



Children & Young People's Cabinet 2018
Joint Meeting with Community Planning Partners
On: Thursday 28th June 2018
In: Kilmarnock College



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21st June 2018

Session Report

In Attendance

Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of East Ayrshire Council and Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Board; Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Alex McPhee, Depute Chief Executive; Gwen Barker, Policy, Planning and Performance Manager; Bob McCulloch, Acting Head of Housing and Communities and Graham McGinn, Strategic Education Manager all East Ayrshire Council; John Burns, Chief Executive NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Eddie Fraser, Director Health and Social Care Partnership; John Binning and Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner; Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; Divisional Commander Paul Main, Police Scotland; James Scott, Area Manager Scottish Fire and Rescue; Carol Nisbet, Ayrshire College.

Kevin Wells, Service Manager, Early Intervention and Prevention; Kerry Dair YOYP Coordinator; Children and Young People's Cabinet Members : Cameron Raeside, Conor McNamara (MSYP), Sinead McBride, Taylor Wilson, Ryan Bartolo, Eilidh McHattie, Aimee Purdie, Eilidh McGinney and Heather McCormick, Community Worker YPS & D.

Apologies:

Mary-Beth Sweeney, YOYP Ambassador and Cabinet Member; Isla Culverhouse, Cabinet Member.



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

Partnership Room, Ayrshire College, Hill Street, Kilmarnock

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PROGRAMME

4.30pm Arrival and Refreshments

5.00pm Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Douglas Reid,
Chair of East Ayrshire Community
Planning Partnership Board

5.10pm Positivity of working together

5.20pm Community Plan

Initial Responses
Dyslexia Friendly?
Jargon-busting required?

Discussion Groups

5.40pm Economy & Skills- Transport

6.10pm Safer Communities- Rural Communities

6.30pm Wellbeing

6.50pm Way Forward

Chief Superintendent Paul Main,
Divisional Commander, Police Scotland

Welcome & Introductions

Councillor Reid opened the evening with thanks to all those in attendance and to Kilmarnock College for hosting the event and providing the refreshments for the evening.

He stated that meetings like these were a wonderful opportunity to get first hand views from the young people of East Ayrshire through representation from the Children & Young People's Cabinet Members.

It is important to listen to all the residents within East Ayrshire and consult with them in future planning projects etc. However young people's input can be key in moving forward with fresh new ideas; from simple things like the décor and design of a new kitchen in council houses which would modernise the whole outlook, and be more in touch with people's needs; than someone behind a desk choosing what they thought would be the best option.

Councillor Reid invited Eilidh McGinney and Aimee Purdie to feedback from the Children and Young People's Cabinet about the Positivity of Working Together through their interpretation of East Ayrshire Community Plan 2015-2030.

Eilidh and Aimee stated that the C&YP Cabinet Members were excited at the opportunity of joint working and partnerships that are already established within the Community Plan; however the initial responses from the group were as follows:

The document isn't dyslexia friendly, and has too much jargon within it. Perhaps a more jargon free/easy reader style could be adopted for future publications.

"As a Youth Cabinet having our say for the young people of our local areas; this is part of a really exciting time ahead as the voice of young people being listened to and indeed actioned on, we love being able to have a valuable contribution to this Plan."

Action Points from the Themed Economy, Skills and Transport Section



- ◇ New Transport Bill – C&YPC to prepare a local response to the Bill once announced, in particular to promote a travel card for children and young people. They should be encouraged to change the balance and redress discounting to include all young people up to age 26. Part of the Bill may allow local authorities to have more say on timetables.
- ◇ Young Carers – can young carers be considered for discounted travel, this would help them get to school on time if they are caring for parents, siblings etc. There has been a 15% increase in Bus Fares which is well over the rate of inflation.
- ◇ Consideration to be given to opportunities afforded for reduced travel costs by using the Young Scot Card. Promoting the Young Scot Card by transport providers should also be considered, however the uptake locally has never been great.

- ◇ Under 16 year olds should get half fares was suggested, however they have no actual Income to allow them to pay. Senior Citizens get free travel and yet they do have an income. Perhaps an alternative would be to increase the age of seniors to 65 for free travel which would free up some monies to accommodate the request for young people under 16 to travel free. Alex McPhee asked if the CPP would possibly be able to fund this. Can young people who walk to school be allowed to have a card that allows them free travel to school on local buses?
- ◇ Vibrant Communities should further roll out National Entitlement Card.
- ◇ “Age is a Protected Characteristic”, John Binning stated. However pressure could be lobbied to Scottish Government to extend travel concessions to Modern Apprentices. Group asked why SPT can’t step in and cap fares. One of the young people explained that it is cheaper for 4 young people to get a local taxi rather than a bus in many cases.
- ◇ Consideration should be given to meeting with Brian Souter, Stagecoach to advise him of the costs and timing issues locally.
- ◇ My Bus – is there a potential to utilise this?
- ◇ Consideration should be given to how young people can get free transport if they stay after school for agreed activities.
- ◇ Independent travel – the opportunity to remove the tick box to confirm the requirement of a companion should be considered.



Safer Communities: Rural Communities:

- ◇ The opportunity for young people to participate in a local review of PSHE classes to be considered, including content, frequency and targeted age range. Key areas for consideration, Alcohol and Drugs, Wellbeing, Smoking, Obesity rates.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Consideration to be given to the use of speed bumps and speeding in rural communities. Are speed bumps effective at reducing speed?
- ◇ 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 the video campaigns that are shown Nationwide.

Wellbeing:

- ◇ Children and Young People to have the opportunity to influence the school dinner menus and increase choice. Mark Hunter, Catering Manager, EAC to be invited to attend a future meeting of the C&YP Cabinet. Young people also suggested asking Mark about the costings involved in the Healthy Eating Choices as e.g. “water is more expensive than fizzy juice” in schools.
- ◇ The opening to increase volunteering opportunities for young people across the Partnership should be considered; this should include schools/student placements/apprenticeships/connections should also be made through CVO to increase wider age range.

- ◇ With regards to schools, EAC should perhaps aim to “Grow Your Own,” when offering apprenticeships leading to Teacher Training or Classroom Assistants with a codicil tying them to working for the Local Authority that sponsored them for a minimum number of years, which in turn will reduce the vacancies in the hard to employ areas such as Doon Valley and Muirkirk etc. Young people suggested perhaps a “Volunteers Fair” should be incorporated in a similar style to the locality Jobs Fairs.
- ◇ The opportunity to ‘sponsor’ young people interested in a teaching career should be considered. The consultation on Modern Apprenticeships has still to be announced.
- ◇ Mosquito Alarms – the C&YP Cabinet to advise if any ‘screamer sirens’ are being used in East Ayrshire to stop young people congregating.

The Way Forward:

Paul Main, Chief Superintendent, Divisional Commander Police Scotland, led the closing statement with the following suggestions for the future:

- ◇ The CPP should do more listening than talking; this was a very enlightening evening and some great ideas for the future have come forward from this meeting.
- ◇ Perhaps the C&YP Cabinet should be involved in other plans within the Community Plan, Thematic Meetings and perhaps a Joint Community Planning Partnership.
- ◇ The feedback from the Care Inspectorate Report clearly favoured the input from the young people involved.
- ◇ Informal gatherings like Listening Cafes with EA Partners; H & SC Partnership and CPP Executive Officers Groups would make a start and create a legacy for C & YP Cabinet.
- ◇ The motto from the event should be



Kevin Wells, Service Manager: Early Intervention and Prevention; thanked everyone for their contribution to a very successful meeting and looked forward to doing similar events very soon.

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