

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 27th October 2021 at 10.00 am.

Present:

***BOARD***

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

Councillor DAVID FAIRWEATHER, Leader  
MARGO WILLIAMSON, Chief Executive and Chair

**POLICE SCOTLAND**

Chief Inspector Leanne Blacklaw

**SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Scott Gibson, Group Commander, Service Delivery – Angus Area

**NHS TAYSIDE**

No Board representative present.

**VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS**

HAYLEY MEARNS, Interim Chief Executive.

***EXECUTIVE GROUP***

**ANGUS ALIVE**

No representative present.

**ANGUS COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP**

Jim Hammond

**ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING LOCALITY PARTNERSHIPS**

No Locality Partnership Chairs Present.

**ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

**ANGUS HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP**

GAIL SMITH, Chief Officer.

**DUNDEE & ANGUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

No representative present.

**DUNDEE AND ANGUS COLLEGE**

JAKI CARNEGIE, Vice Principal, Corporate Services

**SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE TAYSIDE**

No representative present.

**SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND**

No representative present

**TACTRAN**

No representative present.

**DWP**

No representative present.

**ANGUS COUNCIL SUPPORT OFFICERS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

MARK ARMSTRONG, Depute Chief Executive  
JACKIE BUCHANAN, Director of Legal and Democratic Services  
VIVIEN SMITH, Director, Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform  
ALISON J SMITH, Interim Director, Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth  
JIM HAMMOND, Service Leader, Education and Lifelong Learning  
WALTER SCOTT, Service Leader, Roads and Transportation  
MARK DAVIDSON, Manager, Tay Cities Deal, Angus  
AUDREY MICHIE, Service Leader, Vibrant Communities  
PETER MORTON, Interim Strategic Policy Manager  
SHELLEY HAGUE, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager, SPT&PSR  
KIM RITCHIE, Strategic Policy and Planning Officer, SPT&PSR  
ANDREW WILSON, Committee Officer, Democratic Services

Margo Williamson in the Chair.

The Chair advised the Meeting that Shelley Hague had recently been appointed as Interim Service Lead for Strategic Policy and Partnerships and Pete Morton appointed as Interim Manager – Policy and Planning within Angus Council.

Audrey Michie was also welcomed to the partnership as Service Lead for Vibrant Communities.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Jacqui Semple (Angus Council); Mark Armstrong (Angus Council); Mark Speed (TACTRAN); Kirsty Hunter (Angus Alive); Emma Fletcher, Graeme Craig (DWP); Sharon Faulkner (Angus Council); Gordon MacDougal (Skills Development Scotland); Stephen Wood (Scottish Fire and Rescue) and Alison Henderson, (Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce).

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST (ELECTED MEMBER ONLY)**

No declaration of interest was intimated.

**3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minute of the Joint Meeting of the Board and Executive Group of 23 June 2021 submitted and approved.

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

There were no matters arising.

*The Meeting agreed to alter the order of business from that set out in the Agenda.*

**5. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY – Lynsey Dey, Angus Council**

Lynsey advised that the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2021-26 had been prepared and was currently in draft form. Changes would be required and she was awaiting Police input. She gave a brief overview on the themes. A number of consultation events had been facilitated with stakeholders over the last year or so. The Council was required by statute to produce a joint Anti-Social Behaviour strategy for its local area, in accordance with a prescribed format, based on collaborative working and community feedback.

It was proposed that an Anti-Social Behaviour Strategic Group, comprising representatives of all delivery partners, would take the project forward, reporting to this joint meeting. At the level below that, quarterly reports would be made to the Strategic Group. Work still required to be done to establish a clear monitoring process to help identify development issues. It was proposed to re-establish a Youth Concerns Group and form contacts with private and public landlords. Barriers to the sharing of information should be picked up and removed. A communications strategy required to be developed to enable more engagement with

communities, alongside customer satisfaction monitoring. Lynsey asked that Partners let her know if they agreed with the planned actions, and of any other actions they thought necessary.

