



Minutes of the meeting of the Orkney Partnership Board

held on 11 September 2015 in the Council Chamber, Orkney Islands Council

Present:	Steven Heddle John Ross Scott Alistair Buchan Eddie Graham Graeme Harrison Gail Anderson Sally Inkster Colin Mair Bill Ross Kristin Scott Caroline Sinclair James Stockan Billy Wilson	Orkney Islands Council (<i>Chair</i>) NHS Orkney (<i>Vice-Chair</i>) Orkney Islands Council Police Scotland Highlands & Islands Enterprise Voluntary Action Orkney Orkney Housing Association Ltd Improvement Service Orkney College Scottish Natural Heritage Integration Joint Board Highlands & Islands Transport Partnership Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
By invitation:	Lt Col Ian Foulkes WO2 Scott Hazell	71 Engineer Regiment (<i>for item 4</i>) 71 Engineer Regiment (<i>for item 4</i>)
In attendance:	Gillian Morrison Caron Jenkins Anna Whelan	Orkney Islands Council Voluntary Action Orkney Orkney Islands Council (<i>Secretary</i>)

Item	Topic	Lead	Purpose
1	Apologies for absence	Chair	
1.1	Cathie Cowan Barbara Foulkes Gary Reid Linda Rosborough Craig Smith Anthony Standing	NHS Orkney VisitScotland Scottish Sports Council Scottish Government Location Director Scottish Environment Protection Agency Skills Development Scotland	
2	Draft minutes of the last meeting of the Board on 15 June 2015	Chair	To amend as necessary and agree the minutes
2.1	The minute was approved: proposer: JRS, seconder: BR.		
3	Matters arising	Chair	To consider matters arising from the minutes
3.1	<u>Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) (item 12.1)</u>		

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	It was noted that OHAL had submitted applications for a Social Enterprise Training Hotel and Supported Retirement Housing, both located on the old Jewson site in Kirkwall.		
3.2	<u>Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (item 11.1)</u>		
3.2.1	It was reported that the Act had received Royal Assent and was now statutory.		
3.2.2	Colin Mair noted that the Scottish Government was expecting to see progress on joint resourcing. The Board collectively might be scrutinised, and individual partners definitely would. Getting Orkney's LOIP done early would help to shape the forthcoming statutory guidance on the Act.		
3.3	<u>Draft Special Protection Areas – Orkney (item 3.5.2)</u>		
3.3.1	The Board noted the briefing note requested at the June meeting and provided by the Council's Development and Marine Planning service. It was noted that the Council was trying to prevent the planned consultation from going ahead due to the presumption of enactment which would carry a negative socio-economic impact from point of consultation. The Board was invited to consider whether they wished to respond collectively to the consultation if and when it took place.		
3.3.2	Members of the Board confirmed that they were happy to endorse a Board response. The draft proposals did not appear to have been island-proofed and therefore contravened Orkney's policy as set out in the draft LOIP. Kristen Scott confirmed that it would not give her, as SNH representative, any difficulty if the Board wished to respond on a majority basis.		
3.3.3	It was agreed to prepare a Board response to the consultation, if and when launched, and to circulate the draft to the Board for comment prior to submission.		
			<u>Action: AFW/RM</u>
4	Update on Firm Base and the Army Reserve in Orkney	Lt Col Ian Foulkes	To report on new initiatives
4.1	Colonel Foulkes introduced himself as Commanding Officer of 71 Brigade (Engineers) and Chair of Orkney Firm Base. He liaised with 51 Brigade (Infantry) which had the Scottish lead for Firm Base. Col. Foulkes noted that the Army Reserve was a voluntary organisation and supported the Healthy and Sustainable Communities priority of Orkney CPP. In Orkney they operated as a full-time, part-time and spare-time employer. They also ran the Orkney Army Cadets, which were very much a youth organisation rather than a military one. It was noted that Orkney was considered an exemplar of community support for the Reserves and for Firm Base, and it was hoped to learn from local good practice to assist the 7 Scots and 105 Artillery Brigades which supported the Western Isles and Shetland Reserves respectively.		

