



Minute of the meeting of the **Orkney Partnership Board**
held at **2pm** on **6 November 2020** via Microsoft Teams

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| Present: | James Stockan Meghan McEwen Gail Anderson Seonag Campbell Cheryl Chapman Alan Dundas Michael Dickson Raymond Fallon Graeme Harrison Thomas Knowles Gillian Morrison John W Mundell Marcus Shearer Mark Shiner Graham Sinclair Craig Spence Matt Webb Anna Whelan | Orkney Islands Council (<i>Chair</i>) NHS Orkney (<i>Vice Chair</i>) Voluntary Action Orkney Skills Development Scotland VisitScotland SEPA NHS Orkney Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Highlands and Islands Enterprise Historic Environment Scotland Integration Joint Board and Orkney Community Justice Partnership Orkney Islands Council Scottish Ambulance Service Orkney College / UHI HITRANS Orkney Housing Association Limited Police Scotland Orkney Islands Council (<i>Secretary</i>) |
| By invitation: | Gavin Barr Jim Lyon Glen McLellan | Orkney Islands Council Orkney Islands Council Economic Recovery Steering Group |
| In attendance: | Andrew Kemp | The Orkney Partnership |

1. Apologies

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| David Drever Andy Fuller Alan Johnston Rachael King Leslie Manson Graham Neville Garry Reid | NHS Orkney Scottish Ambulance Service Scottish Government Integration Joint Board Orkney Islands Council Scottish Natural Heritage Scottish Sports Council |
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2. Draft minute of the meeting of the Board on 24 August 2020

The minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising

- 3.1. At 3.1 under matters arising, the climate emergency working group had been due to report back at this meeting but will instead report back to the next Board meeting in January. There is also a desire for the group to work with the Economic Recovery Steering group to ensure they are aligned with recovery and avoiding duplication.

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- 3.2. At 3.2 under matters arising, James Wylie had been in touch with Maree Todd MSP on several occasions and it was agreed that the action can now be closed.
- 3.3. At 3.3 under matters arising, regarding NHS Orkney could assist with capital funding for the nursery provision. It was agreed that this had moved on since and that this action can now also be closed.
- 3.4. At 3.4 under matters arising, child poverty was on the agenda for discussion later. The Chair highlighted that was a new scheme which will be available from March with funding available for children under six years old. He encouraged all partners to help ensure that those who are eligible know to avoid families missing out.

4. Living Well Delivery Group update

- 4.1. The group were scheduled to meet on the 8th December where they will be reviewing and updating their delivery plan. They will be taking into consideration the Covid-19 pandemic and the capacity of the group members.
- 4.2. The child poverty short life working group were meeting regularly and will be reporting back at the meeting in December.
- 4.3. The Chair of the group had attended the Care 4 People group to ensure alignment and avoid duplication.
- 4.4. He also highlighted that there was a need for all partners to also be mindful of their own teams wellbeing during this challenging time and ensure they can continue to support the wider community effectively.
- 4.5. The Vice Chair had been invited to a recent physical/activity wellbeing meeting and it was expected that the intention was that this would also feed into the Living Well Delivery Group.

5. Strong Communities Delivery Group update

- 5.1. The group had met and agreed to reduce the delivery plan and actions in recognition that other organisations and partnerships were taking on some of the work during the pandemic.
- 5.2. The following items from the plan were highlighted:
- At A2 of the strong communities delivery plan – an evaluation had been completed and report provided in the meeting papers. The evaluation demonstrates the real impact of the community led project. This had enabled the funding to be extended for a further two years with the scope having been extended to all age groups and broader focus on social inclusion, community and individual resilience, and access to services.

- Additional items had been added to A3 (secure additional resource to enable effective analysis and dissemination of data currently held) and A4 (explore the value of establishing work 'hubs' in islands and rural areas) following a recent meeting.
- 5.3. The Vice Chair welcomed the enhanced wellbeing report and congratulated the group and Isles communities for delivery of a transformative project.
 - 5.4. The group agreed to have a conversation with SDS about also using the community hubs to promote upskilling, reskilling, work opportunities and online learning.
 - 5.5. It was agreed that the partners and groups in Orkney need to ensure that they share data effectively to avoid duplication of effort. It was acknowledged that the Economic Recovery Steering Group (ERSG) had setup a 'Data Think Tank' for this purpose.

6. Vibrant Economy Delivery Group update

- 6.1. The group had not met since the last Board but the members are heavily involved in the response efforts. The following specifics were highlighted:
 - A large amount of funding had been received and distributed by the teams to communities and businesses.
 - Members of the group were also involved in the ERSG 'Think Tanks' and also engaging with the various sector groups.
- 6.2. It was noted that the delivery plan had not yet been revised but it was felt that the majority was still relevant. Brief updates were given on digital connectivity, transport, Brexit, skills and talent attraction. Marketing had also been adjusted to focus on the online selling of Orkney produce including an extensive media campaign.
- 6.3. Green recovery and the blue economy will be key to national and local recovery planning so it was anticipated that there will be significantly more work to do in the coming months.
- 6.4. It was noted that SDS were working on some information around the workforce, challenges, opportunities and replacement demand. Once available this could be presented to the partnership.

7. Covid-19 community recovery update

- 7.1. Gavin Barr introduced the report and acknowledged that a number of recovery based items were already on the agenda for discussion. He highlighted the following:
 - The Community Liaison Recovery Group and Strong Communities Delivery Group were continuing to provide an effective method for routing information between the agencies and communities.
- 7.2. It was queried how tourism sector were involved in the current recovery planning. It was confirmed that the economic development team were continuing to engage with sector representatives. The ERSG were also

looking to reach-out to the local business community as they move forward with their plans.