The Chair considered that there was some way to go to strengthen action against anti-social behaviour before the Partnership could claim to have a good grasp of the problem. Having the proposed new structure in place would help to achieve this. She also indicated that she would welcome a quarterly report to the ACPP.

Jaki Carnegie also welcomed the proposals, noting that a key factor was to find out why / how so many incidences of poverty / abuse were happening. She hoped that Dundee and Angus College could be involved in this; some of its young people could well be involved.

Lynsey responded by indicating that a better understanding was needed as to who was causing anti-social behaviour. In response to a question from Councillor Fairweather as to how the document would enter the public domain, Lynsey advised that it would be out to partners for consultation from the end of September, with feedback being accepted until the end of January 2022. Thereafter, a strategy for better communicating it to the public would be prepared. Scott Gibson advised that he was keen to become involved, and asked about present governance arrangements. Lynsey advised that these were not yet established, but that, if the Meeting agreed today, the Group would be set up as she had outlined and the Fire Service would be one of the partners invited to participate, along with the Police and Angus Council. Invitations would be distributed to partners in the New Year. A report would also be submitted to the Communities Committee due on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022. (Clerk's note – the meeting was subsequently cancelled; the next scheduled meeting of the Committee was due on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.)

Gail Smith expressed her thanks to Lynsey for presenting what she considered to be an informative paper. She found the report to be surprising in some ways, for example, its reference to noise disturbance levels in Forfar and Montrose and the question as to how these, and other qualitative issues could be measured; however she hoped that the Health and Social Care Partnership could be involved through the proposed governance arrangements. Lynsey confirmed that it was intended to invite the H&SCP to participate.

Vivien Smith also welcomed the paper and asked if, relating to the governance side of things, there could be links forged with community safety work more broadly. In response, Lynsey referred to existing strong links via the Criminal Justice Partnership, but also advised that more discussion was necessary between partners so as to avoid duplication of action. She also expressed the hope that Angie Pert would agree to sit on the Co-ordination Group.

The Chair emphasised that good communication was key; it was important to have effective multi-agency comms as early as possible so that the public could be informed as to what to expect.

The Meeting generally welcomed the on-going development of an Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy for Angus and noted the current position.

## **6. NATIONAL CARE CONSULTATION – Shelley Hague, Angus Council**

*Reference – Minute of Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021, Article 7*

There was submitted the proposed response of the ACPP to the consultation by Scottish Government on the proposed National Care Service for Scotland; the Chair thanked Shelley Hague for the significant work she had done in preparing the response.

Shelley advised that the final response was the culmination of an extensive process which had commenced with a workshop, following which she had found that her own views had changed, and continued to evolve, throughout the exercise. Input from the Drugs and Alcohol groups had been key to this response which now ran to 80 pages, and was presented for final sign-off by the Joint Board and Executive. The final date for submission to Scottish Government was 8<sup>th</sup> November. Shelley requested members who still wished to contribute any significant views

or who had any problems with the proposed submission, as was now being considered, to let her know.

Gail Smith believed that the response today was a good one. Tayside Health Board had also completed and submitted its response to Scottish Government; in addition, it had set up a Working Group to look at costing of the proposals.

The Chair advised that Angus Council would be considering its response at a special meeting of full Council tomorrow, 28<sup>th</sup> October. She noted that Question 24 in the Consultation as submitted to the Meeting had two responses, one under 'Yes' and the other under 'In Part'. The Meeting agreed that the latter response ('In Part') would be removed. The Chair then clarified with the meeting that members had no further feedback, and that Shelley, having successfully captured all views submitted by members, would proceed to forward the response to Scottish Government as agreed.

