



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

North Ayrshire Council

A Meeting of the **North Ayrshire Council** of North Ayrshire Council will be held in the **Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE** on **Wednesday, 09 May 2018 at 14:00** to consider the undernoted business.

1 Apologies

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any declarations of interest in respect of items of business on the Agenda.

3 Previous Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and Special Meeting both held on 28 February 2018 will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copies enclosed).

4 Provost's Report

Submit report by the Provost for the period covering 1 March - 2 May 2018 (copy enclosed).

5 Leader's Report

Submit report by the Leader for the period covering 20 February - 2 May 2018 (copy enclosed).

6 North Ayrshire Council Minute Volume (issued under separate cover)

Submit, for noting and for approval of any recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of meeting of committees of the Council held in the period 16 February to 25 April 2018.

7 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 22 March 2018

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board held on 22 March 2018 (copy enclosed).

8 Appointments to Committees

In terms of Standing Order 7.2, note the undernoted appointments by political groups:-

Committee	Resignation/Vacancy	Appointment
Police & Fire & Rescue Committee	Cllr Louise McPhater	Cllr Jimmy Miller

9 Appointments to Outside Bodies

Consider the undernoted nominations:-

Outside Body	Position	Nominations
Haylie House Board of Trustees	1 vacancy follow Cllr Gallagher's resignation	Cllr Tom Marshall
Hunterston Marine Yard Liaison Group	1 Ward 6 vacancy	Cllr Todd Ferguson Cllr Robert Barr
Hunterston Marine Yard Liaison Group	1 Ward 8 vacancy	Cllr Ian Murdoch

10 Questions

In terms of standing Order 12, submit:-

(a) a question by Councillor Donald L. Reid to the Leader of the Council, in the following terms:-

"Members will be aware that teachers, like other public sector employees, have endured a pay freeze for several years. Can the Leader outline his intentions, through his involvement in COSLA and other ways, to ensure teachers achieve an equitable result in their pay negotiation, bearing in mind the current budgetary constraints on this and other councils across Scotland."

(b) a question by Councillor Donald L. Reid to the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, in the following terms:-

"Can you confirm and perhaps give any practical examples of the great work of our Care at Home Team during the period of heavy snow, ice and overall difficult condition - 28 February to 3 March - and confirm that these professional and dedicated workers have been appropriately acknowledged by senior management for their dedication to duty, and (2) advise members of the approximate number of staff who were involved in delivering services during this period of extreme weather in Skelmorlie, Largs and Garnock Valley; and (3) confirm if any lessons have been learned from this situation which can be applied in future to ensure staff safety whilst maintaining the vital delivery of service to home care clients."

(c) a question by Councillor Billings to the Cabinet Member for Place, in the following terms:-

"We all recognise that without more investment in our roads infrastructure there will be a significant negative affect on our economy. How will North Ayrshire Council put pressure on the Scottish Government to make more money available so that all roads within North Ayrshire can be brought up to a good standard?"

(d) a question by Councillor Billings to the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, in the following terms:-

"At the Council meeting in February the SNP councillors removed £280,000 from the Health and Social Care Partnership budget, resulting in cuts to the Care at Home budget.

When I receive complaints from constituents about not being able to get access to care packages, what cold comfort can I give them on how the money removed from social care is benefitting the education of the children of North Ayrshire?"

(e) a question by Councillor McNicol to the Leader of the Council, in the following terms:-

"1. Between PFI/PPP/NPD/LOBO and PWLB, how much debt is the Council currently carrying?

2. For each type of debt that is applicable, what was the purpose of the debt/loan, and what is the repayment regime?

3. Who had the authority to incur the debt(s) and when were Elected Members consulted in each case?"

(f) a question by Councillor Macaulay to the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, in the following terms:-

"Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care confirm the budget contribution from North Ayrshire Council to the Integrated Joint Board for year 2017/18 and again for 2018/19"

(g) a question by Councillor Burns for the Cabinet Member for the Economy, in the following terms:

"What contact, if any, has there been with the UK Government following Theresa May's public commitment to 'talk' about the Ayrshire Growth Deal?"

(h) a question by Councillor Dickson for the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, in the following terms:-

"In the summer of 2014, the SNP administration, as part of the NACPP, agreed to invest in a detailed ChildrenCount Wellbeing Survey conducted by Dartington Research Unit; a study completed by our school children aged 9-16 years, asking them directly about their lives.

From that survey information, completed by 8,138 pupils (93%) from 50 primary schools and 9 secondary schools, we gathered hugely valuable information that has given direction to our Children's Services Commissioning Plan and the embedding of Nurture in our schools to support Wellbeing as well as Attainment.

After 4 years, could the Cabinet holder for Health & Social Care advise if this administration is planning to propose a follow up survey, to ensure that the support measures and service provision put in place since, do meet the current needs of our young people?"

(i) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Cabinet Member for Place, in the following terms:-

"Now that North Ayrshire Council have passed a budget that included funding the process to decriminalise parking enforcement, what is the program and timescale for the Council to begin enforcement?"

(j) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Cabinet Member for the Economy, in the following terms:-

"Does North Ayrshire Council have any plans to follow South and East Ayrshire Councils' example and implement a Trusted Traders Initiative?"

(k) a question by Councillor Gurney to the Cabinet Member for Place, in the following terms:-

"Will the Cabinet Member for Place join me in congratulating the Scottish Government's continued support of council house building, welcome the latest £35 million increase to council house building allocations in Scotland for a total of £568 million this year, £591 million next and £630 million in financial year 2020/21, and confirm an expanded building programme for North Ayrshire underpinned by Scottish government funding during the current term of this Council."

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Motions

In terms of Standing Order 13, submit:-

(a) a Motion by Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Miller, in the following terms:-

"North Ayrshire Council condemns the decision of commercial operators, Europe and Jersey to close the car park in New Street Stevenston, built to serve their commercial development. The closure impacts on their tenants, their customers and public alike. We note that closure appears to be designed to put pressure on the Council to relieve the owners from their responsibilities, As a matter of principle Council will not be held to ransom. Nor should public funds be used to benefit private companies that have such disregard for community interests.

The closure has a significant impact on Stevenston. Accordingly Council agrees to instruct officers to examine parking provision within Stevenston to identify the extent of any shortfall, whether reasonable terms can be agreed with Europe and Jersey to acquire the car park, the provision of alternative car parking provision elsewhere, to investigate the potential to improve disabled car parking to support the most vulnerable and to report back to Cabinet in June. In the interim, Council calls on Europe and Jersey to show good faith by re-opening the car park pending such investigation"

(b) a Motion by Councillor Foster, seconded by Councillor McPhater, in the following terms:-

"Council notes the request by Irvine Community Council for a North Ayrshire wide public consultation, including the sharing of information with the public, regarding the previous proposal to purchase the Rivergate Centre and resolves to support the request."

(c) a Motion by Councillor Foster, seconded by Councillor Cullinane, in the following terms:-

“In December 2017 North Ayrshire agreed a number of actions to become a child-centred Council.

Council therefore welcomes and notes the work currently being undertaken by the independent review into the care system in Scotland. The Independent Care Review will not publish its final recommendations until 2020, however Council believes that children and young people who are care experienced should not wait until 2020 for changes that can be made sooner.

Council notes that the majority of children and young people who are care experienced are in this position because their family support has broken down, and that this is very rarely as a result of their actions.

Already the Independent Care Review has advised that as a result of stigma, language and the day-to-day arrangements that are made to support care experienced children and young people public services could change and improve their approach.

The Council instructs Chief Officers to work to address these issues and encourage professionals who work with care experienced children and young people to use language and behaviours that are more suited to a family setting.

For example, Council notes that care experienced children and young people are routinely taken out of education to attend meetings with social workers and other professionals. Being removed from the classroom during the school day has a detrimental impact on care experienced children and young people and can negatively impact on, attainment, building relationships, mental health and can lead to a feeling of being singled out as different from their peers.

The Council therefore instructs Chief Officers to review the practice of removing children and young people from school with the aim of ceasing this practice at the earliest opportunity.

Council notes that care experienced children and young people who have fewer homes and live long term with well supported foster carers who build positive relationships will statistically be healthier, have better education attainment and are more likely to reach a positive destination post-secondary school.

The Council asks that work be undertaken between the HSCP and Housing Services to encourage and support new prospective foster carers, especially those who currently live in housing that cannot accommodate children, to ensure they meet the requirement of becoming a North Ayrshire foster carer. Council asks that the way we recruit prospective foster parents no longer takes into account the applicant's current housing situation at the first stage. Instead the assessment focuses solely on an individual's ability for the role and we then support any new foster carers to access adequate housing to take this important role forward.”

