

## Minutes

Venue: Town Hall, Ayr  
Date & Time: 10am Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012

### Present:

Cllr John McDowall (Chair)	South Ayrshire Council
Liz Marquis (Vice-Chair)	Energy Agency
Cllr Peter Convery	South Ayrshire Council
Valerie Stewart	South Ayrshire Council (Community Planning)
Robert Howe	South Ayrshire Council (Fleet Management)
Lorna Jarvie	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Fiona Ross	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Stuart Lindsay	Ailsa Horizons Ltd
Marion Young	South Ayrshire Council (Community Planning)
Emma Thomson	South Ayrshire Council (Roads)
Ruth Sutherland	Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre
Gordon Lauder	South Ayrshire Council (Environmental Health)
Michael Hitchon	Kyle & Carrick Civic Society
Oliver Obst	Energy Agency
Nigel Wallace	Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit
Norma Duncan	Ayr Fair Trade Partnership
Dr Mary McKenna	Ballantrae Community Council

### Apologies:

Clare Strain	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport SEPA
Julia Whitaker	Ailsa Horizons Ltd

### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING

Item	Action	Partner
4	Group to report to VS any comments/input regarding the SOA Report for 2011/12	All
5	Partnership to forward comments to Lorna regarding the RPP briefing.	All
8	Lorna to re-send link to Strategy and questionnaire	LJ
8	Partnership to forward comments and proposals regarding the Economic Development Strategy to Valerie	All
8	Valerie to check if the Strategic Environmental Assessment development for the new Community Plan will cover the Economic Development Strategy.	VS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies as recorded above.	
2	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> Minutes of previous meeting were approved and adopted.	
3	<b>Matters arising</b> RS advised that the Low Carbon Transport loans are also open to Public Organisations. The Biosphere has now been approved by UNESCO and work is in progress to take this forward. Along with the Dark Skies Park this gives the South West of Scotland two	

	unique circumstances.	
4	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SOA (a)Current SOA (b) Future SOA</u></b></p> <p>VS asked the group to have a look at the draft SOA report for 2011/12 and get back with any input/comments within the next two weeks.</p> <p>The group were advised that within the current Single Outcome Agreement, 70% of indicators, where data is available have met or exceeded the target, with three indicators still to report. The current SOA will continue to the end of March 2013.</p> <p>VS spoke about the future Single Outcome Agreement, highlighting the current draft high level Outcomes including 'South Ayrshire is clean, attractive and delivering a sustainable, low carbon future. The group agreed in principle with this wording which captures the main sustainability elements.</p> <p>It was reported that no further work has been done on the Community Plan as it has been put on hold until further guidance is received from Scottish Government. This is expected in September/October.</p>	All
5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Localising the RPP briefing</u></b></p> <p>LJ gave a presentation on Translating the RPP to the Local Community Planning landscape. The presentation covered the background, scope of the project, key actions and the timetable. Over time new innovations affect the local area and the support of the Community Planning Partnership will be implicit in delivering the policies and proposals. The Carbon Trust has offered support to help with work in this area and a project brief is being drawn up with the Carbon Trust. It was agreed that we should be looking at the financial cost as well as the carbon cost. The information will then be put to the Sustainability Partnership and the Community Planning Partnership who will then be in a better position to make informed decisions about it's sustainability work programme going forward. Comments are welcomed from the group and should be fed back to LJ. A consultant will be appointed over the next month and the brief will be circulated once it has been finalised.</p> <p>NW informed the group about the Sustainable Land Use Strategy, which is a requirement under the Climate Change Act, as a key item which needs the Partnership to address and progress. The Galloway &amp; Southern Ayrshire Biosphere has been selected by Scottish Government as one of twelve initiatives throughout Scotland to explore how the Sustainable Land Use Strategy can be taken forward and implemented on the ground and the Biosphere Partnership would like to work closely with the Sustainability Partnership on this. Land Use is one of the four key aspects covered by the Transformational Outcomes on which the RPP is based, so LJ explained that as such this would be covered by the brief.</p>	All
6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Presentation for Board</u></b></p> <p><u>High Level Indicators</u></p> <p>LJ gave a brief overview of the report presented to the CPP Board on the 29<sup>th</sup> August and advised the group that the High Level Indicators show five green (performance measure is on or above target), three amber (performance measure below 5% of target) and one red (more than 5% below target).</p> <p><u>Main Success Stories</u></p> <p>LM advised the group that the success of free insulation throughout South Ayshire was due to previous free insulation projects such as the Hadyard Hill Community Energy Project in 2006, which resulted in reduced carbon in 64% of the properties and also benefitted the local economy with additional jobs.</p> <p>LM reminded the group that the Home Energy Fair will be held in Ayr College on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>MMc raised the question that people living in houses with solid walls cannot benefit from the free insulation. LM commented that this was an area they were looking into and that nobody at present is qualified to do this type of work, however they are starting to train people and are currently trying to get funding for this.</p> <p>RS advised that Scottish Gas are funding 100% on solid fuel or electric heating. Eco project – affordable warmth for people who do not have the mechanism to do insulation.</p>	

