

Venue: Girvan Committee Room, County Buildings  
Date & Time: 2pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009

## MINUTES

### Present:

#### Forum members

Cllr Peter Convery (Chair)	South Ayrshire Council Sustainability & the Environment Portfolio
Ken Gibb	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Valerie Stewart	South Ayrshire Council (Chief Executive's)
David Holtom	Barrhill Development Association
Cllr Mairi Low	South Ayrshire Council Development & the Environment Scrutiny Panel
John Collie	SNH
Andrew Marnie	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Alan McGonigle	Energy Agency
Gordon Lauder	South Ayrshire Council (Environmental Health)
George Connell	Stagecoach
Cllr John McDowall	Chair, Development & the Environment Scrutiny Panel
Stuart Lindsay	Horizons
Peter Mason	Carrick Community Councils Forum
Norma Duncan	Ayr Fairtrade
Michael Hitchon	Kyle & Carrick Civic Society
Lynn Sproat	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Jim Whiston	Ayrshire Housing
Annabel Beattie	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)

### Apologies:

Clare Strain	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
Sarah Longair	Stagecoach
Yvonne Irvine	SEPA
Eleanor Pate	Energy Agency
Liz Marquis	Energy Agency
Ruth Sutherland	Energy Saving Scotland advice centre
David Graham	BTCV Scotland
Julie Hoggarth	BTCV Scotland
Fiona Ross	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)

(Cllr Moonie joined the meeting for Item 5)

Item	Minute	Action
1	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies as recorded above.	
2	<u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> Minutes of previous meeting approved and adopted.	
3	<u>Matters arising</u> None.	

4	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Carrick Economic Development Strategy &amp; Action Plan</u></b></p> <p>As an introduction to the presentation, PM explained the background to the Forum and explained that the Forum’s economic development strategy was on the Girvan and Maybole community webpages. The Forum is also producing a book on the history of culture, flora and fauna of Carrick.</p> <p>SL gave a presentation on the development strategy and action plan, noting the intention to capture and capitalise on the wealth of history associated with the Carrick area.</p> <p>Cllr McD congratulated the Forum on the great deal of work done so far on the development of the Plan.</p> <p>PM was asked by Cllrs Convery &amp; Low what Community Councils were involved in Carrick, and whether Dunure had signed up. PM noted that Dunure were due to attend the next Forum meeting. Cllr Convery asked DH how Barrhill community was involved in the Forum. DH said that they were looking to engage very widely through the Barrhill community, and engage with individuals keen on the separate themes. It was hoped that people could become involved, not necessarily via the Community Council..</p> <p>Cllr Convery asked PM whether the windfarm windfall money presented a challenge to manage the money. Cllr McD: there were separate entities set up to decide on the allocation and distribution of money. The entities were very aware of the pitfalls and were fairly well advanced in getting an equitable distribution system. Cllr C asked how the Council’s Enterprise Manager was involved in the process. Cllr McD confirmed that this was done through liaison through the Senior Enterprise &amp; Tourism Officer. Cllr C asked whether it was allowable to revisit the protocols setup to review the embedded issues. (Cllr McD left the Forum). Windfarm companies were looking at the whole area of North Carrick. It was within the rights of individuals to make changes and some mistakes had been made in the past with set up but the mistakes will be learned from. The way forward are development plans as the windfall money will dry up after 25 years. SL commented that at present, the South Carrick Development Group is working together and could possibly merge with the Hadyard Hill group. If this happens then the Hadyard Hill protocols would need to be changed.</p> <p>KG asked if any consideration had been given towards how the Plan and the Forum would link up with the Community Plan Partnership. It would be aligned with local area forums, originally discussed. SL confirmed that this was outlined in the document, and that they had applied for Leader funding to help build this. KG expressed hope that this would help cement the thematic links, and was very keen for a robust two way dialogue with the Economic &amp; Development partnership.</p> <p>PM confirmed that initial contact with the CPP had been made through VS.</p> <p>MH commended the document and suggested that there also be linkages made with East and North Ayrshire, to further the tourism aims.</p> <p>Cllr Convery queried how the Forum reconciled potential conflict between siting of wind turbines, and any perceived impact on walking potential – he cited the Pilgrim Way. SL detailed a Scottish Government study on the impact of wind turbines on tourism, which found the impact to be neutral. DH understood that the impact is very localised but over a larger range, the impact was neutral.</p> <p>VS will add the Plan to the SOA list of relevant strategies and plans.</p>	
5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Single Outcome Agreement Action Plan</u></b></p> <p>The Forum was joined at this point by Cllr Moonie.</p> <p>VS invited the Forum to review the amended local outcomes, strategic objectives and outcome indicators. Some indicators had been taken out. KG noted that there was a change to the numbering – VS confirmed that there had been misnumbering. The following was discussed:</p> <p><b>Strategic Objective “More effectively engage people, businesses and communities in the sustainability agenda”</b></p> <p>Wording needs to be defined to capture the measurement of households additionally using community recycling facilities</p> <p><b>Strategic Objective “More effectively engage people, businesses and communities in the sustainability agenda”</b></p> <p>There was some dubiety as to whether the number of ecoschools or ecocongregations could be used as an indicator for communities engagement, and how could community engagement be measured. VS will discuss further with Adrian Shaw.</p> <p><b>Strategic Objective “Increase the number of properties, public amenities and</b></p>	VS

	<p><b>transport links resistant to the”</b> VS to discuss further with KG.</p> <p><b>Strategic Objective “Improve the local environment of urban and rural areas”</b> There was a discussion on the merits of hard targets versus direction of travel indicators. Cllr Moonie noted that setting targets helped with allocation of resources. It was agreed to leave the indicators and targets as is.</p> <p><b>Strategic Objective Improve the quality of rivers and seawater”</b> After a detailed discussion, VS queried whether the indicator relating to this be removed. KG noted that the actions would need to be reassigned elsewhere if that were the case.</p> <p><b>Strategic Objective “ Assist households, public sector agencies and businesses to reduce their energy consumption and improve energy efficiency”</b> After a detailed discussion about the efficacy of the objective and indicator, it was agreed that the objective be changed to “Encouraging reducing the carbon emissions across public sector agencies and businesses, and private households”. The carbon footprint indicator should be retained for the present, and VS and KG to discuss further.</p> <p><b>Strategic Objective “Persuade people to adopt less environmentally polluting forms of public transport, including walking and cycling”</b> The veracity of the trend data for “Percentage of school trips by active or public transport” was queried.</p> <p>VS informed the Forum that the next step would be for Economic Development to draw up the Action Plan in April. KG suggested a workshop prior to this.</p>	<p>VS/KG</p> <p>VS/KG</p>
6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>AOCB</u></b></p> <p>MH distributed a leaflet on piano recital. AB informed the Forum that the Council had been awarded Cycle Friendly Employer status by Cycling Scotland, specifically for the County Buildings in recognition of the good provision made for cyclists there. LS informed the Forum of the impending Cycle to Work scheme for the NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran, due for launch in March.</p>	
7	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 2pm in the Girvan Committee Room, County Buildings</p>	