

COUPAR ANGUS LOCALITY WORKSHOP REPORT

Attendance (in Person)

Clare Mailer	Depute Director (Communities Service)	Perth and Kinross Council
Fiona Robertson	Head of Culture & Communities Services	Perth and Kinross Council
Lynn Brady	Revenues & Benefits Service Manager	Perth and Kinross Council
Nicola Sutherland	Welfare Rights Team Leader	Perth and Kinross Council
Carole Hendry	Performance & Business Support Manager	Perth and Kinross Council
Amanda Taylor	Locality Manager	Health & Social Care Partnership
Mairi Todd	CLD Worker	Perth and Kinross Council
David Stokoe	Service Manager (Communities)	Perth and Kinross Council
Lee Haxton	Community Planning Team Leader	Perth and Kinross Council
Alison Seggie	Service Manager (Economic Development)	Perth and Kinross Council
Sandra Whamond	Careers Advisor	Skills Development Scotland
Camille Vickers	Social Prescriber	Health & Social Care Partnership

Attendance (Microsoft Teams)

Fiona Angus	Community Engagement Worker	Health & Social Care Partnership
Stephen Halcrow	Principal Information Analyst	NHS Tayside
Donald Strawson	Safer Communities Coordinator	Perth and Kinross Council
Nicola Drew	Head Teacher – Coupar Angus PS	Perth and Kinross Council
Lucy Pringle	Depute Head Teacher – Coupar Angus PS	Perth and Kinross Council
Michelle Dow	Service Manager (Housing)	Perth and Kinross Council

Background

The Community Planning Partnership agreed to accelerate locality working in two specific localities, Coupar Angus and South Crieff. The purpose of this work was to identify a small number of partnership actions which would add value to existing work in each locality and make a positive impact on at least one of the five strategic priorities of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

Inequality and Root Causes

Attendees were asked to consider what they felt were the biggest socio-economic challenges facing Coupar Angus and what they thought were the underlying root causes of these issues. The following points were made:

- Low wages and few employment opportunities within the town
- Seasonal and low wage employment, especially in agriculture
- Limited and expensive public transport
- Lack of childcare options
- Lack of physical and digital connections – issues with social isolation
- Hidden costs of living rurally, income has less value
- Community “split” into wealthier retired people and younger families who could be struggling
- Limited access to activities and clubs for children
- Poor access to key services including health and health advice
- Issues with income, employment and social connections have negative impact on mental wellbeing
- Lack of awareness of the support that is available, and limited options within the town

Actions

Attendees were asked to identify specific actions that could be taken to tackle the identified inequalities and their root causes. The following suggestions were made:

- Review facilities in the town to ensure effective and efficient use
- Work with transport providers and employers / key services to provide local transport solutions
- Targeted work experience opportunities through local employers
- Learn from positive work elsewhere e.g. Kinross Hub and Letham4All – Strathmore Stronger Communities could provide this function
- Join up funds to increase impact e.g. HRA, CIF and Common Good
- Use food as a positive focus for community activity
- Link PEF with online and digital access

Next Steps

Attendees agreed that the key themes emerging from the session were around food; community facilities; and access to services. Specific actions for Coupar Angus will be written into the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and provide a focus for Community Planning Partnership activity in 2022/23.

LOIP Priority	Year 1 Action
1. Poverty	Undertake Poverty Profiling in Coupar Angus and identify local interventions
1. Poverty	Develop Food Co-operative for Coupar Angus
4. Skills, Learning, Development and Employability	Undertake Community Asset Review for Coupar Angus to ensure facilities are being used as effectively and efficiently as possible
1. Poverty 2. Mental & Physical Wellbeing	Provide key outreach services to the local community
4. Skills, Learning, Development and Employability	Facilitate improved collaborative working between community groups in the town and support volunteering
1. Poverty 4. Skills, Learning, Development & Employability	Investigate options for local transport solutions, with direct input from employers and service providers
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