

ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

BOARD MEETING

Minute of the ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD, held REMOTELY on Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 10.00 am.

Present: Hayley Mearns, Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Action Angus

ANGUS COUNCIL

Councillor Beth Whiteside, LEADER

Councillor Julie Bell, Angus Integrated Joint Board

Margo Williamson, Chief Executive

Vivien Smith, Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform

Jackie Buchanan, Director of Legal and Democratic Services

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Mark Lowe, Area Commander

POLICE SCOTLAND

Leanne Blacklaw,

NHS TAYSIDE

Emma Fletcher, Director of Public Health Scotland

ANGUS HEALTH SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

Terry Irvine, Service Leader, Community Mental Health

DUNDEE AND ANGUS COLLEGE

Jaki Carnegie, Vice Principal, Corporate Services

ANGUS COUNCIL SUPPORT OFFICERS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Shelley Hague, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager

Kim Ritchie, Strategic Policy & Planning Officer

Lynn Hally, Policy & Planning Assistant

Hayley Mearns in the Chair.

1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies for absence

Chair welcomed everyone to the first ACP Partnership Board meeting in three years. Joint Board and Executive meetings held previously.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mark Speed, Tactran, Fiona Enston, Skills Development Scotland.

2. Roles, Remits & Structure

SH provided an overview of attached roles, remits and membership documents provided with agenda. Board and Executive joined together

after the yearly Improvement survey. Moving forward with the new plan would be better to create an accountability, scrutiny structure.

Two separate structure remit roles and membership, showing the Board having a strategic and scrutiny role, meeting twice a year (any additional work can be processed from written procedure) and the executive strategic group role as identifying resources and capacity, meeting three times a year keeping in contact through email and eventually by online portal.

MW asked in relation to the governance when was the decision to move towards the two structures made? Given the similarity of the agendas, seems like we are moving backwards. Moving forward can we consider one Planning Board for Tayside and a Strategy Group for Angus?

SH responded feedback from workshops and survey results suggested moving to the two structures. This was included in the Performance Report as well as agreement for this during the circulation of the draft Community Plan.

The function of a board is a strategic and governance role, with the capacity to unblock and support colleagues in a more operational group.

It was suggested to the group that a Tayside wide Planning Board with an Angus group would be a better choice like the Tayside Resilience Group.

SH responded to points raised regarding regional approach, group discussion with others around the region have been looked at but due to the difference in approach and priorities it is not quite there yet.

SH The Community Plan will become a single plan, less reporting will help us see a clearer direction, at that point it would be worth having a conversation on the regional approach, or we can start today asking to meet with regional counterparts.

The regional landscape within the third sector is very different in how they communicate with partner agencies as to what we have in Angus.

MW? There is a need to shift to a regional approach we need the right communications, but it not there yet.

What are the barriers and differences across the region?

SH We are similar to PK, Dundee has very different challenges than us for example their caring for people is focused on the Fairness Commission, which a lot of that is delivered out-with their community planning structure.

The bases for Community Planning and where it comes from is through the Community Empowerment Act – and all 32 LA's priorities and services and how we plan for them at that level is based on that. Historically with Community Planning there has always been some good partnership working however there are certain gaps that have not been bridged.

To reduce risk of duplication we need clarity on the roles and remits within the proposed two structures ensuring we are covering all the correct governance and strategic approach. Can we have an action plan/group that can start to look at what a regional group would look like showing us the various stages of Angus journey to a regional partnership.

In terms of drivers of inequality across Scotland they are always going to be some differences but it's broadly the same issues we are all dealing with, substance use, mental health, cost of living crisis and climate change.

NHS Tayside Annual report highlights the stark differences with health in Dundee and the other areas – issues are broadly similar poverty and deprivation underpin that but the gap between them is significant. The NHS do face huge challenges in all regions but there are different characteristics in the three LA's, it's ambitious to try to bring them all together.

A simple manageable structure covering the governance of the partnership would be a preference that people understand with no overlap.

MW Clarity on where the decision was made to move to two groups - has proper governance been followed?

My second point is around two groups and the commonality whether we go for partnership board across Tayside as reference in terms of local resilience. We are all tackling the same issues across Tayside poverty, children obesity, substance misuse. Our drivers are the same be it economy people and places regardless of geographical area. Staffing of all these groups is just not possible in the changing workforce, one group can cover this agenda if not now then very soon.

The Board will make the final decision on the structure.

