

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE
COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD 26th January 2023



COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Date of last meeting: 30th November 2022

CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

n/a

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP

The focus of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) going forward continues to consolidate and promote the work of the five Joint Action Groups (JAG's) and ensure that they are developing a partnership approach in support of the key priorities.

The CSP will continue to focus on plans and initiatives to promote the safety and wellbeing of local communities and visitors to South Ayrshire.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

Since the last meeting as Chair of the CSP I have met with each of the JAG chairs to refresh the Terms of Reference (ToR) and look at the coming Calendar/thematic work we can undertake to protect our communities in 2023. We have three new Chairs for Road, Fire and Water Safety, Intergenerational and Safer Places and I look forward to what they bring to each group.

Road, Fire and Water Safety.

We welcome new Station Commander at Ayr whom we are in discussion about taking over the chair of this JAG from the current chair, SFRS South Ayrshire LALO. I recently spoke to the chair about setting up an event to work on our joint approach to major incidents to improve the skills of those PIO/Incident Command trained. SFRS recently held a driver awareness input at Carrick academy along with Carrick Academy Campus Officer. This was well received and we are now looking at widening this in partnership with Thriving communities / SFRS and Ayrshire roads Policing under the banner of Reckless Driving Wrecks lives.

Intergenerational

The Intergenerational JAG has appointed a new chairperson as they have been without a chair for a significant period of time. At the meeting of their group in November a new terms-of-reference for the group was agreed. The group had conducted a survey of the intergenerational work being undertaken within the Thriving Communities Team and it has been agreed that this will be developed further and circulated to all CCP agencies. This survey will allow us to benchmark the current intergenerational work that is being carried out within the South Ayrshire area. The group have identified a possible project linking VASA and the Employability and Skills Team and this will be investigated by the group. The group will review their action plan and update this by March 2023.

Reducing Violence

Review of Op Inver

The group continue to work through the recommendations from the recent Operation Inver Review. (As previously reported on). We are able to update the following has now been implemented:

- CCTV now in the process of being monitored. This offers re-assurance to persons attending to enjoy the hospitality and night-time trade in Troon, Prestwick, Ayr and Girvan.
- Contact details are shared weekly along with the deployment plan to ensure effective communication between local Police and JAG members when they are on duty covering Operation Inver.
- Targeted tasking and pro-active weekly visits to licensed premises by police and the licensing standard officer (where appropriate) to ensure conditions of licence are being followed as well as offering advice, reassurance and guidance to all staff. (Every visit the attending police officer will submit a visit to licensed premise form on the Police data system Innkeeper.)
- Town centre radios carried by police and partners when deployed to ensure continuous lines of communication. (Awareness training still to be provided re the reporting mechanism to be used to report incidents including 101 and 999)
- Ensuring that Op Inver Plan resources (Police and partners) are deployed on foot and mobile patrol to assist with focussed patrols using an information led approach. This takes into consideration events, key dates, extended licensing hours, and anticipated footfall.

Xmas and New Year Initiative 2022

The festive initiative was successfully launched in partnership with Reducing Violence JAG members. It launched on the 28th November 2022 and continued until the 3rd January 2023. As a result of the initiative members were deployed throughout the festive period. Further details of the number of hours that members were deployed throughout the initiative and in support of the Op Inver plan will be provided at the next meeting. Police completed 270 inspections of licensed premises throughout the initiative. There was 18 incidents within premises resulting in 4 arrests and 13 persons being ejected.

Safer Places

The Safer Places JAG reconvened in September 2022 where we used our initial meetings to refocus the group. We are also reviewing our strategy with an aim to produce a calendar of events which will allow the group to have a clear plan for 2023.

The Safer Places JAG has been involved in a number of partnership initiatives which include:

Bonfire Watch 2022 ran from 21 October until 14 November 2022. This partnership approach resulted in South Ayrshire Waste Management and Scottish Fire and Rescue receiving 4 calls. We will be looking to improve our communication campaign in 2023 to ensure residents are aware of the campaign and how to report any illegal bonfires.

Several partner agencies worked together to resolve an ongoing issue with litter on private land behind shops on Whitletts Road. This involved engagement with shop owners and going through Thriving Communities Problem Solving Process to clear the lane and working with landowners to prevent the issue re-occurring. Follow up visits have found that the lane remains clear as owners are now taking a proactive approach in maintaining their land.

South Ayrshire Council Environmental Health Team have re-introduced their Dog Fouling Campaign, with regular social media posts and regular patrols across South Ayrshire in an attempt to educate our residents to reduce dog fouling in South Ayrshire. Environmental Health will work alongside Waste Management Enforcements Officers to carry out regular patrols throughout the year as well as continual communication via social media.

South Ayrshire Council's Waste Management and Environmental Health Team are working in partnership with Police Scotland as part of APARC (Ayrshire Partners Against Rural Crime) Quad bike initiative. This will involve our officers attending Quad Bike Training in February is delivered by Police Scotland which will allow joint patrols in problem areas across South Ayrshire to reduce fly tipping and other rural crimes.