(d) a Motion by Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Macaulay, in the following terms:-

“Council notes that:

- The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), the trade deal between the EU and US, stalled at the beginning of 2017, due to widespread public and political concern on both sides of the Atlantic.
- The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), between the EU and Canada, despite similar concerns, was passed by the European Parliament in February 2017 and is now awaiting ratification by member states.
- CETA will allow corporations to use a new Investor Court System (ICS) which affords transnational companies rights over elected governments.
- The effects of trade deals like TTIP and CETA go well beyond traditional goals of trade agreements, encompassing a wide spectrum of public policies. These include the harmonisation of regulatory standards; opening markets in the service sector; and the opening up of public procurement markets.
- The current UK government has indicated that it plans to use TTIP and CETA as the basis for any new trade agreements that it negotiates after Brexit.
- In the last two years, ten local Scottish Councils passed motions opposing TTIP and CETA (Dundee, East Dunbartonshire, Edinburgh, Fife, Glasgow, Inverness, Midlothian, North Ayrshire, Stirling and West Dunbartonshire), which demonstrates widespread concern amongst local authorities about the negative impacts of these kinds of trade deals.

This Council believes that:

- This new generation of trade deals represents a real threat to local democracy, affecting the freedom local authorities have in decision making, when these decisions affect the profits of multi-national companies.
- These trade deals could also negatively impact on local services, employment and suppliers, as power is transferred from local and national governments to international corporations.
- A different system of trade is needed, which honours obligations to human rights, workers' rights and climate change commitments.
- Trade deals should be used to help build a fairer society and protect the planet

This Council therefore agrees:

- To endorse the Trade Justice Scotland Coalition's ten principles for just trade, as an alternative to trade deals like TTIP and CETA.
- That the Leader of this Council should write to the Secretary of State for Communities, Social Security and Equalities; the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution, and local MPs and MSPs to warn of the impact that a new generation of trade deals might have on Council decision-making after Brexit, and to call for them to endorse the Trade Justice Scotland Coalition's principles for just trade
- That the Leader of the Council will write to COSLA to express concern about the impact that future trade deals, negotiated by the UK government after we leave the EU and modelled on TTIP and CETA, might have on local council decision-making, and ask them to raise these with the UK government and Scottish government on this Council's behalf.”

12 Motions to Amend Standing Orders

In terms of Standing Order 22, submit:-

(a) a Motion by Councillor Hill seconded by Councillor Davidson, in the following terms:-

“That clause 2 of the Standing Orders be amended as follows:-

The word “eighth” where it appears in line 3 of clause 2.1 shall be replaced by the word “sixth” and the word “eight” where it appears in the same line shall be replaced by the word “six”.

(b) a Motion by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Larsen, in the following terms:-

“Clause 21.1 delete “in any case of urgency as determined by the Provost”

13 Urgent Items

Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.

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Scott Davidson
Anthea Dickson
John Easdale
Todd Ferguson
Robert Foster
Scott Gallacher
Alex Gallagher
Margaret George
John Glover
Tony Gurney
Alan Hill
Christina Larsen
Shaun Macaulay
Jean McClung
Ellen McMaster
Ronnie McNicol
Louise McPhater
Davina McTiernan
Tom Marshall
Jimmy Miller
Jim Montgomerie
Ian Murdoch
Donald Reid
Donald L Reid
Angela Stephen
John Sweeney

Chair:

Apologies:

Attending:

Present

Ian Clarkson, Robert Barr, John Bell, Timothy Billings, Joy Brahim (from Agenda Item 2), Marie Burns (from Agenda Item 8(b)), Joe Cullinane, Scott Davidson, Anthea Dickson, John Easdale, Todd Ferguson, Robert Foster, Scott Gallacher, Alex Gallagher, Margaret George, John Glover, Tony Gurney, Alan Hill (from Agenda Item 8(b)), Christina Larsen, Shaun Macaulay, Jean McClung, Ellen McMaster, Ronnie McNicol, Louise McPhater, Davina McTiernan (from Agenda Item 8(b)), Jimmy Miller, Jim Montgomerie, Ian Murdoch (from Agenda Item 8(c)), Donald Reid, Donald L. Reid, Angela Stephen and John Sweeney.

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; L. Friel, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support); C. Hatton, Executive Director (Place); K. Yeomans, Executive Director (Economy and Communities); J. Butcher, Executive Director (Education and Youth Employment); S. Brown, Interim Director (Health and Social Care Partnership); and A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Services, A. Craig, Senior Manager (Legal Services), M. Gilmour, Senior Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications); D. McCaw, H. Clancy and E. Gray, Committee Services Officers and M. Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Provost Clarkson in the Chair.

Apologies

Councillor Marshall.

1 Provost's Remarks

The Provost welcomed those present to the meeting and dealt with preliminary matters, which included an announcement that the Council meeting would be webcast.

The Provost intimated that the meeting would stand adjourned until 10.30 a.m. to allow a small number of Elected Members who had been delayed by the adverse weather conditions an opportunity to attend the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 10.30 a.m. with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance. Councillor Brahim also joined the meeting at this point.

2 Apologies

The Provost invited intimation of apologies for absence, which were recorded.

The Provost, on behalf of the Council, extended his best wishes to Councillor Marshall for a speedy recovery.

3 Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor McNicol, in light of his participation in the film in question and his position as the initial complainer to Police Scotland, declared an interest in the Motion at Agenda Item 9(b). Councillor McNicol did not consider that the nature of this interest required him to leave the meeting during consideration of this Motion, which was seconded by him.

There were no declarations of the Party Whip.

4 Previous Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Ordinary and Special Meetings of the Council held on 20 December 2017, was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

5 Provost's Report

Submitted report by the Provost for the period from 21 December 2017 to 27 February 2018.

Noted.

6 Leader's Report

The Leader of the Council reported for the period from 5 October 2017 to 13 December 2017.

Noted.

7 North Ayrshire Council Minute Volume (issued under separate cover)

Submitted for noting and approval of any recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of meetings of committees of the Council held in the period 12 December 2019 to 19 February 2018.

8 Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Chief Executive advised of an invitation for the Council to be represented on the SEEMIS Board for South West Scotland.

The Council agreed (a) to appoint the Cabinet Member for Education as its Elected Member representative on the SEEMIS Board; and (b) to note the appointment of the Executive Director (Education and Youth Employment) as the Council's Officer representative.

9 Questions

In terms of Standing Order No. 12 there were submitted the following questions:-

(a) a question by Councillor Donald L. Reid to the Cabinet Member for Place in the following terms:-

"The Road systems in North Ayrshire including those which are the responsibility of Scotland Transerv have been badly affected by the rain, snow and long period of ice which prevailed between November 2017 and January 2018. I would invite the Cabinet member for Place to comment on:

(1) What plans NAC Roads have to bring our Roads generally in North Ayrshire back up to an acceptable standard with any specific comments on Roads within the Garnock Valley area which has suffered disproportionately because the Valley suffered with longer periods of snow and ice during November 2017 - January 2018?

(2) What is the likely cost of these repairs?

(3) Is NAC considering asking the Scottish Government to provide additional funding to be spent exclusively on assisting in bringing our crumbling roads network back to an acceptable stand and if not, why not?"

Councillor Montgomerie thanked the Member for his question and responded in the following terms:-

"(1) In line with best practice the Council has adopted an Asset Management approach to road maintenance and undertakes an annual programme commensurate with the allocated budget. The prolonged spell of poor weather during the current winter has caused significant damage to the road network. To support our roads team additional contractors have been engaged to assist in repairing potholes that have developed over the on-going cold spell.

With specific reference to the Garnock Valley, in addition to on-going pot-hole repairs wider resurfacing work is being arranged for Auldlea Road, Laigh Road and Beech Drive in Beith and Milton Road in Kilbirnie and the rural road known locally as the Coldstream Road.

The road maintenance programme which is being developed for 2018/19 has taken cognisance of a number of roads across the area, that have deteriorated more quickly than expected as a result of the continued poor weather. The details

of projects being included in the programme will be presented to Cabinet for approval on the 20 March 2018 following agreement of the Council's budget.

(2) The Council's Roads Asset Management Plan agreed in January 2017 estimated, at that time, a maintenance backlog figure of £30.9m. The above average deterioration attributable to the prolonged cold spell over the current winter will have increased this figure.

The specific works currently being arranged within the Garnock Valley at Auldlea Road, Laigh Road and Beech Drive in Beith and Milton Road in Kilbirnie along with the rural road known locally as the Coldstream Road are estimated at £115,000. In addition to this, the additional cost of employing contractors to assist in repairing potholes in the Garnock Valley is approximately £30,000.

(3) The Leader of the Council has written to the Finance Minister on several occasions regarding the budget settlement and the requirement to provide additional funding to enable the Council to invest in its services."

Councillor Donald L. Reid asked that his appreciation of the work done by the Roads Services be recorded.

