



Orkney Community Planning Partnership Orkney Equality Forum

Minutes of the meeting of the Orkney Equality Forum
held at 10 am on 11 December 2014 in Scapa Room, Balfour Hospital, Kirkwall

Present:	Frazer Campbell Irene Cowdry Fraser Devine Mhairi Hughes Marie Love Tom McGuire Colleen MacLeod Bill Ross	Service Director, Blide Trust (Chair) Administrative Assistant, OIC Team Leader for Volunteering Voluntary Action Orkney Corporate Services Manager Orkney Housing Association Limited Policy Officer (Equalities), OIC (Secretary) All Age Learning Disability and Mental Health Service Manager, OHAC Orkney Inter-faith Group Orkney College
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By invitation	Jennifer Allison	Archaeology Project Officer, OIC
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Apologies:	Gary Amos Nigel Firth Sue Foard Joanna Murray Carol McManus Elaine Peace Sarah Ratter Liz Scott Gwenda Shearer Sue Sulat Anna Whelan	Library and Archive Manager Community Learning and Development Orkney Arts Forum Equality and Diversity Manager NHS Grampian and NHS Orkney Procurator Fiscal Community Safety Officer, Police Scotland Service Improvement Officer, OIC Director of Nursing, Midwifery and AHP NHS Orkney Administrative Assistant, OIC Equalities Manager, HIE Elected member Pickaquoy Centre Trust Student Services Officer, Orkney College Strategy Manager, OIC
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1 Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Tom McGuire from Orkney Health and Care to his first meeting of the Forum and introductions were made.
- 1.2 Members were disappointed that the video conference link had not worked and Nigel Firth was unable to participate in the meeting.

2 Minutes of last meeting held on 17 September 2014

- 2.1 The minutes were agreed.

3 Matters arising

- 3.1 **Orkney Equality Forum Annual Report 2014 (Item 6)**
Marie Love advised that the report had been published.

4 Neolithic Archaeology Galleries

Jennifer Alison from Orkney Museum presented a report on the project on Future-proofing the Neolithic Archaeology Galleries at Orkney Museum. One of the aims of the project is to meet the various needs of Museum users where possible.

5 Presentation on Learning Disabilities

Tom McGuire gave a verbal presentation on Orkney Mental Health Provision and the National Mental Health Strategy.

6 Attitudes to Mental Health in Scotland: Scottish Social Attitudes Survey 2013

Members noted the research findings. The figures around stigmatisation of people with mental health problems were disappointingly high with 47% of people saying that if they were suffering from mental health problems they would not want people knowing about it. Members had hoped this figure would have shown a greater improvement given the amount of work that went on around awareness raising and reducing stigma.

7 Orkney Community Planning Partnership Equality and Diversity Strategy 2015

Marie Love had previously circulated a draft strategy which she had now updated to include comments received to date. She invited members to review the new draft and let her have any further comments before 16 January 2015. She would hopefully then be in a position to bring a final draft to the next meeting of the Forum for approval.

8 Orkney Equality Forum Terms of Reference 2015

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9 Equality and Diversity Conference

Members noted the report on the Conference as well as an Evaluation Form Feedback Report. Members agreed to consider the issues which arose during the workshops and decide how best to progress any action to address these at a future meeting. It was planned that an article on the Conference would be published in The Orcadian at some point but this would be after the publicity campaign around the ChooseLife suicide awareness and prevention leaflets.

10 Storyteller

Members noted the report on the visit to Orkney by Mara Menzies, an African Storyteller. The visit had been very successful. The feedback from schools was great and the children had lots of fun. Dounby School had put together a booklet telling the story of Mara's visit to their school in pictures.

11 Dates for meetings for 2015

Members were advised to diary the following dates for the 2015 meetings and that they would all take place in the Bunker, Council Offices starting at 10am:

- 10 March
- 9 June
- 8 September
- 8 December

12 Any Other Business

Members agreed that for future meetings there would no longer be verbal reports, unless avoidable. It was also agreed that a time limit would be set for one and a half hours which would make diary management easier.

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