



Children & Young People's Cabinet

Joint Meeting with Community Planning Partnership,

Held in Robert Burns Room, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock.

Wednesday 13th February 2019



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Session Report

In Attendance

Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Alex McPhee, Depute Chief Executive; Gwen Barker, Policy, Planning and Performance Manager; John Binning and Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner; Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; Linda McAuley Griffiths, Head of Education, Mark Hunter, Catering Manager EAC, Kerr Chalmers, Ayrshire Roads Alliance, Adam Strain, Team Leader, YPS&D, Val Russell, CEO Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce, Teresa Correia, Scottish Enterprise. Stagecoach representative Fraser Smith.

Kevin Wells, Service Manager, Early Intervention and Prevention; Heather McCormick, Community Worker YPS & D, Kerry Dair, Community Worker, YPS&D; Children and Young People's Cabinet Members : Terri Brown, MSYP, Sinead McBride, Ryan Chynoweth, Aimee Purdie, Eilidh McGinney and Isla Culverhouse, (Young Carers Rep).

Apologies:

Cllr Dougie Reid, Leader of the Council; Ryan Bartolo, Kirsty Ewart, Alice Brazier and Joanna Niven. (Cabinet Members).



COMMUNITY PLANNING CONFERENCE

East Ayrshire Community Planning
Partnership and
East Ayrshire Children and Young
People's Cabinet

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PROGRAMME

1.45pm	Arrival and Refreshments
2.00pm	Welcome and Introductions Fiona Lees, Chief Executive , East Ayrshire Council.
2.05 pm	Previous Minutes and Updates Kevin Wells, Service Manager, Early Intervention and Prevention
2.15 pm	Year of Young Person Update Kevin Wells, Service Manager, Early Intervention and Prevention
2.35 pm	Catering in Schools Mark Hunter, Catering Manager
2.55 pm	Intro to Discussion Groups: Child Poverty - Terri Brown, MSYP for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley.
3.00pm	Economy & Skills- Transport Sinead McBride
3.20 pm	Safer Communities- Rural Communities Eilidh McGinney
3.40pm	Wellbeing - PSE in Schools Aimee Purdie
4.00 pm	Way Forward and Close Fiona Lees, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council

Welcome & Introductions

Chief Executive, Fiona Lees and Terri Brown MSYP co chaired the programme for the Joint CPP and C&YP C Meeting.

Fiona thanked everyone for their attendance and said how happy she was to see such a good turnout; reiterating that meetings like these were a great vehicle for gathering information and young people's views through representation from the Children & Young People's Cabinet Members; and for the opportunity to co-chair this meeting with one of the local Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament; Terri Brown.

As there was a number of new faces around the tables, time was taken for everyone to briefly introduce themselves.

Fiona Lees then invited [Kevin Wells](#), Service Manager for Early Intervention and Prevention to give an update on previous minutes and actions taken.

Year of the Young People Update

[Kevin Wells, Service Manager](#) gave an update on the work of the Year of The Young Person.

Further to the YOYP as part of the Legacy Plan the Children and Young People's Cabinet will develop Youth Voice within East Ayrshire. The group have designed their own logo and paperwork which will be used for future meeting reports and any publicity.

They will continue to focus on the Health and Wellbeing Surveys annually with Catrina O'Neil, Education to get an overarching statement on the state of Children's Health and Wellbeing in East Ayrshire.

Going forward the Legacy will continue to focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing for young people in East Ayrshire.

They will further promote youth volunteering and increase opportunities for young people. This will correlate nicely with the increasing and recognising wider achievement and relevant awards evenings including volunteering fayres. The Children and Young People's Cabinet will also have sub groups who will work with Kerry Dair to co-design and co-deliver youth conferences and the above mentioned events for young people.

[Linda McAulay Griffiths](#) thanked the young people and Vibrant Communities Staff for the hard work over the past year in co-designing and delivering the Year of the Young People's Plan.

[Gwen Barker, CPP.](#), said it shows that this Authority listen to our Youth Voice and she would still like to develop a relationship with the Youth Cabinet and Kilmarnock Town centre regeneration group.

Full YOYP Annual Report is available on request.





