

Minutes

Venue: Troon Committee Room, County Buildings
Date & Time: 10am Wednesday 3rd August 2011

Present:

Julia Whittaker	Ailsa Horizons Ltd
Paul Pomfret	National Trust for Scotland Culzean
Liz Marquis (Vice-Chair)	Energy Agency
Iain McCulloch	Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre
Michael Hitchon	Kyle & Carrick Civic Society
Andrew Elliot	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Yvonne Irvine	Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
Cllr Peter Convery(Chair)	South Ayrshire Council Sustainability & Environment Portfolio
Cllr John McDowall	South Ayrshire Council, Chair, Development & Environment Scrutiny Panel
Zhan McIntyre	South Ayrshire Council (Community Care & Housing)
Tom McFadyean	South Ayrshire Council (Community Care & Housing)
Robert Howe	South Ayrshire Council (Fleet Management)
Valerie Stewart	South Ayrshire Council (Community Planning)
David Clark	South Ayrshire Council (Planning)
Annabel Beattie	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Fiona Ross	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Lorna Jarvie	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)

Apologies:

Norma Duncan	Ayr Fair Trade Partnership
Stan Corcoran	Forestry Commission
Richard Carr	SAYLSA
David Rackham	Scottish Agricultural College, Ayr
Dorothy Simpson	Scottish Natural Heritage
Lesley Bloomer	South Ayrshire Council (Director, Development & Environment)
George Fiddes	South Ayrshire Council (Transportation)
Gordon Lauder	South Ayrshire Council (Environmental Health)
Neil Feggans	South Ayrshire Council (Planning)
Jim McQuillan	South Ayrshire Council (Property & Neighbourhood Services)
Clare Strain	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING

Item	Action	Partner
Item	Minute	Action
1	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies as recorded above.	
2	<u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> Minutes of previous meeting were approved and adopted. One amendment noted under AOCB.	

3	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>AB: South Ayrshire Council Transportation department has been shortlisted for the National Transport Awards 2011 in the Cycling Improvements category for cycle usage in South Ayrshire.</p>	
4	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>South Ayrshire Openspace Strategy (OSS)</u></p> <p>David Clark outlined the fundamentals behind the OSS. Partners are recommended to view the comprehensive presentation on the Sustainability Partnership website. Consultation ends on the 14th September 2011, with the aim to adopt the Plan by January 2012.</p> <p>Questions: Cllr C: will the consultation responses on Dog Fouling be incorporated? FR confirmed and circulated copies of the consultation. LJ: this is one of a number of different consultations that will be taken into account in the development of the OSS.</p> <p>YI detailed an ongoing openspace issue with the Port at Newton on Ayr re an inappropriately placed park – is there any provision within the OSS to address issues such as these? DC: there is provision within the Local Development Plan to mitigate the impact of these industries.</p> <p>FR: the aim is that the OSS operates at a much higher level, querying whether existing openspace is in the right location. LJ: postcode analysis also part of the scrutiny, together with the value of the openspace to a town eg people travelling to openspace. It will be interesting to see the analysis of travel to openspace.</p> <p>YI: is there protection of space around a conflict area boundary. FR: in this instance, it's a matter of working with what we've got.</p> <p>Cllr McD: where do areas previously maintained by the Council sit within the remit of Pan 65? Is there potential to have areas that are not owned and therefore not maintained? DC: it depends, there is no provision within Pan 65. LJ: may find that certain types of responses may cover this, which will need analysis and according action. Cllr C: keen to see the analysis of feedback, as there are some areas which are left wild, and are visually attractive.</p> <p>Cllr C asked PP if Culzean had a strategy for areas lightly managed. PP: areas away from the centre of the park allow wildlife to flourish.</p> <p>ZM: housing services have a lot of open space – has DC been able to acquire that information? DC – yes. FR: housing will be approached for information on residential areas. ZM: will distribute the OSS questionnaire to residents.</p> <p>JW queried how the questionnaire was being distributed to communities. FR: on the SAC website, through the Ayr Flower Show, community councils and interest groups, through community planning, press releases etc.</p>	
5	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fuel Poverty & carbon emissions reduction strategies (Community Care & Housing)</u></p> <p>ZM detailed R&H aims to reduce fuel poverty and carbon emissions in housing stock. Presentation has been placed on the SP website. One of the 5 outcomes from the Local Housing Strategy (2011 – 2016) is to have warm, dry, energy efficient homes: another is neighbourhood pride. The existing fuel poverty strategy is undergoing a fresh look. The LHS has been designed to support the SOA, in particular Local Outcome 16. The fuel poverty and carbon reduction obligations are underpinned by the Housing Scotland Act, with a 2016 target to eradicate fuel poverty. Propose not to use the term fuel poverty, with its negative associations. ZM asked the SP for alternative suggestions. Possible approaches are to explore funding options through Universal Home Insulation Scheme (UHIS), and the HIS, in partnership with the Energy Agency, connecting and engaging with community groups on an area based approach. A bid is being prepared for UHIS2, in conjunction with the Energy Agency with the intention to target the north of South Ayrshire.</p> <p>LM: UHIS1 was Coylton, Annbank, Mossblown and Symington. Uptake in South</p>	

