



SUTHERLAND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF MEETING

21st JUNE 2019 1000 – 1200 Hours
BRORA RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB, BRORA

Present	Iain MacLelland (IM)	Chair, Police Scotland
	Jamie Wilson (JW)	New Chair, Police Scotland
	Dominic Corcoran (DC)	Support, Police Scotland
	Phil Tomalin (PT)	Highland Council Ward Manager
	Jason Gardiner (JG)	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
	Christine Ross (CR)	Voluntary Groups Sutherland
	Richard Gale (RG)	Cllr. East Suth & Edderton
	Fiona Hampton (FH)	Highlife Highland
	Angela Simpson (AS)	Highlands & Islands Enterprise
	Lorraine Coe (LC)	NHS Highland
	Ian Mitchell (IM)	Scottish Natural Heritage
	Susan Ainsworth (SA)	Minute Secretary, Police Scotland
	Alison Smith	Police Scotland
	Apologies	Deirdre Mackay (Att late)
Linda Munro (LM)		Cllr. NW & Central Sutherland
Kirsteen Currie (KC)		Cllr. NW & Central Sutherland
Jacqueline Jennett (JJ)		Care & Learning Manager North
Michelle Johnstone (MJ)		NHS Highland
Jim McGillivray (JM)		Cllr East Sutherland & Edderton
David Hannah		Ardgay
Gordon Sutherland		DACIC
Corrine Mackay		Pentland Housing
Louise Nadin		Highlife Highland
Steve Henderson		Age Scotland
Joan Bishop		DACIC
Wim Chalmet		Golspie High School
Martin Thomsen		HIE
Graham Wilde	KLB Community Council	

Guest Speaker – Karina Ross, Connecting Communities

Members of the Public – 18

1. Welcome -The Chair (IM) opened the meeting by welcoming all present to Brora Rangers Football Club. IM informed the Partnership that this is his last meeting as Chair due to his promotion and will be handing the reins over to newly promoted Chief Inspector Jamie Wilson, Area Commander for North Highland. IM then introduced Karina Ross who is the Guest Speaker, representing 'Connecting Communities'.

2. Present and Apologies – As Above

3. Actions from previous meeting

- Link up gaps with Food Poverty, Fuel Poverty and Transport, Jodie Ross – ONGOING
- Chair to consult Highland Planning Partnership and LOIP re Food Waste, JW taking this Action – ONGOING
- Final Report of Community Transport meeting to be circulated – DC has circulated this – CLOSED
- Funding from SSE – DC circulated to all - CLOSED

4. Locality Plans – Update – DC will circulate the condensed updates for all Locality plans after the meeting. IM asked for a brief update for all present.

Helmsdale – AS informed all that their last meeting was held in May with Transport being the main focus. Ali MacDonald, Chief Transport Officer with THC and Debbie Murray, UHI will be in attendance at the next meet. AS added the group are working through their Action plans and keeping momentum going.

Brora – LC stated their meeting is being held after the SCP meet today and will update.

Bonar Bridge – JG said their last meeting was held on 20/06. David Watson, KoSDT is taking an active role in assisting with meetings. The Locality Plan is focused on tourism and they are holding a Community Day in Oct/Nov to generate more interest. KoSDT are submitting a funding application for an 18-month post for a tourism officer.

Kinlochbervie – PT updated all that their last meeting held in June with the young people was very positive. Community transport is proving difficult due to forthcoming changes in regulations and this was explained to the young people by North West Community Bus Association who were in attendance. Rachel Skene added that the Locality Group discussed tourism and how they can support local businesses.

Golspie – DC is now chairing the Locality Group for Golspie. The last meeting was 29/03 and next meeting 08/07. Transport will be the single agenda item with Ali MacDonald, THC, present to discuss transport issues and how THC may be able to help.

IM added that SCP will support the challenges over transport and this is to be added in to all the Locality Plans.

ACTION – JW TO RAISE CONCERN AT LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL RE: CHANGES TO REGULATIONS ON COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cara Cameron wished it noted that Video Conferencing (VC) based at Kinlochbervie is now proving its worth with links to North West Training providing more subjects for pupils. VC is opening up more opportunities both for pupils and for other meetings in the community. She added a lecturer from North Highland College is now attending once a week to talk to older pupils on Psychology.