(b) a question by Councillor Donald L. Reid to the Cabinet Member for Place in the following terms:-

"Can the Cabinet Member for Place tell this full Council meeting how many families have been evicted from NAC properties between 1.1.17 and 31.12.17 (or whatever period it's easier to get figures for)."

Councillor Montgomerie thanked the Member for his question and responded in the following terms:-

"The Council only evicts tenants as a last resort when all other avenues to support tenants have been exhausted. Unfortunately eviction is unavoidable in some instances such as where tenants continually refuse to make arrangements to pay their rent, engage in continuous or serious anti-social behaviour or seriously or continually breach tenancy agreements.

The approach taken by the Council to support tenants to pay their rent and manage their tenancy in a responsible way enables the Council to have one of the lowest eviction rates in Scotland.

In the calendar year 2017, 57 evictions took place of which 51 were for rent arrears, 6 for anti-social behaviour and 1 for breach of tenancy."

Councillor Donald L. Reid asked that his appreciation of the work done by the Housing Service in seeking to avoid evictions, be recorded.

Councillors Burns, Hill and McTiernan joined the meeting during consideration of this item.

(c) a question by Councillor McNicol to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:-

“At a Special Meeting of North Ayrshire Council held on 20th December, 2017 a Resolution was passed and agreed by all Councillors to exclude the press and public on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6,8,and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7a of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973.

Will the Leader of the Council inform members if an enquiry has been carried out to establish the identity of the Labour insider, who according to a report in the Irvine Herald, allegedly passed confidential information to the reporter regarding information disclosed at the Special meeting?”

Councillor Cullinane thanked the Member for his question and responded in the following terms:-

“No enquiry has been carried out to establish the identity of the Labour insider quoted in the Irvine Herald. This is because he or she sought advice from the Council’s Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer in advance of providing a response to the paper. The Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer were happy the information supplied did not breach the Councillors Code of Conduct, nor release confidential information. The Insider did not confirm that such a proposal had been discussed.

The response to the Irvine Herald covered the following important points:-

I can’t confirm that the Council considered any ‘deal’.

Austerity is placing unprecedented pressure on the Council’s budget. However, that has not dented the Labour Administration’s ambition to deliver real change for our communities. What it means is that we need to be even more innovative in seeking opportunities that match our ambition.

We believe it is vital to the future of our area that we are bold and radical enough to consider issues of ownership of local assets or other commercial opportunities to bring in new revenue streams to the Council in order to fight austerity.

It would never be about owning a shopping centre but about the regeneration opportunities that it offered.

Purchasing a centre would not have placed new pressures on the Council’s reducing budget but rather it would pay for itself and provide an annual income to the Council. This is because the Council is able to borrow at a low rate through

the Public Works Loan Board, so any income stream from the purchased asset will pay the loan back and deliver additional funds for investment.

By owning a centre the profits that it generated would no longer go to a private corporation but would instead come to the Council and allow us to invest that money in the local area. Ownership of a centre could open many doors for the local area.

The profits that any centre/asset generates would enable the Council to deliver millions of pounds of investment in the local area over the next decade and beyond.

My Administration would want to see a number of investments across North Ayrshire communities and any surplus funds from a good proposal could be used to:

- build a new multi-screen cinema, probably in Irvine because of the footfall
- aligned to the cinema a new food court could be developed, which could address the current recognised shortage of enough places to eat around the centre of Irvine
- invest in tired and run-down facilities like Ruby Tuesday's, or to upgrade and modernise the Forum (neither of which is possible because we don't own them and don't have the funding to support a compulsory purchase order)
- further enhance and develop Saltcoats Town Centre
- take forward proposals emerging for Lochshore in Kilbirnie
- create a Town Centre Regeneration Fund

With the right proposal these are all possible, not least as the Council has an excellent track record of using such funding to leverage additional external funding to maximise regeneration investment. The potential to leverage tens of millions of pounds of investment for these areas can be very high with the right 'deal'.

Also, once any loan is paid off then the asset is owned by the Council. At that stage it could be sold to generate tens of millions of capital investment or ALL of the income then becomes available for investment in North Ayrshire communities and town centres.

Again, I cannot confirm that there was a 'deal' discussed, however, as you can see from my answer above if there was a 'deal' the potential to do so much more across North Ayrshire communities is huge.

It is hard to think, if such a proposal was in front of the Council, why anyone would vote against it.

My Administration will continue to challenge Council Officers to bring forward bold and innovative proposals with the potential to allow for greater investment in our

communities and town centres. I hope that when we do that the whole Council will back them.”

Councillor McNicol sought and received confirmation the Council’s Monitoring Officer that the business of the Special Council meeting held on 20 December 2018 remained confidential.

As a supplementary question, Councillor McNicol asked the Leader to inform Members of all the costs associated with the proposal to acquire a centre as discussed at the Special Meeting, including the preparation of due diligence reporting costs, legal fees, survey costs and any other associated costs. Councillor McNicol also asked that the Leader advise from which budgets the payments had been made and who authorised those payments. He requested that this information be provided before 2.00 p.m.

The Chief Executive advised Councillor McNicol that his question was in breach of the Councillors’ Code of Conduct, but indicated that the information he had requested could be shared confidentially with Members.

Councillor Murdoch joined the meeting during consideration of this item.

(d) a question by Councillor Gallacher to the Cabinet Member for Place in the following terms:-

““Neatebox” is a system worked through an app that helps blind people, and the less mobile, like wheelchair users, to locate, and operate pedestrian crossings and the like, by using their phone. The app enables them to request to cross, without having to find, or attempt to reach the button on the crossing that the rest of us would press. The software link for this gets built into the existing road crossing boxes retrospectively.

There are already a few local authorities who have taken up this service, and I am led to believe that there are more in the pipeline who are almost at the rolling out stage. Given that Irvine High Street is in the process of being done up, would the Cabinet Member for Place please have a serious look into this service, in order to make the day to day lives of our sightless and mobile impaired residents just that bit easier, in particular, when it comes to crossing roads.”

Councillor Montgomerie thanked the Member for his question and responded in the following terms:-

“The Council’s pedestrian crossings meet all appropriate regulations regarding accessibility. However it is recognised that there are many developing technologies that may increase the ease with which they can be used by our communities.

Indicative prices of £200,000 have been received from one supplier to purchase the hardware required to retrofit the 274 push button crossings within the area. Any on-going maintenance requirements would need to be added to this figure.

Officers will work with the North Ayrshire Access Panel to identify appropriate technology and funding implications for consideration within the public realm improvements within Irvine.”

As a supplementary question, Councillor Gallacher made reference to the matter having been raised by a constituent who had in mind eleven particular town centre crossings.

Councillor Montgomerie responded by indicating that he would be happy to meet to discuss the matter further.

(e) a question by Councillor Davidson to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:-

“Can the Council Leader assure me that he will not be recommending further cuts to classroom assistant posts in his budget proposals later today?”

Councillor Cullinane thanked the Member for his question and responded by advising that the Labour Administration’s policy of reversing the SNP Administration’s trend of increasing the unearmarked reserves and instead maintaining them at 2% of the revenue budget, meant that £2.3m could be used to mitigate cuts, which in turns meant that for the second year in a row he could confirm that he would propose an allocated budget of £1,705,311 for classroom assistants, the same as it was in 2016/17 under the SNP Administration.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Davidson asked the Leader for confirmation that no further cuts were proposed.

Councillor Cullinane responded by confirming that the he would propose the same budget as last year, and there were no proposals to cut the budget.

(f) a question from Councillor Davidson to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:-

“Can the Portfolio holder for Finance provide me with answers to the following questions:-

- 1) What was the public response level to the budget consultation?
- 2) How much did it cost?
- 3) Do you think it was the best method of engaging with the public?”

Councillor Cullinane thanked the Member for his question and responded in the following terms:-

“1) 207 people responded to the survey

2) Total cost £11,208.

3) Engagement with residents on the budget reflects the wider commitment of the Council to work in partnership with our communities. Increasingly councils are using tools like “The Budget Challenge” to engage with communities on options to bridge funding gaps.”

As a supplementary question, Councillor Davidson asked whether other methods of consultation would be considered in the future in order to engage with the wider public, for details of the numbers who completed at libraries compared to on-line, and if the Leader felt that his public tweets to a Scottish Government Minister could be considered professional.

Councillor Cullinane responded by expressing the view that his own social media performance was more professional than that of the Member, and by confirming his willingness to receive feedback on future public engagement on budget matters.

(g) a question by Councillor Brahim to the Cabinet Member for Place in the following terms:-

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Place confirm when the upgrade of the B714 will take place?”

Councillor Montgomerie responded in the following terms:-

“The Ayrshire Transport Summit on the 8th February 2018 identified the B714 as a project for consideration in determining the key priorities for transport infrastructure proposals as part of the on-going development of the Ayrshire Growth Deal. The projects will now be considered as part of a Regional Transport Appraisal.”

