

## **ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP**

### **Board Meeting**

**Minute of the ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP Strategy Group, held REMOTELY on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 11.15 am.**

**Present: VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS**

Hayley Mearns, Chief Executive Officer - Chairperson

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

Councillor Julie Bell, Chair of Angus Integrated Joint Board  
Jackie Buchanan, Director of Legal and Democratic Services  
Alison Smith, Director Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth

**SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Mark Lowe, Group Commander

**POLICE SCOTLAND**

Gary Aitkin

**SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE**

Jamie Bell

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Laura Rhoney

**SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT**

Tim McDonnel, Place Director for Angus

**ANGUS HEALTH SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP**

**DUNDEE AND ANGUS COLLEGE**

Julie Grace, Vice Principal, Curriculum and Partnerships

**ANGUS COUNCIL SUPPORT OFFICERS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Kim Ritchie, Strategic Policy & Planning Officer  
Mark Davidson, Manager Economy Development  
Jacqui Semple, Manager Risk & Resilience  
Lynn Hally, Policy & Planning Assistant

**1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of.

Emma Fletcher, NHS Tayside  
Cllr Beth Whiteside, Angus Council  
Margo Williamson, Angus Council

**2. Minute of previous meetings and matters arising**

The minute from meeting held on 27 October 2022 - agreed as accurate.

The minute from 15 February 2023 - agreed, after amendment to Mark Lowe job title was changed to Group Commander.

There were no matters arising.

**3. Community Plan – Chair, Hayley Mearns, VAA**

The Community Plan was shared with the agenda alongside a draft communication plan, and all asked for comment.

JB highlighted some feedback from the recent NHS Tayside Board meeting where they discussed why Economy comes before people. HM advised the order of the priorities has been the subject of long discussions in the past. Following some discussion, it was agreed to change the graphic under our partnership of the plan to reflect a more circular approach.

AS asked if the Leads for each action within the Communication Plan could be more clearly defined. HM agreed to look at this with KR.

**4. Tay Cities Clean Growth Initiative – Jamie Bell, Scottish Enterprise JB**

presented a full and detailed presentation on the Clean Growth collaboration. Key themes include:

- Clean Energy
- Sustainable Mobility
- Green Agri-tech
- Circular Economy
- Data & Digital

The vision and ambitions included economic growth with the transition to Net Zero. There is a good regional spread of projects, Angus projects coming into the Green Agri-Tech and Sustainable Mobility themes with data & digital cutting across.

Within the Regional Economic Strategy & Action Plan, there was an action to Develop a regional Clean Growth Proposition and Plan and to establish a regional working group.

Outputs so far ensuring a correct fit for Clean Growth are:

- The development of a website (launched 19 April 2023)
- Synergies – key part with the website helping facilitate that
- Brand – Logo developed
- Skills – ongoing review ensuring that there is the skill demand and supply there (report to be completed by May 2023)

Proposed further key outputs include:

- Clean Growth Prospectus to include a virtual document that can be used to promote and shared with the wider region, including international investment.

- Innovate UK bid submitted for £7.5m investment into the region which will specifically focus on the business sector with a clean growth focus.

Partners were encouraged to check out the website and engage with the programme of activity which was recently signed off by the joint committee.

HM highlighted great opportunity for collaboration and promotion.

TMcD asked if there was a sense of what project is of the most significance that the CPP can support with to promote and accelerate the benefits of that approach and how the CPP Board can facilitate. JB advised Zero Four cuts across a number of these and would be extremely impactful. CASI located in Angus has wider reach across the region.

Established Community of Practise with CPP representatives will drive the Implementation Plan. JB will link with them to identify any other forums to further engage with.

AS added importance to highlight interdependencies between other areas of work. Clean Growth Initiative for example can have a significant impact on our rural communities including fuel poverty and transport links and mean something different to each partner.

Opportunity for CPP to look at ripple effect mapping once project is more established.

## **5. Tay Cities Deal Update - Mark Davidson, Angus Council**

MD provided update focussing on the Angus elements.

The Angus Fund within the Tay City Deal is a £26m fund. The three elements of the Angus Fund and the Mercury programme are Low Carbon, Clean Growth & Agri-Tech.

Mercury Drone Port Project now has an approved business case from joint committee and both governments. Infrastructure in north Angus is now being developed. Initially to service the offshore wind sector, looking to expand this inland and work with the civil aviation authority. Drone trials have been completed delivering medical supplies which was successful.

Angus Rural Mobility Hub focusing on clean fuels CPNG, EV & Hydrogen. Creating a mobility hub to link passenger transport and fuelling elements. Developing a business park to bring in key industries, linked to active travel including deliveries, the location of the site is only one mile from Brechin centre. Other suggestions to be included would be lockers for deliveries, EV bikes and a community hub.

We are keen to support our rural communities, satellite drone that can look inward is being looked at.

Centre for Agricultural Sustainable Innovation (CASI) – Four projects within this theme

- Neutral spirit still – using potatoes and grain to create neutral spirits also looking at the by-product as a protein food initially for animals with the potential for human consumption.
- Precision farming facilities – using technology how can the machinery be developed to help with crops. Sensors in the ground to help with fertilisers and watering with an impact on the equality of the soil.
- Innovation farm- working with James Hutton Institute testing and creating crops for the future.
- Crop quality centre – seed potato industry. Export to other countries with an emphasis on quality having been processed through a quality assurance test. We hope this could expand to other root vegetables.