Catering in Schools - Mark Hunter

Children and Young People's Cabinet members asked to have the opportunity to influence school dinner menus and increase choices. Mark Hunter, Catering Manager, EAC spoke about the work already being done to improve nutritional value and choices in schools. However, Mark gave an open invite to the Youth Cabinet Members to attend a taster session which would allow them the opportunity to contribute to the new menu ideas for vegetarian and vegan options.

Mark also gave a summary of some of the statistics to help local economy by having 90% of the suppliers being local businesses. Approx 75% of his budget is spent on local sources.

Mark offered opportunities for the Youth Cabinet to be part of future menu groups, healthy food surveys; possibly helped by youth cabinet members as previous uptake of these surveys have not been great.

Young people also asked Mark to look into the costings involved in the Healthy Eating Choices as e.g. "water is more expensive than fizzy juice" in schools.

[Linda McAuley-Griffiths](#) stated that all schools will have an App and any surveys/additional information can be sent out via this.

There have been huge improvements within Secondary Schools with most of them having Barista Training made available for pupils which could lead to potential job opportunities.

Some of the left over foods are blast chilled on days prior to public holidays etc and left for young people to take home free of charge to potentially address food poverty.

It was noted that during breaks, some pupils will leave school to get free Wi-Fi from shops etc, it may be worth considering free Wi-Fi in schools to encourage pupils to stay in school at breaks times.

Economy & Skills—Transport

New Transport Bill — C&YP Cabinet prepared a local response to the Bill, in particular to campaign for travel cards for children and young people.

Cabinet members also completed the online survey which fed back to Scottish Government and encouraged their peers to do so.

The East Ayrshire Submission can be seen on request.

Discussion took place regarding rural connectivity, particularly in evenings in the Doon Valley area. [Fraser Smith](#), Stagecoach, agreed to look into this further.

Young Carers – can young carers be considered for discounted travel? There are ministerial guidelines suggesting that this should be in place by 2020.

Consideration to be given to opportunities afforded for reduced travel costs by using the Young Scot Card. [Vibrant Communities](#) will further roll out the National Entitlement Cards. From the roadshows already taken place the paperwork was passed over to Wendy Murray (Resource Manager – Education, Economy & Skills who will follow up with requests for cards and replacements. This may also help with discounted travel for young people if they stay after school for pre-agreed activities.

The reason for this further roll out for Young Scot NEC Cards followed a request saying previous statistical information showed EAC had a lower than average uptake. However Wendy stated that the last audit shows a 90—92% uptake in East Ayrshire.

[Gwen Barker](#) from CPP will look at sourcing local discounts and offers for young people in East Ayrshire including contacting Stagecoach for further discussions on possibly reducing travel costs for young people under the age of 25.

[Linda McAuley-Griffiths](#), Head of Education stated that although the budgets allocated to schools are not infinite, there should be transport in place for after school events that young people are asked to attend. All schools have a responsibility and duty of care to ensure pupils get home safely from pre-arranged events.

Independent Travel — opportunity to remove tick boxes to confirm the requirement of a companion.

The C & YP Cabinet asked this of Strathclyde Passenger Transport. [John Binning](#), Strathclyde Passenger Transport; corresponded with the Cabinet through their Support Worker on a number of occasions prior to today's meeting however, this recommendation was not as simple as first thought.

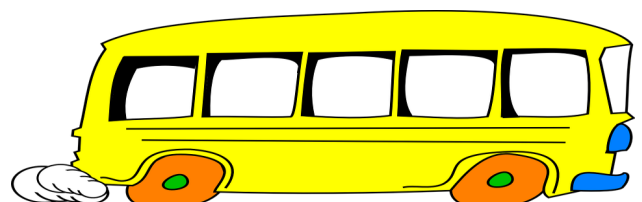
It appears that companions are linked to various degrees of benefits and/or DLA. [John](#) suggested contacting [DWP](#) to have someone explain this further.

The C & YP Cabinet sent an invite asking them to attend today's meeting however there was no representative present.

The Cabinet may invite them to another meeting to discuss further.

[Alex McPhee](#), Depute Chief Executive asked if the CPP would possibly be able to fund bus passes for Modern Apprentices/Young Carers?