ACTION – DC TO MAP VIDEO CONFERENCING FACILITIES ACROSS SUTHERLAND

5. Presentation – Connecting Communities

IM introduced Karina Ross, representing 'Connecting Communities' who gave a power point talk explaining the background to her role. Karina is based in Helmsdale with 15 members of staff, originally set up to support people living with dementia and carers, however they are now reaching out to the broader community. Their services include events taking place at Helmsdale village hub three times a week with social activities such as live music, cream teas, themed lunches and a coffee club. Other projects provided under their remit 'Helmsdale Circle of Support' are

- Dinner to your Door Project
- Grab n' Go Bags
- Bridge over Troubled Waters
- Art n' Blether
- Helmsdale Mens' Shed
- Window to the World
- Highland Compassionate Communities

Karina gave a full account of these projects. IM reiterated that there is significant support for people living in the communities of Helmsdale, Brora and Golspie and asks for the Locality Plans to include Helmsdale Circle of Support.

ACTION - DC TO FEATURE CONNECTING COMMUNITIES IN NEXT SCP NEWSLETTER

Karina added that all activities are expanding through word of mouth and these activities are not solely for people with dementia. LC added that the above services are across Sutherland and this will also promote Health and wellbeing.

JG stated that contact with older citizens cannot be overestimated and that SF&RS can provide delivery drivers who serve meals to homes could be taught fire risk awareness and can identify home safety visits.

A round of applause followed to thank Karina for her informative talk.

Discussion around VC followed and it was requested that full training in operating these systems is required to enable staff to link up with other communities for meetings and hub activities, to reduce travel especially in adverse weather conditions and therefore utilise VC to its full potential. LC added a working group is being set up through their IT Department, NHS Highland. JG said that VC is to be installed in Dornoch Fire Station and will be widely available for the community to use. Sarah Bowyer, Scottish Health Council asked if GP's were subscribing into VC, this is being worked on and progressed.

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3. Cont. Adult Plan and Social Care Plan – LC informed the meeting that this has now been collated into a 29 page document around Health and Wellbeing. The group are meeting quarterly and progressing well with outcomes. A sub group has been formed to focus on Social Prescribing. Brora surgery, with great support from HLH, are organising health walks. NHS Highland are working alongside Highland Green Health Partnership in a pilot project. LC will give feedback at the next Partnership meeting.

IM asked if the group was coming across any challenges/opportunities and LC replied that challenges is around alcohol is the biggest problem. NHS Highland is losing a SPN for Alcohol and Drug misuse. More training is to be given out for suicide prevention. DC added he attended the Sutherland Drug and Alcohol Forum and has offered SCP's support.

Children's Plan – Firstly IM has asked for our thoughts to be with Jacqueline Jennett during this difficult personal period for her.

DC informed the meeting that there is full engagement with children and young people to draw up this plan so it focuses on meeting the needs of young people in Sutherland. The last meeting took place on 03/06 with focus on mental health. A mapping exercise is to take place to address short falls in mental health provision. Next meeting is 15/07 at Lairg. Myra Clark from Tykes will be attending. Yvonne Ross stated that young people are being trained in emergency First Aid in schools. IM has asked for the marketing of the Suicide Prevention App to school children.

6. Items for Discussion

- **Employability Awards** – Fiona Hampton, HLH and Yvonne Ross said they had received an award on behalf of SCP for their work in collaborating Employability within the hard to reach children. Their video made by young people was shown to the full Board of Partnerships and IM added that feedback from the Divisional Commander, Police Service of Scotland, showed that investing time in young people can give them the best start in life. JW added that Employability Awards will be rolled out to other Partnerships. DC said the Highland Outcome Improvement Plan will tie in with these awards. A thankyou was given to Yvonne Ross for all her hard work and dedication.

