

Minutes

Venue: Troon Committee Room, County Buildings
Date & Time: 10am Wednesday 9th February 2012

Present:

Norma Duncan	Ayr Fair Trade Partnership
John Esslemont	Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit
Liz Marquis (Vice-Chair)	Energy Agency
Andrew Elliot	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Yvonne Russell	Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
Cllr Peter Convery(Chair)	South Ayrshire Council Sustainability & Environment Portfolio
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)
Siobhan Thompson	Scottish Natural Heritage
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)
Bill Duncan	South Ayrshire Council (Waste Management)

Apologies:

Cllr John McDowall	South Ayrshire Council, Chair, Development & Environment Scrutiny Panel
Michael Hitchon	Kyle & Carrick Civic Society
Ken Gibb	Independent
Neil Feggans	South Ayrshire Council (Planning & Enterprise)
Zhan McIntyre	South Ayrshire Council (Community Care & Housing)
Jim McQuillan	South Ayrshire Council (Property & Neighbourhood Svcs)
Lesley Bloomer	South Ayrshire Council (Director, Development & Environment)
George Fiddes	South Ayrshire Council (Transportation)
Andrew Marnie	South Ayrshire Council (Property & Assets)
Dorothy Simpson	Scottish Natural Heritage
Clare Strain	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING

Item	Action	Partner
3	Liz to circulate details of the Low Carbon Transport Loan to the Partnership.	LM
4	Valerie to circulate Theme Group and CPIG proposals to the Partnership.	VS
4	Partnership to get comments and proposals regarding the proposed high level outcomes to VS by Tuesday 14 th February	ALL
6	Lorna to send details of Seminar to the Partnership	LJ
8	Lorna to circulate Earth Hour 2012 slides to the partnership	LJ
8	All partners were asked to report back to their organisations on Earth Hour and see if their organisation can sign up to participate.	ALL
10	Fiona to send link for CSGN Development Fund to Partnership	FR
10	Any relevant news for the Sustainability themed edition of Bitesize to be send to LJ by 17/2/12	ALL

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1	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies as recorded above.</p>	
2	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting were approved and adopted.</p>	
3	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Item 6: RH reported on the Electric Vehicle Procurement Support Scheme and advised that the tender is now out for the Charging Points, possibly 3 or 4, depending on money from the Energy Savings Trust, and that sites have been identified for these Charging Points. Electric vehicles cannot be serviced at the 'local' garage but have to go to a specialist garage, based in Glasgow. An options appraisal is being carried out to determine the overall costs and practicalities of the Charging Points and if it would be more beneficial to purchase another electric sweeper.</p> <p>Transport Scotland aims to support organisations and businesses that want to reduce the carbon impact by offering interest free loans up to £50,000. LM will circulate details of the Low Carbon Transport loan to the Partnership.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion about the provost's car, 2 possible types of car have been identified, a Peugeot diesel hybrid and a Toyota Prius.</p>	LM
4	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SOA Review – now feeding into a new Community Plan</u></p> <p>VS advised that the CPP has been given the go-ahead to develop a new Community Plan for South Ayrshire. The first task in this development is to set very long term and very high level outcomes and agree where we want to be in 10 years time. VS circulated the draft High Level Local Outcomes and Proposed Principals from the Community Planning Implementation Session and the Mirrored Theme Group. The objective is to reduce the number of outcomes and become more focussed. VS asked the Partnership if they were happy with the outcomes that had been proposed. Discussions took place regarding more emphasis on sustainability, climate change and biodiversity. FR advised that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is a requirement for every plan to evaluate the positive and negative environmental effects of the plan. A Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report has been submitted and is awaiting feedback. FR suggested that the information from the scoping feedback will influence how to deal with high level outcomes.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that VS will circulate the proposed outcomes from the CPIG and Mirrored Theme Group Sessions. Each of the partners to feed back their comments and proposals to VS by Tuesday 14th February prior to the Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 22nd February. VS and FR to meet on Tuesday 14th to assess the proposed outcomes to meet SEA. Looking at high level priorities – biodiversity, sustainable development, climate change and behaviour change etc.</p>	
5	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCCD Report</u></p> <p>LJ advised that all CPP Board members have signed up and are now committed to Scotland's Climate Change Declaration. The draft report will be finalised by the next meeting. LJ reported that there are continuing reductions to South Ayrshire Council's operational carbon emissions but there is still a lot of work to be done. More feedback is required from partners and it was suggested that the relevant person from each partner, who will be completing the report, be contacted rather than the Board Member. LJ reported that there has been good progress in that this is the first year feedback has been sought and several partners have completed the survey. This exercise will be carried out again next year. Scottish Government is has a world leading target of 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050, which would equate to a 3% per annum drop in emissions if spread across the period.</p> <p>The annual report will be submitted to COSLA before the end of this financial year.</p>	
6	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Presentation for Board</u></p> <p>The lunchtime Seminar will be held in the County Hall from 12.45 – 1.55pm on 22nd February. Part One will concentrate on Scotland's Climate Change Declaration and what this means to the Partners and what commitments they have signed up to. Part two will consist of workshops to identify any issues and support partners with reports. LJ to send details to Partnership.</p>	LJ

