

Report

Report to:	Clydesdale Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Community Partnership Board Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Committee with background and an update on the work of the Clydesdale Community Partnership

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the progress being made in respect of the Clydesdale Community Partnership, be noted; and
- (2) that the content of the current Terms of Reference for the Clydesdale Community Partnership be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board undertook a self-assessment which was facilitated by the Improvement Service during January/February 2019. Following approval of the Best Value Assurance Report by the Council in June 2019, an extended Community Planning Partnership session took place on 11 September 2019 to consider the output of the facilitated self-assessment session along with the outcomes of the Council's Best Value Assurance Report.
- 3.2. A session with representatives from the CPP Thematic Partnership Boards took place on 3 October 2019 and draft implementation plans were prepared on the CPP structure, joint problem solving and scrutiny of the work of the Thematic Boards.
- 3.3. A further session took place with the Board on 23 October 2019 to consider how the CPP Board should be structured at a Thematic/Locality level. Proposals drafted by the Improvement Service and the Community Planning Team included the formation of Neighbourhood Partnerships at a locality level. These were approved by the CPP Board in December 2019.
- 3.4. These recommendations brought together community planning areas into 4 collaborative, locality-level, Community Partnership Boards - Rutherglen and Cambuslang, Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Hamilton which is still in development. Boards include representatives from development trusts, community councils, neighbourhood planning action groups and other local community anchor

organisations. They are chaired by community leaders who have a place on the CPP Board.

- 3.5. These Partnerships provide a link for the Community Planning Partnership to take forward the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans alongside its Community Partners.
- 3.6. The initial meeting of the Clydesdale Community Partnership was held in October 2021 with a second online meeting taking place in early February 2022. It was approved by the CPP Board on 2 December 2021 that the Chair of the Community Partnership join the CPP Board as a member in June 2022. The current Community Partnership Terms of Reference, which was approved by the CPP Board on 22 June 2022, is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.7. It was also agreed that the Clydesdale Community Partnership would provide quarterly update reports to the CPP Board.

4. Current Progress

- 4.1. Clydesdale Community Partnership continues to meet regularly with officers across the partnership in attendance to progress areas of interest. Transport has been identified as a key priority, and this was the key focus of their recent meeting. Representatives from the council's Transport Service and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) were in attendance. This partnership has also been awarded £2,750 from the Lived Experience Fund and the proposals will be discussed at the planned development session which is due to take place in September 2023. Intensive engagement from the CPP Development Officer and team colleagues has taken place with community councils and other stakeholder groups, including development trusts, which has resulted in membership increasing to approximately 26 members. This covers all the active community council areas within the locality.
- 4.2. At the meeting of the 22 March 2023, the CPP Board agreed to continue with the allocation of Lived Experience Funding to the Community Partnerships. An additional £2,000 has been allocated to Clydesdale. The Partnership will be supported to use this funding within their local area to gather the experiences of local people to inform a better understanding of inequalities.
- 4.3. Clydesdale Community Partnership continue to receive a monthly register of local and national information that is of interest relating to policy development and delivery. Local information is provided by some partners and is also acquired from a range of national sources. All partner contributions are welcomed and should be submitted to the Community Planning Team.
- 4.4. The CPP Development Officer is currently undertaking a mapping exercise to review how representative each of the current groups are of their local area. Where gaps have been identified, the officer has been attending meetings with Community Councils and Neighbourhood Planning Groups to promote the CPP and provide an update on partner activity.
- 4.5. Discussions continue with the Clydesdale Community Partnership regarding the use of the CPP website to further highlight the Community Partnerships as Community Planning partners, and through which to report their activity to the wider community.