## **7. TAY CITIES UPDATE – Mark Davidson, Angus Council**

Mark Davidson, Manager, Tay Cities Deal – Angus. advised that the Tay Cities Deal represented £300M investment over the next ten years between the UK and Scottish governments in the Tayside and North East Fife area. It was expected to produce 6,000 job opportunities and a further £400M investment as part of that. The related £1Bn Mercury Project would focus on clean growth, agri-tech, and low carbon industry for future productivity. A new drone project in Angus was an example of the kind of industry which potentially could thrive as a green, low carbon industry. Originally intended to have an off-shore focus, it was now recognised as having potential for on-shore use as well. Potential uses included delivery of medical supplies, and experimentation was currently taking place based on Crown Estate land at Montrose. This was a ground-breaking low carbon drone technology, flying in rural areas, including the glens. Under the plans, a drone port would be built at Montrose, possibly on the former airfield and possibly elsewhere, subject to approval from the Civil Aviation Authority. Crown Estate Scotland was keen to invest in the clean green technology park, with low carbon business units and road construction in plastic, all amounting to an exciting project, with a public announcement due next week.

As part of the Mercury Project / Programme, a low carbon hub was currently under construction on waste ground at Orchardbank, Forfar. Angus Rural Mobility Hub is also a community space for offices, with meeting space and other facilities. It is adjacent to a bus interchange, car share point, connectivity of services, and associated electric car charging points. The idea was to build on this kind of development and look at new technology, possibly based on gaming technology to help housebound residents, for example. The ideal site, just adjacent to the A90, offered other opportunities including income generation prospects such as hydrogen fuelling. The Rural Disability Hub is located at Brechin, next to Brechin Castle.

Arbikie – location of a neutral spirit still – used under-utilised crops from local fields to produce climate positive spirits. Angus grew a lot of potatoes, the third or fourth most important food crop, and 80% of the UK production was grown in Scotland. 70% of Scottish root vegetable production came from Angus and Perthshire combined. The JHI Innovation Farm specialised in soil health and trained farmers for the future. The Hilton Development Centre had produced a wheel barrow which could drive autonomously and also weigh a picked crop.

Rural broadband installation work was now well under way in Angus with Arbroath, Montrose and Brechin areas benefitting from the Internet of Things which could, for example help monitor soil quality. The local Full Fibre Network was also growing, in collaboration with neighbouring Perth & Kinross Council. £2m underpinned the Engineering Partnership with Dundee Contemporary Arts (DCA); while £27m helped establish Hospitalfield as a centre for culture and tourism, as well as Tay Adventurers. The Industrial Fund provided between £1m and £1.25m for a Zero4 proposal at the former RAF aerodrome in Montrose. This had recently been purchased by Crown Estate Scotland with a view to developing the site which CES believed has strong potential for supporting the development of key sectors such as offshore renewables.

Councillor Fairweather commented on current exciting times, with projects coming “thick and fast”. He expressed his appreciation for the work done by various officers to facilitate this success. Jaki Carnegie also was impressed, describing the “bigger picture” as being “fascinating”. Alison Smith was delighted to see how far matters had progressed and were on track to become developed projects. The Chair summed up the list of achievements outlined by Mark as “mind blowing, innovative and fantastic to see.”

*AT THIS POINT THE MEETING BROKE FOR 5 MINUTES.*

**8. COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW 2022 – 2030 – Shelley Hague, Angus Council**

There was submitted Shelley Hague noted that all the work of the Partnership over the past three years had led to the Community Plan Review, which wouldn't be starting from scratch! Officers had done a lot of mapping, and producing of indicators. There was a real need to align the work of all the Partnerships involved. She intended to begin by obtaining the views of partners. The Task and Finish Group meeting in two weeks' time would start by focussing on outcomes beneath the priorities and take local ownership of them. The draft Community Planning Performance Report made reference to new plans coming in from this Group to offer an over-arching monitoring role. These could be packaged together with a three year Performance Report, including some good case studies. Shelley urged members to get involved in the planned session on 29<sup>th</sup> November. The vision, which she would take to the Task and Finish Group, was, eventually, for a single plan.

The Chair looked forward to hearing feedback from elected members when the Community Plan Annual Report 2020-21 was considered by Angus Council at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

At this point the Meeting heard Jackie Buchanan who spoke briefly and in general terms on the overall impact of Covid on staffing, particularly on the care sector including the Health and Social Care Partnership; on housing services to tenants; global issues on equipment supplies; and housing heating installation works nationally, delaying tenant occupation.

