

**Troon and Villages Locality Planning Group
Action Note of Meeting: 15th March 2016**

Present: Frances Carson (chairperson), Fiona Smith, Vera Kidd, Philip Bailey, Anne Cameron, Helen Jamieson, Peter Convery, Nan McFarlane, Trish McMinn, Richard McMinn, Lynn Anderson, Carol Pritchard

In attendance: Seonaid Lewis

Apologies: Linda Matheson, Jane Barker, Liz Ferries, Mary Kerr

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<p>Welcome</p> <p>Notes of previous meeting</p>	<p>Frances Carson opened the meeting and welcomed members.</p> <p>Agreed as accurate</p> <p>No matters arising</p>	
<p>Participatory Budgeting (PB)</p>	<p>Troon and Villages Decision Day feedback</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 159 people voted • 36 groups took part • 32 groups were fully funded • The R&A independently fully funded the four groups who missed out through the vote • Feedback has been very positive on the whole <p>PB Moving Forward</p> <p>Seonaid updated the group on additional funding - to build on the Council's successful community empowerment initiative, South Ayrshire Council is allocating approximately £80,000 per locality, to be administered through PB. This is in addition to existing PB funding.</p> <p>General discussion took place on future PB events, key points from discussion -</p> <p>Could hold two large events or one large event and 2 smaller neighbourhood events -</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller events would help build a sense of identity and enable more targeted projects in specific areas • Smaller events would provide more scope for collaboration on project bids • Needs to be a balanced approach • Neighbourhood events would support cohesion and enable groups from more rural areas to benefit • Do neighbourhoods feel that they miss out? Some have not participated at the 2 previous events, so perhaps smaller neighbourhood focussed events would encourage smaller villages to take part • Larger more prominent groups seem to be bidding at all of the events - should we revisit the criteria on repeat bids? • This is a lot of money and a lot of responsibility. Effective monitoring, evaluation and planning will be crucial. • This amount of money could have a real impact through more localised events and be linked more effectively to our identified priorities and ongoing neighbourhood activity - would help build capacity within communities and strengthen locality planning links • Longer lead in times would be beneficial - more time available to support groups through the process - project ideas, applications, pitches and format of event. • Smaller events would provide the opportunity to be a bit more creative around the format of the events - café style, market place, linked to existing/ planned community or awareness raising events – could consider evenings and weekdays, not just Saturdays • Smaller events could provide more scope for community led events - increase opportunities to bring groups together on joint bids and to share resources, skills and knowledge <p>General consensus was to hold 1 larger locality wide Decision Day early 2018 and 2 smaller neighbourhood based events before the end of 2017.</p> <p>This will be discussed further at next meeting and dates/venues agreed.</p>	<p>Seonaid - explore options, venues, dates etc.</p>
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<p>Mental Health Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Adult Mental Health Strategy 	<p>Liz Ferries was unable to attend the meeting to provide the planned input. This will be carried over to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Group took the opportunity to view the Draft Mental Health Strategy slides and discuss.</p>	<p>Seonaid - carry forward to next agenda</p>
<p>Connect2 update</p>	<p>The Connect2 group provided a brief update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The questionnaire is almost ready to be circulated and will be available at the next meeting 	<p>Fuller update & action plan will be provided at next meeting - Connect2 group</p>
<p>AOCB</p>	<p>Lyn Anderson provided an update on South Ayrshire Life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three staff members have been recruited to gather and upload the information. They will be starting the Girvan area and then moving on to Troon • VASA have a new South Ayrshire Life venue in New Market Street across from the Book and Bun. People can drop in for information, leaflets, signposting etc. • New Freephone information service will also be available • Hard copy Directories will be available post launch <p>Seonaid reminded the group about the Community Led Support Effective Conversations Training and encouraged group members to attend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introductory course - Tuesday 18th April, Walker Hall Troon (Reception Room) 10am - 12 noon ○ Full day course - Tuesday 6th June, Walker Hall Troon (Reception Room) 10.30am - 3.30pm 	<p>Seonaid - re-circulate information and Eventbrite booking links</p>
<p>Date and Time of next meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th April, 6.30pm Troon Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Troon.</p> <p>Future meeting dates - 17th May, 21st June, 16th August, 20th Sept, 18th Oct, 15th November</p>	