



SUTHERLAND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF MEETING

26th APRIL 2019 1000 – 1200 Hours
THE FERRY CROFT CENTRE, LAIRG

Present	Iain MacLelland (IM)	Chair, Police Scotland
	Deirdre Mackay (DM)	Deputy Chair, East Suth & Ed
	Dominic Corcoran (DC)	Support, Police Scotland
	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
	Angela Simpson (AS)	Highlands & Islands Enterprise
	Ian Mitchell (IM)	Scottish Natural Heritage
	Susan Ainsworth (SA)	Minute Secretary, Police Scotland
Apologies	Richard Gale (RG)	Cllr. East Suth & Edderton
	Linda Munro (LM)	Cllr. NW & Central Suth
	Jacqueline Jennett (JJ)	Care & Learning Manager North
	Valerie Gale (VG)	
	Michelle Johnstone (MJ)	NHS Highland
	Lorraine Coe (LC)	NHS Highland
	Louise Nadin	Highlife Highland
	Joan MacKay	Citizens Advice Bureau
	Rhionna Mackay	Citizens Advice Bureau
	David Hannah	Ardgay
	Lorraine Askew	The Bradbury Centre
	Gordon Sutherland	DADCA
	Catherine Graham	Social Security
	Morven Taylor	HSCHT
	Louise Foster	NHS Highland
	Wim Chalmet	Golspie High School
Lindsay Tennent	NHS Highland	
Graham Wilde	KLB Community Council	

Guests – June Love and Roy Kirk, Representatives of Sutherland Spaceport

Members of the Public – 22

- Welcome** -The Chair (IM) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing June Love and Roy Kirk representing Space Hub, Sutherland. The Minutes of the February meeting have been approved and circulated. June Love informed all present that information on the proposed Space Hub at Tongue are available which gives information on the plan. June Roy then left the meeting.

Actions outstanding from the previous meeting are as follows

- Police Scotland to assist with distribution of the Children's Plan. The plan has been completed and e-mailed out to all – CLOSED
- Written Update for Adult's Plan has been received and circulated – CLOSED
- To include Young Carers in the Children's Plan – CLOSED
- Letter of Thanks to Catering Students at Dornoch Academy – CLOSED
- Link up gaps with Food Poverty, Fuel Poverty and Transport (JR and LM) – ONGOING
- Credit Union contacted, leaflet received and circulated – CLOSED
- Young People's Involvement Group, planning and support offered, meeting taken place – CLOSED

2. Present and Apologies – As Above

- 3. Locality Plans – Update** – IM has received updates on all plans prior to the meeting and has asked for this to continue. These updates will be posted on line which will enable all to share in good practice and view actions as they develop.

Helmsdale – IM updated all present the plans are linking in with neighbouring communities. Helmsdale is rolling out a 'Kitchen Project'. Transport always standing out as a major issue. Tourism is being discussed. AS added their focus is now on the actions raised.

Brora – The last meeting was held in December. March meeting was cancelled, no further update.

Golspie – IM stated the last meeting held in March discussed Childcare, Funding Opportunities, Midas Training and Transport. Work is ongoing

Kinlochbervie – IM informed all their last meeting held on 28th March was held in the school during the day and an evening meeting for adults to attend. Topics included discussions around transport, accessing to services ie Dentists, GP's. Their next meeting scheduled for 6th June will have Highland Council in attendance where tourism and transport will be discussed. PT added that Kinlochbervie is not linked in to North Highland College, this is to be addressed with SCP to offer assistance in gaining funding. This would provide students and adults alike with video conferencing technology.

Bonar Bridge – JG said the recent meeting is to be rescheduled, no further update.

Adult Health and Social Care Plan – Actions continuing and to be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Children's Plan – Meeting had taken place and will include Young Carers into the plan. The next meeting planned for 3rd June at Lairg Primary School will focus on mental health.

ACTION – DC TO SUMMARISED ALL LOCALITY UPDATES ONTO ONE DOCUMENT & CIRCULATE

4. Presentation on Employability Awards

Carra Cameron on behalf of Highlife Highland presented a short video made by pupils in 5th and 6th Years from Dornoch, Golspie, Ullapool and Kinlochbervie. Firstly Carra thanked SCP for their support in making this happen. The video gave an insight into career choices and opportunities that had opened pupils up to careers which they might have otherwise dismissed. Carra went on to add this had greatly improved on their communication skills, confidence, practical experience including CV building and work experience. Discussions to involve 3rd/4th year pupils and interview training for young people. JG added that the SFRS had received over 4,000 applications for vacancies within the fire service, however the standard of some application forms was very poor.