Councillor Brahim thanked the Cabinet Member for his response and asked the Council to note that the date of the summit was 9 February and not 8 February, as had been stated.

(h) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Cabinet Member for Place in the following terms:-

“For the Cabinet Member – Place

What do North Ayrshire Council intend to do about the poor quality, below expectations, reduced budget prom surface, that a very large number of residents and visitors are complaining about on Largs Shore Front?"

Councillor Gallagher, in his capacity as Cabinet Member for the Economy, responded in the following terms:-

"As the procuring service the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) has written to all North Coast members regarding the works to the promenade and shelters.

The letter shows clearly that Members were consulted. The specification was accepted and acceptable, and we agreed in advance it was what we wanted. Had we had more funding, we would have used a higher quality finish, but the finish does meet the required standards."

A copy of a letter dated 6 February 2018 to Councillor Marshall (and copied to all North Coast Elected Members) was circulated at the meeting, together with the officer report appended to the original correspondence.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Murdoch made reference to views expressed by the public at a Public Realm meeting that futuristic street furniture should be rejected in favour of a good quality promenade, and asked whether the Cabinet Member was satisfied with the surface provided.

Councillor Gallagher referred to the decision to select a more basic finish than would otherwise have been possible with additional funding and advised that the surface and finish ultimately provided had been the subject of regular consultation with local Members. He expressed the view that the surface would provide a robust and long lasting promenade and that, although small areas did require attention, the overall standard met the specification and was acceptable. Councillor Gallagher also referred to similar work completed in Fairlie and advised that the appearance of Largs surface would likewise soften over time. Councillor Gallagher concluded his response by advising that promenade would be monitored over the next twelve months and remedial work undertaken as necessary.

10 Motions in Terms of Standing Order 13

(a) a motion by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Macaulay in the following terms:-

"On the 12th March 2018 Stewart McDonald MP will present 'The Unpaid TrialWork Periods (Prohibition) Bill' to the UK Parliament.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, and Jeremy Corbyn as leader of the opposition, to affirm that North Ayrshire Council:

- supports 'The Unpaid Trial Work Periods (Prohibition) Bill;
- believe that this bill will put a stop to exploitative unpaid trial shifts;
- is confident that this bill will ensure workers are treated with fairness, respect and ultimately a fair wage for the hours worked;
- urges both Mrs May and Mr Corbyn to give their full support to the bill.

Further, the Council will not engage people for unpaid work periods, and will encourage local businesses not to do so."

As an amendment, Councillor Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Gallacher, moved as follows:-

"That the Council will not engage people for unpaid work periods, and will encourage local businesses not to do so."

Members asked questions and debated the matter. The movers of the amendment and the motion then summed up.

On a division, there voted for the amendment 6 and for the motion 26 and the motion was declared carried.

The Council then adjourned at 11.25 a.m. to allow a Special Meeting of the Council to commence at 11.45 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3.45 p.m. with the same Members in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Glover.

(b) a motion by Councillor Gurney, seconded by Councillor McNicol in the following terms:-

"In light of allegations made in the MacAulay Gibson Productions' film, The Only Game in Town, which relate to the North Ayrshire Schools Public Private Partnership project, Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Deputy Chief Constable Iain Livingstone of Police Scotland, requesting that the force carries out a new, full and thorough investigation into all aspects of the North Ayrshire PPP procurement process. Council also instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that everything is done to co-operate fully with any investigation."

The Chief Executive advised that Police Scotland's Economic Crime unit had offered to visit the Council to allow any Members who had concerns to raise them.

As an amendment, Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved as follows:-

“That the Council notes that Police Scotland have reviewed the documentary and decided to take no action and agrees to accept Police Scotland’s offer to meet with any elected member who has concerns about the matter.”

Members asked questions and debated the matter. The movers of the amendment and the motion then summed up.

On a division, there voted for the amendment 11 and for the motion 18, and the motion was declared carried.

Councillor Miller left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Brahim left the meeting at this point.

(c) a motion by Councillor Dickson, seconded by Councillor Macaulay in the following terms:-

“That this Council agrees to be ‘trauma informed; to use the learning and research on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to inform change in practice and thus better able to reduce the negative effects of ACEs on lives of all with whom we come in contact; to work with other partners across Ayrshire to have a consistent approach to working to implement trauma informed practice; commit to give officers and staff an opportunity to view the documentary ‘Resilience’ which has been the catalyst for change; and to contribute to Ayrshire becoming recognised as a Centre of Trauma Informed Excellence”

As an amendment, Councillor Billings, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved as follows:-

“Trauma Informed Practice

There is growing evidence that children who experience traumatic events (Adverse Childhood Experiences) are much more likely to become victims themselves, be violent towards other people and to be sent to prison. Trauma Informed Practice is based on practical strategies for identifying and preventing adverse childhood experiences, and treating their consequences. Ayrshire Police has recently committed to developing a Trauma Informed approach to its work, which will be strengthened by developing a co-ordinated approach across all health and social partners working within Ayrshire.

It is therefore moved that North Ayrshire Council works with its health and social partners to:

Raise awareness of Trauma Informed Practice across North Ayrshire Council and its partners, including using the documentary ‘Resilience’;

Develop an integrated approach to identifying, preventing and treating the consequences of adverse childhood experiences;

Keep the Council informed about progress on how the principles of trauma informed practice are being used to improve the outcomes for people exposed to adverse childhood experiences.”

In terms of Standing Order 14.5, Councillors Dickson and Macaulay agreed to withdraw their motion in favour of the amendment, which became the substantive motion. There being no further amendment, the substantive motion was declared carried.

(d) a motion by Councillor Macaulay, seconded by Councillor Burns, in the following terms:-

“Council welcomes the passing of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act and positive action being taken to address child poverty and tackle the deep seated generational inequalities in our society, and supports this call to urgent action. Council applauds the setting of statutory targets which will be set out in regular delivery plans and require annual local child poverty plans, in contrast to the UK Government, which has abolished its child poverty unit and child poverty targets.

Council supports the establishment of a Poverty and Inequality Commission, and recognises that meeting these targets will require cross-government action. Council believes that North Ayrshire is well placed to do so and commits to working with the Scottish Government, other local authorities, the third sector and people with experience of living in poverty to achieve these targets and to reduce and ultimately eradicate child poverty.

Council notes that the recent report by The End Child Poverty coalition highlights the unacceptable statistic that 28.3% of children in North Ayrshire are living in poverty and that council has already set out a number of measures to address this but the scale of the task is such that it requires strong cross party leadership.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to set up a cross party Child Poverty Task Force to provide strong political leadership in coordinating and implementing all the measures necessary to finally eradicate child poverty in North Ayrshire.”

As an amendment, Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved as follows:-

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Council notes the Fair for All Strategy which has a focus on child poverty and agrees that a cross party group of Members join the expert panel.”

In terms of Standing Order 14.5, Councillors Macaulay and Burns agreed to withdraw their motion in favour of the amendment, which became the substantive motion. There being no further amendment, the substantive motion was declared carried.

11 Notice of Motions to Amend Standing Orders in Terms of Standing Order 22

(a) a motion by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Davidson, in the following terms:-

“That clause 2 of the Standing Orders be amended as follows:-

The word “eighth” where it appears in line 3 of clause 2.1 shall be replaced by the word “sixth” and the word “eight” where it appears in the same line shall be replaced by the word “six”.”

In terms of Standing Order 22.1(a) the Council agreed to note that the above motion would be considered at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

(b) a motion by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Larsen in the following terms:-

“Clause 21.1 delete “in any case of urgency as determined by the Provost”

In terms of Standing Order 22.1(a) the Council agreed to note that the above motion would be considered at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

The Meeting ended at 4.30 p.m.

Present

Ian Clarkson, Robert Barr, John Bell, Timothy Billings, Joy Brahim, Marie Burns, Joe Cullinane, Scott Davidson, Anthea Dickson, John Easdale, Todd Ferguson, Robert Foster, Scott Gallacher, Alex Gallagher, Margaret George, John Glover, Tony Gurney, Alan Hill, Christina Larsen, Shaun Macaulay, Jean McClung, Ellen McMaster, Ronnie McNicol, Louise McPhater, Davina McTiernan, Jimmy Miller, Jim Montgomerie, Ian Murdoch, Donald Reid, Donald L. Reid, Angela Stephen and John Sweeney.

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; L. Friel, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support); C. Hatton, Executive Director and Y. Baulk, Head of Physical Environment (Place); K. Yeomans, Executive Director (Economy and Communities); J. Butcher, Executive Director (Education and Youth Employment); S. Brown, Interim Director and S. Hanif, Head of Finance (Health and Social Care Partnership); and A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Services, A. Craig, Senior Manager (Legal Services), M. Gilmour, Senior Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications); D. McCaw, H. Clancy and E. Gray, Committee Services Officers and M. Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Provost Clarkson in the Chair.