- 4.6. Community Led Plans have been developed in [Biggar](#), [Carstairs](#), [Forth and District](#), [Lesmahagow](#), [Woolfords](#), [Auchengray and Tarbrax](#), [Kirkfieldbank](#), [Coalburn](#), [Douglas and Glespin](#), and [Rigside and Douglas Water](#). Locality priorities have started to be developed by identifying key shared priorities across localities. This provides the opportunity for wider resources to support actions over localities with a view to improving outcomes and to work in partnership at a locality level across South Lanarkshire. Clydesdale Community Partnership have been at the forefront of this activity, linking the local community to the Community Planning Partnership.
- 4.7. The CPP Board agreed to develop new neighbourhood planning arrangements in Lanark on 3 March 2021. Discussions have continued with the Lanark Vision Group and the Smyllum area of Lanark has been identified for a neighbourhood approach within the wider Lanark Vision. Positive work has begun with Healthy Valleys Initiative and local Housing staff around the Smyllum Resource Centre and Healthy Valleys have been approached to develop full community engagement processes for the area. It is recognised that the Smyllum area is disconnected from the Lanark community and considerable work will be required to build community cohesion.

5. Clydesdale Quarterly Update

- 5.1. The most recent Clydesdale Community Partnership Quarterly update report went to the CPP Board on 7 June 2023. Items will be progressed as appropriate with partners. An update on current progress has also been provided for information. The update provides a summary of the Community Partnership meeting which took place on 18 April 2023, including future plans and next steps.
- 5.2. The last meeting of the Partnership specifically focussed on transport within the Clydesdale area. Colleagues from South Lanarkshire Council's Roads and Transportation Service and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) attended.
- 5.3. The Council's Roads and Transportation Service delivered a presentation on the [Clydesdale Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance \(STAG\)](#) and [Active Travel Plans](#).
- 5.4. South Lanarkshire Council's Transport Strategy is being renewed during 2023. There will be opportunities for communities to provide views and comments, as well as contributing to the Active Travel plans being developed in the Clydesdale area.

Other Meeting Items Discussed

- 5.5. A number of issues were raised from representatives living in the following areas:-
- ◆ Quothquan and Thankerton – a detailed overview of current issues and proposed solutions relating to bus and rail services were raised on behalf of local residents. This included connectivity between bus and rail services, reliability, delays and traffic issues.
 - ◆ Leadhills – residents are experiencing issues with buses not turning up and changes to timetables. There is a shortage of drivers amongst other issues which impact the services to and from the area. This includes the services going to Moffat, Dumfries and Lanark.
 - ◆ Coalburn – residents are experiencing issues relating to transport to the Leisure Centre from areas within the Douglas Valley cluster.

- ◆ Woolfords, Auchengray and Tarbrax – residents reported that demand outweighs supply in relation to community transport within the areas.
- ◆ Forth – residents reported that the bus service route to Livingston has changed and now goes via Shotts. There are also issues with where bus stops are located, and the community would like to see shelters at bus stops.

5.6. There was also agreement to invite SPT and South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) Roads and Transportation Service to a meeting to provide updates on planned work.

Next Steps for the Community Partnership

5.7. Community Partnership members are considering the following in terms of future work:-

- ◆ proposals for spending the Lived Experience Fund monies
- ◆ use of graphics in reports and other Community Partnership documents
- ◆ utilising the Community Planning Partnership website to communicate their work
- ◆ reviewing the current Terms of Reference of the Community Partnership, including governance arrangements

5.8. The Community Partnership are also interested in learning more about Planning Services and Community Wealth Building and officers have been identified to attend a future meeting.

6. Can Do Community Challenge Fund

6.1. For neighbourhoods in the Community Partnership area that do not have PB funding, the ['Can Do Community Fund'](#) is a one -year Investment fund from South Lanarkshire Council. This funding aims to address specific needs, and targets projects identified through consultation with local communities. Monies are not available in areas where a Neighbourhood Plan is in place.

6.2. Community organisations, including Community Councils, have the opportunity to apply for grants up to £10,000 to tackle identified issues within their areas, whether they require revenue, capital funding or a combination of both. The fund has a £200,000 limit for the whole of South Lanarkshire and could benefit a minimum of 20 projects.

6.3. Area Committees will be requested to make the final decisions on those applications that have met the funding criteria and have evidenced community support.