**9. COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (CLD) PLAN 2021 - 2024 – Tricia Ryan, Angus Council**

There were submitted by Tricia Ryan, Senior Practitioner, Community Learning and Development, (1) Report highlighting the work undertaken in producing the Community Learning and Development Plan for Angus 2021 – 24; and (2) The Draft Plan itself, for consideration and approval by the Meeting.

Trish presented slides on the Angus Community Learning and Development Plan, explaining the need for such a Plan to satisfy the requirements of national legislation and guidance. The Angus Community Plan 2017-30 focussed on the three priorities agreed by the Partnership – reducing child poverty; improving mental health and wellbeing; and improving accessibility and connectivity. Although information was still being gathered from Partners, the Plan included details of the work being done by the Partnership in response to Covid-19. It was acknowledged that needs had changed as a result of the pandemic; the importance of that aspect of the role of CLD had been recognised by Scottish Government in December 2020 when it indicated that “CLD approaches will...be key to planning for a full recovery and renewal to active civil society across Scotland.” The expectation was that the forthcoming new Plan would use what had been learned during the pandemic; the Plan would be flexible in the first year following the pandemic. Key considerations included the continued response to Covid-19 as well as organisational change.

The planned refresh of the Angus Community Plan would take place against the background of Covid restrictions which resulted in a decreased ability to engage widely in groups; and an update by Scottish Government of national policies. The new Plan would be built on the basis of evidence, and take account of relevant policies and actions pursued by partners. There were clear difficulties in supporting 1 on 1 community working carried on by digital workers; an alternative might be moving such work to community groups and so help build capacity.

Vivien Smith was appreciative of Trish's report, and noted Scottish Government's thoughts on recovery coming through. Many services had still not opened up fully, due to Covid and this inevitably affected future planning, particularly for services such as those provided by the likes of AngusAlive. There was necessary reconsideration of how to do things, with more services going on-line and a need to think more out of the box as services tried to adjust to major changes from what used to be the norm. Community Planning could respond by strengthening its CLD plan to cope with the new conditions, as well as links with partners – for example, supporting small voluntary organisations to rebuild themselves and their connections.

Councillor Fairweather also thanked Trish for her presentation, describing it as “great work”. The Chair observed that agencies were having to spend considerable time dealing with mental health issues in Tayside, because it was not in a particularly good position. Community cafes run by the Council's Communities Team had proved very successful, along with other initiatives such as Walk n Talk around the Loch (in Forfar); and the Arbroath Healthy Living Project. Trisha advised that she was bringing these initiatives together in a paper.

**10. PAPERS FOR NOTING – Various Authors**

The Chair drew members' attention to the following documents, requesting that any comments which members might wish to make, be directed to Shelley Hague.

*Annual Performance Report* – Shelley Hague, Angus Council

*Employability Partnership Minute* – Jim Hammond, Chair of the Employability Partnership

*CPP Risk Register* – Shelley Hague, Angus Council

*Angus Community Justice Partnership (ACJP) Update* – Angie Pert, ACJP

*Women's Centre Project Update* – Anne Robertson-Brown, Angus Women's Aid

*Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review Ten Years On* – Gail Smith, AHSCP

*Community Planning Improvement Board – Research on Community Planning: Progress and Potential* – Shelley Hague, Angus Council

**11. DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

**(All Meetings scheduled for 10.00 – 12.00)**

- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021** -- Review Session, Community Plan
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022\* (Subsequently rescheduled for **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022** at the request of the Chair.
- Friday 28 January – Community Plan Review Workshop - Outcomes and Indicators
- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022** – Review Workshop – Community Plan
- **Wednesday 20 April 2022** - Joint Board and Executive
- **Wednesday 13 July** -- Joint Board and Executive
- **Wednesday 26 October 2022** Joint Board and Executive