

Ayrshire Network Meeting

Date: Thursday 6 November 2014

Venue: Burns Room, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 7BU



Present

Lynzie Kealy, Graceland Care Home Kilmarnock; Helen Brown, Ardrossan Castle Heritage; Steff Gaw, Vibrant Communities, East Ayrshire Council; Jean Wilson, The Ayrshire Community Trust; Barbara McNaughton, Vibrant Communities, East Ayrshire Council; Neil McKenna, Vibrant Communities, East Ayrshire Council; Ann Williams, Community Safety, East Ayrshire Council; Deirdre Oakley, North Ayrshire Council; Annie Brown, Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire; Gail Cassidy, Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire

Apologies

Lisa Morton, North Ayrshire Council; Mhairi Cook, North Ayrshire Council; Vera Kidd, South Ayrshire Council; Mary Scott, North Ayrshire Council; Bryan Jamieson, South Ayrshire Council; David Porte, South Ayrshire Council; James Thomson, South Ayrshire Council; Geraldine McGivern, South Ayrshire Council; Linda Graham, Partners for Inclusion; Kathleen Frew, Chest, Heart and Stroke; Ann Wilson, The Ayrshire Community Trust Ayrshire; Jackie Collins, East Ayrshire North Communities Federation

Welcome

Gail welcomed everyone and made a special note regarding first time attenders. For the benefit of new members Gail gave an overview of Generations Working Together, its remit and the background and the relationship between the organisation and the Ayrshire Network. The National Picture Report was given by Gail using notes provided by Alison Clyde, National Development Officer, Generations Working Together

Members' Update

Lynzie reported that a new project had just started up involving care home residents, pupils from St. Joseph's Academy which is facilitated by the Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire.

Neil McKenna, external funding officer for East Ayrshire Council stated that attending the Network meetings was useful information for him.

Helen (new to the network) gave a very interesting overview of Ardrossan Castle Heritage Project which is trying to restore the castle as well as regenerate the Castle Hill area in Ardrossan. Helen also volunteers with the Discovering Ardrossan – and oral history project which involves recording the memories of old Ardrossan. Well worth a look the websites.

Websites www.discoverardrossan.co.uk

www.ardrossancastlehs.co.uk

Helen has already joined Generations Working Together and has agreed to submit a case study. Jean also a new member of the group stated that The Ayrshire Community Trust were not involved in Intergenerational work at present but were keen to know more. Jean has since joined the network.

Steff, a modern apprentice within Vibrant Communities, East Ayrshire is very enthusiastic about IP and hopes to set up a project with the Shortlees Youth Club.

Ann Williams, Community Safety Co-ordinator at East Ayrshire Council, spoke about the value of using an Intergenerational Approach as a preventative crime solution. She also explained to the

group about a joint event being planned in partnership with schools, NHS, Police Scotland, the Fire Service and the Volunteer Centre which will take place in March 2015.

Case Studies

As there is no better way than telling the story of a project the group was given 3 different case studies from the GWT website. Following this group was split in twos and given approximately 30 minutes to come up with ideas for a case study using a blank template and a copy of the Scottish Government Performance Framework. The group found this useful and hoped to submit case studies to GWT.

GWT National Conference

Gail informed the group that Alison had asked if Ayrshire would contribute to the annual conference on 4th March 2015. Deirdre agreed to meet Gail to plan this piece of work. Gail said that she would contact David Porte from South Ayrshire and invite him to join the group. Gail thanked the members for attending.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.30.

Next Meeting

North Ayrshire - date still to be decided. It was suggested that it be held after the National Conference.