

Orkney Community Planning Partnership



PARTNERSHIP LIAISON GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 2.00pm on 6 March 2013 at Orkney Housing Association.

Present:

Sally Inkster (<i>Chair</i>)	Housing Development Forum
Anna Whelan	OCPD Steering Group Secretary
Karen Johnstone	Employability Strategic Group
Frazer Campbell	Orkney Equality Forum
Karen Greaves	Strategic Learning Group
Chessa Llewellyn-White	Community Economic Development Orkney Group
Chris Matthews	Environment Partnership
Eileen Summers	Environment Partnership
Clare Gee	Heritage, Archaeology and Visitor Attraction Forum
Maureen Spence	Community Council Liaison
Pam Beasant	Arts Forum
Gail Anderson	Third Sector Forum
Katy Russell-Duff (<i>Secretary</i>)	Administrative Officer

In attendance

Fraser Devine	Voluntary Action Orkney
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1. Apologies for absence

Marie O'Sullivan	Services for Children and Young People Group
Frances Troup	Housing Development Forum
Suzanne Baird	Healthy Communities Group
Jon Humphreys	Community Safety Partnership
Katie Spence	Orkney Alcohol and Drugs Partnership
Stuart Allison	Strategic Economic Forum

2. Intergenerational Working`

- 2.1 Fraser Devine, Voluntary Action Orkney, gave a presentation on intergenerational working and the role of the Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice, established by the Scottish Government to address some of the issues faced by Scottish society in meeting the challenges of an ageing population. [The presentation is appended to this minute.]
- 2.2 CM asked if there were any age constraints on volunteering as he was aware that there were young people who were willing to volunteer but had been told they couldn't as they were too young. FD stated that volunteers could be accommodated from age 12+ and should go along to VAO if they were interested.
- 2.3 CLW noted that there should be Heritage Lottery Funding available for intergenerational work.

3. Minute of the last meeting – 29 November 2012

- 3.1 The minute was accepted as an accurate note of the meeting, proposed by CLW and seconded by KJ.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 OCCP/Third Sector Joint Statement

This had been agreed by the Steering Group, subject to any changes from the fire and police services following the establishment of the single Scottish services on 1 April 2013.

Action: GA

4.2 Digital Inclusion Project

CLW and KJ had met and this is progressing.

4.3 Self-evaluation

It was reported that the Equality Forum had prepared some questions relating to quality indicator 5.3 – Inclusion, equality and fairness. This had been circulated to thematic groups for completion and return. The collated results would be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Draft minutes of the Steering Group meetings held on 7 December 2012 and 4 February 2013

5.1 AFW reported that Police and Fire Reform was now a standing item on Steering Group agendas. A Police and Fire Sub-committee of the Council had been established. At the last Steering Group meeting, the Service Delivery Agreement between Skills Development Scotland and the OCCP had been approved – the first time that this SDA had been made with the Partnership rather than the Council.

5.2 SI confirmed that Women's Aid Orkney had appointed a new Board and that there would be no interruption to services. There are five Directors on the Board and they would welcome more people with a health service or business background. All Board members are currently women due to the small numbers as Women's Aid Scotland do not allow men on their Boards until they reach a specified number.

5.3 SI and GA had received an invitation from Cathie Cowan to a sub-group meeting on 14 March regarding the Statement of Ambition. AFW asked if it could be forwarded to her for information.

Action: GA

5.4 CM noted the Steering Group's interest in young people's representation on thematic groups. The Healthy Communities Group had two school age representatives and KG advised that the Strategic Community Learning Group regularly consulted young people. KG also mentioned that as the MSYPs had published their manifesto they may be interested in joining groups which were involved in the themes they were interested in. CM mentioned that KGS and Young SEPA were part of the Environment Partnership.

5.5 With regard to item 11.1 on the minute of of 4 February 2013, SI confirmed that no press release had been issued regarding the recent Women's Aid Orkney meeting, but that the support of the Steering Group had been noted and welcomed at the meeting.

6. Draft agendas for the next Steering Group meetings on 28 March and 22 April 2013

6.1 AFW reported that the meeting on 28 March was to look at and agree the initial draft of the SOA to be sent to the Scottish Government, and that the sign off of the final

version would be at the end of June. It would be presented to the Council's Policy and Resources Committee in draft form in April and in final version for sign off in June. AFW would circulate the official consultation draft in April for comment by end of May. **Action: AFW**

6.2 It was noted that the meeting on 22 April would include regular items and a presentation by a thematic group.

6.3 It was agreed that the PLG would meet at the end of May.

7. Revision of the Single Outcome Agreement – Progress Report

7.1 AFW confirmed that she had contacted all the representatives of the thematic groups and was grateful that they had agreed to take ownership of the sections relating to their groups' relevant national outcomes. AFW noted that the drafts should be kept brief (ideally 2 pages of text and 1 page of indicators).