To ensure we have clear communication and collaboration within the group a Microsoft Teams site has been created which allows all partner agencies to communicate, access and share documents all in the same place. Using this technology will allow us to provide instant updates on projects to all members of the group which will allow us to streamline our meetings and in turn have more time to take action to make South Ayrshire a Safer Place for our residents.

Violence Against Woman and Girls: South Ayrshire Violence Against Women Partnership

Throughout the 16 days of action there were numerous events working in partnership with SAC Thriving Communities, SFRS, Ayrshire College UWS, Star Centre, Moving On Ayrshire, Community Justice and Women's Aid. SFRS opened fire stations for pledge signing and to promote safe spaces, Moving On Ayrshire worked with campus officers to deliver inputs on online grooming using a video resource, South Ayrshire Council had drop in days at secondary schools in South Ayrshire and Star Centre delivered training at Marr College. The largest event throughout the 16 days was the reclaim the night walk which was well attended with over 250 people walking the streets to raise awareness and attracted media attention from West FM, Ayrshire Post, Ayr Advertiser and the Daily Record.

Moving forward the joint action group are focussing on International Women's Day on Wednesday 8th March 2023 and will be promoting the 'UK SAYS NO MORE' campaign promoting Safe Spaces. In the coming months the group will also be working in partnership with the IRIS and Escape Rooms to explore the possibility of creating an interactive, immersive experience with the theme of a coercive and controlling relationship.

Moving On Ayrshire have provided a lesson plan to accompany their grooming resource used during the 16 days and Barnardo's have come forward with further resources for attending secondary schools to work in partnership with the campus officers (pending funding).

The Iris is looking at creating a resource that can be used for the 16 days of action in 2023. Entitled '16 days, 16 stories' the resource would comprise of 16 videos covering 16 different topics/situations that relate to coercive and controlling relationships and all forms of domestic abuse. This is a very positive and ambitious project which is pending funding requests from SAC Thriving Communities and Police Scotland.

16 Days Evaluation

Events involving South Ayrshire this year include:

- Official launch of the campaign at Ayr Fire Station and Community Planning webinar involving various partners to promote the work of the partnership (Friday 25th November)
- Moving On open day (Wednesday 29th November)
- 'Reclaim the Night' Walk in Ayr town centre (Tuesday 6th December)
- 'Hysteria' the witch trials of Ayr – two presentations (Thursday 8th December)
- Star Centre Prevention team delivered Violence Prevention workshops to pupils at Marr College
- South Ayrshire Women's Aid ran information sessions in all secondary schools

LAUNCH / WEBINAR

To launch this year's campaign in South Ayrshire, Ayr Fire Station opened its door and encouraged people to come in and sign the white ribbon pledge. It should be noted that fire stations throughout South Ayrshire remained open for people to attend and sign the pledge.

There was also an online webinar delivered by various agencies to promote and raise awareness of gender based violence.

RECLAIM THE NIGHT

Support and promotion of Reclaim the Night Walk to highlight the need for women and girls to feel safe when walking through our towns, and to empower them to take action. The walk was organised by the Violence Against Women Joint Action Group to take place on Tuesday 6th December 2022. Ayr North Exclusively Women's We have decided to press on with Reckless Driving Wrecks lives this year, with a view to taking stock and progressing a new resource going forward. Group held a session to design the poster for the event and All Warriors Gym promoted it with their members and business premises throughout the town. They also showed their support on the night and provided a warm up before the event started. Over 250 people attended on the night for the 3-mile walk which started and finished at Ayr Academy campus. Tea/coffee/biscuits were provided for all those who took part.

Promotion / media coverage (west FM / daily record/Ayrshire post/ Ayr Advertiser)

HYSTAYRIA – The Ageless Persecution of Women

The Ayr North Time Team have been undertaking research about those accused of witchcraft in Ayr. They have worked with the Iris to create a performance which highlights this historical form of Violence Against Women. Members said "it is our aim is that whilst sharing the fascinating history of our town of Ayr we also start conversations about violence against women that occurred in the past, what's happening now in the present, with the hope of eliminating this in the future". Two performances took place on Thursday 8th December at Lochside Community Centre and the former district court at Ayr Town Hall. Each performance was followed by a question and answer session with the cast and production team which generated really useful discussions around violence against women. There was a lot of positive feedback from both the performances and the group will now look at the possibility of future performances to different groups. They are also keen to make a video resource of the performance which can be used to generate discussion and highlight the issue.

KEY ISSUES

- International Women's Day on Wednesday 8th March 2023
- ASB Action Plans for Easter School Holidays 3rd to 17th April 2023

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

Ayrshire Division's dedicated Wellbeing Department comprising of local officers continue to identify, engage and support local individuals and families who have been identified as vulnerable or at risk in an effort to improve the outcomes of those individuals.

This work is delivered in partnership with South Ayrshire Council, SFRS and other third sector organisations and pays particular focus on individuals and families living in Wallacetown.

Report Completed by:

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