



**COMMUNITIES REFERENCE GROUP UPDATE TO
COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 20TH JANUARY 2022**

Date of last meeting: 14th December 2021

Main current focus of the group:

The main focus of the Communities Reference Group (CRG) 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

The main update from the CRG is from the Community Planning Partnership Series of Webinars which were held during the week of 15th -19th November 2021. There were 18 seminars over the 5 days (the seminars are listed below with a short description of the content). One hundred people attended the webinars over the five-day period with just over 400 individual registrations for the webinars. An evaluation survey was sent out after the seminars, which is attached below. A few highlights to be noted is:

- 31 people completed the survey
- Of the 31 respondents 42% gave a star rating of excellent, 48% thought very good and 10% said good.
- When asked if the webinars met their expectations 94% responded yes 3% responded no and 3% responded that they didn't know.
- When asked if there was anything that could be improved on, 10 people answered, of the 10 people 7 people responded with no and stated that the quality and format was excellent or good, 1 person had technical issues with one of the seminars and one felt there was little or no time for some Q&A.
- Some additional comments were that the webinar series was very well organised, having this online meant people could attend seminars that suited their diaries, useful information was gained from attending and would advise a repeated event next year.
- When asked if respondents felt they now know more about the Community Planning Partnership as a result of attending the webinars, 100% reported yes.



KEY ISSUES/ACTIONS

- Presentations/recordings on the webinars will be made available online for people to access;
- Planning for 2022 Community Planning Partnership awareness raising event;
- Consider ways in which to increase wider community attendance at future events particularly if they are in a webinar format;
- Consider membership of the group and look to expand as needed; and
- Continue to support wider engagement.

Report Completed by:

Officer: Linda West (Chair)

Date: 12/01/2022

Monday 15th November: Partnership Working

1.30pm to 3pm
Introduction to South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership and Partnership working in action

This webinar will introduce South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership and will set out some of the work that has taken place to develop the 'team around the community' model which is bringing services and agencies together to reduce inequalities and improve outcomes for those living in Wallacetown.

Tuesday 16th November: Supporting Older People to Live in Good Health

10am to 11am:
Dementia Friendly Communities

In this webinar, members of the Dementia Friendly South Ayrshire Steering Group will set out some of the local work to make sure our local communities have supportive environments for people living with Ayrshire and their carers.

11.30am to 12.30pm:
Social Isolation and Loneliness

The Webinar will showcase some of the local work supporting older people who are lonely and isolated linked to the SA Social Isolation Strategy and also the work that is in place to support those living with Learning Disabilities and Sensory Impairment.

1.30pm to 2.30pm:
Wellbeing Pledge

South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership will present an overview of the Wellbeing Pledge which aims to put power into the hands of communities to improve their wellbeing. Some early deliverables of this work will be discussed and attendees will be asked to think about how they can contribute.

Tuesday 16th November: Primary and Pharmacy Care for our local Communities

3pm to 4pm:
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.

Wednesday 17th November: Closing the Poverty Related Outcomes Gap

10am to 11am:
Champions Board

In this webinar members of South Ayrshire Champions Board will deliver a presentation on The Promise and what it means for young people with care experience and communities across South Ayrshire.

11.30am to 12.30pm:
Young carers

South Ayrshire is committed to providing support to Young Carers to allow them to reach their full potential. In this webinar we will cover the following :

- Our Statutory Duties to Young Carers.
- Considering the impact of the Caring Role on Young People's Lives.
- Identifying Young Carers
- Supporting Young Carers
- The Role of Team Around the Child
- Young Carers Statements
- What have done and how do we get better?

1.30pm to 2.30pm: Food Insecurity	This session will be about the Community Food Network Forum and the work they are doing to reduce food insecurity across South Ayrshire. The session will also include discussion on the new South Ayrshire Food Pantries and the hopes to bring a Good Food Plan to South Ayrshire.
3pm to 4pm: Employability and Lifelong Learning Partnership	This Webinar will give an overview of Employability and Adult Learning Opportunities across South Ayrshire. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the Employability and Lifelong Learning Partnership. • Update on local and national employability initiatives. • Adult Learning and Literacy support across South Ayrshire.
4pm to 5pm: Information and Advice Hub	This webinar will provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

Thursday 18th November: Showcasing Wider Community Planning Activity

10am to 11am: Caring for Ayrshire	Caring for Ayrshire is an exciting and ambitious programme that will transform health and care services across Ayrshire and Arran. Come along to this webinar hear about our vision.
11.30am to 12.30pm: Sustainability Partnership	Climate change - reflections on COP26 and what all this means for us in Ayrshire. The Sustainability Partnership will give a short presentation reflecting on recent events in Glasgow and some inspiring examples of positive action taking place now in Ayrshire. The presentation will end with a call to action - what is it you can do in your daily life to change things for the better?
1.30pm to 2.30pm: Introduction to Locality Planning Partnerships in South Ayrshire	The Webinar will explore Locality Planning Partnerships within South Ayrshire - looking at their purpose, their composition and how they work in Practice. It will also highlight the process for re-launching the Partnerships in the New Year.
3pm to 4pm: Community Learning and Development Plan	This Webinar will provide an overview of the recently approved Community Learning and Development Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is CLD? • National and Local Priorities • Explore opportunities to contribute to CLD across South Ayrshire.

Friday 19th November: Showcasing Wider Community Planning Activity

10am to 11am: 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.
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<p>11.30am to 12.30pm: Home Energy Scotland</p>	<p>Whether you are a customer, organisation, community group or partner, there are lots of ways that Home Energy Scotland can provide help and support. We are the free and impartial energy saving advice service funded by the Scottish Government. With fuel poverty rising this is a huge worry for many people; we can work with you to help reduce energy bills, provide advice on funding and refer vulnerable customers to our Energycarer service. Join us to find out lots more about what we do and how we can help.</p>
<p>1.30pm to 2.30pm: Power of Attorney Campaign</p>	<p>This webinar will set out what Power of Attorney is, how it might help you and your family and set out the work at local and national level.</p>
<p>3pm to 4pm: Whole Family Support/Team Around the Family</p>	<p>Sharing examples of how collaboration between families and services for children, young people and adults, creating a Team Around the Family, can enable families facing disadvantage to recognise and build on their strengths and find sustainable solutions to deep rooted problems.</p>