



# Children & Young People's Cabinet 2018

Report of the Cabinet Meeting held in the  
Ingram Room, Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock  
25th April 2018



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# **Young People's Cabinet Meeting**

**25th April 2018**

## In Attendance

### **Representatives from:**

Auchinleck Academy  
Grange Academy  
Kilmarnock Academy  
Loudoun Academy  
Doon Academy  
St Josephs Academy  
Park School  
Hillside School  
S McBride, Galston Young People for Change  
Carers Centre  
MSYP, Terri Brown, Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley Area

## Elected Members:

### **Councillor Claire Leitch**

## Apologies

Conor McNamara, MSYP Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley Area  
Children's Houses x 3  
Youth Work Partners– Barnados, YipWorld and The Zone Cumnock Academy  
Stewarton Academy  
Jordan Moffatt (FE Rep)  
Carolann Nesbitt, Connecting Voices  
Cameron Raeside– Grange Academy  
Heather McCormick, Vibrant Communities

## Facilitators and Support Staff:

Kerry Dair, Acting Team Co-Ordinator for Year of Young People  
Joyce McGregor, Community Worker  
Louisa McEvoy, Community Work Assistant  
Alannah Colvin-Muir, Snr Youth Worker  
Jamie Milby, Snr Youth Worker  
Caitlyn Brown, Assistant Activities Worker  
Karen Harrow, ASN Classroom Support

## Agenda for 21st June 2018:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Matters Arising from Cabinet Report of 25th April 2018
- Update from Cabinet Executive Group (Cameron Raeside)
- Guest Speakers
- Review Health & Wellbeing Surveys
- Group work sessions on Portfolio Holders Duties
- Any Other Competent Business
- Date of Next Meeting [Welcome](#)

## and Introductions:

Kerry Dair welcomed everyone to the Young Peoples Cabinet and introduced all staff to new cabinet members.

Louisa McEvoy was asked deliver a quick group Icebreaker which encouraged members introduce themselves to new members of the cabinet.

## Cabinet Executive Group Update– Terri Brown

Terri Brown, member of the Cabinet Executive group gave a brief explanation about the work of the group since the last meeting. Members of the group have helped with the Year of Young People Participatory Budgeting (PB) events. £60,000 pound was awarded to groups of young people across East Ayrshire through PB voting with 39 different youth groups or clubs gaining money. The Executive group supported all of the PB events having been involved with the project since the start.

Terri spoke about the Executive group meeting to discuss aspects of Year of Young People Plan. Some of these project are

Photography project and how best for this to run within East Ayrshire, the group have decided that this should be run through Instagram and will be an opportunity for young people to showcase views of East Ayrshire.

[Joint Meeting](#)      [Community Planning Partnership](#)

The group also discussed Play Day and having a Year of Young People area however they are looking for more ideas. This was put out to the group and suggestions made were Laser Quest and obstacle courses. Kerry indicated she would look into these possibilities.



Terri also explained the Youth Conference and Awards steering group have met and created the categories for the awards night in December. These categories will be open for nominations in June of this year. The nomination categories are:

Diversity & Inclusion Champion  
 Environment and Recycling Champion  
 Intergenerational Champion  
 Young Volunteer Champion  
 Sporting & Physical Activities Champion  
 Unsung Hero: Young Carers Champion  
 Youth Voice Champion  
 Champion Apprentice  
 Enterprise Champion of the Year  
 Health and Wellbeing Champion  
 East Ayrshire's Young Champion (overall winner)  
 [Depute Provost's Award]

Kerry gave a brief explanation about the Community Planning Partnership in East Ayrshire and the decision to have the Children and Young

People's Cabinet meet with the Partnership on June 21st. This meeting will enable young people to ask questions and find out what is important to them from the Community Plan.

The Cabinet split into small working groups and discussed the Community Plan and what success looks like. Young People said they liked the collaborative working of the community plan and they felt this shows how everyone cares for them to try to make these improvements. It was also noted that young people liked the plan because it was local and clearly for East Ayrshire's residents.

The groups had various discussions in their groups and fed back to the full cabinet. Questions were created to ask the Community Planning Partnership in June. (See Appendix 1)

As the meeting is an additional twilight meeting, cabinet members were asked to indicate who would like to attend the meeting in June.

Members who will be attending are:

Kirsty Ewart	Loudoun Academy
Ryan Chynoweth	Auchinleck Academy
Sinead McBride	Galston Young People for Change
Daniel Butcher	Park School Terri Brown MSYP Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley Area
Jack Tognini	Park School
Isla Culverhouse	Young Carers
Aimee Purdie	Kilmarnock Academy
Eilidh McGinney	Kilmarnock Academy

### [State of Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing in East Ayrshire.](#)

Kerry gave an explanation that the Cabinet will be looking at the "state of Children and

Young People's Rights and Wellbeing in East Ayrshire at the next sitting. The Children and Young People's Cabinet will create a statement that indicates their opinions as young people on their rights and wellbeing in East Ayrshire.



