

## ORKNEY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 2.00pm in MacGillivray Room, Kirkwall Library

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Jon Humphreys	Criminal Justice Service Manager, Chair, OCSP
Gill Learmonth	Secretary, OCSP
Councillor Andrew Drever	Chair, Road Safety Forum, OIC
Gordon Deans	Police Inspector, Police Scotland
Marie Love	Policy Officer (Equalities) OIC
Katie Spence	ADP Substance Misuse Development Officer, NHS
Anna Whelan	Head of Corporate and Community Strategy, OIC
Stephen Fraser	Station Manager, SFRS
Gail Anderson	Chief Executive, VAO
Karen Walter	Education Resources Officer, OIC
Brian Archibald	Head of Transportation and Amenities, OIC
Ely Fraser	Environmental Technical Officer, OIC
David Brown	Environmental Health Manager, OIC
Malcolm Russell	Health and Safety Manager, OIC

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Jon Humphreys (The Chair) welcomed the group and everyone present introduced themselves.

Apologies were received or assumed from: Dawn Sherwood (OIC), Gillian Morrison (OIC), Margaret Walters (OIC), Moyra Gordon (SCRA), Les Donaldson (Police Scotland), Marie O'Sullivan (OIC), Yvonne Scott (OIC), Sue Foard (PFS), Caroline Sinclair (OIC), Sally Inkster (OHAL), Sandra Paton (Woman's Aid), Dave Rendall (OIC), Andrew Fuller (SAS), Bill Innes (OIC), Chris Matthews (SEPA), David Clark (SFRS), Frances Troup (OIC), Gary Foubister (OIC), Ian Lindsey (MCA), Joan Mackie (OIPDL), Joanna Murray (Police Scotland), John Feeney (SFRS), Karen Greaves (OIC), Les Donaldson (Police Scotland), Liz Melvin (OHAL), Malcolm MacLeod (NHS), Mike Craigie (Blide Trust), Nicola Duthie (Victim Support), Peter Diamond (OIC), Shona Reid (OIC), Simon Butcher (OIC), Sue Ward (Age Concern Orkney), Suzanne Baird (NHS)

#### **2. Minutes of Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

##### a) Accuracy

Yvonne Scott to be added to those 'Present' at meeting.

##### b) Matters arising not covered on agenda

None tabled.

### **3. Orkney Community Safety Partnership Annual Action Plan – progress against identified priorities**

#### a) Driving Ambition Programme

The Driving Ambition Programme, which took place on 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013, went well. Good initial feedback was received on the day, a further evaluation will be sent out in three months. Councillor Drever thanked all involved agencies.

#### b) Water Safety Research

No information to share at this point, an update will be provided at the next meeting. The forum discussed potential confusion over agency responsibility for inland/coastal waters, and how this is managed locally.

Malcolm Russell offered his assistance to research local water related incidents. Where Health and safety responsibility falls under Orkney Islands Council for services offered within the County, an increase of incidents within the private recreational sector is causing some concern and highlights a need to explore preventative measures.

#### c) Emergency Strategic Co-ordination

Margaret Walters has emailed the following update:

Negotiations and discussions for transition from eight regional Strategic Co-ordinating Groups down to there is still continuing and as mentioned before will be in place by 1 November. It is hoped that I will be able to deliver an update on the new structures to the Community Safety Partnership at the December meeting, and to the OCSPF at the next meeting in January.

#### d) Re-establish Domestic Abuse Forum

Now that the DAF has been re-established, with Gail Anderson as the interim chair, revision is being carried out on the strategy, actions plans and working partnerships. Training is being given to sub groups, one of which will be formed to take forward the Action Plan. The next meeting is due to take place this week.

#### e) Proposals for Implementation of Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)

The Alcohol and Drugs Partnership has provided funding for Women's Aid to take the pilot forward. Mirroring Shetland's proposals, it is hoped that this will be in place within a year. Sandra Paton from Women's Aid is co-ordinating the funding application process.

#### f) Alcohol Innovation Funding Project

Katie Spence stated that an update on the projects which received funding will be available next summer, after the end of financial year evaluations have been returned.

#### **4. Single Outcome Agreement**

a) Women, children and young people receiving Women's Aid Orkney outreach and refuge services

Targets for the current year are almost double that of two years ago. Discussion was had on how realistic these targets are and what the figures actually represented.

b) Percentage of offenders with reconviction within 2 years of release from any kind of sentence

Jon Humphreys has emailed a table detailing the 2-year follow up from the 09-10 cohort, published earlier this month. A reconviction rate was reported of 28.9% compared with the Scottish average of 30.3%. This is on the high side for Orkney, however the figures are prone to significant year on year fluctuation. They should drop again next year in line with a significant reported reduction in the recent 1-year figure for the 10-11 cohort.

c) Children feeling safe in school

Karen will look into this and report back.

#### **5. Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) Membership**

The annual membership cost for SCSN is £375, which provides a monthly newsletter, video chatting platforms to engage with rural areas and subsidised travel costs for local reps to attend meetings. Jon Humphreys indicated that whilst the preferred option might be for agencies within OCSP to contribute, this was likely to be administratively impractical for what is a relatively small sum. Caroline Sinclair, Head of Service at Orkney Health and Care, has offered to make funding available for a year on an experimental basis to allow monitoring of the outcomes in terms of local benefit. It was agreed that this offer would be taken up.

#### **6. Abused Men in Scotland (AMIS)**

Nick Smithers, national development worker, joined AMIS in April. He has been visiting Local Authority areas across Scotland to address appropriate forums/meetings, and had indicated a willingness to visit Orkney. The group decided that it might be best to arrange for him to attend the Domestic Abuse Forum meeting, with a possibility that this could tie in with an OCSP meeting. Jon Humphreys to let him know of possible future dates.