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4.2	Col. Foulkes reported that Brigadier Paul Harkness was writing a discussion paper on future options for the Scottish islands, to be considered by his successor in the context of the Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015. Creative proposals to encourage recruitment to the islands Reserves included:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling veterans to retain their former cap badge on joining the Reserves • Amending entrance criteria to specify fitness level rather than age • Reducing the current 27 day (per year) commitment to training • Increasing flexibility to offer personalised packages for mutual benefit 		
4.3	It was noted that the NHS had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the MOD to use military GPs, and confirmed that NHS Scotland was considered the "gold standard" for employers with regard to the Reserves.		
4.4	It was noted that there was scope for a larger Reserve to support local initiatives such as HiFRS, provided these were, and were perceived to be, independent of any recruitment activity.		
5	Community Justice Transition Plan	Caroline Sinclair	To update the Board on requirements for CPPs for 2016/17
5.1	Caroline Sinclair reported that the Council was required to submit a transition plan by the end of January 2016, setting out how it would manage the transition to a Community Justice Partnership. Caroline proposed to bring a framework plan to the next Board meeting.		<u>Action: CS</u>
6	Orkney Community Plan 2015-18 (the LOIP) – Consultation draft, Equalities Impact Assessment and SEA Screening report	Anna Whelan	To note launch of consultation
6.1	Anna Whelan reported that the public consultation on the draft LOIP was under way with a closing date of 8 October. It had been publicised via editorial content on the Orcadian website, a public notice in the print copy, and Radio Orkney. It was noted that an EqIA had been prepared and would be amended as necessary following the consultation. A Strategic Environmental Assessment screening report had been submitted to the SEA Gateway.		
6.2	In discussion it was noted that:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The content of the LOIP needed to be pitched at the right level to report the right level of detail to the Board – not too much or too little. • The Board's role was to stay focused on outcomes and ensure that the Delivery Groups were progressing their own strategic priorities. • The Board should take ownership of the shared challenges (on page 14), and ensure they were being addressed collectively, as they were too big to be assigned to any one Delivery Group. 		

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6.3	A consultation report and revised draft LOIP will be submitted to the next Board meeting.		<u>Action: AFW</u>
7	Healthy and Sustainable Communities Delivery Group	Cathie Cowan	To adopt outline action plan and approve proposed membership
7.1	No papers had been received for this item and it was therefore deferred to the November meeting.		<u>Action: CC</u>
8	Vibrant Economic Environment Delivery Group	Graeme Harrison	To adopt outline action plan and approve proposed membership
8.1	No papers had been received for this item and it was therefore deferred to the November meeting.		<u>Action: GH</u>
8.2	Concern was expressed that the Delivery Groups were moving at different rates and it was suggested they should identify any additional support they needed for consideration by the Executive Group.		<u>Action: CC/GH/AFW</u>
8.3	It was agreed to circulate the proposed memberships for both Delivery Groups for agreement outwith the meeting, and to set a date to discuss the draft action plans in advance of the next scheduled Board meeting.		<u>Action: CC/GH/AFW</u>
9	Community Planning Audit – Follow-up work by Audit Scotland	Gillian Morrison	To report progress and advise on next steps
9.1	Gillian Morrison reported that the Council's response to the Community Planning Audit was being monitored and reported on by Audit Scotland as part of the Council's overall annual audit. The feedback was good, with some caveats on joint resourcing and performance measures.		
9.2	It was noted that joint resourcing was to be addressed by the workshop planned for 1 October. A model was being developed which would enable joint resourcing to be piloted in datazones qualifying as the most deprived in Orkney according to SIMD methodology.		
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10	OCCP Development Plan	Anna Whelan	To report progress and consider any changes
10.1	Anna Whelan reported that completed items had been taken out of the plan as circulated. Progress to date in the remaining actions was noted on the plan.		
10.2	It was noted that action 17 (resourcing core support for OCCP) was overdue and was due to go back to the Executive Group on 28 October.		

