

Liaison Meeting between the Three Towns Area Committee and the Community
Planning Partners
15 November 2006

ARDROSSAN, 15 November 2006 - At a Liaison Meeting between the Three Towns Area Committee and the Community Planning Partners at 11.25 am.

Present

David Munn, Peter McNamara, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, Samuel Taylor and Nan Wallace (North Ayrshire Council); Inspector I Ness and Sergeant S Leary (Strathclyde Police); and Station Manager L Elliot (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue).

In Attendance

S Bale, Acting Community Planning Co-ordinator and M Anderson and E Fisher, Corporate Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

Chair

Councillor D Munn in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Gordon Allison (North Ayrshire Council), L Brady (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue), and M O'Neill and P Fyfe (North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership).

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Liaison Meeting held on 16 August 2006 were confirmed.

2. Community Plan: Progress Report

Submitted report by the Chief Executive (North Ayrshire Council) on progress against the actions specific to the 3 Towns area contained within the Community Plan Action Plan 2006/07.

The Community Planning Partnership launched its Community Plan for 2006-2016, 'North Ayrshire A Better Life' on 22 June 2006. The Plan itself identifies 7 priorities for the next 10 years and a 2006/07 Action Plan has also been produced with actions against each of these priorities. The Action Plan will be monitored by the Community Planning Team and quarterly reports submitted to the Liaison Meetings. An Annual Review and Action Plan will be produced in Spring 2007, outlining key achievements in 2006/07 and planned actions for 2007/08.

The Liaison Meeting was advised on progress against actions specific to the 3 Towns area, as set out in the Appendix to the report and requested further information on the following:-

- an expected announcement by Ministers on 22 November 2006 in connection with the Community Wardens service;
- work associated with the Quality Bus Corridor project to give traffic light priority to buses along with route; and
- the re-development of the New Street site in Stevenston.

The Liaison Meeting agreed that the Acting Community Planning Co-ordinator report back to the relevant elected Members in respect of the individual issues raised.

3. Open Forum

The Open Forum provides an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of the Community Planning Partners present at the meeting.

The following issues were raised by members of the public in attendance at the meeting:-

- Any plans to hold Liaison Meetings in the evening to enable more members of the public to attend
- The possibility of inviting voluntary groups to attend the Area Committee or Liaison Meeting to advise on projects and discuss funding

The Liaison Meeting agreed (a) to note that there are no plans at present to change the timing of the Liaison Meeting, but that this may be the subject of future consideration; (b) that, in the first instance, the Learning Manager, Community Learning and Development (Educational Services) be invited to the next meeting of the 3 Towns Area Committee to give an overview of the Service's work in supporting local voluntary groups; and (c) thereafter, that individual voluntary groups be invited periodically to attend future meetings of the 3 Towns Area Committee, along with relevant officers from Community Learning and Development, to provide information to Members on their work and future projects.

The meeting ended at 12 noon.