



Minute of the meeting of the **Orkney Partnership Board**
held at **2pm** on **10 May 2021** via Microsoft Teams

Present:	James Stockan Meghan McEwen Gail Anderson Seonag Campbell Graham Sinclair Michael Dickson Raymond Fallon Rachael King Gillian Morrison	Orkney Islands Council (Chair) NHS Orkney (Vice Chair) Voluntary Action Orkney Skills Development Scotland HITRANS NHS Orkney Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Integration Joint Board Integration Joint Board and Orkney Community Justice Partnership Scottish Ambulance Service
	Marcus Shearer Karen Greaves Graeme Harrison Leslie Manson John Mundell Graham Neville Craig Spence Matt Webb Graham Lindsay	Orkney Islands Council Highlands and Islands Enterprise Orkney Islands Council Orkney Islands Council Scottish Natural Heritage Orkney Housing Association Limited Police Scotland Scottish Sports Council
By invitation:	Jim Lyon Glen McLellan	Orkney Islands Council Economic Recovery Steering Group - ASPIRE
In attendance:	Joanna Buick Joanne Tait	The Orkney Partnership Orkney Islands Council

1. Apologies

Dougie Campbell Cheryl Chapman Alan Dundas Andy Fuller Alan Johnston Anna Whelan Thomas Knowles Garry Reid	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service VisitScotland SEPA Scottish Ambulance Service Scottish Government Orkney Islands Council (Secretary) Historic Environment Scotland Scottish Sports Council
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Opening note:

The Chairman thanked Gillian Morrison, attending her last Partnership Board meeting in her Interim role of Interim Chief Officer to the IJB and Chair of the Orkney Community Justice Partnership, prior to her retirement.

Due to delegate availability the running of the published agenda was altered, items 8, Children Service Plan and 5, Domestic Abuse Forum Coordinator

funding were presented first. The revised running order is reflected in the minute.

2. Draft minute of the meeting of the Board on 19 January 2021

It was noted that Rachel King did attend this meeting and the attendance list shall be amended.

At 7.8 the language used in this paragraph regarding the Local Child Poverty Action Report 2019-2020 was queried as being unclear and not fully reflective of the discussion. The preferred language was accepted and incorporated.

The minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Children Services Plan

4.1. The Children Services Plan has been developed by three Heads of Service and supported by Anna Whelan, OIC.

4.2. The draft plan was expected to be ready by 1 April 2021, due to revisions and officers annual leave this has not happened. The plan is yet to be discussed at NHS Orkney Clinical and Care Governance Committee, 13 May 2021. If approved, the plan will then be distributed to the Orkney Partnership Board for final comments before submission to the NHS Orkney Board Meeting in June 2021.

4.3. Skills Development Scotland stated they would like to be more involved with shaping the document. They will confirm what partnership groups they are aligned with to ensure that this is done.

5. Domestic Abuse Forum Coordinator funding

5.1. Briefing paper presented by Matt Webb, identifying the challenges being faced in Orkney.

5.2. Most Local Authorities have a coordinator funded by their Partnership Boards. Orkney, Western Isles and Shetland do not have a coordinator. This briefing has also been presented to the Chief Officers Group (COG).

5.3. Gillian Morrison confirmed support of the new Chief Officer.

5.4. Orkney Partnership Board Chair advised that the board could not provide financial support but could write letters of support as required.

Action: James Stockan/Anna Whelan

5.5. Funding is difficult to obtain but some can be accessed through the Equally Safe Fund. If funding is successful, a part time post for up to 2 years would be shared across Orkney, Western Isles and Shetland.

6. Report of the Climate Emergency SLWG

- 6.1. Draft report identifying range of options to take this work forward. Short Life Working Group no longer viable so a new Delivery Group is required. Collaboration will also take place with the OIC Climate Change Officer.
- 6.2. Integrated into the LOIP and requires to be embedded into a new or existing delivery group.
- 6.3. A delivery group will ensure that aims are achieved. Following discussion with Glen McLellan. Graham Neville felt that the Aspire Group would be a good fit.
- 6.4. Graham Sinclair enquired about the increase in Electric Vehicle charging points. Some are shared fleet charging points and are essential for infrastructure.

7. Patient Travel Costs and Child Poverty Impacts

- 7.1. Clarification was sought on why Dental travel costs were stopped. Jim Lyon was unable to submit the information prior to the meeting but confirmed that in the minute of the Orkney Health and Care Partnership Board on 13 November 2014 it was noted:

7 ORKNEY ISLES DENTAL TRAVEL SCHEME

After consideration of a report by the Chief Executive, NHS Orkney, together with an Equality Impact Assessment, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Chief Administrative Dental Office, the Board:-

NOTED:-

- 7.1 the proposal to cease the Orkney Isles Dental Travel Scheme, whereby patients travelling to dental appointment on the mainland of Orkney were reimbursed travel costs, subject to exceptions;
- 7.2 clarification in respect of the hospital travel scheme for dental patients; and
- 7.3 the method of communication the change to a patients and dental practices, as details in section 5 of the report by the Chief Executive, NHS Orkney, should cessation of the Dental Travel Scheme be approved.