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11	CONTEST/PREVENT	Eddie Graham	To report progress
11.1	Eddie Graham reported that the PREVENT workstream had generated actions for both the Council and the Community Safety Partnership, which were in hand.		
12	Positive Ageing Delivery Group	Gail Anderson	To report progress
12.1	Gail Anderson presented the progress report for the Positive Ageing Delivery Group. She noted that the group was functioning well collectively, and was aiming for co-production with community groups in the longer term.		
12.2	It was noted that there was still some juggling to be done regarding how the Board, the Integration Joint Board and the Delivery Groups related to each other, but this was still being resolved at a national level.		
13	Integration of Health and Social Care	Caroline Sinclair	To report progress
13.1	Caroline Sinclair reported that the Shadow integration Joint Board had been established, and had a seminar scheduled for the following week. The IJB had a wider range of representation than the OHAC Board.		
13.2	It was noted that the biggest challenge still to be addressed was the reconciliation of IT systems between health boards and councils at a national level. True integration could not be achieved until this was resolved.		
14	Any other business	Chair	To raise any other competent business.
14.1	<u>Refugee crisis</u>		
14.1.1	The Chair reported on local responses to the Syrian refugee crisis and the rollout of the expanded Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, as announced by the UK Government and supported by the Scottish Government. Numbers were currently under discussion and if applied pro rata would translate to very few in Orkney but local services were assessing their readiness to respond as outlined in the late paper submitted to the meeting.		
14.1.2	It was noted that local suggestions to use the old Papdale hostel would not be practicable as it was currently declared unfit for habitation, and the Council could use other accommodation depending on availability, especially if numbers were small.		
14.1.3	It was suggested that there was scope to attract refugees with the skills and demographic needed by Orkney by being proactive and promoting an "Orkney offer". Sally Inkster noted that OHAL had already done something similar in North Ronaldsay.		

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14.1.4	It was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support measures taken by partner agencies to assist refugees. To mandate a Short Life Working Group to co-ordinate the Partnership response to the refugee crisis and develop an Orkney offer. Membership of the SLWG would include the agencies listed in the briefing note, plus the Chair of the Orkney Partnership Board, plus Citizens Advice Scotland, plus Councillor Andrew Drever in his capacity as a member of COSLA's Community Wellbeing Group. 		
15	Date of next meeting and close of formal meeting	Chair	To note the date of the next meeting
15.1	The next formal meeting of the Board will be on 16 November 2015 at 14.00 in the Saltire Room at NHS Orkney.		
15.2	The following meetings are scheduled in addition:		
	1 Oct 2015 Council Chamber	11.00- 13.00	Joint Resourcing "Summit" – Workshop with Kenny Low of the OIC Change Programme
	2 Nov 2015 Saltire Room, NHS Orkney	14.00- 17.00	Introduction to Participatory Budgeting with Alan Budge of PB Partners
	3 Nov 2015 Venue TBA	09.30- 12.30	"Hands on" practical workshop on Participatory Budgeting for practitioners and other interested staff, with Alan Budge of PB Partners
16	Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report	Roddy Mackay	To present the Main Issues Report and consult the Board
16.1	Roddy Mackay tabled a public consultation circular issued on the Main Issues Report, and an extract from the full document. He noted that he had previously attended the Board in June to present on the links between spatial and community planning. It was planned to publish the draft Local Development Plan in the new year, and establish links with the strategic priorities set out in the LOIP. Ideally the LDP and LOIP would be part of the same suite of plans.		
16.2	The public circular was commended as a good model for future OCPP consultation.		
16.3	It was noted that the closing date for the consultation was 15 September and partner agencies would be submitting individual responses as appropriate.		

The meeting closed at 17.00.