	<p>Ayrshire was very superior and involved loft & cavity wall insulation, benefit checks, draughtproofing. UHIS2 will be a very good offer – free to local residents.</p> <p>VS queried the method for disseminating the information. LM: the community event on the 29th September in Troon would be a good means. There is also a pilot scheme for solid wall insulation. AB: can the measures installed in a home be quantified regarding expected carbon reduction? LM: the Scottish Government provides data: it's also possible to measure the carbon reduction resulting from awareness raising. Cllr C: those on the lowest income often have the most expensive heating.</p> <p>MH: we have the very first green doors open site this year, by appointment.</p>	
6	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SOA Review</u></p> <p>LJ & AB detailed some of the issues surrounding the current SOA actions & indicators. LJ: an issues paper will be prepared and circulated to the SP, collating the overall potential for change. LM outlined a potential difficulty regarding differing organisational methods for reporting. LJ: the issues paper will reflect 3 or 4 main themes, on areas where the partners could work together.</p> <p>VS: the Community Planning theme group reporting day is the 24th August. A new 10 year community plan is about to be developed and the SOA is expected to be in place to deliver the outcomes which arise from that. Overall, most Community Planning Partnerships nationally find the SOA a useful document, which needs continuous improvement. VS gave a brief presentation as an update to the SOA – some issues surround base reportability and changing boundaries. The report will be circulated to SP partners, however overall, the high level indicators are on track.</p>	
7	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>LJ: VASA's mirrored theme group meeting took place – meetings will take place on a less regular basis than CP theme groups and it's unlikely that they will meet before the next SP meeting, however will keep the SP apprised of further developments. VS: mirrored theme group is a forum for community & voluntary sector groups to come together and feed into the CP theme groups.</p> <p>LM: the Energy Agency has joined Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, a powerful, political coalition lobby. The Agency will act as a conduit to the coalition.</p> <p>FR: asked partners to disseminate the OSS questionnaire.</p> <p>RH: Fleet Management has a new electric road sweeper vehicle which is working well, and saving 30 litres of petrol a day. Hopefully more money will become available through the low carbon vehicle procurement scheme this year as another vehicle would be well used. AE: the NHS has purchased 6 vehicles through the scheme, two via each local authority in Ayrshire. LM queried the presence of electric charging points? RH: will ask for public electric point chargers. FR: will there be more uptake of domestic EVs and should planning authorities be looking into this?</p> <p>YI: detailed the availability of a fly tipping grant. SEPA has a database shared with the Police regarding stolen materials, such as telephone cabling.</p>	
8	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Wednesday 14th September 2011, 10am in the Troon Committee room, County Buildings</p>	