

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE ALLIANCE**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING**  
**6<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 10.00 a.m. in Kilncraigs**



**PRESENT:**

Councillor Les Sharp, Clackmannanshire Council (*Chair*)  
Councillor Helen Lewis, Clackmannanshire Council  
Councillor Dave Clark, Clackmannanshire Council (*until 11:30*)  
Stuart Crickmar, Clackmannanshire Council  
Roddie Keith, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service  
Pete Leonard, Clackmannanshire Council  
Councillor Bill Mason, Clackmannanshire Council  
Mike Mulraney, Clackmannanshire Business (*until 11:45*)  
Roddy McDonald, Scottish Government;  
Fiona McOmish, Clackmannanshire Council  
Val Rose, Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface  
Drew Sinclair, Police Scotland  
Lawrence Wyper, Scottish Enterprise  
Alan Rennie, Forth Valley Health Board

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cherie Jarvie, Richard Thomson, Lorraine Sanda (Clackmannanshire Council); Pamela Duncan (Forth Valley College).

**1.0 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

**2.0 APOLOGIES**

2.1 Councillor Forson (*represented by Councillor Sharp*); Thom McLaughlin (*represented by Drew Sinclair*); Nikki Bridle.

**3.0 MINUTE OF THE CLACKMANNANSHIRE ALLIANCE MEETING HELD ON 7TH JUNE 2019**

3.1 The minute of the meeting was approved.

**ACTION**

**STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENTS**

**4.0 PRESENTATION ON MCR PATHWAYS**

4.1 There was a presentation by MCR Pathways on their school-based mentoring programme, which is being introduced into Clackmannanshire's 3 secondary schools. The programme, which is funded directly by the Scottish Government, aims to improve outcomes for care-experienced young people by building relationships and making connections between school and the workplace, through mentoring provided by volunteers.

Education is in the process of appointing 3 co-ordinators. A mentor recruitment strategy and campaign will target local and partner organisations.

4.2 Partners expressed their support for the initiative, which has already delivered promising results in other council areas.

## **5.0 SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE/EDUCATION – STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL**

5.1 Partners considered a report by the SFRS Area Manager and the Improving Outcomes Manager, Education, which set out a number of work strands being undertaken as part of a new strategic partnership between Education and SFRS. These were:

- i Developing the Young Workforce, with SFRS providing work placements for three young people during 2019/20;
- ii Skills Development/ Reducing Poverty; a new SFRS/Education Employability Course to be launched in Poverty Week;
- iii MCR Pathways; and
- iv Joint training and development, with the Educational Psychology Service providing training for the SFRS Community Action Team in the use of Trauma Informed approaches.

## **6.0 CLACKMANNANSHIRE ALLIANCE – LOCAL GOVERNANCE FEASIBILITY:**

### **6.1 LEISURE AND QUALITY OF LIFE PROPOSAL**

The Leisure Group met recently and agreed to undertake an audit of who is doing what and who is using what, in relation to leisure activities locally. The audit will focus mainly, though not exclusively, upon the 5 key facilities, and the main providers: WASP Leisure, the Council and the third sector.

A paper will be brought back to the Alliance in future.

### **6.2 ZERO WASTE – DIGNIFIED FOOD UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

Partners heard an update from CTSI on the Zero Waste Proposal. The outcome of a bid for grant funding is awaited. The grant would be to fund a furniture upcycling scheme at Forthbank, to be managed by ACE recycling.

An active travel survey is proposed for the area around Shillinghill.

Councillor Clark asked how many full time equivalent people are employed in the Third Sector locally. The CTSI Chief Officer will be asked to provide this information to Councillor Clark.

## **7.0 CHILD POVERTY & INCLUSIVE GROWTH SUMMIT – UPDATE**

7.1 At the June Alliance meeting, partners agreed to run a Poverty Week from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October, to coincide with the national Challenge Poverty week. This will provide an opportunity for partners and communities to come together to discuss the way forward. Communications will be sent out soon to promote the event, which will include training and workshops. Partners will be asked to make pledges around what they will do to help tackle poverty.

## **8.0 EMPOWERING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES**

8.1 A paper was agreed by Council 2 weeks ago which presented a number of proposals aimed at supporting and empowering communities. The paper acknowledged that much had been achieved in recent years, but that more is needed. Proposals in the paper included trialling the transfer of booking of sports pitches adjacent to community operated facilities to community groups and making bonds for Community Councils and Development Trusts discretionary.