[Gwen](#) stated that there may be other options in line with discounted travel cards etc through Young Scot NEC cards, however the CPP would look into funding options that may or may not be available.



C & YP Cabinet Member **Sinead McBride** asked why SPT and Stagecoach couldn't step in and cap fares. **Fraser Smith from Stagecoach** stated that ultimately Stagecoach was first and foremost a business and had to look at all aspects of rural transport, however they would look at how some routes could possibly be subsidised by other more popular bus routes. However Stagecoach did agree that they would look into a discounted evening card similar to the day time journeys card in operation.

C & YP Cabinet Member **Ryan Chynoweth** stated that most young people felt there had not been any change in relation to this over the years.

Linda McAulay-Griffiths insisted that each school has the opportunity to assist on an individual basis, but the onus is on the young person to represent themselves to their school to ask for assistance.



"Communication is key to making change".

My Bus – is there a potential to utilise this?

John Binning, SPT agreed that if there was a group requiring to use the My Bus service, it could potentially be okay to book it for that occasion. He said that he could see no objections to the occasional bus booking for schools if they were planned well in advance and availability was agreed. Further talks to establish some ground rules could be a way forward.

Safer Communities: Rural Communities:

Further consideration to be given to how to stop fire raising in local communities. The Youth Cabinet could take this forward as an awareness raising campaign locally and possibly nationally.

Look to attract additional external funding to increase the number of Fire Reach courses being offered. Possibility to involve Campus Cops in delivering Fire Safety Awareness at school assemblies and community youth provisions.

Further consideration to be given to Young People being involved in the Regeneration of Kilmarnock. Listening to youth voice would open opportunities to consult and engage effectively for the future of young people in the town Centre.

Gwen Barker, CPP, suggested further opportunities to meet with Youth Cabinet members to assist with consultations and engagement exercises, would be the way forward to ensure that this effective engagement and change happens.

MSYP's have since been approached to meet with Celebrate Kilmarnock Committee.

Opportunity to further consider how we could work jointly to promote staying safe on line and in the community. Perhaps this could be done in a similar vein to National video/media campaigns.

The opportunity to increase volunteering opportunities for young people across the Partnership to be considered. Volunteer Fayres for young people should be considered.

Fiona Lees, also highlighted the importance of volunteering opportunities for young people and how they are recognised for their achievements and volunteer hours.

Safer Communities: Rural Communities cont.

The opportunity to 'sponsor' young people interested in a teaching career should be considered. The consultation on Modern Apprenticeships has still to be announced.

This will be a main Focus of the Year of the Young Person Legacy Plan, as well as developing the an information pack and/or toolkit about Children and Young People's Mental Health.

Wellbeing:

PSE in Schools

Linda McAulay Griffith spoke about the new Scottish Government guidelines on PSE in schools, which was only as recent as last Friday passed out to teaching staff regarding the review of Personal and Social Health Education.

Young people asked for a more structured approach to PSHE classes and Linda said she would be happy to meet with the Cabinet to discuss further the issues surrounding PSHE in School, and in particular the topics they would like more information on.

Auchinleck Academy have a Mental Health Nurse in school and Linda asked if any of the young people had been consulted in schools as to how the Pupil Equity Funding should or could be spent. She explained that it was a two way exercise which should involve consultation processes with pupils.

Volunteering Opportunities for young people is also high on the agenda for members of the Youth Cabinet which they are excited about the opportunities available for young volunteers in partnership with various Council departments and external agencies. The Cabinet ask that the CPP approach their Community Planning Partners to consider further opportunities for young volunteers.

The Way Forward:

Fiona Lees, thanked everyone in attendance for the enlightening and interesting topics and conversations. Fiona thanked Kevin for the Update on the YOYP Plan and the proposed Legacy.

She said she looked forward to the updates and the growth of the Youth Cabinet the Legacy of the Year of the Young People in East Ayrshire, and that she was encouraged to see so many young people have their voice heard in East Ayrshire.

There being no further business, Fiona gave thanks to Terri Brown MSYP for co-chairing the Event with her and for the Youth Cabinet's continued work and commitment, the meeting was then closed.



Date and Venue of Next Meeting to be confirmed.

Further copies of this report may be obtained from

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