Apologies

Tom Marshall.

1 Provost's Remarks

The Provost welcomed those present to the meeting and dealt with preliminary matters, which included an announcement that the Council meeting would be webcast.

2 Apologies

The Provost invited intimation of apologies for absence, which were recorded.

The Provost, on behalf of the Council, extended his best wishes to Councillor Marshall for a speedy recovery.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

There were no declarations of the Party Whip.

4 General Services Revenue Estimates 2018/19 to 2020/21

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the Council's revenue spending requirements and anticipated funding for 2018/19 to 2020/21, the level of reserves and fund balances held by the Council, and options to address the funding gap.

Councillor Cullinane thanked officers for their work in preparing the report and addressed the meeting on the Administration's budget proposals.

Thereafter, Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that the Council approve the proposals set out in the report, subject to the amendments set out in Appendix NAC1 to these Minutes.

Members were then afforded an opportunity to ask questions of the movers of the motion.

As an amendment, Councillor Billings, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that the Council agree to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

The Provost intimated that there would be a recess for one hour to allow Members to consider the terms of the motion and amendment submitted and give consideration to any further amendments.

The meeting reconvened at 1.55 p.m. with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Glover.

Councillor Larsen then addressed the Council on behalf of the Opposition, thanking officers for their work and responding to the Administration's budget proposals.

As a further amendment, Councillor Larsen, seconded by Councillor Burns, moved that the Council approve the proposals set out in the report, subject to the amendments set out in Appendix NAC2 to these Minutes.

As a further amendment, Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Gurney, moved that the Council agree to approve a budget for 2018/19 with consequentials for 2019/20 subject to budget line SP-EC-18-45a (Review of Public Library Services) and SP-EC-18-48 (Review of Community Centres) not being approved for future years, and being subject to public consultation and future reports to Cabinet.

As a further amendment, Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor Donald L. Reid) moved that the Council approve the recommendations set out in the report,

subject to a commitment that libraries in the Garnock Valley be excluded from the Review of Libraries (SP-EC-18-45a).

Following summing up, on a division, there voted for the amendment by Councillor Billings and seconded by Councillor Ferguson, 17, and for the motion 12. The amendment became the substantive motion.

There then voted for the amendment proposed by Councillor Larsen and seconded by Councillor Burns, 12, and for the substantive motion 5. The amendment became the substantive motion.

There then voted for the amendment proposed by Councillor Hill and seconded by Councillor Gurney, 15, and for the substantive motion 0. The amendment became the substantive motion.

There then voted for the amendment proposed by Councillor Barr and seconded by Councillor Donald L. Reid, 6, and for the substantive motion 11, and the substantive motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Council agreed to approve the recommendations in the report, subject to the changes set out in Appendix NAC3 to these Minutes, all as more particularly shown in Appendix NAC4.

5 Capital Investment Programme 2018/19 to 2027/28

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the draft Capital Investment Programme 2027/28.

Councillor Cullinane thanked officers for their work in preparing the report and addressed the meeting on the Administration's budget proposals.

Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that the Council approve the recommendations set out in the report, subject to (a) the removal of the proposed allocation in 2018/19 of £486,674 to the Improvement Fund – Year 1 and (b) the allocation of £200,000 to Ayrshire College Partnership Development, £132,000 to Woodside Primary School Playingfield drainage, and £154,674 to Kilbirnie Cemetery, all in 2018/19.

The Council adjourned at 2.55 p.m. for a short recess to allow Members to consider the terms of the motion. The meeting reconvened at 3.15 p.m. with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance.

As an amendment, Councillor Larsen, seconded by Councillor Burns, moved that the Council approve the recommendations set out in the report, subject to (a) the removal of the proposed allocation in 2018/19 of £486,674 to the Improvement Fund – Year 1 and (b) the allocation of this sum to the Ayrshire College Partnership Development in 2018/19.

Following questions, debate and summing up, on a division, there voted for the amendment 11 and for the motion 20, and the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Council agreed to approve the recommendations set out in the report subject to (a) the removal of the proposed allocation in 2018/19 of £486,674 to the Improvement Fund – Year 1 and (b) the allocation of £200,000 to Ayrshire College Partnership Development, £132,000 to Woodside Primary School Playingfield drainage, and £154,674 to Kilbirnie Cemetery, all in 2018/19.

6 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2018/19

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the proposed Strategy for Treasury Management and Investment activities within the Council for the financial year 2018/19.

Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that the Council approve the proposals set out in the report. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

7 Revenue Estimates 2018/19 – Common Good Funds and Trusts

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the anticipated annual income and expenditure of the Common Good Funds and Trusts administered by North Ayrshire Council and which sought approval for the level of grant funding to be made available for disbursement in 2018/19.

Following a question by Councillor Gallagher on the status of Elected Members with regards to Common Good Funds and Trusts, the Head of Democratic Services undertook to arrange a Members Seminar on the subject.

Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that the Council approve the proposals set out in the report. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

The meeting ended up 3.40 p.m.



PROVOST'S REPORT

For the period covering: 1 March – 8 May 2018

The attached report gives a summary and brief details to Council, of meetings and events attended by the Provost of North Ayrshire Council, Councillor Ian Clarkson.

PROVOST'S REPORT

For the period covering: 1 March – 8 May 2018

Since the last meeting of the Council I have attended various events throughout North Ayrshire.

Reception - Celebrating the Year of Young People 2018, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, 7 March

On 7 March I attended a reception hosted by Scottish Natural Heritage in the Scottish Parliament to celebrate 2018 being the Year of Young People.

International Women's Day Lunchtime Gathering, Irvine and Kilwinning Committee Room, 8 March

I was delighted to attend the lunchtime gathering in Cunninghame House marking International Women's Day. This was a great opportunity for my colleagues and I to celebrate the achievements of women throughout the World.

Ayrshire Chamber Annual Dinner 2018, Trump Turnberry Hotel, 9 March

I attended the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry Annual Dinner on 9 March. The event celebrated Ayrshire Business and the excellent work of the Chamber.

Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth, 12 March

The Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth initiative is now in its fourth year. As a collective public expression of commitment to the Commonwealth flags were raised on 12 March at 10am throughout the World. This enabled participants to show appreciation for the values the Commonwealth upholds, and the opportunities offered for friendship and co-operation around the World.

Convention of the Highlands and Islands, 12 March

On 12 March, I was delighted to welcome the Convention of the Highlands and Islands' delegates to North Ayrshire at a reception and dinner held in the Cathedral of the Isles in Millport. Events like these give us the great opportunity to showcase the area in which we live.

St Patrick's Day Reception, 15 March

I was a guest of the Consul General of Ireland in Scotland at a reception to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the National Day of Ireland. The event took place in the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh. These events provide excellent networking opportunities.

Provost's Civic Pride Awards, 16 March

The annual event – held for the first time ever in the Portal, Irvine – was a celebration of the outstanding talent and generous community spirit which exists throughout North Ayrshire.

And once again, charities benefitted as this year's awards dinner raised more than £17,000, meaning the Provost's Civic Pride Awards fundraising total has now shot through the £150,000 barrier.

After weeks of public voting – with 10,000 votes being cast - I had the honour of revealing the winners of each category before ending the night by announcing the winner of my own special Provost's Award to the guests.

I would like to thank my Councillor colleagues for supporting the event.

Citizenship Ceremony, 21 March

I welcomed new UK citizens to North Ayrshire at a special Citizenship ceremony held in Saltcoats Town Hall on 21 March. It is always a great pleasure to attend these events and help celebrate the end of what can be a long and difficult journey.

Formal Opening of Poppyscotland Ayrshire, 21 March

Along with Provost Todd from East Ayrshire Council and Provost Moonie from South Ayrshire Council, I attended the formal opening of Poppyscotland in King Street, Kilmarnock. Poppyscotland provides support to our Armed Forces Community and their families.

Corsehill Primary School, 22 March

On 22 March I attended Corsehill Primary School's production of Oliver. The performances by the pupils were excellent and highlight what talented young people we have here in North Ayrshire.

Princes Trust/Developing Young Workforce - Opening of the Horticultural Skills Schools Project, 23 March

I was delighted to officially launch the "Grow, Eat, Repeat" project at James Reid School, Saltcoats. This innovative project involved pupils from James Reid School and Auchenhavie Academy and was supported by the Princes Trust and Developing Young Workforce. The pupils taking part gained some great skills in horticulture.

HMS Dasher Remembrance Events, 24 – 27 March

This year marked the 75th Anniversary of the sinking of HMS Dasher. On 24 March I attended a special service along with members of the Dasher Association, local veterans and guests on the CalMac Ferry at the spot where HMS Dasher was lost a further service was conducted in Brodick. On 25 March a very well-attended public service of remembrance took place at the Dasher Memorial Gardens in Ardrossan. Finally on the 27 March, the date of when HMS was lost, a further service took place where wreaths were put in the sea off the coast of Ardrossan. These were fitting tributes to the 379 lives that were lost in this tragedy.

