 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 25 November 2020 submitted and approved.

## 4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE / UPDATE**

**Performance Reporting:** Members were asked that in general terms, any performance reporting be completed via Pentana as soon as possible to help enable the tracking of actions.

## 5. **RESILIENCE UPDATE – Mark Armstrong**

*Reference – Minute of Meeting of 25 November 2020, Article 6*

Mark Armstrong began by acknowledging the work done by Partners in the time since the last Joint Meeting, in terms of their continuing resilience, all bringing various strengths to the collective effort.

Covid-19 case numbers continued to drop on a weekly basis, with test and trace rates falling to 2.8%, well below the WHO standard of 5% - welcome news.

Minor spikes still occurred, but generally, the outlook was increasingly positive. The vaccination programme was in progress, with 120,000 individuals having received the jab so far in Tayside, whose Health Board area was one of the top performing areas in this work, in Scotland, currently working through Cohort 6. Other parts of the system were also working well, including testing asymptomatic individuals. School-based staff had access to this testing, should they wish. The First Minister had confirmed in the Scottish Parliament that the Scottish Government route map to recovery was currently being prepared, and this would be made available to all Partners. The public continued to be urged to follow FACTS and test and protect. The picture overall, then, was a positive one. The community would have to remain vigilant however to maintain low infection rates.

Severe weather however also had had to be dealt with, and here too the exceptional Partnership response had helped to keep roads clear of snow, and provided help to those who could not get out and about.

Brexit had happened quietly with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, and although largely a slow-burn affair, it had led to the predicted disruption schedules to Europe and a real risk of import / export disruption to the timeous delivery of short-life / high value products of which seafood was the most prominent, often as a result of in-transit bureaucracy as new documentary requirements were hurriedly deployed. There was a need to link with local and national groups to keep ahead of and / or manage the risks.

The Local Resilience Team was scaling back its meetings schedule from weekly to two-weekly, and its main outstanding concern was with testing both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals.

Thanking Mark for his update, Margo considered that the work done in Angus and Tayside on a Partnership basis during the pandemic was second to none. Support had been provided to families who required it, when the snow fell, the roads were kept open. 98% of those eligible were turning up for their Covid vaccination appointment; although it seemed that some individuals believed that vaccination protected them from everything. People still had to keep

to the restrictions to ensure that the community got through the crisis. The Partnership was doing its job and was recognised as being very well co-ordinated.

## 6. EVALUATE, EVOLVE AND ESTABLISH – Shelley Hague

### (i) Task and Finish Group Update *Women's Centre*

Shelley Hague reported in the absence of Haley Mearns that the Steering Group had met four times, with wide representation for all the meetings. Research was to be done with local service users, getting into the challenges which people were facing, with a physical space available towards the end of the year, and a digital space online with all services available on it so that any partner could enter and see details of available services. To help ramp up its message, the Women's Project was to be rebranded, to emphasise it was there to support the whole family. The revamp would be launched on International Women's Day, while efforts continued to get a Steering Group established. The Third Sector organisations were keen to push forward, so matters were progressing well.

#### *Transport Network*

Accessibility underpinned priorities. An initial session attracted 30 people from a wide range of organisations, including local bodies and some private businesses. Some priorities were identified to take forward. Community Council had issued a challenge that the impetus was made to last, and the session was positive. Gaps in provision had been identified by local people, with positivity characterising the conversations.

Jackie Carnegie queried the issue of funding to make aspirations/needs become a reality. Shelley noted that the amount of funding spent in Angus varied, with Angus Council's Roads & Transportation Service committing significant funds being, or to be, expended in Arbroath.

Mark Armstrong advised the Partnership that at its meeting the previous day, Angus Council Communities Committee had approved the Angus Active Travel Strategy. As a result of this, and to implement the strategy, a range of funding streams would become available. The Council had a successful track record in this area and in working with local communities on achieving a positive impact. Angus had been very proactive in ensuring that it obtained its fair share of available funding.

Councillor Speed had attended the accessible transport meeting and had found it to be a good meeting, and well attended. There had been representation from NHS patient transport and Angus Health & Social Care Partnership. While there were many good things happening, there remained much to be done. There was a need to identify action points to help move things along. For example, many students lived across Angus and had difficulty in accessing college due to poor local transport links. Margo acknowledged this point.

Mark Speed acknowledged the complex transport landscape in Angus, and was keen to come together with partners to work together in for example, making a bid to the Bus Fund. He was currently engaged in re-writing the regional transport strategy. Working with local authorities, pulling a high-level report together on the problem that they were all keen to tackle. The aim was for more local emphasis in trying to identify the equality issues and to deal with them.

Alison Smith – looking at local mobility hub in the Brechin area, and how it could tackle that inequality. Some Tay Cities funding was available for allocation to assist with this. Mark Speed noted that a recent meeting had been held to look at a mobility hub, who and which communities it would be serving. It had shown that problems existing in working class areas could not be sorted by middle class solutions. A real solution required to be pulled together in a more co-ordinated way. Accordingly, Shelley Hague would link in with Mark Speed's group.

Vivien Smith considered that the local transport hub in Brechin was intended to serve local communities, and also the Aberdeen/Dundee/Perth corridor. It would include charging points for electric vehicles similar to the new charging point at Orchardbank, Forfar. It was also intended to look at provision of a hydrogen fuelling point. Mark Speed was currently engaged in work on this at present.

