

INVERNESS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (ICP)
Full Partnership meeting

ACTION & AGREEMENT NOTE FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPT 2017 AT 7.00pm IN THE MERKINCH FAMILY CENTRE, INVERNESS.

PRESENT: Cllr Graham Ross (THC), Anne Sutherland (Merkinch Partnership), Colin Gough (Police Scotland), James Gibbs (HIE), Mark Richardson (HLH), Gavin Sell (NHSH), Cllr Janet Campbell (THC), Cllr Elizabeth McAllister (THC), June Macleod (Signpost), Karen Ralston (THC), Grant Inkson (SFRS), Gordon Morrison (SFRS), Donellen Mackenzie (NHSH), Judie Holliday (WEA), Elaine Featherston (IWA), Cllr Glynis Sinclair, David Haas (THC), Cathy Steer (NHSH), Lesley MacLean (Merkinch Family Centre), Gillian Forbes (Merkinch Family Centre), Rachael Hatfield (HLH), Chloe Cooper (HIS areas youth forum), Megan Cooper (HIS area youth forum), Hollie Redman (HIS area youth forum), Merrin Avis (Merkinch CC), Dell McClurg (Merkinch CC), Cllr Richard Laird, Gillian Gunn (VAWP),

APOLOGIES: Lynn Bauermeister (HLH) Lindsay Snodgrass (UHI), Cllr Margaret Davidson (THC), Cllr Alex Graham (THC), Cllr Ken Gowans (THC), Wendy Allman (THC), John Rutter (Inverness High School), Paul Griffiths (SEPA), Cllr Roddy Balfour, Cllr Helen Carmichael

IN ATTENDANCE: Emma Talyer (THC)

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION AGREED	LEAD
1.	Welcome and apologies	Cllr Graham Ross welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised community members attending that there would be an opportunity to give feedback or ask questions at the end of the items. Apologies were noted as above.	
2.	Note of the meeting 28 June	The meeting was advised that item 4 would be taken first. Approved	
4.	Progress updates – Plan Development:	<u>Children’s plan</u> An update on progress was provided by Karen Ralston with the following points noted; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Children’s plan sub-group has been meeting regularly. It’s agreed that consultation with children and young people is essential. Looking to schools and HLH to assist with this. To be undertake before Christmas. • Will be seeking young people’s views on what would help them and parents views on 	

- what would help their children more.
- 3 areas of focus identified; Pregnancy, children/early years, primary/secondary school years
- Also looking at childcare, active spaces and opportunities the pupil's equity fund presents.
- The sub-group are looking at shortening the survey/discussion document
- Need to look at use of social media more

Observations/questions

- There needs to be more outdoor facilities for children
- Need to better engage with teenagers
- The Partnership needs to ensure it is speaking in and producing documents in 'plain language so people can understand.
- Merkinch Parent Council were not aware of the partnership meeting but felt parent councils could positively contribute. Action – Parent Councils to receive direct notification of meetings (noted that schools had received information but this may not be getting through to PCs, better publicity of web link required)
- The plan needs to concentrate on a limited number of actions at a time so they can be achieved

Adult's plan

Gavin Sell (NHSH) gave an update on progress for the Inverness Community Partnership area Adults plan. The following points were noted;

- A sub-group has been established and has been looking at the current strategy (which identified 9 areas for improvement), also what is already happening, where the gaps are etc.
- Five (5) clear themes have subsequently been identified;

Transport – improvement to cycling routes, public transport link ups/connections, availability and accessibility (rural/city needs)

Housing – grant process around adaptations/alterations. Increasing trend of people who are in hospital awaiting solutions to housing problems. Noted increasing number of older people in private rented accommodation. Responsive solutions for the homelessness. (Keen to work closer with housing and look at what improvements to processes and availability can be made)

Emma
Tayler

Digital infrastructure – Access to broadband, (new innovative ways of working rely on people having access to a broadband connection)

Expectation – managing general expectations of what the public sector / services will be able to provide, what can friends/family/neighbours do to help

Current services – how do we improve the understanding of what services/facilities we have available, avoid duplication (better understanding what other services/organisations are doing).

- Aliss (A Local Information System for Scotland) is a web based service which provides the potential to have information in one place about the services available in an area. The sub-group has identified the need to better utilise/promote this and support the capturing of information into this system.

Recognise the need to involve DWP and CAB in the sub-group moving forward particularly around engaging with those more vulnerable.

Intend to develop the plan as an action plan which is manageable and deliverable

Next steps – will continue consultations/discussions and agree what actions are going to be taken forward as a Partnership.

Observations/questions

- With supportive friends/family/neighbours becoming even more relevant moving forward – how do we promote / develop 'neighbourliness', how do we build on the good work of the voluntary sector that supports self help
- How do we help people manage debt better, how do we get people to accept help when it is needed
- There are challenges with the transport issues particularly when routes are run commercially.

Merkinch locality plan

Chief Inspector Colin Gough outlined the work done to date in the development of the Merkinch locality (area priorities) plan. The following points were noted;

- The engagement time had been extended, this has proved useful with responses having reached in excess of 294. There are a few bits of learning regarding the process which will be helpful moving forward.
- Just over 72% of respondents stated they resided in Merkinch the rest stated South Kessock (may need to rethink the title of the plan)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An initial draft of the plan has been produced (circulated to those present). Three priority themes have emerged 1) work and local economy, 2) Care and maintenance, 3) Influence and sense of control. These are the three areas that had the poorest scores (least positive) from feedback. If these areas are addressed then there is likely to be improvement in other areas as a consequence (ie if you improve the environment then the sense of feeling safe may improve naturally). • Use of the format given to produce plans (driver diagram) was thought to be cumbersome and not liked by all. It is acknowledged that the important bits were the outcomes and actions to achieve these. It was agreed once finalised that the plan needs to be available to the community in a simple, easy to understand and read format which focusses on the outcomes and actions. • Next steps – sign off agreement for outcomes and then work with the community to agree actions and get involved in addressing them. It was noted that the sub-group felt that working with the community to agree and participate in addressing them was an extremely important part of the process. <p>Observations/questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Young people don't always understand what is being asked, the use of 'community planning' language etc is too complicated and confusing. Can the Partnership ensure that written (and verbal) materials are presented in a way young people can understand them. HIS youth reps agreed to review materials for the Partnership to help ensure they were more 'young people friendly' (and people friendly in general) - The sub-group were congratulated on the engagement work that has been done to get the plan to this point. 	HLH/HIS Youth Forum
3.	Violence against women – partnership guidance	<p>Gillian Gunn VAW development and training manager was welcomed to the meeting. Gillian gave a very informative and interactive session around the key types of violence against women (awareness raising), early identification / prevention and things to think about when developing action plans. Some key points of note were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RASASH – Rape and sexual abuse service Highland has a waiting list of about 4 months • MARAC Inverness – Multi-agency risk assessment conferences were the most developed in Highland • Sexual entertainment licences were being introduced soon • A case study was circulated to those present (Inverness Women's Aid) 	

		<p>Observations/questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feeling that women are being let down by DWP, looking at how homelessness is being managed for women affected by violence – this is particularly difficult due to lack of housing options <p>The session was thought provoking for all in attendance.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>AOCB</p>	<p>Reminders: National Standards for community engagement training Welfare report (as circulated to partnership members) SSE –fuel project (financial support) Highland community partnership – all partner meeting – 6th October</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p>	<p>13th December, Agreed change of time to 5.30 – 7.30pm. Venue Hilton Community Centre (TBC)</p>	