8 Update from Environment Partnership and Draft Environment Strategy

8.1 CM presented the draft Environment Strategy and explained that the previous Strategy had not been adopted formally, although the actions had been undertaken.

8.2 CM advised that Air Quality Assessments were to be undertaken in the summer, questioning the environment impact of Tourism. CG stated that she would be interested in those results to ascertain what effect the air quality was having on monuments.

8.3 SI raised the issue of Climate Change. OHAL's Carbon Management Programme had been certified by the Carbon Trust and ES would speak to Robert Leslie, OHAL, regarding this. It was agreed that Robert should join the Environment Partnership. **Action: ES**

8.4 SI also stated that OHAL were penalised on Energy Performance Certificates for new properties because they used electricity for heating, although the majority of the energy was produced by wind turbines. The certification scheme did not differentiate between green energy and other sources. By contrast, micro-generation was rewarded with a better rating. OHAL was lobbying for the recognition of green energy by the certification scheme.

8.5 CM noted that the Environment Strategy did not take a fixed view or position on issues which could cause a potential conflict between members of the Partnership.

8.6 CG reported that she was restructuring the Heritage and Visitor Attractions Forum, which was not currently active, to create a new Heritage Forum. She would liaise with ES to ensure that the brief of the new group did not overlap with that of the Environment Partnership.

8.7 ES explained that the first five themes had come from the SOA and the next four were putting this into practice. The priorities would tie into the SOA and Community Plan.

9. Successes and achievements/meetings attended outwith Orkney

9.1 SI reported that she had attended a Highlands and Islands Housing Association meeting regarding Welfare Reform. Orkney appeared to be better informed and more joined up than other areas.

9.2 KG reported that the Strategic Community Learning Group had secured North Alliance funding, £3,500 from January to March and a further £3,500 from April to June. She explained that there was CPD in educational being held this week and Certificate of Excellence in May.

9.3 AFW congratulated PB on Orkney's achievement in being runner up for the Creative Place Award.

10. Any other business

10.1 There was no other business,

11. How Good is Our Community Planning Partnership?

11.1 As previously discussed, it was agreed to defer Indicator 5.3: Inclusion, equality and fairness to the next meeting to give time for the thematic groups to prepare their contributions.

11.2 Indicator 9.2 Leadership and direction

11.2.1 In discussion of this indicator the following points were noted:

- i. The leaders of OCCP are the Steering Group and Thematic Groups – the PLG is not a decision-making body.
- ii. Thematic groups had demonstrated a leadership role in the revision of the SOA – they had decided what went into it.
- iii. It is essential for groups to meet in person– doing things by email achieves management but not leadership.
- iv. Some elements are done to level 5, but not others e.g. resource planning.
- v. Most OCPP plans were inter-agency with only a few exceptions e.g. housing – the Local Housing Strategy was OIC-only.
- vi. The Steering Group does not communicate well with the thematic groups – information flows up but not down.
- vii. However the Steering Group was thought to be easy to access with minimal barriers.
- viii. Communication (both ways) was a major part of the job of the PLG.
- ix. The Partnership was good at identifying decisions e.g. the formation of the Welfare Reform Working Group, and the need to support Women's Aid Orkney.
- x. The Partnership was also thought to be good at making critical decisions.
- xi. Partner organisations were notably better integrated in Orkney than elsewhere e.g. housing associations.

11.2.2 After discussion it was agreed by consensus that the Partnership rated as a level 4.

11.2.3 The main improvement action arising from the self-evaluation was the need to improve communications between the Steering Group and thematic groups. In order to achieve a 5 the Partnership would also need to improve its resource planning and this was being addressed as part of SOA development work.

KRD/AFW
14.05.13

Appendix Presentation by Fraser Devine of VAO on Intergenerational Working (double click to open pdf file)

Intergenerational Working

Fraser Devine
Voluntary Action Orkney
PLG
6th March 2013

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What is Intergenerational Work?

".....Intergenerational practice aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities which promote greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building more cohesive communities. Intergenerational practice is inclusive, building on the positive resources that the young and older have to offer each other and those around them....."

(Beth Johnson Foundation 2008)

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Generations Working Together

The logo features the text 'Generations Working Together' in blue and green, with a central graphic of four stylized human figures in different colors (red, blue, green, yellow) holding hands. Below the logo is the text 'The Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice'.

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S.C.I.P.

The idea for the Centre was developed as part of a Scottish Government consultation exploring issues faced by Scottish society in meeting the challenges of an ageing population.

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SCIP Structure

- National Network - Organisations
- Local networks in 20 LA Areas

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S.C.I.P.

The Scottish Government produced a strategy document 'All Our Futures: Planning for a Scotland with an Ageing Population' which set out the major objectives for the Centre.

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