- 7.3. There was a further query regarding the support for people who are self-isolating. It was confirmed that there were links via social work duty system to public health and also to the council benefits team.

8. Economic Recovery Steering Group report

- 8.1. Glen McLellan introduced the report and apologised that it had been sent to members late due to the short turnaround time. He highlighted the following:

- The history of the setup of the group and who the members are.
- They had identified a need for a vision and aim to focus effort, inspire confidence and mobilise support from the wider community.
- That cross sectoral 'Think Tanks' had been established for finance, data, skills and circular economy.
- Following discussions with the ERSG the Community Learning Development Team were working with the Orkney Construction Training Group to deliver the government Kickstart scheme.
- That there was now a requirement for resources to ensure that the group could move forward to deliver their plans.

- 8.2. The Chair acknowledged the effort that the group had put in so far.

- 8.3. A number of queries were raised around the length of time required to deliver the plan, what would be delivered and how this could be funded. There was also a query regarding duplication with other delivery groups.

- 8.4. Following further discussion there was general consensus that the resource requirement was not enough but there was support for needing to progress the work urgently.

- 8.5. It was agreed that the Board would support the recommendations with a view that the group will explore the timeline and financial information. The group were thanked further for their work so far.

9. Islands Deal

- 9.1. Gavin Barr introduced the progress report highlighting the following:

- The first formal stage of submission in the form of strategic outline cases was in progress and awaiting feedback.
- That once agreed the project investment will be over a ten year period across the three island groups.

- 9.2. The importance of the Islands Deal during recovery and future was also noted.

10. Executive Group update

- 10.1. Gail Anderson declared an interest in an item in the report and left the meeting.

- 10.2. John Mundell introduced the update and highlighted the following:
- A Covid-19 recovery update had been received and was covered on the Board agenda
 - The risk register was reviewed and updates requested regarding Brexit along with the management action plan.
 - The streamlining groups project had been discussed following a proposal being received by one of the partners and had been requested to go back to the Board for consideration.
- 10.3. Further to the above John asked if the Board supported an outside agency undertaking this piece of work and further discussion followed where members shared their views.
- 10.4. It was also acknowledged that members of the executive group had supported the need to undertake the work but wondered if it was possible to undertake with existing resources.
- 10.5. It was noted that the money had already been agreed and allocated by the Board in March.
- 10.6. It was agreed to progress with the project as previously agreed.

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11. Services for Children and Young People – Improvement Plan

- 11.1. Jim Lyon introduced the improvement plan to the group and noted that the plan had now been updated and streamlined. He highlighted the following:
- An underlying multi-agency self-evaluation process was well underway and a model will be ready shortly.
 - Multi-agency training was planned which will help to look in more detail at our multi-agency child protection guidelines

12. Child Poverty Action Plan

- 12.1. Jim Lyon gave a brief update on progress noting the following:
- The Local Child Poverty Action Report for 2019-20 was in draft and being completed by the Child Poverty Task Force, now meeting as a short life working group reporting to the Living Well Delivery Group. The final draft would be submitted to the Board on 19 January 2021 for approval prior to submission to the Scottish Government.
 - The Task Force was also working on a longer-term Child Poverty Strategy which might be combined with the wider Children's Services Plan, also currently in preparation.
- 12.2. The Vice Chair and Chair noted that we shouldn't lose sight of child poverty as it was more important than ever with rising costs of living in the isles, the digital divide getting greater and being mindful of the lack of accurate data at a local level.

13. Corporate Parenting Plan

- 13.1. Jim Lyon acknowledged that the plan had been approved at the last Board meeting pending a number of adjustments which had now been made. He confirmed that it had been distributed to the relevant organisations and is here just for noting.
- 13.2. The plan was approved as previously agreed.

14. Community Justice Partnership Annual Report

- 14.1. Gillian Morrison presented the report and highlighted the following:
- That the coordinator post had been vacant for part of the year and the current person had been seconded to the Covid-19 Support Hub.
 - On page 18 the three priorities are listed as alcohol and drug addiction, a strategic needs assessment, and domestic abuse.
- 14.2. The Board agreed to approve the report.

15. Community Planning Annual Report

- 15.1. The Board agreed that the draft report can be distributed to Board members for review prior to coming back in January for approval.

16. Any other business

- 16.1. The Vice Chair informed the Board that the sale of the old Balfour Hospital site had been delayed due to Covid-19. It was felt that this was a good opportunity to involve the community in the future of the site and that the partnership could support this opportunity.
- 16.2. It was asked if the Board was happy for the Vice Chair to pursue further enquiries with the Scottish Futures Trust.
- 16.3. OHAL had previously had some correspondence regarding the site for housing and it was agreed to share this information.

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- 16.4. It was queried if it could be used as a multi-agency training centre could be good option and others noted their interest in being involved.
- 16.5. It was noted that the partnership has a Property Asset Management Future Property Sharing Protocol and a Joint Property Asset Management Group which would be a good basis for discussions on options for the site.
- 16.6. Colleagues were invited to send suggestions to the Vice Chair in the first instance and then a report can be produced to come back to a future meeting before going to an external agency.

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17. Date of next meeting

- 17.1. 19th January 2021.

The meeting closed at 4.32pm.

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