

## Orkney Community Planning Partnership



### PARTNERSHIP LIAISON GROUP

Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting held at 11.30 am on 10 March 2010  
in the St. Magnus Suite, Pickaquoy Centre

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Present:

Gillian Morrison ( <i>Acting Chair</i> )	Community Safety Partnership
Gail Anderson	Third Sector Forum
Frazer Campbell	Orkney Equalities Forum
Peter Diamond	School Education
Clare Gee	Orkney Arts Forum
Karen Johnstone	Employability Strategic Group
Hannah Laird ( <i>Secretary</i> )	Community Planning Officer
Chessa Llewellyn-White	Community Economic Development Orkney Group
Michelle Manzie	Orkney Health and Care
John Richards	Housing Development Forum
Joyce Slater	Orkney Learning and Guidance Forum
Anna Whelan	OCPP Steering Group Secretary

By invitation:

Laura Ballantyne	Learning Choices Development Co-ordinator, OIC
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#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Elaine Grieve ( <i>Chair</i> )	Data Sharing Partnership
Gavin Barr	Planning Stakeholders Group
Christina Bichan	Alcohol and Drugs Partnership
Naomi Coleman	Strategic Transport Forum
Vicki Copland	Sports Forum
Karen Crichton	Community Health Partnership
Sally Inkster	Housing Development Forum
Ruth Kirkpatrick	Economic Development
Christine Skene	Environment Partnership
Gill Smee	Integrated Children's Services Planning Group
Maureen Spence	OIC Community Council Liaison

#### **2. 16+ Learning Choices**

- 2.1 Laura Ballantyne gave an overview of 16+ Learning Choices in Orkney and explained that the delivery of it is part of the Curriculum of Excellence. It is about ensuring that young people aged 16+ are offered additional learning. This means contacting all school leavers, whether they are in employment, volunteering or personal development. Orkney traditionally performs well in this area with a small number going moving onto a 'negative route' for example, no employment or learning.

- 2.2 Housing reported that they are to produce a Youth Strategy and would appreciate the assistance of how best to contact young people, such as the groups Laura had been in contact with. It was agreed that John Richards would contact Laura outwith the meeting regarding how to contact this group.

**JR to contact LB**

### **3. Minute of the meeting held on 10 December 2009**

- 3.1 Attendance to be amended as Gillian Morrison was present.  
3.2 Minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 10 December 2009**

- 4.1 Relating to item 11.3 on the December minute, the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership had received a letter regarding the funding however the detail of this was unknown.

### **5. Draft minutes of the Steering Group meetings held on 15 December 2009 and 17 February 2010.**

- 5.1 15 December 2009 minute, there were no matters arising  
5.2 17 February 2010 minute, Euan Page (Equality and Human Rights Commission) was not able to attend this meeting and will attend in April instead. Anna Whelan asked that if anyone wanted to meet with him to contact her.

### **6. Proposed agenda items for the next Steering Group meeting on 16 April 2010**

- 6.1 Anna Whelan encouraged thematic groups to submit reports to the Steering Group. It was agreed that the Community Safety Partnership and the Strategic Learning Forum will be reported to the next two Steering Groups.

### **7. Fairer Scotland Fund update**

- 7.1 Gillian Morrison provided an update on the Fairer Scotland Fund, that the Steering Group decided to take the advice of the subgroup in providing continuation funding to nine 2009/10 projects for 2010/11.
- 7.2 As the funding was only offered to 2009/10 projects who required continuation funding, and not opened up to new projects, there is £44,000 unallocated.
- 7.3 The group were asked for their views on whether the unallocated amount should be opened up for new bids, bearing in mind that it is a relatively small amount of money with the time taken to administer the funds, and that the process would need to be completed quickly.
- 7.4 The group discussed the options available to spending the unallocated amount and their preferred option was to open up to bids, emphasising that it is a small pot of money.

### **8. Risk/budget cuts**

- 8.1 A discussion took place relating to the anticipated future cuts to Partners budgets. Gillian Morrison provided an overview of the discussion which took place at the joint meeting between the Steering Group and the Task Force, where partners provided an update in terms of budgets and resource over the next three years. It is anticipated that there will be a 4% per year reduction in money available to the

Council, however that may change depending upon the elections. It was agreed by Partners that funding must be prioritised and aligned with the outcomes of the Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement.