#### **7. Youth Justice**

Nationally, key agencies are working together concentrating on reducing 16-17 year olds going through the Court system. Local monitoring is in place, and Jon Humphreys reported that in the year up until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013, of 296 defendants at Kirkwall Sheriff Court, 7 were aged 17 and none aged 16 (ie only 2.3% fell into the 16/17 age bracket). Currently, the percentage of young offenders is not therefore posing a significant concern locally, though monitoring will continue.

## **8. Criminal Justice Social Work Serious Incidents Review and Reconviction Statistics**

See above at 4b for update on Reconviction Statistics. Jon Humphreys had circulated a Care Inspectorate document pointing out the possibility that offenders who are on a Statutory Supervision licence or order, and cause further serious harm, (defined as *Harmful behaviour, of a violent or sexual nature, which is life threatening and/or traumatic and from which recovery, whether physical or psychological, may reasonably be expected to be difficult or impossible*) might go unreported. A local audit has been undertaken including checking with the Procurator Fiscal, and this threshold is not believed to have been reached locally in the last year.

## **9. Update on Yesnaby**

There have been no changes since the last meeting. Jon Humphreys and Insp Gordon Deans to report back to next meeting.

## **10. Road Safety Forum Update**

Cllr Andrew Drever provided the following update from the Road Safety Forum:

- The seatbelt demonstration sled is now available for other organisations to use, a few locations had been suggested for these.
- Stromness Academy and KGS both took part in The Driving Ambition course between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September, with Junior High pupils being able to attend at KGS.
- Residents near the A965 Brodgar/Bigswell road are currently putting together a petition regarding accidents and speeding between the loch, there are no speeding issues recorded at this location.
- The Northern Safety Camera Partnership carried out a 2 day awareness campaign at crash sites and schools in Orkney. Two available options to deter speeding locally were discussed: speed cameras costing £45,000 plus installation where the NSCP will issue tickets, or laser speed detectors available at £3,500 plus training costs. Currently looking at technology available. Focus will be placed on cluster crash sites identified over a 5 year period.
- The Lighting on Zebra crossings, previously causing visibility issues, has now been improved/updated.

## **11. Membership of OCSP**

It was noted that changes have been made to some email addresses. Police Scotland emails have taken on the new format of [firstname.surname@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@scotland.pnn.police.uk) and HIFRS email addresses have changed to [firstname.surname@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@firescotland.gov.uk)

## **12. Media Issues**

### **Zebra Crossings**

The zebra crossings on the Pickaquoy Road have been approved today.

### **CLAN Garden**

The Criminal Justice team received thanks for the work undertaken through Unpaid Work. One of the people who carried out this work went on to volunteer in the garden after they completed their Unpaid Work order.

## **13. AOCB**

### **Police Scotland**

Insp Gordon Deans advised that Police Scotland is reviewing their opening hours at Stations. Whilst there will be some reductions across Scotland, Kirkwall hours will increase in order to reflect an increase in demand.

The Chief Constable has no plan to continue with Traffic Warden services. In many areas throughout Scotland the services have already been removed with local authorities taking over responsibility. There has been a lot of support for the services to remain in Orkney with a feeling of 'added value' to the community. The suggestion that OIC provide the service may be a realistic one, however Malcolm Russell advised that there may be Health and Safety issues with this and would look in to it further.

### **Cruise Ships**

Brian Archibald raised the matter of Cruise Ship numbers and potential limitations as a potential item for the involvement of the Partnership given that OIC could only really place a restriction on numbers on the grounds of safety. The group discussed two issues. The first is the matter of an emergency response and they felt that a major incident would overwhelm Orkney whether it was one ship or 3 hence this was a matter for the Event Plan and OLEG and was not actually a function of the number of ships on any one day. The second was whether there was a limit which could be set and the group were of the view that it would be very difficult to do so from a safety perspective – capacity issues were mentioned (buses particularly on school run days, should cruises pay for an extra ambulance, or crowd control) but there was no real evidence that this could be managed by restricting ship numbers. Other than some indication that the hospital may have been busier, there was no record of issues or incidents from this season and the Police stated that at no stage had they felt the need for extra staff on the busy days thus far – just normal police numbers. The overall feeling was that the industry itself was the best regulator although it was acknowledged that to date they appeared reluctant to take that role.

It was agreed to involve the OCSP as and when further work might be required on this.

## Safe Islander

Safe Islander 2013 took place in the TA Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September. Over 200 S1 pupils attended from Kirkwall Grammar School, Stromness Academy and Sanday Community School. The following organisations took part...

- Casey Construction - construction site safety
- Scottish Agricultural College - farm safety
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - fire safety
- Police Scotland - E-safety
- Orkney Alcohol and Drugs Partnership - the dangers of alcohol
- Red Cross - First Aid
- Scottish and Southern Energy - safety around electricity
- HM Coastguard - water safety

This was the 5th Safe Islander event to be held in Orkney and it is proposed that the groups involved meet in the New Year to discuss whether or not changes should be considered for future events. In particular, the use of the TA Centre as a venue may have to be reviewed as people with mobility problems were unable to access the upper floor. The new KGS building may be an option.

Thanks were given to the many organisations that took part or contributed towards the successful running of the event. Evaluation documents will be distributed to the CSP when finalised.

## Fire Control Room

Cllr Andrew Drever raised the issue of the possible control room closure at Inverness. It is felt that currently the service provided benefits from some general knowledge of the islands and that this would be lost if the control room be relocated. There will be a consultation carried out on the proposal in the near future.

## **14. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014, MacGillivray Room @ 2pm.