7	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SSDF Proposal</u></p> <p>The Scottish Sustainable Development Forum (SSDF) Climate Challenge Fund Community Action Support Programme (CASP) are organising three regional events (half-day events) leading from the Climate Challenge Fund Gathering in 2011. The main objective is to raise awareness about the Earth Summit and to offer an opportunity for community groups to network with one another.</p> <p>These half-day events will be held in 3 different locations across Scotland and LJ advised that she has been approached by SSDF to host an event. The event will contain case studies, Adaptation Scotland Workshop, Visioning Workshops and Green Dreams Recording. The proposed date for this event is 21st March. The seminar also fits in with a request from VASA for a capacity building event for mirrored theme group members. We will be looking for 10-30 participants. The Partnership supported the proposal and LJ will circulate more information closer to the time.</p>	
8	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Earth Hour 2012</u></p> <p>All partners were asked to report back to their organisations on Earth Hour and see if their organisation can sign up to participate. LJ will circulate the meeting slides to the Partnership. The proposed date for earth hour switch off is 31st March and there are plans for 15 buildings to take part in the switch off. It was suggested that the Police be forwarded the switch off list to avoid last minute queries regarding safety in these areas. It was agreed that Neil Kerr will be informed.</p> <p>A competition to find WWF's Earth Hour Champion Community for 2012 is open to schools, workplace, streets, village, pub or clubs with a chance to win £1,000. For details on how to apply visit http://earthhour:wwf.org.uk/get-involved/competition-to-lead-uk-switch-off Any South Ayrshire organisation getting involved in Earth Hour should let LJ know so they can be added to the publicity.</p>	LJ / ALL
9	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chair's Update</u></p> <p><u>Biosphere</u> Cllr C informed the Partnership that there will be an update from UNESCO towards beginning of July in Paris regarding the Biosphere application. It is looking favourable and if approved will be the first one in Scotland. This would create a great opportunity for communities in this area to thrive and market themselves on the biosphere and Dark Skies.</p> <p>The Partnership were asked to recognise the work done by Nigel Wallace of the Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit.</p> <p>A possible name for the Biosphere is the 'Land of Bruce Biosphere'.</p> <p><u>Variable Lighting</u> Cllr C informed the Partnership that next year would see a further carbon reduction for street lighting in schemes across South Ayrshire where variable lighting can be taken forward. Lighting technology has moved forward at a tremendous pace. Cllr C reported that there are approximately 12,200 street lamps and there is potential to get a huge chunk of carbon footprint down.</p>	
10	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Biodiversity Study</u></p> <p>FR informed the Partnership that biodiversity is becoming more mainstreamed and it would be helpful to see it within the community plan.</p> <p>As Farming Wildlife Advisory Board fell – main link with farming community relying on SRDP – not managed to reach many of the targets. FR also stressed that as no dedicated Biodiversity Officer the LBAP relies more on Partners.</p> <p><u>Central Scotland Green Network Update</u> – Funding has been released from Forestry Commission Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage, in their capacity as joint lead partners for the CSGN and they are inviting applications for grants. The closing date is 2nd March 2012. This is the 3rd year of funding and although this has been released only lately there is the potential for 3 years funding. Funding is available to support projects concerned with: woodland expansion; landscape structure; travel & recreation; habitat networks & development; restoration of vacant and derelict land for green network purposes and the integration of woodland, habitat, greenspace and access development with water catchment and coastal zone management. Details about this fund can be found on http://www.forestry.gov.uk/csqnddevelopmentfund</p> <p>FR to send link to Partnership.</p>	FR

