

## Minutes

Venue: Girvan Room, County Buildings, Ayr  
Date & Time: 10am Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 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)
Marion Young	South Ayrshire Council (Community Planning)
Dr Mary McKenna	VASA (Sustainability Mirrored Theme Group)
Richard Carr	SAYLSA
Seonaid Lewis	VASA
Jan Phillips	JobcentrePlus
Norma Duncan	Ayr Fair Trade Partnership
Kev Theaker	SRUC
Ruth Sutherland	Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre
Michael Hitchon	Kyle & Carrick Civic Society
Mark Hornby	Strathclyde Police
Phil Matthews	CAG Consultants
Tim Maiden	CAG Consultants
Ian Hill	South Ayrshire Council
Nigel Wallace	Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit
Sarah Bowman	Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit
Yvonne Russell	SEPA
Andrew Elliot	NHS Ayrshire & Arran

### Apologies:

Gordon Lauder	South Ayrshire Council (Environmental Health)
Carol Gilbert	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

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> VS advised the group that she is still waiting for clarification on whether a single Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) will be adequate. LJ said that she thought it was probably too late for two separate SEAs, so a single one covering all relevant issues would probably be the most appropriate approach. ND advised the group that the students from Kyle Academy and Local Fairtrade members held a very successful event in the County Buildings on the 29 <sup>th</sup> November.	

4	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SOA</u></b></p> <p>VS updated the group on the new SOA guidance, released on the afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup> November, outlining the 6 main priorities. Valerie commented on the lack of environmental/climate change priorities and advised the group that she has raised this with Judith Young at Scottish Government and been reassured that while the guidance isn't explicit about these topic areas and the way they should be handled, these are still national outcomes and there are legal duties on partners regarding them, and as such they should still be covered in the usual way by SOAs and related outcomes, indicators etc.</p>	
5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Climate Change and Community Planning Research Workshop</u></b></p> <p>Phil Matthews and Tim Maiden gave a presentation on the research in relation to the actions Community Planning Partnerships are required to undertake to play their part in implementing the Climate Change Act.</p> <p>A discussion took place after the presentation and the following points of concern were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action on climate change has links to a wide range of Scottish Government strategies, from transport and housing to economic development</li> <li>• Climate change is a large and complex problem and it can be unclear how CPP partners can play the part – the CAG research should assist in pointing the way</li> <li>• There is a need for more data and guidance on how to measure the carbon impact of actions</li> <li>• Given the current financial situation many actions would require external funding – however there were major opportunities to access such funds</li> <li>• Fuel poverty is a huge challenge but one where there is scope to act in ways that deliver economic, social and environmental benefits</li> <li>• The Green Deal is about to be launched shortly and local authorities across Scotland are looking into ways to use it to support action on housing</li> </ul> <p>A number of other issues were highlighted – both barriers and opportunities:  There is concern that many of the houses cannot take up cavity wall insulation as it is messy and very expensive.  It was also suggested that Web Conferences should be held to save travel costs.  There was also concern that climate change action can often be top down and should be about changing culture from ground level.  The group then broke up into two groups and the following workshops took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Forestry</li> <li>• Waste</li> </ul>	
6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>AOCB</u></b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
7	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013.</p>	