

Liaison Meeting between the Three Towns Area Committee and the Community
Planning Partners
16 August 2006

SALTCOATS, 16 August 2006 - At a Liaison Meeting between the Three Towns Area Committee and the Community Planning Partners at 11.10 am.

Present

David Munn, Gordon Allison, Peter McNamara, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, Samuel Taylor and Nan Wallace.

In Attendance

J Murray, Community Planning Co-ordinator, S Laidlaw, Community Planning Assistant, M Anderson and E Fisher, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

A Scrace, Smoking Cessation Advisor (NHS Ayrshire and Arran); P Fyfe (North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership); Inspector I Ness and Sergeant S Leary (Strathclyde Police); and Station Officer D Davidson (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue).

Chair

Councillor D Munn in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

M McMillan (North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership).

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Liaison Meeting held on 1 March 2006 were confirmed.

2. NHS Ayrshire and Arran: Fresh Air-shire Team

The Liaison Meeting received a presentation from the Smoking Cessation Advisor, NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

It was reported that there are 13,000 smoking related deaths in Scotland each year, with North Ayrshire being above the national average. Smoking is the main cause of cardiovascular disease.

The new Fresh Air-shire initiative offers smoking cessation services within the community, hospitals, schools, pharmacies, prison and the workplace, including:-

- 1:1 support
- group support
- information and advice
- access to treatments including nicotine replacement therapy (NRT).

Referrals to the service can come through GPs, hospital, dentists and pharmacists, in addition to self-referral.

Fresh Air-shire have close links with schools and there was discussion on cultural reasons why young people smoke despite anti-smoking education.

The Liaison Meeting agreed that the smoking cessation advisor liaise with Councillor McNamara in his capacity as Chair of the Council's Educational Services Committee, on the ongoing work in schools.

3. Community Planning Update

Submitted report by the Chief Executive 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 received a presentation on the Community Plan and the key findings of a People's Panel Survey on local people's perceptions of North Ayrshire. A short film commissioned from Big Media, North Ayrshire's young film-makers was also shown and included a range of local people talking about their experiences and views of North Ayrshire.

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) launched its new Community Plan for 2006-2016, 'North Ayrshire ' A Better Life' on 22 June 2006. The Plan identifies 7 priorities for the next 10 years. It is accompanied by an Annual Review and Action Plan setting out 8 priority actions for 2006/07.

Progress in implementing the Community Plan will be monitored via an annual report on progress against 48 high-level Community Plan Indicators and quarterly reporting on progress against each of the actions in the Action Plan.

Noted.

The Meeting ended at 12.40 pm.