- Groups felt guidance teachers often did not have the skills/knowledge to support young people appropriately .
- Young People often felt that they are not listened to or respected and negative stereotypes of young people was prevalent. There was indication that some schools only have pupil councils for the junior year groups.
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- There needs to be more awareness of the UNCRC rights, particularly for young people who are unaware of these.

There needs to be more awareness and support for young people with Additional Support Needs, often teachers do not support young people who may be struggling with their dyslexia or other support needs.

- Members of the cabinet also indicated there was little support during school holiday periods particularly Easter holiday periods prior to exam study leave.

Drugs were frequently discussed throughout the day and the need to feel safe in the community.

Young People would like to know what Police are doing to improve drugs issues across the authority.

The cabinet indicated they would like the opportunity to invite Head of Education to give an update on the work that Education are doing to improve the rights and wellbeing within schools.

The group requested a representative from Police Scotland to give an update on their strategies to make young people feel safer in their communities, particularly in regards to the use drugs.

The cabinet were asked what they felt are the big issues for young people, and if they would like additional evidence to help with writing their statement.

Through Group discussion the following points were noted:



Strategic

Planning:

## Groupwork Sessions of Portfolio holders

### Duties

Cllr Leitch and Kerry gave the group a brief reminder about the portfolios they were nominated to take forward at the last Cabinet sitting. The group gave some suggestions for possible tasks for each portfolio holder to take forward as a young person or group of young people. These are actions that members will be encouraged to lead on throughout the year and start by themselves prior to the Joint Cabinet Sitting in August.

All portfolio holders began to consider actions to take forward in the coming months. Group members were asked to give outcomes that they would like to achieve and actions that will help them achieve these outcomes.

Cabinet Members who were not at the previous meeting were also given responsibility for portfolios. Each portfolio holder/holders have identified what their objectives are.

### Housing and Communities: Sinead McBride and Emily Chau **Outcomes:**

Residents to be supported in East Ayrshire so they can live safely and happily in their own communities

Town Centres to be more inviting to people of the community, visitors and young people (eg shop for clothes locally not online)

- Aesthetic structures more pleasing
- Safe and working parks

#### **Action:**

- Write to local MP or Councillor
- Social media Campaign to raise awareness in schools.

Kirsty

Ewart &

Amy



### Duncan **Outcomes:**

□ Schools and town centres to be refurbished and be more appealing places. More places for teenagers to go in rural areas **Action:**

- Speak to school staff for organising litter picks
- Speak to Council representative about litter clean ups.
- Link to Clean Green Vibrant Campaign

### Management and Resources: Jack Tognini **Outcomes:**

- Schools should be used by community Groups/clubs when schools close, this will generate money rather than being open during day only
- Use other council buildings out with office hours e.g. IT training for groups.
- Turn off lights in buildings to save money and be green!

#### **Action:**

- Make schools more accessible, Contact Head of Education, East Ayrshire Leisure or Mitie to ask for this.
- Staff buildings; make booking a space easy; and these can be advertised.
- Create a campaign for staff to switch off lights.



## Economy and Infrastructure: Ryan Bartolo

### Outcomes:

Better working safer transportation for young people

☐ Cheaper fares on things like buses and trains

☐ Rural bus services do run according to

timetables **Action:**

☐ Create a leaflet highlighting children's rights in terms of safe clean transport.

## Skills and Learning: Iona Charles, Daniel Butcher & Alice Brazier Outcomes:

People with ADHD are supplied with appropriate equipment to help them in schools

More Awareness of Additional Support Needs (ASN)

Encourage young people with ASN to be proud of themselves.

More options in school catering for non meat eaters.

More training for all teachers on how to deal with people with ASN **Action:**

Find out who requires specific equipment to help with concentration– eg stress balls

☐ Create Posters/ assemblies about ASN

☐ Set up groups at lunchtime/break

☐ Survey to find out what food people eat.

## Older People & Community Safety– Cameron Raeside

Unfortunately Cameron Raeside was not present at the meeting.

**Equalities, inclusion and poverty: Hildah Mtawali, Chloe McLelland, Ryan Chynoweth** **Outcome:**

- Educate on equalities and how to treat people as equals
- Educate on how to challenge discrimination
- Media influences how people treat each other.

**Action:**

- Schools assemblies and presentations that are interactive will raise awareness
- Poster Campaign, design it and consider best locations for these to be put. **Wellbeing: Aimee Purdie**

**& Terri Brown (MSYP)** **Outcome:**

- Reduction in children entering the criminal justice system.

**Action:**

- Create a toolkit for teachers that will make teachers more aware of how to report incidents and help to reduce anti-social behaviour.



