

Meeting: Clackmannanshire Alliance Board

Meeting Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 10am via MS Teams

Present: Cllr Forson (Chair), Cllr Lindsay, Cllr Benny, Nikki Bridle, Stuart Crickmar, Cherie-Ann Jarvie, Lorraine Sanda, Pete Leonard, Mark Bryce, Derek Grieve, Wendy Forrest and Lynne Cooper.

In Attendance: Eman Hani, Scott McDonald, Fi Griny, Lynne Cooper, Robbie Stewart and Veronica Cully

Apologies: Cllr Earle, Annemargaret Black, Eileen Schofield, Lawrence Wyper, Anthea Coulter, Audrey Marsh and Cathie Cowan.

1.0 Welcome from the Chair	
The Chair welcomed partners to the meeting and noted apologies	
2.0 Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising	
The minutes provided from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> December meeting were approved and no matters were raised.	All
3.0 Clackmannanshire Council Budget / Be the Future Update	
Nikki Bridle provided an update on Be the Future and the recently approved budget for 23/24. The Council met yesterday where a balanced budget was proposed and agreed with no amendments. The climate for the budget setting was extremely challenging but a strong focus was kept on stimulating the best prospects for the area as well as sustainability, both in financial terms and deliverability of services. Another strong theme in the budget is investment led recovery, particularly in the Capital Programme which has remained a conscious priority for Council for the last couple of years. An update will also be coming shortly following a session held with Columba 1400 around a month ago, this involved engagement with the Third Sector and Council Officers. One of the immediate tasks following the budget is to scope one of the pieces of work coming off the back of the session with Columba 1400.	
4.0 Cost of Living Update	
<p>Stuart Crickmar provided an initial update on work that has been ongoing since the last board meeting. Points included in this update are as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reference was made to a Council report from the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 which summarised the volume of work that has been ongoing.</li> <li>• Last Autumn a Cost of Living payment of £500 went to 5000 Clackmannanshire residents who were eligible for Council Tax reduction.</li> <li>• There has been an implementation of activities to support wellbeing through targeted responses to address financial insecurities.</li> <li>• There is also continued emphasis that advice and information is collated and provided through a one stop approach through the Council's website.</li> <li>• A meeting was held recently with Stuart, Cherie Jarvie and Lorraine Sanda to look at what actions remain outstanding where the short life working group was identified.</li> <li>• Cherie Jarvie highlighted that one of the actions looked at previously were monitoring performance measures to allow us to track and identify areas with the most impact. This will be an important action to pick up through the short life working group.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Forson noted that it would be worth touching base with Anthea Coulter (CTSi) on a third sector basis to see how things are panning out and if there is any update from Clacks services in terms of increased contacts/support.</p> <p>Iman Hani (CEO of CSREC and Board Trustee at CTSi) noted that she was attending on behalf of Anthea and provided a bit of information of her experience in Clackmannanshire's Third Sector. Some of the help being requested from the Third Sector has been monetary and others have been</p>	

asking for advice and support on directing people where to go. The measures introduced by the Scottish Government helped with some of these queries, but Iman noted that a more preventative type approach is required for dealing with most of the enquiries received. Iman confirmed that both CTSI and CSERC are happy to liaise alongside the Council to ensure customers are aware and available to reach the support available

Lorraine Sanda noted that the STRIVE project have noticed that there are increased waiting lists particularly for some Third Sector services. A piece of work is being completed just now to try and establish how long the waiting lists are for some of the services that people are requiring.

Cllr Forson thanked partners for their contributions and confirmed this item would be kept as a standard item on the agenda to allow updates to come back to each meeting.

5.0 Family Wellbeing Partnership Report

Veronica Cully provided an update on the Clackmannanshire Family Wellbeing and Social Innovation Partnership which seek to tackle poverty and support wellbeing.

Highlights of this update included;

- Different cohort work taking place which has allowed engagement with a range of partners and leaders.
- Two key areas of early intervention are taking place at the moment through STRIVE pilots in Park and Sunnyside Primary School.
- Clackmannanshire are 1 of 4 parts involved in the Early Adopter Child Wellbeing project. More uniquely though we are the only local authority who are specifically exploring best practice in working towards a mixed economy model.
- Working with children in St Mungo's Primary to create a Clackmannanshire Children's charter, following on from this the children then visited to Dundee to input completed work into a national charter.
- Building on from the last point work is now going towards create separate parent and partner charters.
- The LENS investment day is taking place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in Alloa Town Hall.

Nikki Bridle noted that it would be useful to bring forward some individual papers to allow partners to look further into some of the areas mentioned. Cllr Forson agreed with this as it would be particularly good for partners to be aware of ongoing work and possible areas where support could be offered.

Lorraine Sanda noted that over the course of 3 years by the time we are in 2024 that will amount to nearly £2.5 million invested into Clackmannanshire. There is also work ongoing in the background which involves Audit Scotland and aims to get an evaluation of what this type of model achieves for a local authority.