SHORT BREAK

5. Items for Discussion

- **Green Health Mapping** – Fiona Hampton, HLH, explained there are around one hundred different providers which are able to make the most of the outside and the natural environment through NHS programmes. The networking team is identifying gaps and work in ongoing with different services to promote this work.
- **Withdrawal of Energy Advice Service (TEAS)** – DM is disappointed to learn that funding has been withdrawn. East and Central Sutherland CAB has independently put in a funding application for part time provision to take up this valuable service. SSE added they will deliver training for the 3rd Sector and arranging a one day training event alongside Home Energy Scotland. This will be published on the website.

David Watson, Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust, stated there is provision for people in fuel poverty to apply to the Hardship Fund for white goods and emergency fuel. With cuts to funding, trained experience staff have now left. IM expressed support from SCP to challenge any funding that has been lost.

- **Food Waste Project** – DC informed all their first meeting held in February was extremely positive with active food projects rolling out across Sutherland. A working draft plan is progressing to distribute food. DM added that transport resource to deliver food is their main issue. Co-op, Tesco's and Lidl's are donating food however this needs to be managed and distributed. Carra Cameron added that for Youth Club events in the northwest, food is provided to make sure those attending receive a decent meal. Fiona Wylie added that Muir of Ord have a successful food waste project up and running and this is to be rolled out to Dornoch and the Seaboard villages. NHC students are working on recipe cards as part of their syllabus for distribution within the food larders. Yvonne Ross is working with others to re-distribute food in the Dornoch area however stated the individual groups need to work together.

David Watson informed the meeting that a university student is coming on a 2-month study with KofSDT to measure inclusion, the results of which will be shared on the website.

Ian Mitchell, SNH, working with Highlife Highland said that from September courses are being run across secondary schools delivering education on wild foods. Day events held recently at Dornoch had met with a great response by pupils.

Myra Clark, Tykes, said they receive donations in the form of food vouchers for Tesco's and Co-op. Michael Simpson wished to add that food waste is at a national level. DM added there is a clear need for a post to co-ordinate the distribution of food.

ACTION – IM TO CONSULT HIGHLAND PLANNING PARTNERSHIP AND LOIP RE FOOD WASTE

- **Highland Community Transport** – IM informed all that after attending at Kinlochbervie for the Locality Plan meeting, transport is the major issue. DC added the meeting held in Lairg on 25th April which was arranged by The Poverty Alliance and The Inequality Commission whose job it is to scrutinise the current work of the Scottish Government with regards to current transport and legislation, had been well attended with representatives from HC, HLH, Scottish Ambulance Service, Community Transport Groups and members of the public. The day was run in a workshop format with each table having a facilitator from the organisers. Discussions around what works well/what doesn't with the day being summarised by each group voting on the overall principles and results were Nationalisation, better integrated transport to meet people's needs and changes to lift people out of poverty. This will formulate into a report back to the Scottish Government.

David Watson reiterated the point that public transport and community transport require to be split into Public and Rural Transport as two separate issues.

ACTION – DC TO CIRCULATE FINAL REPORT OF MEETING

6. New Matters Raised

- **Skills Investment Plan** - DM stated that Val Gale is working on getting information together to form a Skills Investment Plan for Sutherland. A market place event is to be held to bring agencies together and give people the opportunity to discuss employment and apprenticeships. The administration on small and single man businesses is a barrier for employers to take on apprentices. Affordable childcare is another challenge.
- **Dementia Friendly Communities** – to be carried forward to next meeting.

7. Community Matters Raised

- Ian Mitchell, SNH will forward on dates for "Scottish Larder" events taking place over the next few months and these will be available on the SCP website. He added that Sutherland is to become a World Heritage site and meetings have been arranged which will also be published on the website.
- Fiona Morrison, SSE informed SCP that from October there will be sustainable funds available.

ACTION – DC TO RECEIVE GUIDELINES FROM SSE AND PUBLISH ON THE WEBSITE

- Michael Baird raised the issue of bank closures and mobile banking facilities in Bonar Bridge. After he had a productive meeting with Lloyds Banking Group, Bank of Scotland are looking to increase their mobile banking hours. A pilot is being run to open the village hall during the current banking hours, paid for by Lloyds with “Keep Active Together” taking place within the hall. Funding packages are also available for charities from the Bank of Scotland. Scamming was also discussed and this should be raised again through Senior Safe Highlander events.
- Myra Clark, Tykes, stated as from 6th May their new premises will be at the Golspie Gallery. They have recruited a new staff member for the Kinlochbervie area. SSE have provided funding for a sensory room for carers. Myra added that lottery funding has been secured for the next three years.

8. Date of Next Meeting – Friday 21st June 2019. Venue to be confirmed

Before the meeting was brought to a close IM wished to thank Martin Thomsen for all his engagement with Community Planning and wished him well in his new post with HIE. A round of applause to thank Martin followed and Martin thanked SCP for the learning curve he had developed during his time with us.

IM thanked all for attending and the April meeting was brought to a close at 12pm.