Developing the Young Workforce Ayrshire Conference, 27 March

On 27 March I attended the Developing the Young Workforce Ayrshire Conference at the Riverside Lodge Hotel, Irvine. I was delighted to hear from the speakers about the excellent progress being made to ensure that our young people are equipped for future employment.

HMS Ships Tracker and Raider Dinner, 29 March

On 29 March Councillor Miller and I attended the Faslane Patrol Boat Squadron Dinner. 2018 is the 20th birthday of HM Ships Tracker and Raider. The event itself presented the opportunity for current crews and guests to celebrate the achievements of these units. North Ayrshire Council are affiliates of the Squadron.

RYA National Youth Sailing Event, 1 April

On Easter Sunday it gave me great pleasure to welcome the RYA Youth National Championship back to Largs. The Youth National event shows a strong commitment to sailing and to the development of young people.

Sailing Youth National Championship, 5 April

On the 5 April HRH the Princess Royal, President of the Royal Yachting Association, visited Largs sailing Club to watch the 2018 RYA Youth National Championships. 227 sailors from throughout the UK took part.

Prince's Trust & Cornerstone - Get into Care Awards Ceremony, 6 April

On 6 April I was at Fullarton Connexions for Prince's Trust & Cornerstone - Get into Care Awards Ceremony. Young people, aged between 18 & 24, presented their journey from unemployment status, and what it meant to them when the Prince's Trust & Cornerstone invested in their future following completion of a 5-week Social Care training programme.

100 years RAF Service, 8 April

On 8th April I attended a service, arranged by the Irvine Branch of the British Legion, to celebrate the centenary of the Royal Air Force.

Woodlands Debating Group, 10 April

I welcomed the members of the Woodlands Debating Group to Cunninghame House on 10 April. They had a tour of the Council Chambers followed by a Question and Answer session.

The 2018 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), 11 April

I attended the 2018 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) event, hosted by the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council. The event was held in Giffnock Synagogue Hall where the Jewish Community paid tribute to those lost, as well as survivors and refugees of the Holocaust.

Ayrshire Samaritans Visit, 12 April

I visited Ayrshire Samaritans in Kilmarnock on 12 April and received a tour of their premises and spoke with the volunteers on the excellent work they carry out.

5th Pan European Duck Symposium, 17 April

On 17 April I had the great pleasure in welcoming the delegates to the 5th Pan European Duck Symposium to North Ayrshire and indeed Scotland. The week-long event was held in the Field Studies Centre on Isle of Cumbrae. Over seventy delegates attended from more than twenty different countries. The four previous events have been held in Denmark, France, Czech Republic and Finland and this event was the first in the UK.

Lady Margaret Hospital Visit, 17 April

While on the Isle of Cumbrae I visited the Lady Margaret Hospital where I received a tour of the facility and met with the staff.

Cumbrae Primary School Visit, 17 April

I was delighted to visit Cumbrae Primary School during my day on the Island. I met with staff and pupils, had a question and answer session and was made very welcome.

Boys' Brigade National Badminton Finals, 21 April

On 21st April I attended the Boys' Brigade National Badminton Finals at SportScotland National Centre in Largs. Boys' Brigade Companies from Scotland, England and All Ireland took part. The annual competition sees two teams from each part of the British Isles compete for the honour of being crowned The Boys' Brigade UK Badminton Champions.

Concert with Young People who took part in Ayrshire Music Festival, 25 April

On 25 April a special concert was held in St. Peter's Church, Ardrossan by our music students who took part in this year's Ayrshire Music Festival. This year North Ayrshire had an outstanding success with thirty-five winning categories in the competition, the North Ayrshire Schools' Senior Orchestra also won the Walker Cup for the first time. These are excellent achievements and we are very proud of these talented young people. 2018 is Year of the Young People – and the performances at the concert and the successes at the Ayrshire Music Festival highlight the fantastic contribution they make in our local communities and society as a whole.

Young Enterprise Scotland Awards, 25 April

The Ayrshire Team of Young Enterprise Scotland held their Company Programme Awards in the Gailes Hotel, Irvine on 25 April. I was delighted to attend and celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our young people here in Ayrshire.

Ayrshire Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club, 30 April

I went along to the Melbourne Café, Saltcoats on Monday 30 April to join the members of the Ayrshire Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club. As Veteran's champion it was great to get an insight into this support initiative and hear the views and opinions of our veterans.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary, 30 April

On 30 April I visited Mr and Mrs Pioli of Girdle Toll on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding anniversary.

Irvine Takeda Karate Club, 30 April

I went along to Woodlands Primary School on 30 April to visit the Irvine Takeda Karate Club. The Club has a thriving membership and trains two nights per week.

John Galt Day, 2 May

On the morning of 2 May I joined members of Irvine Burns Club and the John Galt Society at a special wreath laying ceremony marking the birth of John Galt who was born in Irvine on 2nd May 1779 and died in Greenock on 11th April 1839. Writing in Scots and in English, Galt is credited with being the first socio-political author to comment on society in the post Agrarian and Industrial Revolution era but was much more than a literary figure.

For John Galt was also an entrepreneur who opened up parts of Western Ontario and funded the city of Guelph in what was known as Upper Canada.

In the afternoon I took part on a video link with pupils from Irvine Royal Academy, members from Irvine Burns Club and the Civic Head from the City of Guelph to discuss our common interest who is John Galt.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Clarkson". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Ian" and "Clarkson" being capitalized and prominent.

Councillor Ian Clarkson
Provost North Ayrshire Council



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

LEADER'S REPORT

For the period covering: 20 February – 2 May
2018

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JOINT YOUTH CABINET AT GARNOCK ACADEMY, 20 February

Together with my colleagues in Cabinet, we held another successful Joint Youth Cabinet meeting at Garnock Academy on 20 February. Pupils asked a variety of interesting questions ranging from how young people can become more involved in the work of our Community Councils, what can be done to encourage young people to use our public transport more and how it can be improved to how we will be celebrating the Year of the Young People throughout North Ayrshire. Once again, I would like to thank the pupils of Garnock Academy for their enthusiastic engagement and the staff in our Youth Services for organising another useful session.

INTERIM AYRSHIRE ECONOMIC BOARD MEETING, 22 February

On the 22 February the three Ayrshire Councils met in Cunninghame House for an Interim Economic Board meeting. Patrick Wiggins gave a presentation on the Regional Pathfinder and provided a verbal update on the Ayrshire Growth Deal.

While long overdue, it has been reassuring and much welcome news to hear Prime Minister, Theresa May, assure us that the UK Government is committed to progressing this deal following her visit to Ayrshire on 29th March. This has been undoubtedly due to the hard and persistent work of the three Councils in lobbying the Government and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers who have been involved in this from the outset.

KILWINNING PARTICIPATORY BUDGET, Ayrshire College, 3 March

I went along to the Kilwinning Participatory Budget event held on the 3rd March at Ayrshire College (Kilwinning Campus). These Participatory Budget events have proved to be hugely successful and the Kilwinning one was no exception, having had an amazing 600 people turn up to vote on the day. Twenty local clubs and organisations were able to benefit from funding, including Kilwinning Sports Club, St Luke's Parent Council, Fitba4U and The Warrior Mum Project. These events are a prime example of empowering our local communities.

North Ayrshire played host to members of the Convention of Highlands and Islands on the 11th -12th March on the Isle of Cumbrae. We were joined by Deputy First Minister, John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary, Fergus Ewing and the Minister of Transport, Humza Yousaf, to discuss areas which affect island communities, primarily housing and the possible expansion of housing associations into more rural areas and the use of public sector land to build more homes. I am pleased to say that in North Ayrshire we are continuing to work together with housing associations to increase the work on our council housing building programme delivering new homes for the people of North Ayrshire. As part of our Strategic Housing Plan (SHIP), we will be working in tandem with Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) to identify potential projects throughout North Ayrshire. NAC and its social housing partners are committed to building more than 1500 properties over the coming years, with the potential to create thousands of jobs (up to 6,400). I am delighted to say that 26 of these new homes will be in Brodick on the island of Arran, and that these will be the first council owned properties to be built there in a generation.



