

Liaison Meeting between the Garnock Valley, North Coast, Arran and Cumbrae  
Area Committee and the Community Planning Partners  
2 June 2006

**BEITH, 2 June 2006** - At a Meeting of the Garnock Valley, North Coast, Arran and Cumbrae Area Committee and the Community Planning Partners at 12.00 noon.

**Present**

Councillors Richard Wilkinson, John Bell, Jean Highgate and Elisabeth Marshall (North Ayrshire Council); Inspector Neil Kerr (Strathclyde Police); Station Manager Derek Davidson (Strathclyde Fire and Rescue); and Pauline Fyfe, Operational and Performance Improvement Manager (North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership).

**In Attendance**

M Francey, Local Manager (Social Services) and M Anderson and C Graham, Corporate and Democratic Support Officers (Chief Executive's).

**Chair**

Councillor Wilkinson in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Margie Currie, Alan Hill, Elizabeth McLardy, Robert Rae, John Reid and Ian Richardson (North Ayrshire Council); Katie Chan (Communities Scotland); and Moira Anderson (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde).

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Liaison Meeting held on 3 March 2006 were confirmed.

**2. Health Service Developments**

Submitted report by NHS Ayrshire and Arran on service developments currently being progressed within the Garnock Valley, North Coast, Arran and Cumbrae localities.

**(a) Arran**

Work has commenced on the replacement surgeries at Shiskine and Whiting Bay and the development of additional consulting and training facilities at Brodick Health Centre is now complete.

Funding has been secured to establish a modular building on the existing grounds of Arran War Memorial Hospital. It is anticipated, subject to planning permission being granted, that work will begin on the site during the summer of 2006, with an estimated completion date of January 2007.

**(b) Kilbirnie**

A total of £1,538,000 has been awarded to NHS Ayrshire and Arran to modernise and extend Kilbirnie Health Centre, including the development of an integrated two-surgery dental satellite facility. The design phase has now been concluded and the planning permission application submitted. It is hoped that works can commence in September 2006.

**(c) Millport: The Garrison**

Restoration of the building is well underway and scheduled for completion between September 2006 and February 2007.

**(d) Inverclyde Royal Hospital**

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are continuing discussions with Inverclyde Council regarding the possible setting up of an integrated Community Health Partnership. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde will provide an update to the next Liaison Meeting.

Noted.

**3. North West Resource Centre (NWRC)**

Submitted report by NHS Ayrshire and Arran on progress on the North West Resource Centre (NWRC), Largs.

The Centre will be the main site in Largs for social and health care services from NHS Ayrshire, the Community Health Partnership and North Ayrshire Council. The Centre, comprising an extension to Brooksby Day Hospital and the refurbishment of Brooksby House, will provide treatment facilities for patients living in North West Ayrshire.

The service will incorporate the 2 existing doctors' practices in Largs, community nursing and a full range of allied health professionals, such as speech and language therapists and physiotherapist. Patients will have access to the community mental health team, psychiatric nurses and older people services and secondary care outpatient clinics. Reception services, a community care team, Care at Home and Housing Services will be provided by North Ayrshire Council. The Centre will also be the location of the local Sure Start Initiative, a government programme aimed at delivering the best start in life for every child by bringing together education, childcare, health and family support.

Planning permissions, including Listed Building and Building Consent have been submitted, the design phase has been completed and the tendering process for contractors is underway.

Councillor Marshall raised the matter of the retention of intermediate beds in Largs and requested that NHS Ayrshire and Arran give consideration to use of the Abbeyfield complex for this purpose.

Noted.

#### **4. Future Agenda Items**

Suggestions for future agenda items should be forwarded to M Anderson, Corporate and Democratic Support Officer, Chief Executive's, North Ayrshire Council.

The meeting ended at 12.15 p.m.