We have good relationship partnership which has taken time to build on we are trusted to deliver the outcomes, and we work well together to progress them.

Various directions on where we go

1. Look at expanding these conversations in a working group setting on behalf of the board
2. Make the decision today

Agreed

SH to meet with regional counterparts to look at regional CPP. Paper to be brought to next meeting.

Look at the potential to bring two groups Board and Strategic Group into one structure.

Emily Lynch, Improvement Service joined the online meeting for item 3.

3. Community Planning Improvement Board (CPIB)

Emily Lynch shared presentation attached to the agenda highlighting the work of the CPIB moving forward, their purposes and broader aims, and to potentially strengthen work of the CPIB and local partnerships. The CPIB is a national board that aims to help deliver and influence policy at local and national level around about community planning.

- Evidence – We aim to bring together and share evidence of what works well in community planning to influence policy, practice and reform of public services at local and national levels
- Collaboration – We bring together national insights, innovation and improvement support to ensure capacity and resources are targeted to where they are most needed.
- Tailored support and capacity building – We offer practical support to CPPs with their challenges around leadership, governance, scrutiny, analysis and decision-making.

Current membership of CPIB will be shared with this group.

Some key issues we are focusing on nationally and locally

Better Data Sharing - unblocking data sharing barriers

Funding – including flexible, multi-tiered and third sector

Link with academical partners to support stronger evidence in what works and why

Reporting Structure – Community Planning Action Reports.

Climate Change – reduce the multiply different funding streams

Procurement – Encourage more co-ordination across partnership

Children & Young People – build and preventative and holistic approach to ensure children get the support what they need it.

Workforce & Retention – challenges

Resources available on the website.

Community Wealth Building is there a link to Third Sector Funding? There are links in the underlying detail regarding financial security for low-income households but also in terms of the work connected to climate change.

EL will shared detailed material where you can see the links to CWB.

The CPIB recognise the need for links with academic partners in terms of better evaluation.

As part of our further discussion, we will be reviewing our priorities and current membership.

It has been really important having this presentation to showcase the structure, good practice and work that is happening nationally. The data sharing focus is making some progress and we would want to showcase this, this will help us unlock some of the barriers, by showing where partners are working well together through shared data, we are working around the legislation and barriers.

The CPIB and NHS Service digital officers are working together to developing principles that the whole public sector can buy into, we recognise that groups are not confident and are risk averse when it comes to sharing data.

The IS can explore how they can support the ACPP on working towards a regional partnership with help on governance and structure. Although unaware of this happening in other areas, no recent research on the arrangement for CP.

SH to take off table a discussion with EL on how to move towards conversations other regional counterparts.

4. Transforming Services

Update paper included with the agenda, SH explained the background of Transforming Service and the role it plays.

SH advised of event to be held in March with third sector and partners to refresh, review and revise to ensure all still on the same page. Charter was co-produced with partners.

Community Wealth Building, Community Benefits and structure of the working groups will all be included on the agenda.

Transforming services has evolved, the way we have worked in partnership across Angus is what Transforming Services is. Positive feedback has been received from other regional and national platforms.

5. Community Plan 2022 2030

Chair thanked all partners for their input and to the Strategic Policy Team for their work on the plan. Amendments needed prior to CPP approval and sign off.

Chair identified two options for the board, sign of other content and make the change to the governance, or make the changes, recirculate and agree the content by written procedure.

As this has already been to committee, if we make changes it may have to go back to committees and boards with the amendments.

The covering report will be checked to if it was for approval or acknowledgment.

Suggested to reorder the priorities, listing people first, the design of the plan align with other plans it was noted that people place, and economy are threaded through every priority.

The board agreed the plan presented to them with amendment to page 8 Governance. Legal to advise if plan needs re-presented to Angus Council committee.

6. Forward Plan; Our Priorities

The Forward Plan was included with the agenda, SH gave an overview. Plan put together based on thematic groups as suggested by partners through the survey responses and includes some areas the partnership have governance for.

It was agreed that the partners would take it away to give them time to study and get back to SH or KR with any additions.

FOC asked for the Employability Partnership to be added to the Economy theme.

7. AOB

Coronation of King Charles III

SH gave brief details of funding available through National Lottery of up to £10,000 for events including street parties and big lunches. Agreed to promote these funds on various social media platforms.

Support will be available to community groups with the application process if required.

The Local Authority will not be holding any specific events.

Papers for Noting

- CPP Risk Register
- Resilience Update
- Community Wealth Building – link attached