



South Ayrshire Sustainability Forum Minutes

Venue: Girvan Committee Room, County Buildings
 Date & Time: 10am Wednesday 19th January 2011

Present:

John Esslemont	Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit
Ruth Bowbeer	BTCV Scotland
Campbell McCall	Cycling Scotland
Bruce Davidson	East Ayrshire Woodlands
Liz Marquis (Vice-Chair)	Energy Agency
Michael Hitchon	Kyle & Carrick Civic Society
Ken Gibb	Member of public
Paul Pomfret	National Trust for Scotland Culzean
Richard Carr	SAYLSA
Lorna Jarvie	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Annabel Beattie	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Fiona Ross	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Robert Howe	South Ayrshire Council (Fleet Management)
Neil Rose	South Ayrshire Council (Transportation)
Zhan McIntyre	South Ayrshire Council (Housing)
Valerie Stewart	South Ayrshire Council (Community Planning)
John Thorburn	South Ayrshire Council (Economic Development)
Neil Feggans	South Ayrshire Council (Development & Environment)
Dorothy Simpson	Scottish Natural Heritage
Fiona Stirling	Scottish Natural Heritage
Fiona Stewart	Scottish Natural Heritage
Ross Johnston	Scottish Natural Heritage
Hugh Fowler	Stagecoach

Apologies:

Norma Duncan	Ayr Fair Trade Partnership
Brian Shaw	Ayrshire Rivers Trust
Julie Hoggarth	BTCV Scotland
Ruth Sutherland	Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre
Andrew Elliot	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Lesley Bloomer	South Ayrshire Council (Director, Development & Environment)
Cllr Peter Convery (Chair)	South Ayrshire Council Sustainability & the Environment Portfolio
David Clark	South Ayrshire Council (Planning and Development)
Andrew Marnie	South Ayrshire Council (Property & Design)
Cllr John McDowall	South Ayrshire Council, Chair, Development & Environment Scrutiny Panel
Cllr Helen Moonie	South Ayrshire Council
Gordon Lauder	South Ayrshire Council (Environmental Health)
Claire Roxburgh	University of West of Scotland

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING

Item	Action	Partner
4	All relevant partners to inform their CP Board representative of the aims of the Forum	ALL
6	Invite Andrew Elliot, NHS A&A to present to SF of 23/3/11	NHS A&A
7	SAYLSA to forward details of survey to Forum	SAYLSA

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies as recorded above.</p>	
2	<p>LM welcomed all to the meeting. The presenters were welcomed and then all attendees were asked to briefly introduce themselves.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Central Scotland Green Network Presentations</u></p> <p>Ross Johnston and Fiona Stewart (SNH), and Fiona Ross (South Ayrshire Council) presented information giving an overview of the CSGN, the Biological and Environmental Evaluation Tools for Landscape Ecology (BEETLE) web browser software being developed to support it, and the opportunities open to communities and partners. The presentations have been put onto the Sustainability Forum website, however the following information summarises the main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEETLE useful for land management decision making, cost cutting decisions, and allows visualisation of the isolated, fragmented habitats and also where there are opportunities to encourage connectivity • £1.4m development fund is available – the eligibility criteria for bidding is still being determined • Work requires to be done to develop a pan-Ayrshire partnership. The Glasgow & Clyde Valley partnership linked their work through the Community Planning Partnership. • Community Action Plans are a link between incorporating the aims of the CSGN with the different Ayrshire and South Ayrshire communities. 	
3	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting were approved and adopted.</p>	
4	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>VS confirmed action point 4: Diane Rawlinson, Principal of Ayr College represents Ayr College, University of West of Scotland, and Auchencruive at the CP Board. LJ asked Forum partners to brief their respective Board members on the aims, actions and achievements of the Forum, as the last Community Planning Board meeting highlighted a lack of information flow to Board members. This resulted in the papers presented to November 2010's CP Board having to be re-addressed at the February 2011 meeting.</p>	ALL
5	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Review of SOA secondary level action</u></p> <p>VS briefed the Forum that the next tranche of data is due at the end of March 2011. Prior to this, VS is looking to set aside some Forum time to reduce the current number of indicators, and given the timescale the need is becoming quite pressing. LJ: this shouldn't be complicated but it's important to do this as a group. Determining our key priorities will require either a chunk of time at the next meeting, or a separate meeting, depending on what the Forum thinks? The Forum agreed that it should be put onto the agenda for the next meeting. LM asked that only <i>the sections of the</i> SOA document relevant to the Sustainability Forum be circulated.</p>	
6	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AOB</u></p> <p>LJ notified the Forum that South Ayrshire Council's Chief Executive has become a member of the 2020 Climate Group and attended his first meeting at the beginning of this month.</p> <p>LM: The community energy project in Hadyard Hill area provided free insulation measures for householders. This model contributed to the development of the Universal home insulation scheme and the HIS scheme operating across Scotland.</p> <p>AB updated the Forum on Barrhill Community Association's success in being awarded a grant of £30,000 from Community Energy Scotland to install a biomass boiler heating system for the Barrhill Memorial Hall.</p> <p>LJ: a meeting was held with Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA) who are developing a series of theme meetings to shadow the CPP format. The meeting was to explore ways of getting further involved with the voluntary sector.</p> <p>LJ: the Climate Challenge Fund has announced that funding for this year will be</p>	

	<p>increased, and asked any Forum partner to notify Sustainable Development if any applications are going to be made. LJ also offered assistance if required.</p> <p>KG: following the Scottish Government's announcement to axe the Freight Facilities Grant, there may be good news following recent intervention by Cathy Jamieson MSP. The Scottish Government has intimated a willingness to re-consider.</p> <p>FR noted the following: the new Colmonell Primary School is now officially open, incorporating a grass roof and sustainable building materials; South Ayrshire Waste and Environment Trust has funded over £7m to local community projects since it came into being; the next Fair Trade Partnership event is on the 31st March 2011 in Ayr Town Hall; Friends of Newton Park are seeking funding to set up a Green Gymn.</p> <p>AB detailed potential draft itinerary for this year's Sustainability Forum meetings: Energy Agency (micro generation and energy efficiency); NHS Ayrshire & Arran (sustainable development action plans) and Voluntary Action South Ayrshire. The Forum agreed that NHS is to be invited to present at the next meeting in March.</p> <p>VS: the CPP has confirmed that £105,000 will be received through the low carbon vehicle procurement scheme to purchase low carbon vehicles. There is a short timescale to achieve this, by 31st March 2011.</p> <p>MH: informed that Forum of a recent visit to Girvan Community Hospital and was impressed by its green credentials. Now that the Burns museum is open, there is an opportunity to use its sedum roof and ground source heat pump as exemplar. <i>MH also</i> asked that the "Friends of" groups be remembered when communicating information about the Central Scotland Green Network.</p> <p>VS:perhaps this could be captured through VASA's themed group meetings. LJ hoped that Forum meetings would establish a model for working with VASA without having to incur extra meetings.</p> <p>LJ: the next Forum meeting in March is close to the Earth Hour on the 26th March, and asked any partners considering putting any actions in place to share this with the Forum.</p> <p>RC: noted that SAYLSA has some data arising from a train trip survey which makes interesting reading. AB offered to circulate this information to the Forum if RC forwarded it.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>RC/AB</p>
7	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Wednesday 23rd March 2011, 10am in the Troon Committee room, County Buildings</p>	