

BUDGET CONSULTATION SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	Coalfield Community Federation
DATE	7 th November 2013
NUMBERS ATTENDING	11 + Councillor Menzies & Councillor McKay

POINTS/QUESTIONS RAISED		
TOPIC	QUESTION COMMENT	RESPONSE
Community Asset Transfer	Community interested in property. Would funding be available for improvement and could it be deferred until – match funding found? (solar heating)	Absolutely – funding set up to make process as easy as possible for community groups to take on property. Vibrant Communities can offer support and small grants available to assist communities. Up to £7500 so approach acceptable.
Shared Assets	You have looked at Roads in relation to shared assets working in partnership with another Council. Are other areas being looked at?	Looking at everything – already took too long re Ayrshire Alliance – but now possible. Want to work with other Councils as appropriate. We will look at each and every service, and if services can be joined then yes discussion will take place and identify a Lead. Work with Hearing Loss Scotland and RNIB re joint services. Current funding joining SW out of hours service which we lead with SAC/NAC.
Lugar Recycling	Lugar works taking over Skares complex – is it still economically viable?	Look at costing, sites etc. Site contaminated – working with roads. Costs doubled from original but possibility of savings being increased in relation to recycling. Going out to tender.
Waste Recycling	Food waste on TV campaign just now. Other countries have bio mass plants, only 14 in UK. Bio-mass Plant for electricity – could it be done in East Ayrshire?	Possibilities. Work with Billy Bowie for composting. Expressions of Interest being received for coal sites – could work for Bio-mass, but need to look at Project Development Plans.
Coal	Can Council utilise coal holes for waste? Sell to other councils or companies for landfill? Comment expressed by another participant about Council taking this approach as local residents may object.	Councils Policy position is that we have sufficient landfill for our needs. We want to reduce landfill. Other companies have shown an interest in landfill. All planning applications stands on its own merits.

Waste management	Brown Bin – why taken so long to come to this decision to reduce in winter?	Mixed views on this as keen gardeners regularly use. Brown bins will be able to be uplifted by appointment.
School Rationalisation	School rationalisation – villages proud of community schools. Community Council supported the relocation of Muirkirk Nursery into the school. If not got 85% capacity in school what happens?	Clarification given regarding 85%. – looking at average across the authority not 85% for each school. No plans to look at Muirkirk Primary.
Community Asset Transfer and Community Led Action Plans.	<p>Confusion in community with Community Led Action Plans being developed and CAT process in Mauchline. Confusion about Vibrant Communities role, when EAC taking buildings away.</p> <p>Successful planning in relation to Community Led Action Plan but support not unanimous.</p>	<p>Any change comes period of uncertainty. VC – help communities focus on what's important to them. Acknowledged that with CAT process at same time it can feel contradictory,</p> <p>Action Plan can highlight what's important in Mauchline. Understand mixed message.</p>
Promotions Department	It would be good to invest in promotional department to explain to communities that they need to do what they can for their communities. Not clear that everyone knows Vibrant Communities position and role.	All staff should be ambassadors of the work of council. Acknowledge complex issues not always gets message across correctly.
Social Care	<p>Independent living – CCF keen for changes for assessing in our own home. Sheltered Accommodation must remain. Keep old people in communities. Want to keep sheltered housing in Muirkirk. Need to support people to look at what options are available.</p> <p>No choices for elderly for end of life. Concern that they have no choice whether they can have council or Independent Carers– no say on what organisation they can choose or what nursing home. Problems arise when they do not having the same carer on regular basis this needs to be address. (specific issue highlighted) others included</p>	<p>Requires detailed consultation. Acknowledged nervousness and uncertainty for families in relation to social care for elderly.</p> <p>Savings part of bigger Health and Social Care Strategy. Need to avoid duplication.</p> <p>Decision moved from residential care to focus on living at home. Personal Service should be built around individual needs. Single shared assessments so changes should be done via integrated health care. Need balance of care in way packages of care are contracted. Service should be no different from EAC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 carers in 12 days • Dinner at 3.30 • Bed at 4.00pm • Dirty dishes left and elderly not capable of washing them up. They feel failure if not able to do things by themselves. <p>Continuity issues with some Independent contractors.</p>	<p>carer and independent carer. Any concerns should be brought to the attention of EAC as action can be taken in relation to contractors.</p> <p>4200 in own home, examples given of support telecare service, mobile teams and good night calls.</p> <p>Deeply regret that specific issue highlighted happened. Fiona Lees spoke to person outwith meeting and took details to follow up. (Action)</p> <p>Potential for volunteers to support elderly and develop local help and assistance. Council cannot do everything.</p>
Social Care	<p>Comment Personal experienced shared about sons experience in relation to independent living in Catrine which has been exemplary</p>	Acknowledged
Workforce	<p>Teacher training – welcomed & pleased to see that in presentation.</p> <p>Severance – 500 within local authority – fear burn out for employees left as posts/work doubled up. Workforce doing more and more for less and less.</p> <p>Staff always very helpful but concerned overworked.</p>	<p>Recognise that we have a lot of very motivated staff. Costs need to be reduced and aware of difficult decisions to be made. Staff have been reduced already and there are 500 have expressed voluntary severance.</p> <p>Decisions need to be taken on things we don't need to do anymore. Consultation will be important.</p> <p>We have a duty of care to our employees – Organisational Development in place to ensure support and training in place.</p>
Museum Collections	Will Council sell the 'family silver'? – will the Trust look at this in future?	<p>Clear collections policy in place. National agreement in place to ensure selling not an option.</p> <p>Trust is custodian – assets still EACs.</p>
Flower Displays	Flower displays in rural communities are beautifully	It is an option being considered and communities

	<p>maintained by EAC, will they now be grassed over?</p> <p>Why does Kilmarnock get free hanging baskets when others pay for theirs</p>	<p>must consider if it is a price worth paying or if money can be used in a different way. Communities will be part of that consultation. Smaller things can show pride more.</p> <p>People might think Kilmarnock get everything but not the case, 2/3 live out with Kilmarnock.</p>
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