Kerry thanked everyone for attending the explained more information about the next Partnership Meeting in June.

**Childrens Champions: Joanne Niven, Isla Culverhouse & Mary Beth**

**Sweeney** **Outcome:**

More Nurture Rooms

Young people eating school canteen food

- Young person's suggestion box for community change More afterschool clubs

**Actions:**

- Talk to teachers to have more rooms available

Workshop for pupil in the kitchen to raise awareness and work together to improve catering.

- Box created and put at school offices and assembly halls.

Children and Young Peoples Cabinet and Cabinet sitting and the Community Planning

As a final note, Vibrant Communities staff wished all the young people the best of luck with their up and coming Exams.

## **Future Dates for Your Diary**

**21st June**                      **Community Planning  
Partnership Meeting**  
**Shortlees Café Bar**

**25th June**                      **Full Cabinet Meeting**  
**Shortlees Café Bar**

**29th August**   **Joint Cabinet Meeting**  
**Council Headquarters**

**22nd November** **Full Cabinet Meeting**  
**Shortlees Café Bar**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**TO BE CONFIRMED**



**Once again many thanks to all who attended, presented and participated at the Children and Young People's Cabinet Meeting**

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**Community Planning Partnership and Young People Cabinet Meeting**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Young Peoples Cabinet pre-discussion and questions:

The young person's cabinet met on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the up and coming meeting with the Community Planning Partnership (CPP). The group reviewed the Community Plan and had various discussions in groups. Through discussions, the group highlighted they felt the CPP was a great idea because of the collaboration of partners working together, it highlighted that everyone cares and that the plan is local to East Ayrshire. The also indicated they thought the plan is bright and colourful but at times may not be dyslexia friendly and has too much "jargon" and can be hard to understand.

The groups read and discussed the different sections of the plan and the following questions should be raised:

**Economy & Skills**

As young people, transport, particularly buses is vitally important to be able travel across East Ayrshire independently. The group feel that bus prices have risen significantly in recent years, if this is the case, can the CPP please give us reasons why this is the case?

We would like to help and encourage more young people to use bus transport, would SPT be willing to work with us and education to produce student passes for school pupils? The pass could be used when staying on at school for extra-curricular clubs.

Many of us attend Academy's and are transported by bus to school as we live in rural communities. Unfortunately there is a lack of frequency of buses in rural areas, schedules don't match and buses leave before the previous bus arrives, this mean we as young people cannot attend groups in the evening because we live in rural towns, can there be a review of bus services in our rural areas and ensure we can travel home safely? Timetables advertised in some areas don't match the buses- Are SPT working to resolve this?

In the Community Plan, one of the action points is to make the town centres safe from drunken, rowdy behaviour;

Can you tell us what has been done so far to improve this?

Can there be better education in schools about underage drinking, vandalism and the laws around this? We feel this education is out of date and needs updated to highlight the consequences.

Many pubs allow their customers to smoke outside on the pavement, this means we as young people have to walk through the smoke or on to the pavement, can there be better policing of this or spaces created for them to smoke?

The groups had some discussions about rural areas in East Ayrshire indicating they felt there is a lack rural job opportunities in East Ayrshire as well as things to do in rural areas for young people and there needs to be work done to improve the phone service and connectivity done in these areas.

Can these areas be something that is focused on and improved through the community plan?

**Safer Communities**

What are "public protection arrangements" that you have mentioned under safer Communities?

Young People noted they felt there needs to be more police- indicating there's lots of crime but no police!

There is a concern that police are unable to support crimes due to the lack of police on the beat and this is causing crime not to be dealt with

Speed bumps on the streets don't work- people speed up between them, can there be a reduction in the speed limits?

Is it possible to make more safe spaces for young people to go to hang about and stay off the streets?

Social Media is a contributing to drug dealing through group chat (experienced by some members of the cabinet) as well as sharing images. How do we report this and is there any education being delivered about this?

**Wellbeing**

The group have asked what do the plan means by "vulnerable young people"?

When schools come out, the community often doesn't want to venture out. Misconception about young people, there needs to be more Intergenerational projects, can this rolled out across the authority?  
In the plan, it is indicated we will halt obesity, can you explain how this is being done so far?

The group discussed school meals and highlighted several key changes that would could help to halting obesity:

Schools should be pushed to have more vegetarian/vegan school lunch options.  
School food prices have increased. Bottles of water are more expensive then fizzy juice.

The plan mentions young people having an opportunity for positive destination. How are you providing opportunities for positive destinations? We note there are differences across all academies how this successfully carried out?  
Can there be better information for year groups about these positive destinations? There should be more  
Volunteering opportunities and raising awareness around these opportunities.

Many of the Cabinet members have indicated they would like to attend a meeting with the Community Planning Partnership and look forward to having an open discussion with the partnership.