



SUTHERLAND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF MEETING

14 DECEMBER 2018 1000 – 1200 Hours Lairg Community Centre,
Lairg

Present	Iain MacLelland (IM)	Chair, Police Scotland
	Deirdre Mackay (DM)	Deputy Chair, East Suth & Ed Support, Police Scotland
	Peter Allan (PA)	
	Phil Tomalin (PT)	Highland Council Ward Manager
	Jason Gardiner (JG)	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
	Christine Ross (CR)	Third Sector Interface VG-ES
	Jim McGillivray (JMc)	Councillor East Suth & Edderton
	Richard Gale (RG)	Councillor East Suth & Edderton
	Kirsteen Currie (KC)	Councillor NW & Central Suth
	Angela Simpson (AS)	Highlands & Islands Enterprise
	Lorraine Coe (LC)	NHS Highland
	Ian Mitchell (IM)	Scottish Natural Heritage
	Frances Gunn (FG)	CVS North
Dominic Corcoran (DC)	Police Scotland	
Susan Ainsworth (SA)	Minute Secretary, Police Scotland	
Apologies	Jacqueline Jennett (JJ)	Care & Learning Manager North
	Linda Munro (LM)	Councillor NW & Central Suth
	Hugh Morrison (HM)	Councillor NW & Central Suth
	Michelle Johnstone (MJ)	NHS Highland
	Fiona Hampton (FH)	Highlife Highland
Guests	2 Pupils from Golspie High School	
	Mr Wim Chalmet, Deputy Head Teacher, Golspie High	

Members of the Public – 25

- Welcome** -The Chair (IM) welcomed all to the final meeting of 2018 and gave a festive greeting to all present who were wearing Christmas jumpers. He added 2018 had been a very busy and productive year.

IM informed the meeting that James Turner from the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust (KSDT) is moving on to assist another Partnership team. James has been an asset both to the KSDT and the SCP, this has been acknowledged by all members and on behalf of the SCP, IM thanked James for all his hard work, adding his knowledge and expertise will greatly assist him in his new job.

IM welcomed PC Corcoran to the meeting who is shadowing Sgt Allan today.

CR then proceeded with the presentation of Saltire Awards 2018 to three pupils of Golspie High School and Dornoch Academy namely:

Hayley, for voluntary work at Embo Community Shop
Steff, for her hours (exceeding hours) of Volunteering.
Amy, for her voluntary work at Golspie Play Group and Golspie Lunch Club

The pupils have gone above and beyond the 200 hours of volunteering and they have shown tremendous dedication.

IM said their skills are an example to the Community and will inspire others. A round of applause was given.

2. Present and Apologies – As above.

3. Actions from Previous Meeting – Actions raised from the October meeting:

- Adults Plan progressing by LC, there has been positive feedback with the report which will be completed in the New Year - ONGOING
- Children's Plan to be given feedback by JJ - ONGOING
- The Pledge and Loneliness – LC said the certificate is now at the meeting for all SCP Partners as an organisation to sign. This will take place during the meeting - CLOSED
- PA will add dates of all 2019 meetings on the various websites - CLOSED
- PA stated all Locality Plans are now awaiting final approval and will be posted on the SCP website – CLOSED
- CaSPLAN now on website – CLOSED
- CaSPlan circulated to all Community Councils and SCP mailing list – CLOSED
- Suicide Prevention – LC stated all training dates now fully booked. Further dates being published. Relevant leaflets to go onto website – CLOSED

IM added the Suicide Prevention App has been developed by Highland Council and Police Scotland and the app is very appropriate to the Highland area.

- PA along with Steve Henderson, Age Scotland, have organised a Presentation Day for 30th January 2019 at Ferrycroft, Lairg. Details and Agenda to be circulated - CLOSED

4. Saltire Awards and Presentation – As Previous

5. Community Partnership Plans – Locality Plans

Golspie – Now available to the Locality Group in Draft form.

ACTION – PA TO FORMULATE MEANS OF RECORDING BEST PRACTICE

Helmsdale – AS informed SCP that the plan is in its second stage for local discussions.

Brora - LC stated the locality plan has been put forward to Brora Community Council and is now ready to go out to the community. DM wished to add this feels like a living document.

Bonar Bridge – JG said the final plan will be ready early January after the Locality Working Group.

Kinlochbervie – PT stated a meeting had recently taken place with next meeting 5th February 2019.

Chair of Kinlochbervie Community Council is concerned that some actions from the KLB Locality Plan are not relevant. Community priorities are to be discussed with PT at the meeting in February.

Martin Thomsen, KSDT, is keeping momentum going with the flexibility to local needs. Representatives from the local communities are now required to engage with him.

Children’s Plan Update – PA on behalf of lead JJ said the plan is in its final stages and looking for points to be raised. Actions have been set in place.

Adult Health and Social Care Plan – LC said regular meetings have taken place, a lot of progress has been made and the document is now live. The next stage is for a Presentation.

ACTION – PA TO MAKE ALL PLANS AVAILABLE ON LINE SIMILTANIOUSLY AND NOTIFY PRESS.

Discussion took place around the Suicide Prevention App with key focus not only on young males but all ages and how the SCP can support and direct people for help.

James from KSDT explained a package has been put together by NHS & CPP, a wider distribution of training is required to include parents, Youth Group Leaders, Schools.

JG added he is offering Fire Stations as venues for training. RG added that training for teachers and pupils is required to have an awareness with Highland Council to do more to assist in mental health issues in schools. IM welcomed all feedback on the app.

ACTION - TO EXPAND DISTRIBUTION OF APP TO COMMUNITY GROUPS, YOUTH LEADERS AND SCHOOLS.