The Low Carbon Housing Project – our housing stock is a key element – we are minimising the number of new builds and looking at how we can enhance our existing stock, with all kinds of poverty in mind for residents across Angus. We will produce data and analyse our housing stock in three locations and see how we can enhance and upgrade the properties, to a passive house standard.

Zero Four Project – working with Crown Estate with an ambition to create a clean energy business park in Montrose linked to the offshore wind industry. These business units will be high spec focusing on energy consumption, how we can use the sewage plant next door to heat the buildings.

Tay Cities Engineering Partnership based at D&A College is almost ready to be launched.

MD can be contacted directly to answer any questions or give more detail.

## **6. Community Wealth Building – Tracy Jackson SG**

Community Wealth Building (CWB) has been adopted by Scotland as a key means to deliver on wellbeing economy objectives. CWB is a practical model that seeks to redirect wealth back into the economy, with a focus on the role of our anchor organisations. We have seen growth within our five pilot areas and also with other authorities who have driven CWB themselves.

Taking a strategic approach, working across five pillars ensuring we direct the local wealth across communities by creating and retaining fair work opportunities, helping local businesses, and placing more assets in the hands of residents. This is designed to add value and build upon the work that is already there, as well as new investment.

The Scottish Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth, wants to ensure that any development of the legislation supports implementation and is not a burden.

Anchor organisations are organisations that have ties to the place that it exists and gives us sticky capital that can act as an economic lever to tackle long standing challenges within our communities. It seeks to transform our local and regional economic systems to enable more local communities and

people to own, have a stake in, access and benefit from the wealth our economy generates.

Community Wealth Building can deliver more and better jobs, business growth, community-owned assets and shorter supply chains creating greater resilience and supporting net zero ambitions.

Policy – Working with and engaging with a range of other policy areas and planned legislation. We are keen to ensure our policy aligns with other across Scotland.

Practise - working with five pilot areas, each area was supported to develop an action plan – all have embedded CWB as part of their Economy Strategy. We have committed £3 million to Ayrshire Growth Deal seeing interesting work from that region on how they are using procurement and spend to support local businesses.

Movement Building - We are in a partnership with Economic Development Association Scotland (EDAS) and Poverty Alliance together we have published a CWB guide.

Legislation is to address barriers that have been identified by areas and help enable areas with their implementation. The community building legislation is supported by a Bill Steering Group chaired by the S.G. minister and includes members from the pilot areas, the third and private sector. We want to ensure CWB is embedded as a core economic development measure across Scotland.

The consultation comments will be reviewed and analysed over the summer. We are committed to the CWB, but we ask people to tell us about good practise and highlight any issues and things that can help move it forward.

JG asked if the CWB legislation will supersede the public sector procurement as this is often a barrier. SG advised this feedback has been heard before with the lack of flexibility that lies within the current system. Hoping to look at thresholds and weightings between community benefit and price. Some innovative work going on with quick quotes has helped limit the number of quotes received but it depends on the amount of the contract. TJ and JG to meet off table.

HM advised lots of work in Angus around this concept with the Transforming Services Agenda, how we have revaluated our resources across the various sectors.

JB (AC) confirmed temporary funding was in place for a Community Benefit Officer to work with partners to make it successful and look at benefit from others and aspirations of the CPP. SG offered support to post holder when recruitment concluded.

JB asked if there were any initiatives to encourage local businesses to sign up to the Real Living wage and updated the group on the work ongoing in

Dundee and Aberdeen who have taken a lead through the Community Planning Partnerships. SG advised Fair work agenda is part of the Work Force pillar with CWB, anchor organisations are leading by example. Some innovative work coming through the Supplier Development Programme supporting local business to tender.

## **7. Resilience & Recovery Update – Jacqui Semple, Angus Council**

### Resilience Update

- Work continuing with the planning and preparation for National Power Outage – looking at a failure for up to seven days. UK Exercise Mighty Oak included partners from UK & Scottish government and all Scottish Resilience groups – report in Tayside with several recommendations, key issues and challenges, no easy solutions, need to consider the impact and consequences at all levels.
- Annual National Risk Assessment looking at key risk, hazards and threats – supporting these at a local level including training and exercising.
- New Legislation -Protect Duty – this is part of the counter terrorist legislation in the UK as part of Martyn's Law established after the Manchester Arena attack with recommendation from the enquiry – very much security and risk based and has implications for us all regarding using public spaces. More information after May and after the consultation period.
- Learning & Development coordinator post for Tayside Resilient Partnership, which has been funded by partners, is now live on Myjobscotland.
- Work continues will all our communities across Angus to enhance resilience – these are increasing in attendance.
- Funding from SSEN to AC in the aftermath of Storm Arwen and will further support work through Vibrant Communities, resilience, and Third Sector.
- JS alongside a representative from NHS had taken the co-chair of the LRP reviewing how we are integrating with community planning and third sector interface to ensure our work in preparation for any major emergency is robust.

## **8. AOB**

HM advised preparation for the Annual Performance Report 2022/23 is underway and information for the performance indicators would be requested.

## **9. Close of Meeting**

HM closed the meeting.

### **Papers for Noting**

- CPP Risk Register
- Angus Community Plan 2022 – 2030
- Employability Update