

Minutes

Venue: Troon Committee Room, County Buildings
Date & Time: 10am Wednesday 22nd June 2011

Present:

Norma Duncan	Ayr Fair Trade Partnership
John Esslemont	Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit
Ruth Sutherland	Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre
Michael Hitchon	Kyle & Carrick Civic Society
Andrew Elliot	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Deidre MacKinnon	NTS Culzean
Richard Carr	SAYLSA
Dorothy Simpson	Scottish Natural Heritage
Cllr Peter Convery(Chair)	South Ayrshire Council Sustainability & Environment Portfolio
Zhan McIntyre	South Ayrshire Council (Housing)
Robert Howe	South Ayrshire Council (Fleet Management)
Valerie Stewart	South Ayrshire Council (Community Planning)
Marie Welsh (Minute)	South Ayrshire Council (Community Planning)
Annabel Beattie	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Fiona Ross	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Lorna Jarvie	South Ayrshire Council (Sustainable Development)
Yvonne Irvine	Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
Stan Corcoran	Forestry Commission

Apologies:

Stuart Lindsay	Ailsa Horizons Ltd
Julia Whittaker	Ailsa Horizons Ltd
Liz Marquis (Vice-Chair)	Energy Agency
Paul Pomfret	National Trust for Scotland Culzean
Lesley Bloomer	South Ayrshire Council (Director, Development & Environment)
George Fiddes	South Ayrshire Council (Transportation)
Cllr John McDowall	South Ayrshire Council, Chair, Development & Environment Scrutiny Panel
Andrew Marnie	South Ayrshire Council (Property & Design)
Gordon Lauder	South Ayrshire Council (Environmental Health)
Jim McQuillan	South Ayrshire Council (Property & Neighbourhood Services)
Clare Strain	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
Claire Roxburgh	University of West of Scotland

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING

Item	Action	Partner
6	Information re Graham Obree Classic Sportive cycling event to be passed to Partnership	AB
6	Website for Pocketmedia Awards to be passed to Partnership to allow partners to vote for South Ayrshire's Cycle Map	AB

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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>RC: Advised the group that SAYLSA was unsuccessful in its Climate Challenge Fund bid. However the SAYLSA target of reducing road carbon emissions by 90 tonnes was exceeded, with a saving of 96 tonnes recorded.</p>	
4	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Revised theme group reporting arrangements and SOA reporting arrangements for 2010/11 reporting year</u></p> <p>VS: gave the group a presentation detailing the background, development and purpose of the SOA. The presentation highlighted the Sustainability Partnership's responsibilities and the current reporting arrangements.</p> <p>Cllr C: There is no guarantee how the Government will take the recommendations from the consultations and Christie Commission.</p> <p>AB: email already out to partners requesting data for the 2010/11 SOA reporting period , deadline for response was 1st July 2011.</p>	
5	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Climate Change Declaration and SOA</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>(a) Partner Climate Change Declaration</u></p> <p>LJ: Discussed the need to decide how to tackle the challenges in the Climate Change Declaration together. Asked the partners round the table to inform the group of individual activities in relation to reducing carbon emissions, increasing recycling, and conducting our business in a more sustainable manner.</p> <p>DS: Local office greening plans, Corporate targets for travel.</p> <p>FR: the LBAP (local biodiversity action plan) is under review with climate change a key aspect. Changes being monitored with a view to ascertaining how they are affecting different species.</p> <p>DM: Culzean is taking a more environmental approach.</p> <p>RC: Carbon emission down on previous year at a time when emissions from road vehicles from Stranraer/Cairnryan are up by 10%.</p> <p>RS: Plans in place for new European Home Insulation Scheme (HIS) Project. The Energy Agency plans to increase the uptake of renewables, and introduce two new services – water and transport which will introduce bike hire schemes and bike sheds, video conferencing, discounted eco driving lessons and green reviews.</p> <p>MH: The Kyle and Carrick Civic Society promotes recycling Household Waste. Conservation policies regarding demolition of buildings and through Doors Open Day.</p> <p>SC: National Policy to reduce emissions. Currently carrying out 3rd transport audit including looking at car sharing. Building audits to identify waste heat etc. Video conferencing.</p> <p>YI: Reduction of staff and reorganisation. Reductions in number of inspections which reduces mileage. Ban on inter-office mileage by car. Video conferencing. Maximising Car sharing. Rationalising central belt offices.</p> <p>Cllr C: Extreme weather action group. SAC in top three in Scotland for waste reduction. Reduction in Councils fleet and CO2 emissions.</p> <p>ZM: The new Housing Strategy undertook a strategic environmental assessment which identified climate change as a key issue. Issues included; making the best of</p>	

current stock; incorporating renewables; ensuring new developments incorporate sustainability, taking the Fuel Poverty Strategy and Climate change Strategies into account

AE: Sustainable Development Group has a new Champion; the sustainability action plan has 6 thematic groups. The NHS A&A has a policy with travel hierarchy, hybrid vehicles, and a print policy. The new Girvan Hospital has a biomass boiler and wind turbine, and it's hoped that Crosshill Hospital will install a biomass boiler in the near future. Food waste is disposed of in a sustainable manner.

