

Orkney Community Planning Partnership



PARTNERSHIP LIAISON GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 2pm on 12 June at Orkney Housing Association Ltd.

Present:

Sally Inkster (<i>Chair</i>)	Housing Development Forum
Anna Whelan	OCPD Steering Group Secretary
Clare Gee	Heritage, Archaeology and Visitor Attraction Forum
Karen Greaves	Strategic Learning Group
Frances Troup	Housing Development Forum
Morag Robertson	Representing Stuart Allison for Strategic Economic Forum
Pam Beasant	Arts Forum
Chessa Llewellyn-White	Community Economic Development Orkney Group
Gail Anderson	Third Sector Forum
Duncan MacIntyre (<i>for item 4</i>)	HI-Scot Credit Union
Hannah Thomson (<i>Secretary</i>)	Community Planning Officer

1. Apologies for absence

Jon Humphreys	Community Safety Partnership
Marie O'Sullivan	Services for Children and Young People Group
Maureen Spence	Community Council Liaison
Stuart Allison	Strategic Economic Forum
Karen Johnstone	Employability Strategic Group
Frazer Campbell	Orkney Equality Forum
Chris Matthews	Environment Partnership

2. Minute of the last meeting – 20 February 2012

- 2.1 The minute was accepted as an accurate note of the meeting proposed by CLW and seconded by GA.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 All actions had been completed and there were no matters arising not on the agenda.

4. HI-Scot Credit Union

- 4.1 Duncan MacIntyre provided an overview of progress up to March 2012 with the HI-Scot Credit Union:
- There had been a 29% increase in membership from the same period in 2011
 - Deposits were up 39% from the same period in 2011
 - Savings balance grew by 10% from the same period in 2011
 - There was an increase in 44% on lending from the same period in 2011
 - The growth in Orkney had been relatively slow in comparison to the Highlands. There were presently 47 members in Orkney.
- 4.2 In terms of local promotion, the following suggestions were made:
- Roadshow event
 - Stand at County show
 - Feature in Orcadian and Radio Orkney Community Planning Partnership

- Seminar for frontline staff which would result in identifying specific Credit Union Champions.
 - A press release on the new prepay debit card
- 4.3 A funding bid had been made by HI-Scot for four engagement officers, one to be based in Orkney. This worker would be line managed by DM and would promote HI-Scot in Orkney. The group would be kept informed on the outcome from this bid.
- 4.4 GA queried whether organisations were able to invest and borrow and it was confirmed that legislation had been passed and it would be at the discretion of individual credit unions to decide on this. HI-Scot Board had voted yes to the new legislation which includes lending and investing for community groups however the Board were yet to decide and vote on the specifics of what could be offered to community groups.
- 5. Draft minutes of Steering Group meeting held on 28 February 2012**
- 5.1 AW provided an overview of the minutes of the meeting and it was noted that in relation to the Ministerial Review, a Leaders Summit was due to take place that day. It was expected that changes would be required to 2003 community planning legislation.
- 6. Proposed agenda items for the next meeting of the Steering Group on 18 June 2012.**
- 6.1 The group noted the agenda items.
- 7. Updates from thematic groups – Arts Forum**
- 7.1 PB provided an overview of the Arts Development Plan 2012-2015 which the Arts Forum took a leading role in developing. The Plan had been distributed to the Group during its consultation phase and it was due to be presented to Council for approval the next day. The Plan summarises the activity of arts and cultural events in Orkney and financial changes within arts locally. An action plan which will be monitored by the Arts Forum every three months will become a rolling action plan whereby new actions and targets could be set as required. It will replace the Arts Development Plan 2008-2011 in which 72% of actions were completed including an ambitious plan to build a new arts theatre.
- 8. Updates to Steering Group**
- 8.1 PB and Leslie Burger were to provide an update on the Arts Forum to the next Steering Group meeting.
- 8.2 A progress report outlining activity on all thematic groups was also to be presented to the Steering Group for information.
- 9. Any other business**
- 9.1 AW explained that the Partnership was working towards signing up to the Armed Forces Community Covenant. This Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. The purpose of this Community Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Orkney and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces

Community, particularly those who have given the most. It was noted that the number of people in Orkney this could affect were likely to be small and therefore the Covenant required awareness raising as opposed to a change of any policies.

- 9.2 The Council had agreed purchase performance and risk management software and allow partners to make use of the system on trial basis for their council related performance monitoring. At the end of the trial period, which was to be a year, partners would have the option to buy the software in their own right, thereby creating partnership performance and risk management software.

10. How Good is our Community Planning Partnership?

- 10.1 The group conducted self evaluation of an indicator within the 'How Good is our Community Planning Partnership' framework. The indicator selected was *Impact on the wider community*.

H. Thomson
15 June 2012