6. Other Matters (Being discussed after the break)

7. Presentation – Vulnerabilities in the Community – Jason Gardiner

JG on behalf of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service gave a slide presentation on awareness of vulnerable people in the community and gave a moving example of an elderly person refusing assistance and ultimately dying in a house fire. He stated the Fire Service had carried out over four thousand visits this year to households giving individual talks on reducing the risk of fires in the home. He has asked for referrals, with

the occupant's permission, from all agencies. Contact can be made on-line/phoning 08000731999.

JG added that four new posts within SF&RS have been established to support fire risk visits.

ACTION – PA TO INCLUDE A RESUME IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER AND ON THE SCP WEBSITE.

Presentation – Intergenerational Pilot Project – Golspie High School

Two pupils from GHS gave a talk on how they have shared their IT knowledge and Expertise with elderly residents showing them computer topics they wished to learn. The evaluation from this project has exceeded expectations and this is being expanded out to hubs and learning zones in Sutherland. This project is also combating loneliness.

Cara Cameron, DYW has asked for Golspie students to come up to Kinlochbervie to meet with the Youth Club and Head Teacher to implement the pilot in the North West.

Golspie High School have asked for the SCP to contribute to the vision statement for the future of the school. This vision statement has been designed by the pupils. Ideas to be added to the Statement by partners during the break.

ACTION – PA TO PROMOTE THE PILOT FROM GHS IN SCP NEWSLETTER AND ON THE WEBSITE.

SHORT BREAK

8. Other Matters

- **Food Waste Initiative, Brora** – DM updated the meeting with the ongoing success of the Grow/Cook/Share initiative based at the Hub in Brora. Food waste which is at its sell-by date from supermarkets in the local area are being collected and used to produce lunches. This is producing a hive of activity in the Hub kitchen. Locals are volunteering to cook, wash up and this has boosted self-esteem, loneliness and those cooking are using this to work towards a Food Hygiene Certificate. David Watson from Brora Hub added there has been a Community larder created where locals can help themselves to food. A fridge freezer is also been purchased for use. He added that by lunchtime the Hub is cleaned out of food. Any food that is left over goes for animal feed ie goats and chickens. Discussion took place in how to expand this to other localities. CAB and Blytheswood could also become involved.

ACTION – PA TO SHARE THIS GOOD PRACTICE IN THE SCP NEWSLETTER.

- **Restructure of VGES/CVS North** – CR explained they would be a single organisation from 1st March 2019 with a presence in the north with an option to change the name to Voluntary Groups Sutherland. Members to approve this at a January meeting. FG looking for support from SCP. Michael Simpson added there has been a lack of communications and expressed concern for CVS North.

- **Presentation Day** – Steve Henderson will outline plans and an Agenda for 30th January 2019 at Ferrycroft, Lairg from 0900hrs – 1600hrs with 18 organisations lined up to give talks to the SCP.

ACTION – SH TO SEND OUT FLYERS AND AGENDA TO ALL ON SCP MAILING LIST

- **Tykes** – Denise Campbell stated they have approached Moray Firth Radio, Cash for Kids Appeal and have obtained thirty Christmas parcels for Tykes and arranged fifty bags of coal for ten families.
- **Fuel Poverty** – DM stated local residents are having to prioritise electricity/coal over food and this should not be acceptable in this day and age.
- **Employment** – DM stated the next meeting is taking place 18th January at Drummuie. A Careers Event on 22nd January at Golspie High School with further career speaking event on 27th February to promote Apprenticeships. STEM event on 22nd March in Golspie.
- **Transport** – IM informed all present there is no more funding available for community transport. PA stated 30 drivers have been trained in mini bus driving and a further 11 being trained on 9th January in Golspie. Transport in NW Sutherland was raised by Michael Simpson where a survey involving the young people showed transport as the top priority for improvement.
KLB also has transport issues with the young people. Highland Council are putting a person in post specifically to help resolve issues raised and to identify and install electrical points for vehicles in the NW.

ACTION – IM, MS, MT, PA AND DAVID SUMMERS TO MEET TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE NW CORNER.

9. Community Matters Raised

- George Farlow informed SCP he felt the west coast (including Ullapool) has been poorly served by their Partnership and has asked for Sutherland and Wester Ross to work together. IM added that concerns and plans are shared at Regional level at the Community Planning Partnership meetings.

ACTION – PA TO ADD DURNESS AND SCOURIE COMMUNITY COUNCILS TO THE SCP MAILING LIST.

- Agency Benefits are being devolved to the Scottish Government who are keep to meet up with local communities to explain the roll-out.
- Dates of forthcoming SCP meeting dates discussed with an evening date in June for the opportunity for young people to Chair.
- Third Sector wished it noted that funding is being reduced from one in three applications to one in twenty.

- PA recapped on several matters discussed during the meeting
 - Suicide Prevention App
 - Golspie High School Vision and Values – all SCP partners to add to this.
 - Proposed dates of SCP meetings to be circulated
 - Pledge being signed by all Partners
 - Charity raising for all wearing Christmas jumpers.

- JG stated £2,000 had been raised through Tesco's 'Bags for Help' to put young Fire Cadets on training courses.
- JG informed the meeting that the Christmas party for pensioners in the Golspie area has been ongoing for 65 years with the support of the SFARS.
- CR wished to emphasise to all that neighbours may require help at this time of year.
- RG wished it noted this Partnership has achieved so much in resolving inequalities.

**10. Date and Location of Next Meeting – Friday 15TH February 2019.
Venue – Lawson Memorial Hospital, Golspie**

The meeting was brought to a close at 1235 hours with IM wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas.

A networking session followed.