



## COMMUNITIES REFERENCE GROUP UPDATE TO COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

**Date of last meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

### **Main current focus of the group:**

The main focus of the Communities Reference Group is to inform the process of widening community engagement within a community planning setting through representation of communities of interest within the community planning structure, and forums that sit within VASA (Voluntary Action South Ayrshire) as well as community and third sector organisations. The Communities Reference Group will be used as a formal engagement process to discuss the development of CPP strategic plans.

### **PROGRESS UPDATE**

#### **Review of Communities Reference Group**

Following support by the CP Board to refocus the Communities Reference Group (CRG) to become a Community Engagement Co-ordination Group (CECG) work has been taking place to develop a new terms-of-reference and this was discussed by members of the CRG at their meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October. It is anticipated that the new CECG will be launched in line with the re-launch of Locality Planning Partnerships in the New Year. Unfortunately, the meeting scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> November was cancelled, however work has taken place to develop a plan on how the group would function operationally and this will be discussed with members at the next meeting which will take place in February.

#### **Annual Community Planning Webinar Series Event**

This took place over two weeks from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** where twelve webinars were held providing an overview of wider community planning activity to support our local communities including improving place and wellbeing, maximising income, addressing poverty, engagement and learning, green health, supporting children and young people and healthcare providing a more flexible support for local people. There were approximately 192 individual registrations for the webinars over the course of the two weeks. An outline of each of the webinars can be found in appendix 1. Webinar presenters have been asked for copies of the presentations and these will be uploaded on the CPP webpage.

### **KEY ISSUES/ACTIONS**

- **Finalise terms of reference for the Community Engagement Co-ordination Group; and**
- **Promote annual Community Planning Webinar Series event.**

**Report Completed by:**

**Officer: Linda West/Susan McCardie**

**Date: January 2023**

## Appendix 1

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022:</b>	
<b>2pm to 3.30pm</b> Trauma Informed Practice	This webinar will discuss what trauma is, it's prevalence and the impact that it has. There will also be a focus on vicarious trauma and how we can use coping strategies to mitigate impacts.
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022:</b>	
<b>10am to 11.30am:</b> Champions for Change South Ayrshire Champions Board	This webinar will focus on how members of south Ayrshires champions board use their lived experience of the care system to amplify young people's voices and help us all to better understand what matters to young people and their families
<b>3pm to 5pm:</b> Primary Care/Pharmacy	This webinar will explore the different arrangements and opportunities within GP Practices and Community Pharmacies to provide more flexible support for local people.
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022:</b>	
<b>10am to 11.30am:</b> It's good to walk!	This webinar will explore why walking is important and the impact it can have on physical, mental and social health. Information will be provided on the extensive range of walking opportunities in South Ayrshire, where and how people can be referred to access these opportunities.
<b>2pm to 3.30pm</b> Promising times ahead	Come along and hear what we are doing across South Ayrshire to shift policy, practice and culture so we can support South Ayrshires Parenting Promise that we have made to care experienced infants, children, young people adults and their families – that every child grows up loved, safe respected and able to realise their full potential.
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022:</b>	
<b>10am to 11.30am:</b> Green Health	This webinar will be delivered by NHS Ayrshire and Arran Public Health department, South Ayrshire Council Ranger Service and The Conservation Volunteers. It will look at the benefits of Green Health and will showcase the new Green Health app for South Ayrshire. There will also be an input on self-led opportunities and volunteering opportunities for green health in South Ayrshire.
<b>Monday 21st November 2022:</b>	
<b>10am to 11am</b> Thriving Communities Who are we? The story so far.....	Thriving Communities – This webinar will provide participants with information and progress on South Ayrshire Councils Thriving Communities Service. Officers will share the Thriving Communities vision and progress that has been made over the past 12 months across South Ayrshire.
<b>2pm to 3.30pm</b> Shaping Places for Wellbeing	This webinar will provide an overview of the Shaping Places for Wellbeing programme and some insight into the work taking place in Ayr, one of the programmes six local project towns they are working with. The session will be led by Irene Beautyman, Shaping Places for Wellbeing, Programme Lead. The Shaping Places for Wellbeing programme is a delivery partnership between the Improvement Service and Public Health Scotland (PHS).
<b>Wednesday 23rd November 2022:</b>	
<b>10am to 11.30am:</b> Young Carers	South Ayrshire is committed to identifying young carers and providing support to allow them to reach their full potential. In this webinar we will cover the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our statutory duties</li> <li>• Who is a young carer?</li> <li>• Roles &amp; responsibilities</li> <li>• Identification</li> <li>• Support available</li> <li>• Update on work in South Ayrshire</li> </ul>

**Thursday 24th November 2022:**

**10am to 11.30am:**  
Information and Advice Hub

This webinar will provide information on:

- Maximising Income through Welfare benefits;
- Managing outgoings through effective budget planning;
- Addressing Fuel Poverty; and
- Our council commitment to closing the gap and reducing poverty and disadvantage by providing a full circle approach to advice and information.

**2pm to 3.30pm:**  
South Ayrshire Lifeline and Supporting Older People (Voluntary Action South Ayrshire)

An information webinar on what South Ayrshire Lifeline website and helpdesk can offer on activities, services, support and signposting to the community of South Ayrshire. Information on the Out and About Service and Telephone Befriending will also be part of this session.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022:**

**2pm to 3.30pm:**  
South Ayrshire Violence Against Women Partnership

As part of the launch the 16 Days of Action campaign, this webinar will raise awareness of South Violence Against Women Partnership. You will hear about Sexual Violence Prevention workshops that are delivered nationally to young people across Scotland, the Police Scotland Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme, and a presentation by South Ayrshire Women's Aid on gender-based violence. An outline will also be provided of the Violence Against Women Partnership strategic action plan.