Cllr Forson confirmed that we will endeavour to bring forward future reports on the FWB partnership and asked partners to get in touch if they notice any areas where support can be provided.

6.0 Clackmannanshire Wellbeing Hub Update

<p>Robbie Stewart shared a presentation with the group which covered recent updates for the Wellbeing Hub. Highlights from the presentation included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ambition for the Wellbeing Hub is to deliver an inclusive, accessible and inspiring Wellbeing Hub &amp; Lochies School that improves the quality of life for communities across Clackmannanshire, particularly those facing inequality and disadvantage.</li> <li>• The aspired outcomes for the centre is to reduce health inequalities, encourage more people to be more active more often, create a place where people want to live, work and visit, build more community wealth, be more environmentally and financially sustainable.</li> <li>• The Sport and Active Living Framework (SALF) is at the mid point of a ten year strategy and an update on this will be brought to a future Alliance Board meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Forson thanked Robbie for the presentation and noted how it highlights the amount of processes and work that go into creating this facility.</p> <p>Cllr Benny pointed out that some people are asking what the Wellbeing Hub is along with where and when it will be here. Cllr Benny noted using the communication platform which is in development might be a good time to issue information on what we mean by a 'hub'. Robbie agreed with this point and the criticality of ensuring the right information is going out to the public. Cllr Forson confirmed that approval was given at the last Council meeting specifically for communication on the Wellbeing Hub. It was noted that information is already available to the public but recognition was also given that a communication strategy will help to push this further.</p> <p>Iman Hani noted that feedback being received from the children and families forum is concerns on transport to the new hub. Cllr Forson noted that travel is on the main agenda and active travel routes will be key to transportation. Robbie also noted that the active travel routes will be critical in looking at changing people's active habits. Pete Leonard confirmed that as part of the transformation zone approach a master plan of the town centre is being looked at as a whole and what kind of services can be provided as part of this.</p> <p>Lorraine Sanda noted the investment received from Sport Scotland which is partially for Robbie through a funded post, but there is huge national interest on what is going on in Clackmannanshire. Thanks were noted to Sports Scotland for their interest and investment so far.</p> <p>National not just local project, swimming is a national issue that is at the forefront of learning so we have the opportunity to get in front and take a lead on this.</p> <p>Cllr Forson standing item on council agenda – encourage to look at Council papers for updates. Specific website area available too for information on the wellbeing hub and ensure to direct queries to there.</p>	
<p>7.0 Clackmannanshire Violence Against Women Partnership</p>	
<p>Scott McDonald provided an update on Violence Against Women and Girls and the development of a Domestic Abuse Strategy. 4 key themes are being pulled together for this strategy with a real emphasis on partnership work to look at how we develop and intervene.</p> <p>Cllr Forson confirmed good to see the amount of work ongoing with partners in this area. Cllr Benny agreed with this but also noted the need to keep engaging with this and pushing it forward.</p> <p>Cllr Forson agreed to keep this item on the regular agenda moving forward.</p>	
<p>8.0 Local Outcome Improvement Plan – Engagement and Consultation Plan</p>	
<p>Cllr Forson highlighted that the Alliance previously agreed to put wellbeing economy as a whole at the centre of this plan.</p> <p>Cherie Jarvie noted that the paper sets out proposals for community engagement and consultation on the refresh of the LOIP 2017/2027. The report seeks to gather agreement/support from all</p>	

<p>Alliance partners in supporting a process of engagement which will ensure the LOIP reflects the needs and priorities of Clackmannanshire's communities over the next 4 years. Cherie noted that some partners are missing from this call and will therefore pick this up separately with them.</p> <p>Cllr Forson noted that that we haven't had any business representation on the Alliance for a while and is keen to get business and private sector input into this agenda.</p> <p>Lynn Cooper noted that a call can be sent out to Scottish Enterprise account managers of Clackmannanshire based companies to see if any are interested in being part of the Alliance. Cllr Forson noted that this would be helpful.</p> <p>Cllr Forson highlighted that it would be useful for partners to commit to running engagement events which could see different perspectives coming forward.</p> <p>Cllr Forson asked partner organisations to nominate a representative to the Short Life Working Group at their earliest convenience but no later than Wednesday 15th March</p>	
<p>9.0 AOCB</p>	
<p>Cllr Forson highlighted that the Council have received an award of £0.5 million from government in developing vacant and derelict land at the Forthbank area around community led food growing programme. Pilot hoping to expand on, opportunity for other partners to get involved. If detail then get in touch and we can send out some details.</p> <p>Cllr Forson thanked partners for attendance and contribution at today's meeting, if anything on the agenda look for information or get involved in then contact Cllr Forson and Cherie.</p> <p>WF providing update on community locality planning across Clackmannanshire as there are areas where this may link in. Cllr Forson agreed to add onto a future agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Forson in person or virtual attendance – attempt in person meeting at some point. Next alliance meeting focussed on working draft of the LOIP so would be good to have as in person.</p>	