The Board resolved to **RECOMMEND to the Board of NHS Orkney:-**

- 7.4 that cessation of the Dental Travel Scheme be approved.

Document link:

[Orkney Health and Care Partnership Board Minute 13 November 2014](#)

7.2. A response to the Area Dental Committee letter dated 23 March 2021 to be drafted.

Action: James Stockan/Anna Whelan

7.3. An OIC Committee paper is being prepared with regards to islands transport. If successful significant cost reductions will be in place for ferry tickets. Bulk buying tickets will not be required to get the best price.

8. Youth Forum Representation on the Board

8.1. Item deferred from January meeting due to time constraints.

8.2. Agreed youth engagement is a priority, but we must ensure that we are reaching out to all children. There are different paths to consider and we should investigate how Western Isles and Shetland engage with their young people.

8.3. After some discussion it was agreed that it would be amiss to appoint a youth representative at this time, there are other groups who could also request representation. A Partnership response to be drafted to support engagement.

Action: James Stockan/Karen Greaves

9. Recovery Groups Update

9.1. Glen McLellan provided update of the Economic Recovery Steering Group (ERSG). Aspire Orkney Ltd has now been established and Luke Fraser has been appointed as the Project Manager as of 7 June 2021. Funding opportunities can now be followed up.

9.2. Separate Think and Do tanks have been set up, the Skills Development group are doing well.

9.3. ERSG are asking for our Terms of Reference (ToR) to be amended to allow for voting powers if the group are divided on decisions.

9.4. ERSG was established following COVID Recovery as requested by the business sector. Special Vehicle Delivery Process set up and led by local business representatives. OIC have provided support via Economic Development and support staff, HIE have also provided support. Aspire Ltd is the mechanism to be able to engage with and support the local businesses and the Third Sector.

9.5. Governance concerns were raised regarding a Limited Company. Glen McLellan confirmed in depth discussions occurred with OIC Economic Development team and OIC Finance team. A not for profit Limited Company was the best model.

9.6. Craig Spence observed that voting rights had been discussed at a previous meeting, this request would appear to be misaligned with previous decisions.

9.7. It was noted that Item 12 Realignment of Delivery Group to New Strategic Priorities on the agenda may contradict ToR discussions and it was agreed that the ToR should remain the same.

9.8. Care For People is another COVID Recovery Group. They have been looking at Mental Health as a priority that requires a new delivery group to continue long term work. Look at existing groups to see if this could be realigned or if there are other community groups that could be aligned with.

10. Community Planning Priorities Survey

10.1. The Survey received 183 responses and focused on

- Connectivity
- Community Wellbeing
- Sustainable Recovery

10.2. Feedback was positive although the public might be feeling jaded filling in numerous organisations questionnaires asking the same questions.

11. Draft Orkney Community Plan/Local Outcome Improvement Plan

11.1. Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) is still being progressed. A draft will be worked up during May in consultation with the new Chairs and circulated to Board members by email for comment/amendment. A final draft will be available for submission to Council Committee and partner Boards in June, prior to submission to the Orkney Partnership Board on 28 June.

12. Realignment of Delivery Group to New Strategic Priorities

12.1. This paper is proposing the restructuring of the Orkney Partnership's delivery groups and short life working groups to align them with the new strategic priorities to be included in the forthcoming Community Plan 2021-23 (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan – LOIP).

12.2. Three new strategic priorities were agreed in the January Board meeting and have since been confirmed by consultation:

- Connectivity Delivery Group
- Community Wellbeing Delivery Group
- Sustainable Economy Delivery Group

12.3. One element of the proposal was that ERSG be re-aligned to Sustainable Economy Delivery Group. After discussion it was felt the ERSG should stay as it is and report into this group. Further discussion is required and item to be deferred until next meeting.

12.4. It was suggested that Child Poverty should be prioritised in all delivery groups.
Action: Item deferred until next meeting

13. Resourcing for Third Sector Agencies

13.1. The Third Sector have provided considerable support to service users and the community during the pandemic. During this time additional grants were made available to support this additional need.

13.2. Funding is now difficult to access and the survival of these vital agencies are threatened. Short term funding is available, but longer term funding and support is needed. Many agencies are struggling to retain staff and to continue much needed services. Demand for services have increased across the sector.

13.3. The Partnership recognised the need to support the Third Sector Agencies. It was agreed that each agency should summarise the work they do, identify their asks, clarify the assistance required and provide a timeline for this help. A coordinated response should be returned to the Partnership for deliberation.

Action: Gail Anderson

13.4. The Partnership endorsed their help to the Third Sector wherever possible.

Action: All

14. Any Other Business

14.1. None

15. Date of Next Meeting

15.1. 28th June 2021, 2-5pm.

The meeting closed at 5.02pm.

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