



THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

REPORT OF MEETINGS

COMMUNITY LEARNING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

26 April 2022

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CP = Community Planning; CPEG = Community Planning Executive Group; CPPB = Community Planning Partnership Board

1. Jamie Ferguson gave a presentation about place planning and the place planning partnership.
2. Local place plans are picking pace. The intention is to give local communities more say in how council planning affects their lives. The local authority now has an obligation to take into consideration local place plans when making planning decisions for that community.
3. There are national drivers (the NPF4, changes to legislation e.g. Planning Act Scotland 2019, funder requirements).
4. There is a drive for community empowerment from Scottish Government.
5. The Place Planning Partnership (PPP) has membership from DGC, NHS, TSDG via the locality hubs, SoSE and Borderlands and community groups such as the Stove.
6. A local place plan will be an aspirational plan for that community and will be built up from community consultation and will have an action plan and may use the place planning tool.
7. The PPP reports to the CPPB. The DGC economic development place officers will be involved in development of place plans. The locality hubs are the recognised vehicles for place plan development and delivery.
8. The presentation covered the guidance for development of local plans and the use of the place planning tool.
9. Some communities in D&G have already indicated that they would like to develop place plans: Dalry, Kirkcudbright, Gatehouse, Tongland, Lochside.
10. There is not a definition of place for D&G and in Scotland; 'it is for the community to define'. A place plan has to submit a map which shows the exact area the plan covers.
11. It is not clear who signs off the place plans. The SG guidance says the council has a duty 'to promote and advise on place planning and to register place plans. The new council will be asked to clarify the decision-making process for place planning.
12. Serena Dunlop spoke about the Covid recovery plan for D&G. CPEG initiated a rapid review of the recovery plans of the CP partners. It was to focus on emerging priorities and the process was to complement the wide range of work already underway.
13. From the rapid review the CPP needed to prioritise: workforce challenges, personal resilience, employability, digital inclusion, place and climate change.

14. The response is now a collective endeavour. We are aiming to achieve three national outcomes as well as local priorities and objectives. We have aligned the various themes for D&G in a matrix which is available.
15. There is an update on the progress of the recovery plan every quarter at the CPPB
16. Regarding the digital skills project; Stephen outlined the development of the Digital Skills Strategy. I mentioned our disappointment that the strategy has proceeded unaligned with our own digital exclusion research project. I said I hoped this could be addressed at a meeting planned for next week. I offered to give a presentation to the CLDP at a future date. This was welcomed.
17. There was a discussion about the performance of the CLDP and the self-evaluation tool if we were to undergo an inspection.

