



Children & Young People's Cabinet

AGM and Election of Office Bearers

19th August 2025



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East Ayrshire Council
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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 19th August 2025

Venue : Wallace Chambers, Kilmarnock 10-2pm

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | Aimee Sharp |
| 2. Minutes of Previous AGM | Aimee Sharp |
| 3. Matters Arising | Aimee Sharp |
| 4. Chairpersons Annual Report | Aimee Sharp |
| 5. Nominations for Chair Speeches | Kerry Dair |
| Completed Ballot Papers | |
| 7. Welcome to new Office Bearers | Cllr Cowan |
| Request for Cabinet Committee | |
| 8. Calendar of Future Meetings | Kerry Dair |
| 9. Engagement Session | Alison O'Kane |

LUNCH

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| 10. Campaigns for 2025/26 -
Updates where available
New Campaigns? | Emma Simpson |
| 11. Date of Next Meeting | |

Thank you and Close

Attendees:

11 EACYCP Members, 1 Elected Member, 2 EALT Staff

Grange Academy: Kayden Dunn, Tammy Whyte, Luke Hyslop

Doon Academy: Logan McLurkin

Robert Burns Academy: Alexander Gass

Stewarton Academy: Abigail Affleck

Loudoun Academy: Lily Robinson

Post School Attendees: Kai McLeod-Rye, Aimee Sharp, Morgan McPherson
MYSP, Emma Simpson

Elected Members: Cllr E. Cowan

East Ayrshire Leisure Trust (EALT): Adam Strain, Kerry Dair

Apologies:

St Josephs Academy: Nya Mohammed

Robert Burns Academy: Ruairidh McMeekin

Doon Academy: Owen Given

Post School Attendees: Lucy McKinnon

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting opened at 1000 hrs

Aimee Sharp (Chair) welcomed all members to her last EACYPC meeting. Each member individually introduced themselves to Kerry Dair (EALT Staff) as she has recently come back to the Cabinet after Maternity Leave. Welcome back Kerry.

Minutes of Previous AGM & Matters Arising

Aimee took us through the previous AGM minutes and highlighted some of the success from last year. There were no matters arising from the previous AGM minutes and they were approved by Tammy Whyte and seconded by Luke Hyslop.

Chairpersons Annual Report

Aimee provided us with the Chairpersons Annual Report for 24/25. Aimee also intimated that she is moving to London to study Musical Theatre and

would be stepping down from her position as Chair of the EA Children and Young People's Cabinet, she also read her resignation. The room was filled with emotions, and we thanked Aimee for her continuous efforts and support during this year. Adam Strain, (EALT Staff) thanked Aimee for her time and passion to the Cabinet.

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming year then began. 3 members had expressed an interest in standing; Emma Simpson, Abigail Affleck and Alexander Gass.

Those members gave an individual speech about why they wanted to be in such position and what their main campaigns are. Firstly, Emma Simpson stood, Followed by Abigail Affleck and lastly, Alexander Gass. (A copy of speeches are attached)

Ballot papers were then passed out to all members and collected.

Welcome New Office Bearers and Request for Minutes Secretary

Cllr Cowan (Elected Member) then counted all ballot papers, and the results were as follows:

Emma Simpson – Chair

Abigail Affleck – Vice Chair

We all praised these two members for achieving such roles. Following the election of the new Office Bearers, members were asked to consider a Cabinet Committee that would include a secretary and people to stand in for Chair and Vice Chair. We swiftly decided on Kayden Dunn and Tammy Whyte to work together and take minutes in future meetings and Alexander Dunn to be part of this committee.

Calendar of Future Meetings

Kerry then discussed the current meetings that are upcoming for the current and new year. All members discussed this and had potentially agreed upon a shared calendar for all Cabinet meeting dates. Kerry will issue an email with all these dates with reminders closer to the time of these meetings.

Dates of these future meetings are:

15th October– CYPC Meeting

28th November– Joint Equalities Meeting

12th February– CYPC Meeting

18th March– Joint Council Cabinet Meeting

3rd June– Volunteer Thank You event

18th June– CYPC Meeting

Planning Engagement Session – Alison O’Kane

Alison brought two other colleagues from her team. She wants our help to help design a Local Development Plan. We were then asked to fill out a survey on 17 different factors e.g.; Transport, Play and Recreation etc. We had some long discussions regarding different areas of the survey. All members completed the survey, and we thanked Alison O’Kane and her team for letting us be a part of this planning process. She then agreed to keep in touch with the cabinet and will feed back to us when she has collated our surveys. They thanked us for completing the survey Adam Strain left at 1300 due to other commitments; we thanked him for attending with us.

Campaigns for 2025/26

Our new Office Bearers had discussed their ideas for the upcoming campaigns. Idea’s that came out from members were;

Promoting Voting and Voting Age,

Young Carers

UNCRC – Doing Right of the month and we could promote on social media, Youth Support,

Skills for Life,

Intergenerational,

Youth Image and Recognition

It was then decided we would do an informal vote. We decided on three campaigns for 2025/26 and thought of some ideas for them. The campaigns chosen are Intergenerational and Community, skills for life and Youth Image and Recognition. Below are notes from about areas the cabinet will explore:

Intergenerational and Community

Intergenerational Days

Care Home visits and asking what they would like to see happen that would make a positive impact on them. Improving the image of young

people with different generations.

Meet with Centrestage classes, we thought we could have a Cabinet clash with one of their singing classes.

Skills for Life

Finance skills for young people

Voting Information, we also thought about bringing Elected Members to stand and speak about this. Secondary School Leavers Support, giving leaver pupils some support on general household “to do’s”. We thought about having cooking classes, how to do basic washing, ironing clothes and much more.

Youth Image and Recognition

Highlighting the positive things out in our community, we also thought about highlighting young people if they have achieved anything.

