

## Orkney Environment Partnership Meeting

16th February 2015, King Street Halls, Kirkwall

### Attendees:

Gail Churchill (Chair)	SNH
Eileen Summers	Orkney Islands Council - Development & Marine Planning
Anna Whelan	Orkney Islands Council - Corporate & Community Strategy
Clare Gee	Orkney Islands Council – Museums, Arts and Heritage
Inga Burton	ICIT/Heriot Watt
Alan Younie	RPID
Barbara Foulkes	Visit Scotland
Christina Bristow	OREF
Robert Leslie	OHAL
Maria Cuthbertson	Orkney Islands Council – Waste Services
Jill Sutcliffe (Minutes)	Orkney Islands Council - Support Services

### Apologies:

Susan Pirie  
David Brown  
Louise Wilson  
Rob Crichton  
Steve Jenkinson  
John Crossley

1.	GC welcomed everyone to the meeting.	<b>Action</b>
2.	<p><b>Orkney Community Planning Partnership Structure</b></p> <p>It has been agreed by the OCPP Steering Group and PLG members that the Partnership needs to be streamlined so that it can focus on the main priorities for Orkney. AW outlined the new model, and advised that the new structure would be considered and adopted, or otherwise, by the SG at their meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February. She asked for feedback from this group by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, and also welcomed feedback independently from the various organisations represented on the group.</p> <p><b>Comments arising from the discussion:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why do we need both a Board and an Executive Group?</li> <li>2. The bigger list of potential members of the Board is preferred, as this will help ensure that the environment is better represented.</li> <li>3. The new organisation seems to be much more “top-down” – it could lose the creative thinking of the thematic groups.</li> <li>4. Art and Heritage should be represented on the Board, in the form of Historic Scotland and Creative Scotland.</li> <li>5. If the Environment Partnership continues as a separate entity how can we ensure that the Board knows who we are and what we do?</li> <li>6. Environment Partnership Action plan currently has too many actions, many of which are actually ongoing, business as usual ; therefore this could be an opportunity to re-assess core values, aims and objectives.</li> <li>7. Environment Partnership recognises the need to review the existing structure of the OCPP.</li> </ol>	

	<p><b>Partnership Response:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Environment Partnership Group wishes to continue as an entity, and will take this opportunity to review its aims, objectives and membership.</li> <li>2. The Environment Partnership has some concerns about the proposed new structure as it seems to remove the links to the established, functioning thematic groups. However, if going with the proposed new structure then the larger Board membership would be preferred.</li> <li>3. Concerned about how the Environment Partnership can contribute meaningfully to Community Planning under the new structure and how the expertise of the group can be accessed by the Board.</li> <li>4. There must be a 2-way link, and will require confirmation of how the 2-way communication will work.</li> </ol>	
3.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held in April 2015 (date and venue tbc), with the aims, objectives and membership of the group on the agenda.</p>	