

ORKNEY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 2.00pm in MacGillivray Room, Kirkwall Library

MINUTES

Present:

Jon Humphreys	Chair, OHAC
Gill Learmonth	Secretary, OCSP
David Clark	Group Manager, SFRS
Joanna Murray	Community Safety Officer, Police Scotland
Ely Fraser	Environmental Technical Officer, OIC
Yvonne Scott	Road Safety Officer, OIC
Katie Spence	ADP Substance Misuse Development Officer, NHS
Gordon Deans	Police Inspector, Police Scotland
Brian Archibald	Head of Transportation and Amenities, OIC
Simon Butcher	Road Services Manager, OIC
Karen Walter	Education Resources Officer, OIC

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Apologies were received or assumed from: Councillor Andrew Drever, Dawn Sherwood (OIC), Gillian Morrison (OIC), Margaret Walters (OIC), Moyra Gordon (SCRA), Les Donaldson (Police Scotland), Marie O'Sullivan (OIC), Sue Foard (PFS), Caroline Sinclair (OIC), Sally Inkster (OHAL), Sandra Paton (Woman's Aid), Dave Rendall (OIC), Andrew Fuller (SAS), Bill Innes (OIC), Craig Smith (SEPA), Frances Troup (OIC), Gary Foubister (OIC), Ian Lindsey (MCA), Joan Mackie (OIPDL), Karen Greaves (OIC), Liz Melvin (OHAL), Malcolm MacLeod (NHS), Mike Craigie (Blide Trust), Nicola Duthie (Victim Support), Peter Diamond (OIC), Shona Reid (OIC), Sue Ward (Age Concern Orkney), Suzanne Baird (NHS), Anna Whelan (OIC), David Brown (OIC), Ernie Skea (OIC), Gail Anderson (VAO), Joyce Gray (OIC), Malcolm Russell (OIC), Marie Love (OIC), Maureen Spence (OIC).

2. Minutes of Meeting held 24th September 2013

a) Accuracy

Minutes agreed and accepted as accurate.

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

Yvonne is currently chasing the last few remaining evaluation forms from the Driving Ambition Programme in September 2013. A VC will take place this week between Orkney, Shetland, Western Isles and Highland Councils to look at progress and if there is anything that can be done better.

b) Water Safety Research

Kirsten Leask, currently studying for her MA Social Policy at Glasgow University, will commence an 8 week placement starting on Monday to undertake a comparative study with water safety issues in Orkney and other Local Authorities in Scotland. The work which she produces will be considered at the next meeting.

c) Emergency Strategic Co-ordination

Margaret provided the group with a 'Briefing Note on Changes to Civil Contingency Structures From 1 November 2013', which Jon emailed to members.

Jon wished to take the opportunity in light of her forthcoming retirement to recognise and thank Margaret Walters for all the work and support she has provided to the group over the years, a sentiment which was shared by the other members.

d) Re-establish Domestic Abuse Forum

The DAF has been meeting, and should continue to meet regularly. A proposal has been made to amend the title of the DAF to "Orkney Domestic Abuse Forum (incorporating the Violence Against Women Partnership)" to reflect structures and titles found elsewhere across Scotland. Sandra Paton has been appointed as Manager for Woman's Aid Orkney. Sandra has previously been part of a working group which produced Scotland's National Domestic Abuse Strategy.

Jon wished to note appreciation to Gail Anderson for taking on the Interim Chair of the DAF and would like to request that members consider others suitable to fulfil the role, even on a short-term basis, given that Gail agreed to take on the task for 12 months.

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

Lindsey Tulloch, Inspector in Thurso, will be attending a MARAC meeting on Thursday in order, hopefully, to look at putting the finishing touches to the proposal.

f) Alcohol Innovation Funding Project

Katie provided an update for the one off stream of Innovation Funding (£10,000), which Jon had emailed to members. The next round of ADP commissions for 2014-16 is taking place, the deadline for which is 31st January 2014.