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ARDROSSAN TASK FORCE MEETING, 21 March

On 21 March I attended the Ardrossan Task Force meeting in the Scottish Parliament, chaired by Minister for Transport, Humza Yousaf. I am pleased to say that the Taskforce has identified its preferred design option for the Ardrossan harbour upgrade, which will improve the facility's operations and resilience. This option would see the current berth at Ardrossan realigned, a new linkspan installed, a new terminal building constructed and a number of other enhancements made. I remain confident that once the improvement works have been carried out at Ardrossan harbour, it will be the catalyst for the wider regeneration of the Ardrossan area.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING, 22 March

North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board members met at the Fullarton Community Hub on 22nd March to discuss a range of subjects one of these included the subject of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). This follows on from the successful Pan-Ayrshire Multi-disciplinary Conference hosted by the Community Justice team on 16th February. I have already confirmed our Council's commitment to set up an ACE's Collaborative and to work with East and South Ayrshire Councils to raise awareness, share learning, align and co-ordinate practice in Ayrshire to promote a consistent and community led approach to working with people who have been affected by ACEs and trauma. I would like to thank the Community Justice team for their hard work so far and for taking this forward.

COSLA CONVENTION AND SPECIAL LEADERS, 23 March

I attended the COSLA Convention and Special Leaders meeting held in Paisley Town Hall on Friday 23rd March. As part of the COSLA Strategic Review agreed by Convention in March 2017, it was agreed that COSLA should introduce a more formal system of planning built around a common set of strategic objectives and introduce a COSLA Progress report. It builds on a wider commitment to actively communicate with our membership and key stakeholders, and is therefore designed to provide as high level and accessible an overview of key work as possible. At this meeting, the first of these progress reports was discussed including the creation of two additional COSLA priorities. The first focuses on the commitment by Leaders in November 2017, and wider work by councils, to a programme of work around improving equality, representation and diversity across Local Government. The second proposed priority recognises significant Local Government activity around housing, welfare reform and social security, and local accountability in community justice and police governance. Leaders agreed that these would be implemented.

BASIC INCOME COUNCILLOR GROUP MEETING, 23 March

Later on the 23rd March I attended a Basic Income Group meeting attended by Councillors from the four authorities involved in piloting this scheme. The Group has been established to provide feedback on the progress of the Steering Group and to give senior Local Authority input into the feasibility research work programme and the subsequent business case development. Reports will be provided to COSLA boards as and when appropriate. So far it has been agreed that a “basic income” (also known as Universal Basic Income or Citizen’s Basic Income) is defined as an unconditional, non-withdrawable income for every individual as a right of citizenship. The key elements of a basic income have also been agreed and will be as follows:

- Basic: A minimum payment, sufficient to meet basic needs
- Universal: Paid to everyone, based on rights of residency
- Unconditional: Without conditions, and non-withdrawable, irrespective of other sources of income
- Individual: Assessed and paid individually (including to children) rather than by household

DEVELOPING THE YOUNG WORKFORCE AYRSHIRE CONFERENCE, 27 March

On the 27 March I was invited to attend the “Developing the Young Workforce Ayrshire Conference held in the Hallmark Hotel in Irvine. This was a worthwhile event which brought young people, employers, schools and other stakeholders together to discuss jobs and training opportunities. The Conference was also attended by Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Employability and Training who spoke about what is being done on a national level to grow and develop our young workforce. Conference attendees also heard about what can be done on a regional level to help and the aims of a Regional Improvement Collaborative.

ISLANDS TRANSPORT FORUM, 28 March

I took part in the Islands Transport Forum on the 29th March, chaired by Minister of Transport and the Islands, Humza Yousaf on the 28th March. Agenda items included an update on Island Project Opportunities and the progress of the National Transport Strategy (NTS) Review. The NTS Review has established collaborative partnerships with a wide variety of internal and external stakeholders which are meeting regularly through working groups and partnership forums. The review will culminate in a formal public consultation in early 2019 and the publication of an updated strategy in summer 2019. The new strategy will establish the strategic direction for transport in Scotland for the next 20 years, as well as delivery and monitoring frameworks.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD CEREMONY, 29 March

On the 29 March I was invited to attend the Award ceremony for the Duke of Edinburgh participants at St Matthew's Academy in Saltcoats. These awards are a great reminder of the talented and inspirational young people we have in North Ayrshire especially when you listen to how they have evolved as individuals during their Duke of Edinburgh journeys.

At North Ayrshire Council we actively encourage our young people to take part in the projects and work offered by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and I would like to thank again those involved, our Youth Groups and our staff in our Connected Communities teams for their continued support.

EGLINTON CLEAN UP, 3 April

I joined forces with members of the Kilwinning Community Council (Nairn and Aaran McDonald) on the 3 April, who together with other local community groups collected a total of six bags of litter in Eglinton park. This is a fine example of what our communities can achieve when they work together, truly a great effort by all of those that took part.

CARE LEAVER EXEMPTION, 5 April

On the 5 April I had the opportunity to meet with an inspirational young woman, Kelsey Logan, who told me what it meant to her to have been given exemption from paying Council tax. Kelsey explained in great detail how, as a care leaver, she has had to manage adult life and all the challenges that brings including making ends meet financially. She has had amazing support from NAHSCP staff, in particular Jean Cullen, who I would like to thank for having guided Kelsey so well in helping her to cope with these life challenges. It is humbling experiences like these that reassure me that our work in NAC is making a positive difference to the lives of real people. Kelsey, you are a role model to so many young people and I wish you every success and happiness for the future.



(Left to right) Councillor Joe Cullinane, Jean Cullen (NAHSCP Senior Manager) and Kelsey Logan

AYRSHIRE REGIONAL PATHFINDER MEETING, 12 April

The three Ayrshire Authorities met on 12 April for a workshop in Cunninghame House to discuss in more detail the creation and make-up of the Regional Pathfinder proposals and their fit with Economic Development/Growth and Inclusive Growth. The workshop was attended by the three Leaders, Directors and Portfolio Holders and supported by Professor Alan McGregor. The implementation of this Regional Pathfinder will be crucially important now following the announcement by the Prime Minister that the UK Government will support the Ayrshire Growth Deal (AGD).

CHALLENGE FUND VISIT, 20 April

On the 20th April, together with my colleague and Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, Councillor Robert Foster, I visited Greenwood Academy and Elderbank Primary schools to meet members from the Challenge Fund team and hear first-hand how the work they are doing is having a positive impact on the lives of young people and their families. The money that has been set aside in the Challenge Fund has enabled staff from our NAHSCP and Education directorates to work together to identify strategies to help young people who may be struggling and who need someone to talk to, to help them overcome any issues. The essence of this work is intervention at an early stage and to use preventative measures to help young people and families. Thanks again to all those involved, in particular Mark Inglis, Senior Manager in HSCP and Challenge Fund Team leader, Martin McAdam.

VISIT TO GLENCAIRN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS, 26 April

I visited Glencairn Primary School and Early Years in Stevenston on the 26th April to learn more about the Council's Early Learning and Childcare Expansion programme. To date, our Education Directorate has made progress with the introduction of the programme at these two pilot sites which are delivering 1140 hours of early learning and childcare (ELC) to the children and families who attend these facilities. Work is also underway to develop the plans for the phased implementation of 1140 hours at eight further establishments from August 2018. The proposed delivery model for the expanded ELC hours in North Ayrshire makes provision available from 8.00am till 6.00 pm over 49 weeks of the year in all ELC establishments. The model provides options for parents/carers to receive the 1140 hours over term time - 38 weeks - or over a full year - 49 weeks. Thank you to the staff in Education for sharing your thoughts on the programme and explaining the positive results it is having on the lives of some of our families in North Ayrshire.

COSLA LEADERS, 27 April

I attended COSLA Leaders in Edinburgh on 27 April for a meeting to discuss a packed agenda on subjects including, range of subjects including Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (SEEP), funding for the Early Learning and Childcare expansion and a strategic review of the Improvement Service.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe Cullinane". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Councillor Joe Cullinane
Leader North Ayrshire Council

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

9 May 2018

North Ayrshire Council

Title:	North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of meetings held on 22 March 2018
Purpose:	To submit the Minutes of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 22 March 2018
Recommendation:	That the Council notes the Minutes contained in Appendix 1.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 It was previously agreed that the Minutes of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board be submitted to North Ayrshire Council for information. The key matters arising from the minutes have been highlighted for the attention of Council and are detailed in Section 2.1.

2. Background

- 2.1 Minutes of the meeting of the CPP Board held on 22 March 2018 are appended. Particular matters for the Council's attention include the following:-

Agenda Item 3

The Board received a report on Adverse Childhood Experiences and the recent conference organised by Community Justice Ayrshire. This received a high level of support and there is significant interest by local partners in progressing this work. The Board agreed to endorse the establishment of a Pan-Ayrshire Collaborative Forum on ACEs and Trauma and to assist with the distribution of invitations for the viewing of the 'Resilience – the biology of stress and the science of hope' documentary within their respective organisations.

Agenda Item 5

Updates were received on the work of the North Coast and Cumbraes and Irvine Locality Partnerships. Board members heard about the progress made in identifying and addressing local priorities, and linking in with the wider community. Particular successes were noted in relation to developing a stronger voice for young people, increasing the number of Community Councils, links with the Local Development Plan and increasing volunteering.

