

Mid Ross CP 27/9/17

Minutes

Attendance (sheet attached)



1. **welcome** AC. Introductions.
2. **Apologies.** –
Valerie MacDonald
Graham McKenzie, HC Member
Di Agnew, HC
Robbie Bain, HC
Margaret Paterson, HC Member
Mags Duncan, HLH
Noted : - CP website did not contain details of this meeting. Maintenance of the Mid Ross pages will be reviewed before our next meeting.
3. **Actions from last meeting**
 - a. Activities for young people in Conon / Dingwall reports from Chris Arnold and Fiona.
 - b. Conon school activity report available. Costs for facilities confirmed by DM, Highland Council reviewing charging and free let policies, this may affect the charging structure. Care and Learning events would not be charged. AC highlighted issues raised regarding access to facilities by young people.
 - c. Broadband phone line to be paid by HC or community – **Discussion to be held between HC and Community council Derek Martin/Mags Duncan?**
 - d. John Beaton Inclusion Scotland meeting attendance Job description to be discussed with people who have disabilities. Multiple issues raised eg accessibility/expenses. **AC and CA to discuss.** Question of whether this includes people with mental health. It is understood that this would be included in John's network.

swap items 4 and 5 to discuss children plan.

4. Children's Plan item 5 attached handout. DM

DM gave an overview of his role in leading the local children's plan working in partnership- with people and agencies. Draft revised from 12 projects to 4 local priorities.. DM highlighted a number of proposed actions to take forward the 4 priorities, including the 'family firm' approach. Highland Council has committed to offering young people who have been in care employment opportunities for them to support positive destinations for some young people. Based on 6 month placements on full pay for example, also looking at Modern Apprenticeships

Discussions Included

Access to outdoor - Use of Evanton woods by Dingwall primary as a normal place for lessons.

Childs plan for specific children, leading national program with services centred to the child. Ability of children to add their voice to the plan.

Enable children to have ownership of their learning which should start at 3 years old. Giving children a choice of activities.

- Substance Misuse.

Use of lived experience people to talk to children about drug taking and its affect, HLH and youth work work services can support with this work.

- unplanned emergency accommodation, last resort plan to remove children from home for their safety, early intervention is required to stop this happening. 'Sustain' charity can provide 24 hr advice for children

- ownership over learning Journey. Broaden this out to learning community, not Just schools, awards based on achievement not just attainment.

- support for parents when children are very young.

- Use of outdoor learning space at Dingwall Academy for rural skills

- Common themes in Mid and East Ross

- pressure S2 increases to misuse substances

- Pressure at school

- Smoking in the park.

- Consultant education providers, carers SC reporter's children's association on the Childrens plan for their views/ comment

- Need to set expectations, time scales, measurements, triggers, escalation against targets. RAG system needed.

- measurements for priorities

- Accountability system to enable children to own this plan.

- use of hub for cinema.

- HLH named person after 16.

- SI-S3 timetable, induction, missed lessons, transition plan to enable a flexible approach. → important transition points for children involving them in their learning

- PSE not up to date, issues from 5 years ago, limited availability

- Depression among young people, earlier intervention

- Text book learning → more open learning required requires national cultural change → Difficult issue
- enable young people to lead the topics in PSE
- Home start involvement./HLH adult learning team / CALA
- Build confidence in parents
- identifying families that require support
- at S4 limited number of periods.-
- Mental health issues as a 5" priority - **Agreed DM to redraft taking comments into account and agree how young people will continue to be involved in development and implementation of the Plan.**

5. Conon Locality plan

Submission must be as a driver diagram, Circulation of draft document, to be submitted by end of September, further engagement on the plan required with community

Request to partnership for comments on the draft and thoughts / ideas to plug gaps. It was agreed that the draft was a good reflection of the consultation event held in Conon. Further ideas included:

- Lack of specific individuals in Conon to enable new services to start up. Leads to service black hole in area. Difficult to support local services across all small towns in the area due to lack of critical mass of population. Could we use mobile units e.g. for CABx services

People from Conon attend the Men's Shed in Dingwall, looking for a venue in Conon

- Good signposting supported by 3rd sector interface/local CVS
- Use the Conon Craic for communication? Also school bags
- Time scales for support – public agencies need to respond quicker to community requests
- Need to link with Gateway Highland concept to streamline support for community action.
- Litter – organise a community litter pick (support from Pat Munro?) Lack of bins in public areas, bins not emptied regularly, can businesses become involved to support regularly emptying? Link with eco-schools
- transport -to Conon Bridge buses after 6pm.
- Sale of alcohol to young people in Co-op
- Development of action plans.

6. Terms of reference

To be circulated for discussion

7. Vice chair-

Requests for nominations to AC before the next meeting. Role primarily to deputise for Chair e.g. at Highland Community Partnership Board meetings.

8. Meeting dates

- feedback used to generate dates
- CA to provide 2018 dates.
- Tie to school finishing times if want young people
- End of Nov / early Dec for next meeting.
- CALA for agenda at next meeting.