The OCSP Annual Action Plan is due for renewal – Jon to contact all agencies to invite them to put forward elements contributing to National Outcome 9, with an aim for these to be agreed by the next meeting.

It was noted at this point that the RESPECT Programme, sponsored by the Home Office in England/Wales, was commissioned by Shetland Islands Council to deliver training on a Domestic Abuse Perpetrator programme. Two Social Workers were sent from OHAC, and Relationship Scotland (Orkney) also sent a member of staff. Jon will email materials. There is a possibility that this could be delivered locally with Relationship Scotland and Women's Aid. Currently the Scottish Government promotes the Caledonian Programme, however it is only suitable for the resource and client base found in larger population areas .

4. Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) Membership

Orkney has re-joined the SCSN after a gap of around 10 years, which cost £180 for the part year. Membership will be reviewed in the next 18 months to see if the cost can be justified.

5. Fire Prevention and Vulnerable People

David would like agencies to identify people most at risk of fire and share this information with SFRS. The majority of people in local fires are known to one or more agencies already and it is felt that there is possible intervention work which could be done through providing advice. David will supply a risk assessment/checklist for people to regard when considering those most at risk.

FREEPHONE 0800 0731 999, or
CONTACT your community firefighters, or
TEXT "CHECK" to 61611 from you mobile, or
VISIT www.firescotland.gov.uk and complete our online form.

Orkney no longer has a SFRS Community Safety Advocate, however we are covered by the Service in Wick/Thurso. If anyone feels that there are relevant meetings for the Community Safety Advocate, please let David know as soon as possible so that he can coordinate this with Wick/Thurso.

6. Criminal Justice Social Work – Update on Community Justice Authorities

The Community Justice Authorities were set up 7 years ago to co-ordinate inter agency work to reduce re-offending. These consisted of 8 bodies across Scotland, the Northern CJA being particularly large covering 7 Local Authority areas (and 5 Health Boards). After a Consultation from the Scottish Government, it has been concluded that the CJAs will be abolished. This is not likely to happen until 2016-17. Strategic planning will devolve to Local Authority areas, and the proposed model will look to replace accountability to CJAs with Community Planning Partnerships with the OCSP being the most relevant local body within that structure. This poses a possible conflict of interest for Jon Humphreys remaining as Chair of the OCSP.

7. Update on Yesnaby

Gordon spoke with a member of the land-owning family last week. They promised to discuss the issues with other family members and get back, though they have not done so as yet. They would prefer their involvement in this to be minimal, and seem concerned over the legal issues which any changes may pose. The Road is tarmacked by OIC, however is owned by the local family. It is unlikely a firm proposal could be offered at the moment, however they may be willing to consider options. They have indicated that they would not be

happy with barriers, and it does not seem realistic for a barrier to be erected at the public road.

Given that there have been no incidents here for some time, the question was put if this should continue to be pursued. It was suggested that instead of concentrating on road access, we should be looking to secure areas at either side of the existing car park, perhaps by placing boulders along the coast, and noted that any options would need to be consulted with Scottish Natural Heritage. The Samaritans are keen to have signage placed regardless of the outcome.

Jon wishes to make one last attempt of coming to some agreement with the landowners. He and Gordon will progress with this.

8. Road Safety Forum Update

The RSF is currently working on their 2014 Action Plan.

9. Membership of OCSP

John Feeney has left SFRS.

Chris Matthews has retired from SEPA, Craig Smith is the new contact.

10. Media Issues

The Orcadian will continue to accept Community Safety articles, not sure on what the limits are to these. Yvonne is keen to do a Cycle Safety/Car Driving article, and David is also keen to put something SFRS related in through the CSP.

The Scottish Sea Farms awarded £400 in order to repaint the Grieveship Playpark in Stromness. Offenders on Unpaid Work orders have carried out this work. Jon and a representative from SSF took part in a photo / press release. Article hopefully to be published in the Orcadian this week.

11. AOCB

Frequency of Meetings

It was agreed that the frequency of meetings be moved to 4 monthly rather quarterly.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th May @ 2pm, MacGillivray Room, Kirkwall Library