Agenda Item 6

The Board received a report on the Challenge Poverty Conference, and the subsequent conference report and action plan. This outlines perceptions and attitudes of the delegates in relation to actions to address poverty, and identifies some of the current activity ongoing to address some of the challenges. The need for partners and communities to promote more successfully the services and initiatives already in place was highlighted along with the requirement to work together within the action plan to address the gaps.

Agenda Item 7

In line with the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2016 the CPP will work with a wider range of statutory partners. To facilitate this the Board agreed that their next meeting should have an extended invitee list.

3. Proposals

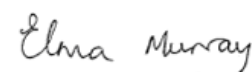
3.1 That the Council notes the Minutes contained in Appendix 1.

4. Implications

Financial:	There are no financial implications arising from this report.
Human Resources:	There are no human resource implications arising from this report.
Legal:	There are no legal implications arising from this report.
Equality: Children and Young People:	There are no implications relating to equality or children and young people arising from this report.
Environmental & Sustainability:	There are no environmental implications arising from this report.
Key Priorities:	The CPP activities detailed within this report support the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.
Community Benefits:	There are no community benefit implications arising from this report.

5. Consultation

5.1 No consultation was required.



Elma Murray OBE
Chief Executive

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Background Papers

N/A

Community Planning Partnership Board

Thursday 22 March 2018, 10.30am

Fullarton Community Hub, Irvine



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Present

North Ayrshire Council

Joe Cullinane, Elected Member **(Chair)**

Marie Burns, Elected Member

John Bell, Elected Member

Alex Gallagher, Elected Member

Elma Murray, Chief Executive

Donald Reid, Elected Member

Scott Davidson, Elected Member

Ellen McMaster, Elected Member

Anthony Gurney, Elected Member

Jobcentre Plus

Lynn Hammell

NHS Ayrshire and Arran

John Burns, Chief Executive

Lynne McNiven, Consultant in Public Health

Martin Cheyne, Chairman (Vice Chair of CPP)

Scottish Government

Steven Cullum, Business Manager

North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Stephen Brown, Director

Scottish Fire and Rescue

Jim Scott, Area Manager

Police Scotland

Paul Main, Divisional Commander

Third Sector Interface

Vicki Yuill, Chief Executive

KA Leisure

Ashley Pringle, Vice Chair

Ayrshire College

Michael Breen, Vice Principal

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner

Skills Development Scotland

Katie Hutton, Director of National Training Programmes

In Attendance

Stephen Brown (NAC), Audrey Sutton (NAC), Morna Rae (NAC), Rhona Arthur (NAC), Jim McHarg (NAC), Linda Brough (NAC), Colin Convery (Police Scotland), Cllr Donald Reid (NAC), Alison McAllister (NAC), Kathleen Winters (NHS), Erin McLaughlin (NAC) (Minute taker)

Apologies

Stephen Gallagher, Garry Higgons, Heather Dunk, Mark Newlands

Prior to the CPP Board a screening of the film Resilience on adverse childhood experiences was provided.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Minute of the Previous Meeting and Action Note

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and the action note was discussed. It was agreed that Morna Rae, NAC, would follow up with partners on becoming Carer Positive Employers.

All other actions are complete.

3. Adverse Childhood Experiences

Elma Murray, NAC, gave a report on the recent adverse childhood experiences conference. This was a pan Ayrshire event, which was run by Community Justice Ayrshire. The aims of this conference were

- to raise awareness of ACEs and trauma;
- to identify areas of good practice already happening across Ayrshire and beyond;
- to act as a catalyst for a Pan-Ayrshire approach to working with people who have been affected by trauma, and to prevent future trauma occurring.

The conference proved to be very successful, with over 300 notes of interest in attending this which demonstrates a real desire of professionals and practitioners across Ayrshire to understand more about this valuable work.

Paul Main, Police Scotland, informed the Board that Police Scotland's Ayrshire Division have made a commitment that they will become a Trauma Informed Division and that 840 Ayrshire officers and staff will become Trauma Informed to improve the response to people in distress and maximise opportunities to positively impact on local people and communities.

Lynne McNiven, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, gave an overview of how we can work to support people with a history of adverse childhood experiences and of the high levels of local practitioner interest.

The Board agreed to:

- Endorse the establishment of a Pan-Ayrshire Collaborative Forum on ACEs and Trauma and nominate relevant officers to participate in this important group, and

- To assist with the distribution of invitations for the viewing of the 'Resilience – the biology of stress and the science of hope' documentary within their respective organisations.

4. Transport Outcomes Report

Allan Comrie, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, gave the Board an overview of the Transport Outcomes Report (TOR). He highlighted the connection between SPT activities and local outcomes from the North Ayrshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan. He spoke about the format of the report and the aim to make it more easily tored. He noted the connection with locality priorities such as social isolation.

Cllr Gallagher, NAC commented on the key role that transport can play in delivering on local priorities.

The Chair thanked Allan for his report.

5. Locality Partnerships

Representatives from both the North Coast and Cumbraes and Irvine Locality Partnerships joined the Board to give an update.

Rhona Arthur, NAC, gave an update on the journey the North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership has been on. They have devised an action plan, mapped what is already happening locally and how they can link with communities. There have been challenges in supporting this wide ranging community engagement and consultation and in making sure all those around the Locality Partnership table have an equal voice. Notable successes have included a developing a stronger voice for young people, increasing the number of Community Councils, links with the Local Development Plan and increasing volunteering.

Cllr Gallagher, Chair of North Coast and Cumbraes Locality Partnership, added that he has worked to keep the group focused on their agreed priorities and provide other mechanisms for dealing with local issues as they arise.

Stephen Brown, HSCP, noted and commended the high level of young people participating in local engagement in the North Coast (370 individuals). Audrey Sutton, NAC, outlined the mechanisms for linking young people into the work of the Locality Partnerships.

Jim McHarg, NAC, gave an update on Irvine Locality Partnership's journey. Firstly, he commended the Chairs of the Locality Partnerships for their level of commitment. He highlighted that the time taken to develop the approach has been deliberate in order to build strong foundations. The Irvine locality plan is a living document that is evolving as issues are progressed. This includes the Employability Hub at Fullarton Community Hub, and good links with the Health and Social Care Partnership Locality Forum.

Cllr Burns, NAC, Chair of Irvine Locality Partnership added how she feels that good progress has been made over the past few months. The Locality Co-ordinator has played a big part in this by setting up and supporting the sub groups. As the largest Locality Partnership they are working to extend their reach to smaller communities, including through developing an asset map.

Lynn Hammell, Jobcentre Plus, spoke about the Employability Hub and the misunderstanding that some people may have about the risks of benefit sanctions if they do not use the Hub. It was agreed that an input could be given to the Locality Partnership to deal with any misconceptions.

The Chair thanked Rhona and Jim to their inputs and noted the intention to provide updates from two other Locality Partnerships at the next Board meeting.

6. Feedback from Poverty Conference

Audrey Sutton provided the Board with feedback from the Challenge Poverty Conference. The conference heard from the Leader and Chief Executive of North Ayrshire Council, the Poverty Alliance, and Carnegie UK in relation to the work on kindness in North Ayrshire.

As a result of the discussions at the conference, a report and action plan has been created. This identifies perceptions and attitudes of the delegates in relation to actions to address poverty, and in response to this, identifies some of the current activity ongoing with partners and communities to address some of the challenges. This work highlights the need for partners and communities to promote more successfully the services and initiatives already in place, and to work together within the action plan to address the gaps, both thematically and geographically. This more detailed action plan will be circulated to the Board by email.

Audrey recommended to the Board that challenging poverty continues to be an underpinning principle of the work of the, as part of the overall goal of creating equity in North Ayrshire. The Board agreed this recommendation.

7. Proposal for Extended Board Meeting

Morna Rae spoke about the increased number of partners to be involved in Community Planning under the Community Empowerment Act. She noted that the Board had previously agreed that an annual workshop with this extended group of partners should be arranged. It was agreed that this should take the place of the next scheduled Board meeting.

8. Fair for All Minutes

Elma Murray, provided an overview of the key issues covered by the Fair for All Advisory Panel.

9. Minutes of Locality Partnership Meetings

The minutes from the last round of meetings were circulated in the meeting papers, for partner's information. Partners were reminded that all minutes are available on the Community Planning website, as well as events and information relating to Locality Partnerships.

10. AOCB

Elma Murray, explained that the CPP Board meeting follows straight on from the Child and Public Protection Chief Officers Group meeting. Due to the need to have a longer meeting of that group she asked that the CPP Board starts at 11am in future. This was agreed.

11. Date of Next Meeting

31 May 2018 at 11:00a.m, Fullarton Connexions, Irvine (extended membership).

The Chair thanked partners for their contributions.