	<p>LJ advised the group that the Open Space Strategy has now been approved by the Leadership Panel.</p> <p><u>Future Priorities</u></p> <p>LJ highlighted the future priorities for the partnership in relation to Climate Change and targeting areas we can work on as a partnership. Closer linkages with LBAP, the Biosphere and CSGN and new routes and services for Waste and Recycling.</p> <p>EST launched a new service to provide demographic information of house studies etc. Communities looking at community owned Green Energy Production.</p> <p>RH was invited to give an update on the procurement of charging points and electric vehicles. He was also asked to give an update on any money that was being made available from Transport Scotland for this year.</p> <p>During 2011 – 12, EST (on behalf of Transport Scotland) made funding available for the full cost of supplying and fitting electric vehicle charging points for business use. After a tendering exercise, Siemens won the contract and four double headed charging points were purchased. The charging points were fitted at McCalls Ave Ayr (22KW), Walker Road (22KW), 10 Wellington Square (22KW) and the Crematorium (7KW). The Crematorium did not have three phase electricity at the point where the charging point was to be located. This restricted the power at that site.</p> <p>Using Scotland Excel’s framework agreement, SAC were able to purchase four Peugeot iOn electric cars. Transport Scotland funded the difference between the electric vehicles and four petrol Peugeot 107s. The cost of these vehicles was to be around £22k each. The supplier, Arnold Clark, afterwards offered the vehicles at a reduced cost to the Council of £11,800 per vehicle. After checking with EST, the Council accepted this reduced price.</p> <p>This financial year, it has just been announced that SAC will receive £60k for charging points that will serve the public.</p> <p>Transport Scotland want infrastructure in place throughout the central belt and the northern corridor and so funding is not available to every Council this time.</p> <p>This breaks down as £60,000 between three councils (£20k each) plus another £40,00 for installations at Ferry Terminals. This will be handled possibly by Blair Wylie who deals with car parking.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the issues about silent vehicles. Some people are of the opinion that some noise should be emitted from the vehicles to warn other road users. It is hoped that there are no complaints about silent vehicles. One of the advantages is that there would be a reduction in sound pollution. The electric vehicle has gone down well at the Crematorium because it enhances the tranquil atmosphere there.</p> <p>Projection on savings – no figures yet.</p> <p>Discussion took place on work being carried out on different methods of charging vehicles including a method that does not require plugging into a charging point. The car would simply park over a grid that is capable of charging the vehicle without a physical plug.</p>	
7	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Fairtrade</u></b></p> <p>ND thanked the group for the opportunity to inform them of the progress made in terms of Fairtrade. There has been a lot of progress with more producers and more sales, £1.3 million in 2011 in the UK, with cocoa, bananas and coffee being the top sales. There are now 544 Fairtrade towns in the UK and 1,146 worldwide. Ayr, Troon and Prestwick are Fairtrade Towns and Kyle Academy and St Patrick’s Primary School in Troon are Fairtrade schools.</p> <p>The group were then shown two short films about the Kuapa Kokoo Fairtrade farmers, showing how they grow their cocoa and how the Fairtrade price for their cocoa is invested by the community into projects to benefit them all, for example, for drinking water, building public toilets and a mobile clinic to visit member’s villages. They’ve also invested in training in leadership and management and set up some other ways for women especially to earn more money, making soap and palm oil, milling corn and farming snails.</p> <p>ND gave examples of Fairtrade in the UK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olympic Games sold Fairtrade coffee and bananas.</li> <li>• Many supermarkets are committed to selling Fairtrade. A new co-op has just</li> </ul>	

