



**Minutes**

Venue: Maybole Room, County Buildings, Ayr  
 Date & Time: 10am Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013

**Present:**

Cllr John McDowall (Chair)	South Ayrshire Council
Liz Marquis (Vice-Chair)	Energy Agency
Cllr Peter Convery	South Ayrshire Council
Marion Young (Minutes)	South Ayrshire Council (Community Planning)
Dr Mary McKenna	VASA (Sustainability Mirrored Theme Group)
Ruth Sutherland	Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre
Mark Hornby	Strathclyde Police
Yvonne Russell	SEPA
Lesley Fisher	Ailsa Horizons
Michael Hitchon	Kyle & Carrick CMC Society
Callum Robertson	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Ian Hill	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Peter Linton	South Ayrshire Council (Policy, Performance & Communication)
Stuart Reid	RES
Anne Blacklock	Zero Waste Scotland
Bill Duncan	South Ayrshire Council (Neighbourhood Services)
Stratton MacDonald	South Ayrshire Council (Neighbourhood Services)
Norma Duncan	Ayr Fair Trade Partnership

**Apologies:**

Valerie Stewart	South Ayrshire Council (Community Planning)
Fiona Ross	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Claire Strain	SPT
Andrew Elliot	NHS
John Esslemont	AJSP
Gordon Lauder	South Ayrshire Council (Environment, Health & Trading Standards)

Item	Minute	Action
1	<b><u>Apologies</u></b> Apologies as recorded above.	
2	<b><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></b> Minutes of previous meeting were approved and adopted.	
3	<b><u>Matters arising</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Hornby referred to the CAG Report and questioned why the reference to 'action on sustainable transport can have major impacts on road deaths' was still included as there is no clear evidence to justify this claim. Liz Marquis will look into this matter with a view to removing this comment.</li> <li>• In relation to biodiversity in South Ayrshire, concern was raised regarding mechanical beach cleaning and the impact this has on the beaches. It was</li> </ul>	<b>Liz Marquis</b>

	<p>reported that there has been a cut back on mechanical cleaning and there is more manual litter picking.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>SOA Update – Peter Linton, Performance and Change Management Manager</u></b></p> <p>Peter gave an overview on the progress of the SOA highlighting the recent community engagement events, where the main themes and priorities of the SOA were consulted with the general public. Consultation events were held in the 8 member wards throughout South Ayrshire, a mobile unit travelled around the more rural villages and a questionnaire was distributed to every school child. From this there were 668 respondents with resounding endorsement on all the priorities and a general awareness of environmental issues. The results of this survey along with the South Ayrshire1000 will be published next week and sent out to all professional bodies.</p> <p>A draft of the outcome proposals went to Council last week and will go to Scottish Government within the next few days as a document. The SOA will be re-issued to all partners by the end of June to renegotiate and will then go back to the CPP Board and Council to endorse.</p> <p>Early intervention and prevention are key to all themes. There is more emphasis on designing services together and working in partnership with the private and voluntary sector with changes to how services will be provided. The next step for the partnership is to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to take forward the proposed projects as set out in the CAG report</li> <li>• Continue to develop the logic models as well as a set of action plans which will define partner actions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Peter Linton</b></p>
5	<p><b><u>Towards Zero Waste in South Ayrshire – Stratton MacDonald, Service co-ordinator, Neighbourhood Services</u></b></p> <p>Stratton MacDonald from Neighbourhood Services delivered a presentation on Zero Waste. 20 years ago 98% of council waste was landfilled. Last year 52% of council waste was landfilled with 48% of waste being recycled. The aim is to reduce the amount of waste produced and in order to achieve this there will be a separate collection of dry recyclables and food waste by 2013. With the aid of grant funding various Waste Management projects have been set up throughout South Ayrshire and by 2025 70% of waste will be recycled, 25% to waste treatment and only 5% to landfill.</p>	
6	<p><b><u>New Food Waste in South Ayrshire</u></b></p> <p>Bill Duncan from Neighbourhood Services delivered a presentation on Food Waste. There are 9,500 tonnes per annum of domestic food waste in South Ayrshire, with a third of the food we buy in the UK ending up being thrown away. There is a landfill ban on biodegradable waste, and new regulations state that by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, authorities must make arrangements to promote a separate collection of food waste. This new system will be introduced to urban areas in South Ayrshire along with the rural areas of Maybole and Girvan. Caddies and bins will be issued to each household in these areas. Food waste will be anaerobically digested and converted into renewable energy and fertilisers for use in agriculture.</p>	
7	<p><b><u>Waste Prevention and the work of Ayrshire Waste Volunteers</u></b></p> <p>Anne Blacklock from Zero Waste Scotland delivered a presentation on Waste Prevention and the work of Ayrshire Waste Volunteers highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food waste disposal produces methane gas which is worse than CO<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Scottish households throw away 566,000 tonnes of food waste every year</li> </ul>	

	<p>costing nearly £1 billion</p> <p>Suggestions to reduce the amount of food waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refuse BOGOF offers</li> <li>• Plan meals before shopping, check the cupboards and make a shopping list</li> <li>• Store fruit in the fridge and freeze leftovers or use in different meals</li> </ul> <p>Zero Waste Scotland funds groups across Scotland to help make positive impacts towards waste reduction. There are over 500 volunteers covering 31 local areas.</p>	
8	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>AOCB</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Callum Robertson updated the group on the success of Earth Hour 2013. Feature lighting was switched off on 14 of our landmark attractions. A series of public events were held, and Newton House reduced their energy consumption by 11% over the weekend. South Ayrshire is well placed to be awarded the national 'Earth Hour Champions' accolade for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running.</li> <li>• SEPA are concerned about the illegal dumping of tyres in the area, which can cause a lot of problems. They are looking at ways to tackle this problem. If you have any concerns regarding this please contact the SEPA website or the Ayr office.</li> <li>• Stuart Reid, Business Implementation Adviser, working under the umbrella of Zero Waste Scotland is working with volunteers in the public and private sector and offers an extended range of business advice. This is a new service based at the Energy Agency.</li> <li>• Liz Marquis advised the group that the Energy Agency has been very successful in winning contracts with Scottish Government who are providing £30 million to deliver a National Retrofit Programme that will be area based and focussed on tackling fuel poverty.</li> <li>• There is a focus to move from cavity and loft insulation to look at solid walls, roofs, and double glazing. Liz to send out information</li> </ul>	Liz Marquis
10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> September.</li> </ul>	