

## Orkney Community Planning Partnership



### PARTNERSHIP LIAISON GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 9am on 20 September at Voluntary Action Orkney.

#### **Present:**

Sally Inkster ( <i>Chair</i> )	Housing Development Forum
Anna Whelan	OCPD Steering Group Secretary
Maureen Spence	Community Council Liaison
Frazer Campbell	Orkney Equality Forum
Jon Humphreys	Community Safety Partnership
Stuart Allison	Strategic Economic Forum
Pam Beasant	Arts Forum
Chessa Llewellyn-White	Community Economic Development Orkney Group
Gail Anderson	Third Sector Forum
Hannah Thomson ( <i>Secretary</i> )	Community Planning Officer

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Marie O'Sullivan	Services for Children and Young People Group
Karen Johnstone	Employability Strategic Group
Chris Matthews	Environment Partnership
Clare Gee	Heritage, Archaeology and Visitor Attraction Forum
Karen Greaves	Strategic Learning Group
Frances Troup	Housing Development Forum

#### **2. Minute of the last meeting – 12 June 2012**

- 2.1 Incorrect spellings of names were noted and amended.
- 2.2 The minute was accepted as an accurate note of the meeting proposed by PB and seconded by GA.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

- 3.1 All actions had been completed and there were no matters arising not on the agenda.
- 3.2 SI noted that Duncan MacIntyre from HI-Scot Credit Union would be a guest speaker at the OHAL AGM on 24 September.

#### **4. Orkney Community Covenant**

- 4.1 AW presented the final draft of the Orkney Community Covenant between the Orkney Community Planning Partnership and the Armed Forces. The purpose of this covenant is to formalise the moral obligation to ex-servicemen and women working and residing in Orkney.
- 4.2 The Covenant was drawn up by the Orkney Firm Base partnership, which has existed since April 2011 and meets occasionally to discuss relevant service areas such as employment, health and housing.
- 4.3 AW explained that it was hoped that the undertakings listed in section 4 of the Covenant would be taken forward by thematic groups with progress reported back to

the Steering Group via the Partnership Liaison Group. All were in agreement with this.

## **5. Draft minutes of the Steering Group meeting held on 18 June 2012**

- 5.1 Since the June meeting, the Care Inspectorate has given notice that the Joint Inspection of Services for Children will take place between 19 November 2012 and 18 January 2013.
- 5.2 The Arts Forum presented their arts development plan, Orkney's Creative Landscape and it was well received by the Steering Group.
- 5.3 Since the June meeting, there has been instruction from Scottish Government that they would prefer that another name be used for the "Single Public Authority". There is also a clear message from Scottish Government that they would like to move away from the idea of structural reform and instead focus on integration.

## **6. Draft agenda for the next Steering Group meeting on 26 September 2012**

- 6.1 CLW explained that the item around the potential impact of community owned wind turbines was about potential financial inequalities between the islands who have and do not have community owned wind turbines. The item was planned to generate discussion amongst partners about support to communities.

## **7. Draft Single Outcome Agreement Annual Report 2011-12**

- 7.1 HT presented the draft Single Outcome Agreement Annual Report for 2011-12 and welcomed any additions, questions or comments from partners.
- 7.2 Following a national Ministerial Review of community planning, it is clear that the Scottish Government will be issuing guidance for a revised Single Outcome Agreement towards the end of 2012. It is hoped that in order to comply with this, the Orkney Community Plan 2011-14 can be modified as opposed to
- 7.3 SA noted that the Orkney Meat information was within the current financial year and therefore may not be appropriate for the 2011-12 Annual Report. It was felt that it was a good example of partnership activity and that although the story crossed over two separate financial years, it would be good to end the story on a positive note i.e – that partners and businesses were able to put in place a workable solution.
- 7.4 A separate matter was raised in relation to SLAED (Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development Group) and a new set of indicators which Council's have been asked to monitor. AW advised that the Council should reach consensus as to whether or not it could justify reporting on these indicators.

## **8. Draft Risk Register**

- 8.1 The OCPP's original risk register had been created in September 2009 by the Steering Group in a session facilitated by insurers, Zurich. It contained strategic risks facing the partnership and these risks were monitored through a risk action plan at Steering Group.
- 8.2 The risk register had been updated by a subgroup of the Steering Group and was presented to PLG for any comments they may wish to make.

- 8.3 It was noted that one of the risks had been plotted with a red status on the grid yet was given an amber status on the register and this was to be corrected.
- 8.4 There was a discussion about the risk about the culture and it was agreed that 'How Good is our CPP' would go some way towards addressing this.

## **9. Success and achievements/meetings attended outwith Orkney**

- 9.1 HT explained that at the last session of 'How Good is our CPP', PLG had identified that it would be useful to have this agenda item for each thematic group Chair to share with the group successes or achievements within thematic groups or partner organisations and also of any important community planning messages from meetings attended outwith Orkney.
- 9.2 GA had attended a meeting south about third sector issues and found it was comforting to see that in other areas, there is also a squeeze on third sector funding. Voluntary Action Orkney had a visit from John Swinney (Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth) and it was noted that it was up to each local authority to determine its own commissioning approach. The third sector in Orkney hope for more flexibility in this from Orkney Islands Council.
- 9.3 The Strategic Economic Forum would be hosting a procurement seminar on 11 October from 10.30 – 15.00 in the Town Hall in which issues such as those raised at 9.2 could be aired. This event is open to the public and PLG were welcome to attend.
- 9.4 MS noted that the Council were due to put out a contract to for an independent person to research the possibility of some islands delivering some public services. This piece of work would look at where efficiencies could be made and where communities could take more ownership of public services and as a result creating more employment within the isles. The piece of work was due to be reported to the March cycle of Council committees.
- 9.5 PB reported that this PLG meeting date was also the deadline for the Public Art Scheme, which had generated a lot of interest. She also noted that Orkney had an application in for a Creative Place award – which is a one off award and if successful Orkney would have £150k to distribute to promote creative assets. If shortlisted but unsuccessful, Orkney can still call itself a 'Creative Place'.
- 9.6 SA reported that he had attended a Marine Renewables Conference and Orkney appeared to be highly regarded at this.

## **10. Any other business**

- 10.1 It was noted that the Community Covenant sign off ceremony would be on 4 October at 5pm in the TA Centre.
- 10.2 It was noted that the agenda and papers for the meeting had been circulated later than normal and it was agreed that in future they would be made available one week prior to the meeting. It was also agreed that future meetings morning meetings of the PLG would be held at 9.15 rather than 9am.
- 10.3 FC noted that there had been 254 responses to the Orkney version of the Scottish Attitudes Survey, carried out by the Equality Forum. The analysis was still being carried out however overall it showed that Orkney either matched or exceeded attitudes towards minority groups. The purpose of the survey was to give a baseline

which could be tracked over time. It had been advertised on Radio Orkney and in the press.

**11. How Good is Our Community Planning Partnership?**

11.1 This item was considered following the PLG meeting.

H. Thomson