

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

**FAIRLIE, 18 August 2006** - At a Liaison Meeting between the Garnock Valley, North Coast, Arran and Cumbrae Area Committee and the Community Planning Partners at 11.15 a.m.

**Present**

Councillors Richard Wilkinson, John Bell, Alan Hill and Elisabeth Marshall (North Ayrshire Council); Alan Buckley, Primary Care and Community Services Manager (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde); Tom Steele, Assistant Director of Estates and Facilities and Roseann Neill, Joint Future Implementation Manager, North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership (NHS Ayrshire and Arran); and Inspectors Kenny McLachlan and Ray Pearson (Strathclyde Police).

**In Attendance**

S Laidlaw, Community Planning Assistant, and S Bale, M Anderson and C Graham, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

**Chair**

Councillor Wilkinson in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Margie Currie, Jean Highgate, John Reid and Ian Richardson (North Ayrshire Council); Katie Chan, Operations Co-ordinator (Communities Scotland); Pauline Fyfe, Operational and Performance Improvement Manager (North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership); Derek Davidson, Station Manager and Liz Brady, Community Safety Co-ordinator (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue).

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Liaison Meeting held on 2 June 2006 were confirmed.

**2. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde**

Alan Buckley, Primary Care and Community Services Manager with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde advised of the interim arrangements in place to progress the setting up of a Community Health Partnership in the Inverclyde area.

Mr Buckley confirmed that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde had agreed that the CHP would be based on a 'health' model only as opposed health and integrated services. A Local Development Agreement is currently being processed together with a Scheme of Establishment for consideration by the NHS Board at its meeting in October 2006. Following the Board's agreement, managers can then be appointed to operate the Community Health Partnership. Consideration still requires to be given to the models under which other services will be provided, e.g. services for

older people.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde had considered a paper on Children's Services during the summer months and Mr Buckley indicated that the Board would wish to enhance the community based services for children at Inverclyde, allowing children to be treated in their local community rather than attending either Yorkhill or the Royal Alexandra Hospitals.

The Primary Care and Community Services Manager will continue to represent NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde in the meantime and report on progress at each Liaison Meeting.

Noted.

### **3. Largs: North West Resource Centre (NWRC)**

The Liaison Meeting received a verbal report from NHS Ayrshire and Arran on the North West Resource Centre, Largs, and the Public Reference Group.

Tom Steele, Assistant Director of Estates and Facilities advised that expressions of interest to build the Centre have been received from 9 contractors and NHS Ayrshire and Arran have shortlisted 6 Contractors for interview. Planning, listed building and building warrant applications have been submitted and the outcome of these applications is currently awaited. It is hoped that the entire project will be completed within 58 weeks of work commencing.

A set of plans was made available to the Liaison Meeting and 6 sets of plans detailing the works to be carried out are available for members of the public to view at various points within Largs.

Mr Steele confirmed that he has consulted with the sheltered housing unit to the rear of Moorburn and their comments will be considered as part of the overall consultation. The footpath through the grounds of Moorburn will not be permanently closed and pedestrian access to the centre will be from Greenock Road. Vehicular access to the centre will be from the rear of the property only. Two car parks will be created for staff and users of the facility.

Information was requested on progress with the Health Centre extension in Kilbirnie. Mr Steele confirmed that tenders are awaited in respect of the provision of dental facilities and discussions are ongoing in terms of staffing.

The Liaison Meeting noted that Mr Steele would undertake to consult with the local Members for Kilbirnie on the most effective methods of making contact with the community on the provision of services.

#### **4. North West Ayrshire Resource Centre Service Scoping Exercise**

Submitted report by the North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership (CHP) on a Scoping Exercise currently being undertaken by the CHP in respect of the consideration of services to be provided through the North West Ayrshire Resource Centre, Largs.

In May 2002 the Scottish Executive Health Department (SEHD) approved, in principle, the development of a primary care resource centre for the North West Ayrshire area. The CHP, along with other partners, plans to consult with the local community about service delivery. The first stage of consultation now underway relates to the services to be provided from the resource centre, e.g. District Nurses, Social Workers and will be followed by an examination of the range of services provided in the area but not directly from the centre itself. This will show a complete list of services provided by NHS Ayrshire & Arran and the local authority. Staff, service users, their carers and the public will receive regular updates via press releases, a quarterly newsletter and through the Largs Public Reference Group (LPRG). It is anticipated that the outcomes from the scoping exercise will be reported to the LPRG in October 2006.

The Liaison Meeting noted that the Joint Future Implementation Manager would liaise with the local Members for Largs not represented on the Largs Public Reference Group.

#### **5. Community Planning Update**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive (North Ayrshire Council) on recent developments in community planning, in particular the launch of the new Community Plan for 2006-2016, 'North Ayrshire - A Better Life'.

The Liaison Meeting also received a presentation on the Community Plan and the key findings of a recent People's Panel Survey on local people's perceptions of North Ayrshire. A short film by young film makers, Big Media, was also shown.

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. Progress will be reported to the Liaison Meeting on a quarterly basis and an annual report will be published.

Noted.

#### **6. Glengarnock: Lochshore**

Submitted report by Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire on progress on the production of a Masterplan for the redevelopment of Lochshore, Glengarnock.

One of the key regeneration targets identified in the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan is the redevelopment of Lochshore, Glengarnock. The North Ayrshire Local Plan also recognises the principle of the need for regeneration at Lochshore and requires any development proposals brought forward to be set out within the context of a Masterplan for the area.

In late 2004, the Board of Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire approved the preparation of a Masterplan to be undertaken in 3 stages, namely (1) Site Appraisal, (2) Option Appraisal and (3) Development of Masterplan Framework.

To date, stages 1 and 2 have been completed and significant progress has been made in relation to stage 3. Elements of work outstanding include further flora and fauna studies which can only be carried out at specific times during the year.

The steps undertaken to date have identified substantial works that would need to be undertaken in advance of any development on the site in order to bring it to a developable condition. The scale of the investment required is substantial and it is unlikely to be met by the public sector alone. It is anticipated that Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire will seek to establish formally with North Ayrshire Council that the works undertaken to date and the Masterplan option identified are in keeping with their aspirations for the area. Thereafter, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire will seek to agree a community consultation process and finalise the Masterplan for formal consideration by the Council.

Noted.

## **7. Future Agenda Items**

Suggestions for future agenda items should be forwarded to M Anderson, Corporate and Democratic Support Officer, Chief Executive's, North Ayrshire Council.

The meeting ended at 12.25 p.m.