

Liaison Meeting between the Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area
Committee and the Community Planning Partners
17 August 2006

IRVINE, 17 August 2006 - At a Liaison Meeting between Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn & Springside Area Committee and the Community Planning Partners at 3.00 p.m.

Present

Councillors Ian Clarkson, Tom Barr, Jack Carson, Jane Gorman, Margaret McDougall, John Moffat, David O'Neill and Donald Reid (North Ayrshire Council); Pauline Fyfe (North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership); and Inspector Neil Kerr (Strathclyde Police).

In Attendance

J. Murray, Community Planning Co-ordinator, S. Laidlaw, Community Planning Assistant, and M. McKeown. Corporate and Democratic Support Officer (Chief Executive's).

Chair

Councillor Clarkson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Jacqueline Browne (North Ayrshire Council) and M. McMillan (North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership).

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Liaison Meeting held on 17 November 2005 were confirmed.

2. Community Planning Update

The Community Planning Co-ordinator submitted a report and delivered a presentation on the launch of the new Community Plan for 2006-2016. A video presentation was also provided.

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) launched the new Community Plan on 22 June 2006. The Community Plan is based around the central vision of 'North Ayrshire - A Better Life', and identifies seven priorities shared by the partners in relation to:-

- Working and Training
- Healthy and Active
- Caring and Supporting
- Safe and Secure
- Learning and Taking Part

- Clean and Green
- For You & For Everyone

Against each of these priorities are a range of desired outcomes and goals that will be delivered over the lifetime of the Community Plan. Each Spring, an annual review will be undertaken to monitor the progress made over the previous 12 months. At the same time, an action plan looking forward 12 months will also be produced. A copy of the annual review for 2005/06 and the action plan for 2006/07 was tabled. Eight of the actions planned for 2006/07 have been identified by the CPP as 'priority actions' i.e.

- Establish Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company (URC)
- Ongoing development of shared delivery of health and other services, e.g. via Garrison development in Millport
- Redevelopment of Ayrshire Central Hospital site, Irvine
- Development of North West Resource Centre, Largs – co-location of staff from partner agencies
- Development of Montgomery Court, Kilbirnie – intermediate care facility for people with dementia
- Deliver Year 2 of the Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA) across the 6 Regeneration Areas, supported by £4.7 million of Community Regeneration Funding
- Support the ongoing physical renewal and planning for renewal of key areas of North Ayrshire, to secure investment and employment opportunities (e.g. Ardrossan Harbour, Vineburgh Housing Regeneration Area, Lochshore/Kilbirnie town centre)
- Development and Launch of new Community Plan 2006-2016.

The Liaison Meeting (a) noted the launch of the Community Plan 2006-2016; and (b) agreed to receive quarterly reports on its progress.

3. Health Service Developments

Submitted report by the Operational and Performance Improvement Manager, North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership, on new and emerging service developments.

The following developments were highlighted:-

Eglinton Street Practice

The practice has been involved in developing the Schedule of Accommodation based on their requirements and the Schedule has recently been agreed. A brief for third party developers is currently being finalised and will be notified to contractors when complete. Internal NHS procedures with respect to land disposal are being progressed simultaneously.

Fullarton Health House

An exploratory meeting was held with NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Fullarton Health House Management group and a representative from North Ayrshire Council, with regard to reviewing current utilisation of the facility by local health services and opportunities for the development of the facility. Following these discussions a bid was submitted to the Primary and Community Care Premises Modernisation Programme 2006/07. NHS Ayrshire and Arran was successful in attracting £346,000 from the overall national allocation.

Exploration of the feasibility of the development of an integrated facility is underway and land searches are being conducted alongside design solution for the site on which Fullarton Health House is currently situated.

Montgomerie Park

The Schedule of Accommodation is currently being finalised. Exploratory discussions have been held with local dentists regarding possible integration of General Dental Practitioner Services. A draft brief for third party developers is being produced and discussions are ongoing regarding land acquisition costs.

Kilwinning Group Practice

Discussions with Kilwinning Group Practice are ongoing with the Schedule of Accommodation currently being agreed. This new facility will also replace the Fergushill Clinic and exploratory discussions have been held with local dentist with a view to establishing General Dental Practitioner Services on the site. Land searches have been concluded and a preferred option has been agreed.

Springside

Discussions with regard to the provision of GP practice facilities in Springside have not been successful. The GP Premises Modernisation Group will however continue to monitor the situation.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 3.45 p.m.