Councillor Fairweather expressed his satisfaction at money coming into Angus, for example, in Arbroath, to help realise the vision for the future of accessible travel for all. There was a perceived problem however in that he had recently been told by a local that he, and the Council were about to destroy the Arbroath dual carriageway. A way had to be found to get the very positive message on active travel across and so counter any damaging negativity.

Mark Speed emphasised the importance of both communications and marketing to help deal with this problem. Accordingly, he was looking at TACTRAN's website, and shared communications, and the development of a strong brand. He was keen to target resources across the region, with better co-ordination of partners' resources.

**(ii) Service Design: Demand Management - Mark Armstrong**

Mark Armstrong highlighted a recent Women's Project workshop on Monday past where work had been done on a service design approach for rolling out to partners. He noted that there were still some places available on this group and encouraged Partnership members to fill up the vacancies. The first of two workshops had covered significant grounds, with the second workshop due to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> March, and urged members to come along. These workshops were intended to help take on the work of the Partnership, based on the Three Priorities of the Partnership. He intended to bring to the Partnership's next meeting an indication of how to accelerate and deliver the objectives of the Partnership, inter/intra Partner working, in for example mental health and wellbeing; or transport issues.

David Milne commented on what he considered to have been a really encouraging discussion, particularly on transport and the women's project.

Kirsty Hunter considered the first workshop to have been a very good session, and was aware that many more individuals had signed up for the next one in March, which, Margo advised, was being run by Dundee and Angus College. Jaki Carnegie noted that everybody attending the Workshop understood that they needed to appreciate the users' perspective, and agreed that the 3 hour session had been very successful.

**6. SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP UPDATE – Alison Smith**

*Reference – Minute of Meeting of 25 November 2020, Article 7*

Gina Ford advised that she had attended the skills partnership meeting on resilience, delivering against lockdown

**At this point the Meeting broke for 8 minutes, resuming at 11.00am.**

**7. COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING – Sinead O'Donnell, Fife Council**

**Presentation**

Margo welcomed Sinead from Fife Council, here to give a presentation on the Fife Approach to Community Wealth Building – to “create a more socially just economy – practical action framed by progressive concepts”. This would built on a people-centred, re-organised economy to be fairer, and put in the hands of communities. It encompassed five themes or principles of community wealth building, generating wealth, jobs and opportunities within the Plan for Fife

In 2018, Fife Council representatives visited Wigan, Oldham and Preston to see how their Community Wealth Building Projects operated. While at that time CWB was not yet of the scale and depth to deliver an inclusive economy, officers concluded that the idea had

sufficient promise to try it at home. Scottish Government support was secured. and Fife shared what it had learned with its Tay Cities Partners. One particular area where significant change had been made was in procurement, with Preston City Council serving as the model. In collaboration with Preston College and Lancashire County Council, Preston CC saw significant increase in procurement spend in Lancashire, from £288M in 2012-2013 to £488.7M in 2016/17.

The Glenrothes living wage had increased from £9 to £18 in a month period. The Council imposed Community. Benefit Clauses on its contractors as a condition for obtaining the work. Work was being undertaken to develop a partnership delivery approach. Political leadership was also an essential element.

### **Questions / Comments**

Councillor Fairweather thanked Sinead for her interesting and informative presentation, and advised that Angus Council was working with its counterparts in East Ayrshire along similar lines. Vivienne Davidson noted that as a local authority, the Council had to use Scotland Excel; it was noted however that it was quite possible to help local suppliers to be better positioned for opportunities, without breaking any rules.

Alison Smith advised that she worked with Fife's Head of Economic Development on matters of mutual interest to the two Council areas including the importance of community wealth building and associated development of each area's action plans together a producing a powerful combination. Consistency, with all local authorities having a similar approach, would also be desirable.

Sinead noted that NHS Fife had committed as an anchor organisation; however Fife Council still had to engage with the local Fire & Rescue and Police to identify the local potential for shared contracting in Fife

### **8. ANGUS SPORT FRAMEWORK – Lyn Haxton (AngusAlive) and Andy Garnett (ActiveSchools)**

Andy Garnett and Lynne Haxton gave a brief presentation on the Angus Sport and Physical Activity Framework on behalf of the Angus Sport and Physical Activity Planning Partnership. This multi partner leadership group in place since January 2020 involves Angus Council, NHS Tayside; SportScotland; Dundee and Angus College and AngusAlive. The Framework was structured around the Scottish Government's Active Scotland Outcomes to contribute directly to the strategic priorities in the Angus Community Plan and help to achieve the vision that Angus is a place where an active life is accessible for all. The pandemic had unfortunately brought about a cessation in activity, but never more than now was it more important to find ways of keeping up some form of physical activity.

Lynne Haxton explained the background to the creation of working groups involving staff from all organisations, focusing on key themes such as developing deliverers to deliver sport in Angus, ensuring physical education is of the highest standard, ensuring sport and physical activity is accessible and inclusive, closer links to the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership, development of pathways between school, club and communities and that communities are empowered and are the centre of identifying need.

### **9. CPP RISK REGISTER: BREXIT UPDATE – Margo Williamson**

*Reference – Minute of Meeting of 25 November 2020, Article 10*

There was submitted the updated Risk Register, with Margo observing that the risks appeared to be at the correct level for the time being.

Noted by the Joint Meeting.

### **11. DATES OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

Wednesday 23 June, Thursday 26 August and Wednesday 27 October.

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