Councillor Clark pointed out that, to date, £60,000 had been allocated to participatory budgeting, but that the requirement is 1% of Council budget,

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which equates to £1.8 million. Politicians are discussing how this will be done. Future strands of work include locality planning and community budgeting.

## **9.0 STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT AND RISKS**

9.1 Partners discussed the opportunities and risks relating to issues raised by the Strategic Director Partnership & Performance. The Council has a number of projects ongoing, including the installation of new fibre links to schools and the procurement of new IT systems for Social Services and Health & Safety.

It was suggested that it would be useful if partners could come together to discuss the potential for more collaboration on procurement.

Mike Mulraney advised that there is a willingness by large local companies to work with the Council.

Free wifi is one of the key issues in social enterprise, and Mike Mulraney suggested that the Council should seek advice on the potential impact of 5G before investing in this area.

The Strategic Director, Partnership & Performance and the Strategic Director, Place, will discuss horizon scanning on the issue and potential for leveraging other funds.

*Councillor Clark left the meeting at 11:30am.*

## **10.0 EU WITHDRAWAL**

Partners were given an update on Council arrangements in relation to Brexit. UK and Scottish planning assumptions have been revised and the Council is about to review risks and contingencies in this respect. COSLA and SOLACE are also working with local authorities.

Police Scotland are still working on a national plan, and are planning for a potential general election.

SFRS are in a similar position. Planning assumptions and preparations are in place.

Scottish Enterprise reported a reasonable level of resilience, but that Scottish and Clackmannanshire businesses would nevertheless be impacted. A huge amount of work is being undertaken by the Scottish Government, including planning for a no-deal scenario, and identifying what more would have to be done by both the Scottish and the UK governments.

The Scottish Government is looking at whether colleges and universities could step in to fast-track skills development. In addition, the Scottish Government is considering the potential for another recession, which could have a bigger impact than Brexit.

CTSI reported that it is impossible for them to plan adequately for Brexit, but that there could be increased demand for, for example, food banks and lunch clubs.

*Mike Mulraney left the meeting at 11:45am.*

## **PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

### **11.0 CLACKMANNANSHIRE COMMUNITY JUSTICE ANNUAL REPORT 18/19**

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- 11.1 Partners considered the Community Justice Annual Report for 2018/19. It was agreed that the report helps to inform people about what Community Justice is all about and the important work done by Community Payback workers was acknowledged.

CTSI said that they were disappointed that the Circle Service is to move to Stirling as there have been insufficient referrals in Clackmannanshire. The reasons for the low up take in Clackmannanshire are being investigated.

## **12.0 CLACKMANNANSHIRE EQUALLY SAFE BASELINE REPORT 18/19**

- 12.1 Partners considered the Clackmannanshire Equally Safe Baseline Report for 2018/19. The report is based on a self assessment of the partnership against the 5 Equally Safe Quality Standards, which has been submitted to the Improvement Service.

Although the rate of incidents of domestic abuse in Clackmannanshire is the highest among Scottish local authorities, this is improving. Police are actively involved with both victims and, through the Caledonian scheme, with perpetrators.

The next meeting of the Alliance, in December, will take place during the 16 Days of Action campaign. CTSI is organising activities locally and partners are encouraged to promote and support this.

## **13.0 THIRD SECTOR PERFORMANCE REPORT**

- 13.1 Partners considered a report from CTSI on Third Sector activities in Clackmannanshire.

Use of the Place Standard has been found effective for identifying key priorities which, for Alloa South and East, emerged as Care & maintenance, local economy and sense of control (for example local decision making). Police confirmed that the Place Standard has picked up on harder to reach communities. The use of the standard has stimulated conversations, which now need to be continued.

The Social Enterprise Festival is ongoing and will culminate in a 3 day exhibition at the Scottish Parliament

CTSI are in discussion with the Scottish Government and the Hunter Foundation regarding the Child Poverty Innovation Fund.

The Community House out of school club is facing a significant funding challenge, along with many other youth drop-ins. CTSI is waiting to hear from BBC Children in Need regarding a funding application, but if this is unsuccessful, the Community House will have to close.

## **14.0 AOCB**

The meeting closed at 12.15.

**Next Meeting - Friday, 6th December 2019**