



SUTHERLAND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF MEETING

19 MAY 2017 1000 – 1200 Hours Lairg Community Centre

Present	Iain MacLelland (IM) Peter Allan (PA) Deirdre Mackay (DM) Garry Cameron (GC) Jim McGillivray (JMc) Richard Gale (RG) Kirsteen Currie (KC) Jason Gardiner (JG) Christine Ross (CR) Lindsey Tennent (LT) Gaener Rodger (GR) Christian Nicolson (CN) Angela Simpson (AS) Fiona Wylie (FW) Greg Maclachlan (GM) Susan Ainsworth	Chair Support Deputy Chair East Suth & Edderton Highland Council Ward Manager Councillor East Suth & Edderton Councillor East Suth & Edderton Councillor NW & Central Suth Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Third Sector Interface NHS Highland NHS Highland Board Member NHS Highland Highland and Islands Enterprise Developing the Young Workforce HC Children & Young Persons Minute Secretary
Apologies	Hugh Morrison (HM) Linda Munro (LM) Jamie Wilson (JW) Fiona Hampton (FH) Lorraine Coe (LC) Michelle Johnstone (MJ) Myra Clark (MC) Ronnie Lansley (RL) Frances Gunn (FG) Steven Gorman (SG) Helen Houston (HH) Brian Ford (BF)	Councillor NW & Central Suth Councillor NW & Central Suth Police Scotland Highlife Highland Business Manager NHS Highland Area Manager NHS Highland Tykes CVS North CVS North Scottish Ambulance Service Kyle of Sutherland Historic Environment Scotland
Guests	Jordan Watson- TYKES (Young Carers) Gillian Gunn – Violence Against Women	

Members of the Public - 15

- Welcome** -The Chair (IM) welcomed all members, guests and members of the public to the meeting of the Sutherland Community Partnership, expressing his thanks to all partners for their support and engagement.

A special thank you was given to Marie McIlwraith, who has now moved on, for all her assistance and to the two outgoing Councillors namely Graham Phillips and George Farlow. IM welcomed newly elected Councillors Richard Gale and Kirsteen Currie, to the SCP. IM added that SCP is strongly recognised as the forefront of Community Partnerships and this is down to all partners for their commitment to engage.

2. Present and Apologies – As above.

- 3. Actions from Previous Meeting** - IM discussed outstanding actions including the Adult Health and Social Care Plan, Promoting SCP Survey to Under 18's, the ongoing Sutherland Transport Group and that plans are in place to implement actions to take this forward. Inclusion of Kinlochbervie and Bonar Bridge in Locality Plans and reasons for this. The Toolkit for CLDP and Locality Plans has a draft prepared and has been forwarded to partners for consultation. Social Prescribing is ongoing for August Agenda.

4. Presentation – Tykes

DM gave an overview of TYKES in Sutherland. The organisation was set up some years ago in response to the challenges facing local youngsters with caring responsibilities for family members. In November 2015, DM chaired an event organised by the young people at which they highlighted the many challenges they face. The Panel was made up of senior Health/SW managers, MP and Head Teacher. Actions were allocated to panel members and DM pledged to provide TYKES with a standing agenda item at each District Partnership. This would be the forum for services to report on the progress of actions.

Jordan Watson, a young carer, spoke about a range of issues raised at the event including: mental health support, school awareness, transport, career opportunities and work experience.

DM updated on actions:

- ID Cards: long awaited are now being introduced. GM added that ID cards for young carers should assist with either a reduction or free transport.
- JG stated that ID cards would be of great benefit when Fire and Rescue staff attend at calls and could assist when medical intervention is required.
- Training issues for school staff to raise awareness of young carers being late for school.
- Missing school for medical appointments – LC arranging video conferencing.
- Issues around free school meals – DM
- Work Experience: FW raised the issue of Employers Liability Insurance. GM added that the onus is on employers to obtain this.
- Brooke Advisory Service: GR informed members that Waverly Care is replacing this, however the only centre available to young people is situated in Invergordon. This is being taken on board by NHS Highland – GR
- Transport issues re HC minibus - GM
- Representation from young carers in the Highlands at Carers events held in Edinburgh had been let down due to travel and accommodation costs involved and that funding has not been available to them.

In response to a question Denise M advised that Tykes had been running for 20 years, employing 2 x senior support workers and 3 x assistants with referrals mainly from schools. Funding for Tykes comes mainly from Big Lottery Fund, Children in Need and

The Highland Council. Money has recently been donated locally from Sutherland Bowlers who represent bowling clubs in the area.

- DM summed up and had discussed with TYKES the benefit of having a visual wall chart itemising their issues with a traffic light system charting progress.
- DM gave reassurance to Tykes that this item will remain on the SCP Agenda.

5 Engagement

- Survey Updates – PA presented several diagrams showing percentage of returns and where they have come from. Survey updates are received weekly by PA. It was noted that Under 18 engagement with the survey was poor and this needed to be addressed through social media i.e. Facebook and Twitter.
- Highland Community Workshops – PA informed all present that since the March meeting both he and GC had attended workshops in Durness and Dornoch.

