

Liaison Meeting between the Garnock Valley, North Coast, Arran and Cumbrae
Area Committee and the Community Planning Partners
17 November 2006

LARGS, 17 November 2006 - At a Liaison Meeting between the Garnock Valley, North Coast, Arran and Cumbrae Area Committee and the Community Planning Partners at 11.00 a.m.

Present

Councillors Richard Wilkinson, John Bell, Gordon Clarkson, Alan Hill, Elisabeth Marshall and Robert Rae (North Ayrshire Council); Alan Buckley, Primary Care and Community Services Manager (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde); Pauline Fyfe, Operational and Performance Improvement Manager, North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership (NHS Ayrshire and Arran); Station Manager Derek Davidson (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue); and Inspectors Kenny McLachlan and James Seenan (Strathclyde Police).

In Attendance

S Bale, Acting Community Planning Co-ordinator; and P Shiach and C Graham, Corporate Support Officers (Chief Executive's)

Chair

Councillor Wilkinson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Councillors Margie Currie, Jean Highgate, Elizabeth McLardy and Ian Richardson (North Ayrshire Council); Katie Chan, Community Regeneration Co-ordinator (Communities Scotland); Roseann Neill, Joint Future Implementation Manager, North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership (NHS Ayrshire and Arran); Group Manager William Wilson and Liz Brady, Community Safety Co-ordinator (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue).

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Liaison Meeting held on 18 August 2006 were confirmed.

2. Health Service Developments

2.1 NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Alan Buckley, Primary Care and Community Services Manager (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde) confirmed that the Scheme of Establishment in relation to the formation of a Community Health Partnership was agreed by the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde on 24 October 2006 and has been forwarded to the Scottish Ministers for approval.

Potentially this will allow for the Director's post to be advertised and interviews held towards the end of December. Thereafter Senior Management posts will be advertised and interviews held early in 2007.

The Primary Care and Community Services Manager confirmed that Inverclyde Royal Hospital would not form part of the CHP.

Proposals for the redesign of Paediatric Services are also with Scottish Ministers for approval and until such times as agreement is received the current practices will remain in operation.

A Project Plan has been developed to take forward the models under which other services will be provided and will be taken forward by a Steering Group chaired by the General Manager, Women and Children's Services. Thematic Sub Groups will be set up to inform the Steering Group, including Nursing Development, Transport, Accident and Emergency, and Policy and Protocol.

Noted.

2.2 NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Pauline Fyfe, Operational and Performance Improvement Manager, North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership advised on health service developments in Ayrshire and Arran as undernoted:-

Largs

Following the shortleeting of tenders received in respect of the works, 6 contractors will be interviewed on 24 November with a view to the works commencing early in 2007.

At the Liaison Meeting on 18 August 2006, the Joint Future Implementation Manager had agreed to liaise with the local Members for Largs not represented on the Largs Public Reference Group. The Operational and Performance Improvement Manager undertook to ensure that details are forwarded to the Council for dissemination to the elected Members for Largs.

Arran

Works on the modular building to be erected in the grounds of the existing Arran War Memorial Hospital have been slightly delayed, but it is anticipated they will now commence in March 2007. The building will provide accommodation and clinic space for community and administration staff, a new podiatry suite, an educational and training facility as well as new consulting rooms for visiting services.

Cumbræ

Restoration of the building is scheduled for completion by late April 2007 when GP Surgeries, together with physiotherapy and paediatric services will begin operating from the premises.

Kilbirnie

The internal decant of services has commenced to allow the modernisation of and extension to Kilbirnie Health Centre, including the development of an integrated two-surgery dental satellite facility.

Noted.

3. Community Plan: Progress Report

Submitted report by the Chief Executive (North Ayrshire Council) on progress against the actions, specific to the Garnock Valley, North Coast, Arran and Cumbræ area, contained within the Community Plan Action Plan 2006/07.

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) launched the Community Plan in June of this year, identifying the 7 priorities for North Ayrshire over the next 10 years, together with an Annual Review and Action Plan for 2006/07, details of which were presented to the Liaison Meeting on 18 August 2006. At that time, it was also agreed that the CPP would report on progress to the Liaison Meetings on a quarterly basis.

The Action Plan has been produced with actions against each priority and the priorities for 2006/07 include:-

- the ongoing development of shared delivery of health and other services, e.g., the Garrison development, Millport
- development of the North West Resource Centre, Largs
- development of the Montgomery Court intermediate care facility in Kilbirnie and
- the renewal of key areas within North Ayrshire to secure investment and employment opportunities, e.g. Lochshore/Kilbirnie town centre

The Liaison Meeting

- requested further information on the work being carried out, specifically in relation to community engagement, in Kilbirnie and
- received clarification on a number of points contained within the report, including the commencement of works at the North West Resource Centre, Largs and progress on the review of island services for older people on Arran and Cumbræ.

The Liaison Meeting agreed to (a) note the information contained within the report; (b) receive a report to the next meeting on community engagement in Kilbirnie; and (c) continue to receive quarterly reports on progress against the actions in the Community Plan Action Plan specific to the Garnock Valley, North Coast, Arran and Cumbrae area.

4. Future Agenda Items

The Liaison Meeting agreed that future agenda items should be submitted to P Shiach, Corporate Support Officer.

The meeting ended at 11.25 a.m.