ACTION – DC TO INCLUDE UPDATE FOR HIGHLAND OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS STANDING AGENDA ITEM

- **Safe and Well Highlander 2019** – DC updated members that this year's event will take place in September in Golspie with a tea dance to live music. Refreshments will be provided by students from North Highland College. All partners involved have offered huge co-operation so far. It was asked if on-line safety and fraud awareness could be raised at this event.
- **North Coast Re-Design** – LC updated all that a new care home on the north coast with integrated care facilities has been planned by NHS Highland. There had been a presentation by Wildlands with an alternative project to include a Health Centre, with a huge investment from this company. Michael Simpson added the last meeting discussed budget issues with HC and Wildlands. LC stated that recruiting staff has been an issue in the past. Rachel Skene added that the present Health Centre was no longer suitable for use.
- **Social Entrepreneurs Project** – Rachel Skene gave a resume of this project, part of HIE, which is to offer support to social entrepreneurs to start and grow locally based businesses, with the aim to regenerate communities experiencing market failures. Four hubs are being launched across the Highlands, one in Sutherland, with the first hub being launched in the Autumn.

- **Closure of Clydesdale Bank, Brora** – Michael Baird spoke of his recent meeting with the Lloyds Banking Group where more emphasis is being put on to Post Offices to provide a banking service. However as there is no Post Office in Brora, the ATM will remain. It was noted that residents and banking customers in Brora had no consultation as to closure of the Clydesdale Bank, this went against banking protocol and Westminster were informed of this.

7. New Matters Raised

- Ian Mitchell, SNH has forward on dates for “Scottish Larder” events taking place and these have been circulated on the website.
- Women’s Aid – 7 new Ambassadors are now trained to give additional support to Women’s Aid
- Alan Campbell from Highland Wildcat asked if he could give a presentation at a future SCP meet on Golspie mountain bike trails. DC will invite him along to the next Golspie locality plan meeting.
- Michael Simpson representing Tongue Community council said their wish is to get more young people involved in their community meetings. The Spaceport project is bring in a bigger attendance. JW added that the Caithness Community Council Forum meets quarterly and there is a requirement for one in Wester Ross and Sutherland. VC could play a role in this and Rachel said she would progress with this idea.
- Caithness and Sutherland “Living Better” Group, next meeting 26/09 at the Brora Hub. Mental Health will be up for discussion. Again VC could link in to this meeting. ‘Living Well’ Conference is being held in Inverness on 11/09.

8. Community Matters Raised

- Margaret Brown raised the issue of new bus timetables. These are to be circulated. Margaret has also left leaflets for distribution on the Scottish Women’s Convention 11/07 at Dornoch.
- Myra Clark informed SCP that their move to new premises had not taken place yet. Tykes have a new staff member based at Kinlochbervie High School and are working together on a project with HLH on independent living. There is also an intergenerational project in Golpsie Primary School during their lunch breaks. A donation of over £1000 has been received from the Pipe Band day. Golspie High School also raised funds with a Fashion Show.
- DM informed all that there is to be a meeting organised with Post offices on the 23/07 in Brora.
- David Watson is delighted with mountain biking being promoted in the Golspie and Bonar Bridge area.
- Fiona Morrison, SSE, stating that funding has been oversubscribed however a meeting took place in Kinlochbervie on how to apply for funding and the funding criteria.
- Anna Patfield informed all that a new group in Ardgay has been recently formed with regards to climate and environmental changes. Their website is planetsutherland1@gmail.com. Ian Mitchell from SNH is promoting their work.

- Yvonne Ross wished it noted that the representative for the Scottish Youth Parliament will voice concerns over transport and is not afraid to go to the top to be heard.

9. New Dates for SCP Meeting – DC wished to inform all present new dates for SCP meetings:

27th September in Tongue, Venue to be confirmed.

13th December in Lairg, Venue to be confirmed.

Before the meeting was brought to a close the Chair (IM) wished to thank everyone for their continued support with making this Partnership a success. The SCP has and is addressing inequalities. There have been great friendships and comradery and great team working in taking the SCP forward “which is all down to each and every one of you”. IM then handed over the Chair to CI Jamie Wilson.

Deirdre Mackay, on behalf of Sutherland Community Partnership, gave a vote of thanks to Iain MacLelland for all his hard work he has put in to get the Partnership up and running and to continually move forward. It has been well recognised that Iain’s dedication and commitment has led this Partnership’s success.

A round of applause followed and Iain was wished all the best in his new role in the Police Service of Scotland.

The meeting closed at 1225 hours.