- 8.2 The Steering Group had also identified a risk that as resources available to Partners reduce, that organisations will retreat to silos and the joint working in Orkney may become damaged.
- 8.3 The Steering Group recommended that press releases relating to budgetary pressures should be co-ordinated between patterns and issued jointly where appropriate. Hannah Laird asked for volunteers to be involved with this piece of work. Gillian Morrison and Peter Diamond offered assistance and it was agreed Hannah would send an e-mail to the group asking for further volunteers.
- 8.4 The Partnership Liaison Group agreed that if they are planning survival strategies they will take consideration of other Partners.
- 8.5 It was also noted that there is work to be done in being proactive in making the public aware that cannot deliver the same level of service at a reduced cost and that at present it may seem notional however it won't be long before the reduction in public money will be felt.

## **9. OCPP Review**

- 9.1 Hannah provided an update on the review and the recommendations that were approved by the Steering Group.
- 9.2 One of the recommendations was for Community Councils to have a place on thematic groups. There was a discussion around this and on the whole thematic group Chairs were of the view that there would be complications around about geographical areas that Community Council represent and remaining objective on groups. For example, that a representative from Kirkwall Community Council would act for the benefit of that area, as opposed to the whole of Orkney, as other group members do. It was agreed to reconsider this in June.

**Reconsider at June meeting**

## **10. Updates from thematic groups**

### **a) Primary Care**

Michelle Manzie provided an update on the redesign of Primary Care services on the North Isles from Orkney Health and Care. The challenges of delivering services to the North Isles were around the practicalities of delivering services to geographically harder to reach, small practices. The smallest practice has 56 patients. This in turn means that on isolated islands, the GP will serve several roles for example clinician, as well as their traditional role.

The redesign of services will be on the islands North of Shapinsay. Going to employ three GP's – one for Westray, Stronsay and Sanday. So far, have been successful in recruiting GP's for Stronsay and Sanday and backfill for Westray.

'GP fellows' are being used also. These are fully qualified GP's looking for geographical experience in remote and rural places. NHSO are keen to encourage GP fellows to come back to or stay in Orkney.

The package for the GP's includes 17 weeks annual leave per year. The leave is calculated by the 24/7 service they are required to provide, and there is also to be a 5 week placement on Mainland practices in order to gain Mainland experience and share knowledge.

Out of Hours services in the future may be served by Nurses however work is required to change the public expectations of medical services in such remote places.

It is hoped that by May/June, the majority of GP's will be in place and that results will be visible by the end of 2010.

b) Orkney Learning and Guidance Forum

Joyce Slater provided an update on some of the recent work of the OLGf. There are 35 members representing 16 organisations on the group. They work towards National Outcomes 3 and 4 in the Single Outcome Agreement (3- *We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation* and 4- *Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens*).

Joyce circulated a paper for noting, 'School Leaver Destination' 2009, which showed that Orkney's school leavers had a 94% entered a 'positive destination'. Positive destinations are defined as employment, volunteering work and further education. Therefore 6.1% entered into a negative route in Orkney, compared with 14.3% Scottish average. Whilst the figure is good, it does not include personal development such as the Connect project as a positive destination, therefore the figure could have been better. But from 2010 Connect will be viewed as a positive destination. These successes are the result of partner agencies including Skills Development Scotland, the Schools, Life Skill Centres, Orkney Islands Council, Voluntary Action Orkney, Orkney College and others working together.

There has been a decrease in the number of people entering employment, more likely that these young people are entering further education instead.

**11. Any other business**

- a) Anna Whelan invited volunteers to be involved with the Equality and Diversity Strategy due to be discussed by the Orkney Equalities Forum at their meeting on 19 March. Joyce Slater and Karen Johnstone offered their support.
- b) Clare Gee updated that museums involved in a pilot self evaluation, one of the questions was around engagement with Community Planning Partners. They self evaluated the museums as top of the scale for this, it was challenged however was approved as being top. The Chair congratulated the Heritage, Archaeology and Visitor Attraction Forum on this level of engagement.

**12. Date of next meeting – Friday 11 June at 9.15**