JE: Delivering National Agendas, Spatial Strategy- identifying areas of opportunities working across Ayrshire to reduce waste. Working on soils and Carbon storage. Woodland strategy with green network and habitat development.

AB: Through the Carbon Management Plan the Council is working to reduce car travel by promoting car sharing, walking and cycling. Prism telephone system allows conference calls to be made. Video conferencing facilities also available.

VS: The CPP supports the partners in the excellent work being done to reduce carbon emissions and increase rates of recycling. Data will be captured to demonstrate how well South Ayrshire is performing.

ND: Promote the sale and use of Fair Trade products. Fair Trade are aware of the impact of climate change further afield, and are working with schools and groups to raise awareness of the problems in the undeveloped world. Fair Trade employees work from home. Many of the goods sold are produced from hemp and old tyres.

BH: Just introduced Service Travel Plan which aims to manage journeys related to its operations. Fleet changed every three years to ensure the best is gained from new technologies. £117k granted from Transport Scotland for alternative fuel vehicles. Promotion of eco driving. Hire on the Wire vehicle hire scheme to reduce employee use of their own vehicles for business use. Employees no longer take Council vehicles home reducing the mileage for the fleet by 5 million.

LJ: Everyone in the partnership is doing their bit. The key for 2012 is to take advantage of opportunities where overlaps take place, and synergy. In the next meeting we will look at where overlaps and synergies exist.

(b) Refinement of the Sustainability Partnership input into the SOA

LJ detailed her presentation "How our SOA presents our sustainable development performance", outlining the partnership reporting mechanism, common areas, what works, what doesn't work, and exceptions. The exercise will highlight the usefulness of indicators, helping us to prioritise how we present the partnerships achievements in relation to the SOA.

VS: Common problems exist for the partners in relation to mileage data. AB Similar problem for South Ayrshire – the information is not in a format that allows detailed analysis. Need to find a collective way to provide the right data.

The group discussed issues relating to requirements of the SOA Indicators and how key indicators were more important, and also how, for example, in schools, the effectiveness of delivering a message is seen as more important than the number of individuals that the message was delivered to.

Cllr C The generator in the courtyard of County buildings indicated a misuse of energy. Initial data shows savings incurred through the use of variable lighting systems.

Cllr C: SAC do not recycle all plastics that can be recycled. Are South Ayrshire making use of SMART traffic lights? BH: we can set the lights to work as we want them, currently in Troon in one entrance to Barassie the traffic lights stay in favour of the main road allowing large articulated lorries an unbroken run, being stopped only if traffic is waiting to exit the minor road.

AE: it was pointed out that more opportunity to choose appointment times for hospital/clinic appointments would allow patients to aggregate journeys.

RC: New trains being used on the Ayr to Glasgow line are making savings of well over 10%.

6	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AOB</u></p> <p>AB advised the group that the The Graeme Obree Classic Sportive cycling event is taking place on 31st July setting off from Auchincruive College and travelling through various locations across Ayrshire. The event has a range of challenges. AB to distribute information to the group.</p> <p>AB advised the group of the Councils efforts during bike week which is running from 18th to 26th June – South Ayrshire residents can pledge to cycle over and above their normal activity. A unique water-proof cycle map which is in the running for the Pocketmedia Award's under the banner of Most Creative Design has been produced and is available at Council buildings. AB will send out the link to allow SP members to vote. Any partners wishing a stock of maps, please contact AB.</p> <p>FR: Fair Trade held a conference in April, which was a great success. The event proved a good tool to raise awareness. Partners in Prestwick and Girvan are required to help obtain Regional Status.</p> <p>RC: New maps have been developed to promote walks from the train station. Line guides will be reprinted with suggestions for local attractions etc. Improvements will be borne in mind for future publications including information about wheelchair accessible venues. Partners who require copies of the map to get in touch with Richard.</p> <p>RS: New boiler scrappage scheme starting at the end of next week. From July 2011, the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) tariffs for non-domestic installations in the industrial, business and public sector will be introduced providing premium and casual payments of up to £1300. There will also be support of around £15 million for households through the RHI Premium Payment. In return for the payments, participants will have to provide feedback on how the equipment performs in practice. Home Renewable Service – free to anyone - will give a home visit to provide advice</p> <p>MH advised the group that top musicians will be performing in Ayr in the Ayr Concert Series which celebrates its Silver Anniversary. Tickets will be on sale from 4th July.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>
8	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Wednesday 3rd August 2011, 10am in the Troon Committee room, County Buildings</p>	