6.4. This is funded on a one-off basis through the Reinstatement of Community Led Activities Fund £200,000 of Service Concession benefit will be used to reinstate the Community Led Activities Fund that was redirected to support the Warm Welcome Initiative.

7. Employee Implications

7.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

There are no climate change or sustainability issues associated with the content of this report.

10. Other Implications

10.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with the content of this report.

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

11.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation implications associated with this report.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient, and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware, and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable

Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress, and improve

Outcomes

- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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APPENDIX 1

Clydesdale Community Partnership

Terms of Reference

Committee Name

Clydesdale Community Partnership

Purpose

To ensure that communities are represented, influential and fully engaged in community planning.

Scope

The Community Partnership will:-

- Have a strategic role and act as an intermediary between communities, neighbourhood planning and the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- Promote wide, representative and inclusive involvement in our activities to ensure the views of underrepresented are recognised in CPP processes.
- Provide an opportunity for networking across communities.
- Promote awareness of wider Community Planning work through regular updates to each representative group and wider community.
- Act as a consultative group for new service delivery proposals from partners.
- Oversee the work to produce Neighbourhood Planning Annual Reports as required by the Community Empowerment Act.
- Act as a catalyst to promote and support co-production – To involve communities of place and interest in the design and delivery of public services.

Authority

- To act as an intermediary, building links between communities in the Clydesdale locality and the work of South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board.
- To ensure that opportunities for community involvement and influence in community planning are fully realised.
- To act as a consultative group for service redesign and new service delivery proposals from partners.
- Contribute to problem solving through the identification of challenges requiring joint solutions.

Membership

Membership will be made up of:-

- 1 representative from each established neighbourhood or community led planning Stakeholder Groups.
- 1 representative from each of the 16 Community Councils serving the Clydesdale area.
- 4 officers, representing the Community Planning Partnership Board at a local level.
- South Lanarkshire Council's Community Engagement Team (CET) will not be members of the group but two CET team members will attend each meeting to support facilitation and take notes.

Meeting arrangements

- Meetings will take place every 4 weeks and online during the developmental phase of the group and then will run quarterly in line with CPP Board meetings.
- Administration support will be provided by SLC Community Engagement Team.
- Agendas will be generated by Community Partnership members and distributed 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.
- Minutes will be distributed 4 weeks in advance of meetings.

Quorum

A facilitation role to be undertaken initially by the Community Engagement team until the group is more established and appoints a Chair and Vice Chair. A representative of the group will attend the CPP Board meetings on a rotational basis to give members an experience of the CPP Board.

Reporting

- The Community Partnership will share group minutes and provide an update progress report, at South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board meetings.
- The report will provide a general update on the Community Partnership's activities, any significant developments in terms of neighbourhood planning and any recommendations and/or requests for partnership intervention.
- The Community Planning Partnership Board will reciprocate by providing regular update reports to the Community Partnership through minutes and verbal reports by the Community Partnership Chair.
- Community Partnership members will have the responsibility of feeding information back to and from their representative groups. An update report will become a standing item on the agenda at Our Place Our Plan Stakeholder and Community Council meetings.

The Chair of the group, once appointed, will become a member of the Community Planning Partnership Board and will be expected to attend their quarterly meetings.

Resources and budget

- Admin and facilitation support will be from the South Lanarkshire Council Community Engagement Team.
- Support will be provided by the "Key contacts" identified across a range of CPP partners.
- Hall lets and general meeting cost going forward will within reasonable amounts be covered by the CPP's engagement budget.

Deliverables

- To establish a strong community led partnership that enables more effective links to be built between community priorities and the work of the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- To represent the views and aspirations of the wider community in community planning.
- To contribute to consultation around service delivery or redesign.
- To maximise opportunities for local people to be more involved and influential in decision making that affects them in line with the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership strategic priorities.

Key areas of focus include:

- Improving health and tackling inequalities
- Reducing crime and improving community safety
- Promoting sustainable and inclusive communities and opportunities for all through life
- Ensuring sustainable economic recovery and development
- Tackling poverty.

Review

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed on a 6-monthly basis for the first year, then annually thereafter.