

Liaison Meeting between the Three Towns Area Committee and the Community
Planning Partners
28 February 2007

STEVENSTON, 28 February 2007 - At a Liaison Meeting between the Three Towns Area Committee and the Community Planning Partners at 11.30 am.

Present

David Munn, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, Sam Taylor and Nan Wallace (North Ayrshire Council); Inspector I Ness (Strathclyde Police); M McMillan, Lead Public Health Practitioner and R Neill, Operational Support Manager (North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership).

In Attendance

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

Apologies for Absence

Gordon Allison and Peter McNamara (North Ayrshire Council); Station Officer L Elliot and L Brady (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue); Sgt S Leary (Strathclyde Police); and P Fyfe (North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership).

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Liaison Meeting held on 15 November 2006 were confirmed.

2. Health Issues

(a) Health Improvement and Reducing Inequality in North Ayrshire

Submitted report by the Lead Public Health Practitioner, North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership on health promotion activities in the Committee's area.

The undernoted points were highlighted:-

- it is intended that every school or nursery establishment in the area will be health promoting at least the minimum commitment level by the end of December 2007;
- in terms of the Healthy North Ayrshire initiative, some 840 health check MOTs were carried out between April and December 2006. Most checks were carried out on women and the average age of participants was 46. A slightly older age group and, in particular, men will, therefore, be a priority in the final year of the scheme;
- smoking cessation, weight management and mental health have been identified as key issues arising from the health check MOTs; and

- the 'Childsmile' initiative will seek to improve the oral health of children aged 0 to 3 years who live in areas of deprivation. The project will be implemented in the Three Towns by a part time health visitor and 2 dental health support workers.

Noted.

(b) Health Service Developments

Submitted report by the Operational Support Manager on new and emerging service developments in the Committee's area.

The proposed development of a replacement surgery for South Beach General Practice remains at the briefing stage. Some issues, including car parking for users, require to be addressed before the project can proceed to the Schedule of Accommodation stage.

Concern was expressed about difficulties experienced by wheelchair users in accessing dental and GP services and the Operational Support Manager undertook to raise this issue on behalf of the Liaison Meeting.

Noted.

3. Community Plan: Progress Report

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

The Community Plan sets out the strategic direction for North Ayrshire and identifies seven priorities for the next ten years. An Action Plan has been produced with actions against each priority. The Community Planning Team and the Community Planning Co-ordination Group will monitor the Action Plan on a quarterly basis. An Annual Review and Action Plan will be produced in Spring 2007, outlining both key achievements in 2006/07 and planned actions for 2007/08.

Progress against the actions specific to the 3 Towns area was detailed in the appendix to the report.

The Liaison Meeting discussed the following issues:-

- delays in the development of the site at New Street, Stevenston by Cunninghame Housing Association;
- the operation of the quality bus corridor, particularly traffic congestion at the roundabout in Stevenston and bottlenecks in Stevenston Town Centre; and
- the value of seeking a Campus Police Officer for Auchenharvie Academy.

The Liaison Meeting agreed that (a) the Clerk write to Cunninghame Housing Association to express concern at delays in the development of New Street, Stevenston; and (b) the Acting Community Planning Co-ordinator report back to the relevant elected Members in respect of the other individual issues raised.

The Meeting ended at 12.15 pm.