Bringing Journalists into our meetings, we could get a news article about the cabinet and getting positive things about young people out there.

Asking members from Radio stations to allow us to have a few minutes live on the radio to share things about the Cabinet.

General Discussion

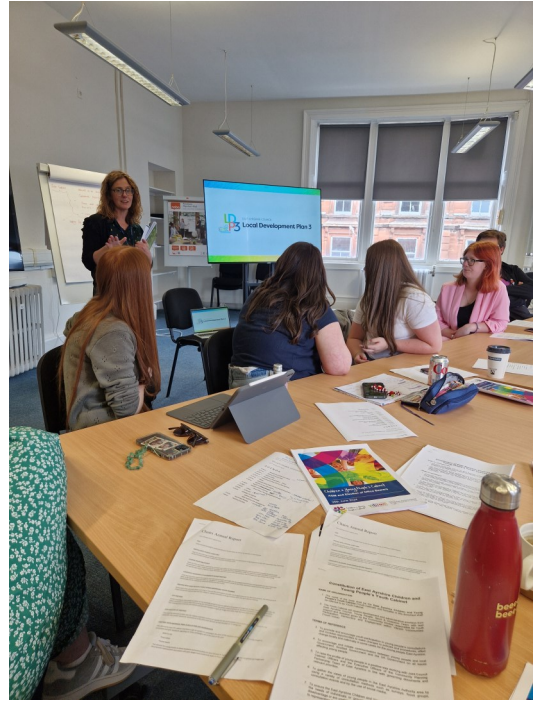
All members then discussed about different things about today's meeting. We talked about creating a EACYPC Handbook that would be given to new Cabinet members.

We agreed that we needed to improve on social media, Jessica and Lily will be taking the lead on this and actively posting about us. We brought up that we have far too many inactive members in our Cabinet Group Chat, that don't attend any meetings. We will be sending messages out to any members we think that fall into this category. We will then go out and recruit from across the authority for places that are vacant.

Lastly, we were thinking about running numerous fundraisers and applying for funding to spend on things to run in the cabinet. We weren't too sure what we would spend the money on, but we might raise this idea at the next meeting.

Members were thanked for attending today's AGM.

Meeting closed at 1400 hrs



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ABIGAIL AFFLECK SPEECH

(Campaign ideas: young carer support and politically neutral political party info in PSE classes due to lowering voting age)

I joined the cabinet over 2 years ago,

This past year I shared doing the minutes with Kayden which means poor Adam had to read all my notes.

From the first meeting I came to the cabinet. seeing Sarah and Caleb up there being chair and vice chair I knew I wanted to run , and then I saw Aimee and Emma running last year and I left that meeting saying I'm going to run next year.

And here I am so if that shows you anything I'm Dedicated. I'm dedicated to things I put mind to. I'm dedicated to the things I love.

I love these kind of roles, I project manage my f1 in schools team.

I love to organise events or meetings or send emails and helping out at days like the play day a few weeks ago.

But most importantly i love this cabinet , it brings me so much joy to be a part of it sit here with all of you

And I'd be so grateful if you would vote me be your chair or vice chair because I will put my all into this cabinet if you let me.

Thanks for listening to me .

Emma Simpson Speech

Hello, for those of you who don't know me, I am Emma. Firstly, I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for what an amazing year we have had together. Everyone should be very proud of themselves.

I feel like many of you don't know me very well, therefore I would like to tell you guys a little bit about me!

Recently I received the news that I have made it into Glasgow Caledonian University to study law. Studying law has been a goal of mine since the age of 5. During my studies I have found a passion for child rights.

With this passion, if I become chair I would like to explore this more through the Cabinet. I believe every child should know their own rights and should also educate others.

For those who I haven't told before. For the past two years I have been supporting my mum through her battle with Terminal Multiple Myeloma.

While helping my mum through her battle I received little support and understanding from my teachers. I would like to possibly start a campaign for this, As I was not deemed a carer I received a lack of support and was left to take on so much.

Another thing I am very passionate about is my local community despite the amount of amazing young people there are in East Ayrshire (everyone in this room currently included) Out young people have been overlooked sadly.

There is a lack of opportunity for many young people, with many falling into disruptive and bad behaviour. This is not completely the fault of East Ayrshire Council. However I do believe that if tackled effectively we could encourage many young people to respect their local area.

I could go on forever talking about myself and discussions I would like to bring forward for the cabinet. However, I would like to thank people, Firstly I would like to thank each and everyone of you amazing young people! You guys are a credit to East Ayrshire and yourselves. Next I would like to thank Adam, Andy and Kerry for their continuing support for helping all of us to facilitate change in Ayrshire. My final thanks is to the most inspirational woman I know, Aimee Sharp. Without Aimee last year I wouldn't of been able to keep my head on. She inspired me so much last year and I know in a few years time she will be making her West end Debut. I wish her all the best for this new chapter in her life. Go make us all proud Aimee!

Thank you for allowing me to spill all of my ideas onto you for the past few minutes. I really hope you can consider me to be your new chair for the 2025-26 session. If you would like to ask me any questions feel free to do so now. Thank you all again!

Alexander Gass

Hi as you know I'm Alexander, before I start I would like to thank Aimee for her incredible job as chair of the cabinet,. I also want to thank you for welcoming me ever since my first ever meeting every single one of you have opened up and welcomed me in.

For me leadership isn't about who can shout the loudest it's about who can listen the most and that's what i would do.

Regarding the campaigns I would like to continue focusing on health and wellbeing as I believe it's a campaign which we can do a lot and I strongly believe in I also agree we should do more work to support skills for life but if it's not new Im sure and have full faith in Abigail and Emma to make this cabinet better good luck to whoever becomes chair thank you.