



Minutes

Venue: Maybole Room, County Buildings, Ayr
 Date & Time: 10am Wednesday 4th December 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)
Lesley Fisher	Ailsa Horizons/Sustainability Mirrored Theme Group
Catriana Haston	Ailsa Horizons
Callum Robertson	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Valerie Stewart	South Ayrshire Council (Community Planning)
John Esslemont	South Ayrshire Council (Planning Service)
Fiona Fisher	Scottish Natural Heritage
Andrew Elliot	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Dr Mary McKenna	VASA (Sustainability Mirrored Theme Group)
Richard Carr	SAYLSA
Simon Leslie	Resource Efficient Scotland (Energy Agency)
Iain McCulloch	Home Energy Scotland
Paul Dougall	South Ayrshire Council (Waste Management)
Michael Hitchon	Kyle & Carrick Civic Society

Apologies:

Claire Strain	SPT
Norma Duncan	Ayr Fair Trade Partnership
Yvonne Russell	SEPA
Gordon Lauder	South Ayrshire Council (Environment, Health & Trading Standards)
Mark Hornby	Police Scotland

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.	
3	<u>Matters arising</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no matters arising. • Cllr Convery advised the group that a report went to the Leadership Panel with the Council's response on consultations relating to Core Areas of Wild Land and Sustainability and Planning. The Merrick area, which is partly in South Ayrshire, has been recognised as a nationally important core area of wild land. The Council commented that SNH should extend the area to cover the entire core area of the UNESCO designated Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Reserve and the Galloway Forest Dark Skies Park, with the aim of protecting the area. 	

	<p>and there are plans to look at installing them at railways, airport and supermarkets.</p> <p>The following points were then discussed by the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George advised the group that the Council are now working to incorporate cycle links on major road projects. • Work on the Park & Ride Hub at Monkton is still ongoing. • Parking attendants are responsible for cars parked on the double yellow lines outside school. • George will speak to Bobby Boreland regarding retaining heritage lighting. • George to give Mhairi McKenna more information on applying to Transport Scotland for traffic lights in Ballantrae. • Legislation is required in order to put double yellow lines on cycle lanes. This has been looked at in the past but is very difficult to enforce. 	<p>George Fiddes George Fiddes</p>
6	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sustainable Transport – Simon Leslie, Implementation Officer, Resource Efficient Scotland (Energy Agency)</u></p> <p>Simon Leslie gave a presentation on Sustainable Transport relating to The Energy Saving Trust highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Energy Saving Trust was set up in 1993 and covers three strands, Domestic, Business and Rural Community. • There is a need for change – Air pollution kills more people than road accidents in Scotland. • More companies are signing up for more efficient vehicles. Some just making minor changes like getting more miles to the gallon and others opting for electric vehicles. • Consider measures like fitting speed or rev limiters • Appropriate sizing of vehicles • Fleet review available from Home Energy Scotland • Over 3,000 drivers trained last year in fuel efficient driving. By just reducing from 70 to 60 mph consumption is reduced by 18% 	
7	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Community Rail in Action – Richard Carr, SAYLSA</u></p> <p>Richard Carr gave a presentation on community rail highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community rail is grass roots organisations who act as the bridge between the railway and the local community. • Getting value not only in terms of transport but in other areas eg health, environment, sustainable communities and access to work, education and training. • Achievements to date include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community transport - hires up by 18% ○ Station specific pocket timetables ○ Production of line, cycle and walk guides ○ Girvan station shop re-opened ○ Station gardening • Potential developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offering guided walks – rail tourism ○ Improved services – more passengers ○ Operating tour trains ○ Transform Stranraer station from 1980's shed ○ Restore Stranraer Harbour station to Victorian Spendour <p>The group then asked if there was a role that SAYLSA could play in the supply train for freight but were advised that at the moment there is no connection.</p> <p>Fiona Fisher asked if they are promoting or enhancing the green corridors for biodiversity, which in this case are the railway embankments. Richard said that this is something that they would be keen to look at.</p>	
8	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AOCB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The New Waste Regulations will come into force on 1st January 2014 surrounding food waste and recycling. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Ayrshire Council won the Earth Hour Local Authority Champion 2013, making us the best performing local authority in Scotland two years in a row.	
9	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th February 2014 at 10am in the Maybole Room in the County Buildings</p>	