Yvonne Ross added that the hub in Bonar Bridge is due to open at the end of July.

6 Community Partnership Plans

- a. **Locality Plan Updates** – IM thanked AS for all her help and assistance. AS added that all partners are working together as a team, reaching for the same goal in order to achieve quality engagement.

Golspie – IM gave JW apologies and informed SCP that the first locality meeting had taken place with good representation across the community. From 11th June, Golspie is holding workshops then will draft the first locality plan.

Brora – LT, on behalf of Lorraine Coe, informed SCP that their next meeting is scheduled for 16th June. There has been good response from the public and LC is now awaiting more survey feedback.

Helmsdale – AS informed SCP that their initial meeting will be held on 22nd May and will provide feedback at the August meeting. Funding for Helmsdale District & Development trust is going through an assessment on 7th June.

Bonar Bridge – JG stated they had their first locality meeting in May. The new hub is nearing completion and all positive.

Kinlochbervie – GC have held their locality meeting with representatives from local groups engaging with this. All positive with a good action plan. Second meeting to be held shortly, good support from Kinlochbervie High School with youth input.

- b. **Children's Plan** – GM handed out the plan to members, explaining four process Phases. Dates are to be set, groups identified and 'Driver Diagram' to be set up. All work ongoing to meet with 'Voice' standard.

- c. **Adult Health and Social Care Plan** – LT informed SCP that a meeting is to be held on 12th June and an update given by LC at the August meeting with 'Voice' standard being documented.

Short Break

7 Presentation by Gillian Gunn – Violence Against Women

A slide presentation was given by Gillian Gunn, showing gender inequality, explaining the risks to women are far greater than to men. Gillian highlighted the lack of specialised services in Sutherland and that the geography of the area is a real challenge, travel costs cause problems and funding seems available for new projects but not however for existing projects. There is a high proportion of self-referrals and early intervention is essential.

IM added that from a Police Scotland prospective, violence is a real issue, in particular domestic abuse and substance misuse. Social media is creating more awareness.

KC informed members a pilot project has been rolled out to train hairdressers in recognising signs of domestic abuse. The UHI is to include this in their training courses.

YR for Highlife Highland will display leaflets. RG works with Citizens Advice Bureau and will increase awareness amongst his staff.

Gillian Gunn added that 'MARAC' has been set up for early intervention which included Social Workers, Police Scotland and other agencies. Skyguard alarms are given to victims for their personal use however lack of mobile reception can cause problems.

8 Other Matters

- a. **Fuel Poverty**
- b. **Employment**

Updates given and information in the forthcoming newsletter will give advice on saving energy/saving money. A fuel poverty sub group has been established and further meetings will take place to discuss and resolve issues.

Employment issues will be included in the Children's Plan and Adults Plan.

SCP Newsletter is going out with advice on Fuel Poverty.

9 Other Events

- **Senior Safe Highlander** – PA gave an update on the success of the event last year at Rogart. An event is to be arranged in different locations to give advice to the elderly, in particular bogus workmen.
- **Junior Safe Highlander** – Event taking place 12th June at Lairg Community Centre
- **SNH Open Day** – to be held at Loch Fleet on 7th October.
- **Dying to Know – Funeral Poverty** – Margaret Brown gave SCP information on this event being held at Dornoch West Hall Church on 6th September. This will

include short talks on CAB, funeral costs, emotional support, legal advice and funeral arrangements.

10 Open Session

- a. **Transport** – Member of the public brought up concerns around public transport. IM informed the meeting that the Transport Sub Group will be discussing ongoing problems.

There is an on-line survey to complete regarding improvements to Inverness train station and Inverness bus stations if members wish to participate.

- b. **Young People** - Yvonne Ross representing FH informed SCP that Youth Development Officers within Sutherland will engage with the Children's Plan and the Locality Plans.

Concern was further raised regarding Tykes and how do they get to NHS services, especially from Kinlochbervie. NHS stated they hoped to do more with video conferencing to get the young people involved.

GR added that GP's and pharmacists should pull together and KC has asked what health services are available and the extent as to what GP surgeries can offer.

ACTION – CN AND LT (AND LC) TO LOOK INTO TRANSPORT CHALLENGES WITH REGARDS TO NORTH WEST COAST.

ACTION – CN AND LT (AND LC) TO FIND OUT WHAT GP SURGERIES PROVIDE FACILITIES RELATING TO SEXUAL HEALTH.

- 11. Date and Location of Next Meeting** – Friday 25th August 2017 1000 – 1200 hours Kinlochbervie Village Hall, Manse Road, Kinlochbervie.

- 12. Future Meeting Dates** – 20th October, 15th December 2017. Locations TBC.

IM closed the meeting at 1210 hours and thanked everyone for their attendance.