

Caithness Community Partnership

21 November 2018

2:00 – 4:00pm

Pentland Hotel, Thurso

Present: Eann Sinclair, HIE, Chair
Lauren Simpson, HIE
Anne McDonald, HSCN
John West, HLH
Cllr Deirdre Mackay, Highland Council
Iain Gregory, CCAB
Deirdre Aitken, HSC
Alex Macmanus, HC
Fiona Clarke, NHS Highland
Maria Aitken,
Allan Tait, CVG
Kirsteen Campbell, LGOWIT
Rosemary Smith, Home Start Caithness
Lesley Kinloch, NHS
Keith Moncur, HLH
Carly Simpson, WHS
Cllr Karl Rosie, Highland Council
Jim Donaldson, SFRS
Robert Saxton,
Cllr Andrew Sinclair, Highland Council
Michelle Johnstone, NHS Highland

Apologies: Matthew Reiss, Cllr
Keith Muir, HIE
Greg Maclachlan, HC
Wilma Kelp, HLH
Bill Fernie,
Coreen Campbell, CRT

Lyn Stewart, Ormlie Community Association

Nina Mackay, HLH

Mandy Bentham

Members of the Public: Paul Cannop

Sadie Kevill

Lily Hunter

Peter Todd

1. Welcome

Mr Sinclair welcomed members of the Community Partnership, members of the Public and introduced himself as the new chair of the CCPP.

Mr Sinclair reflected on the previous minutes.

2. Matters Arising

YOYPE event

Keith Moncur gave a summary of what the YOYP event was and the funding it had. It took place in Skinandi's Thurso where two events were held. One being a question time event where the young people could vote on the aspects of the redesign project. The second part was an under 18s disco.

There were themes within the events that took place – Young people's influence on decisions and health and wellbeing. Both events were a great success and it was reported back from pupils that the transport provided for the young people to get to and from the event worked very well.

Highland Community Partnership Day

Eann Sinclair stated the day was good with lots of information exchanging opportunities. It was **agreed** we need to learn from the other partnerships and exchange information where possible.

Inspiring Communities

Allan Tait gave an update on the three new Aspiring Communities posts that are currently advertised. Explaining that there will be one each based in Wick, Thurso and a Rural Caithness post. CVG hopes to have these in place by January 2019. Where each will be based is yet to be confirmed. It was explained that these officers' focus is on inequalities in the area and they will be working with the partnership engaging with locality plans. It was **agreed** that the partnership needs to make sure they can feedback to these officers.

Part of the aspiring communities funding is for childcare officer which is currently being advertised. This post will be in the PPP Wick.

Health Inequalities Session

It was **agreed** that the morning session was beneficial and more of these workshops should be held for the partnership.

Caithness redesign

Michelle Johnstone (NHS Highland) gave an overview of the Caithness redesign project asking everyone to make sure surveys are filled out so all preferred options can be shown and allows the support to be demonstrated to the Scottish Gov.

Sophie Dunnett (NH College UHI) explained how the college has been involved, working closely with NHS Highland and the wider UHI network. She hopes this work will give more options for courses such as nursing. The college needs a clinical skills area which needs funding.

3. Locality plans

Adult and Child

Both plans are on the CCP website however they need updating.

Eann Sinclair passed on message from Greg MacLachlan who is responsible for the Child locality plan. He plans to bring together those originally part of the Child Plan. He will be emailing those involved and wishes to have something to feedback on by January.

Adult and Health Plan

It was **agreed** that this plan needed updating. Michelle Johnstone outlined how some of this will come from the Caithness redesign.

Brora and Dunbeath Hubs were discussed as they are good examples of bringing people together. These hubs are community run with some support from the NHS such as for travelling to the hubs. Kirsteen Campbell stated she wishes to help and be involved with the Health plan.

Adult Plan

It was **agreed** that the whole community need to be involved with the Adult Plan and it should not be done in isolation.

Lybster, Dunbeath and Berriedale Plan

It was **agreed** Andy Dick (SFRS) has done some great work on this plan and it is the most developed plan. Jim Donaldson introduced himself as Andy's replacement and explained the action to now be taken on the plan is to focus on the feedback and who was involved to then join it all up to enable the partnership to take action.

Workshop in Lybster brought up childcare and transport issues.

As this is the most developed it was **agreed** it will have the quickest progress and will be looked at firstly as we want to demonstrate good progress to the communities.

Thurso Locality Plan

Cllr Karl Rosie has gathered data from surveys in relation to the Thurso Community Development trust. It was agreed that the inspiring communities officer would be getting involved with this plan as well as the Development trust and Ormlie organisation.

Allan Tait stated the development officers would have data collected and ready to be reported back in March. Allan Tait also asked all members to email across to him any relevant data/information that they have so the officers have something to start on in January.

It was also agreed that the rural officer would be starting on Castletown and Lybster.

Eann Sinclair agreed he would be contacting Police Scotland to see what their involvement is as they were the designated lead for Castletown Locality Plan.

Wick High School

Carly Simpson gave an overview of the Scottish engagement challenge that they have been given funding for. She has been working with the pupils of the school to see where the money needs spent – some ideas have been for transport, education opportunities and drug awareness. There is a meeting on the 5th of December to address issues being raised.

Young People

Iain Gregory (Caithness CAB) added that poverty amongst primary school-age children is rising. He has lots of data around this which is just a starting point. He also added he wants to participate in this plan in any way possible.

Iain Gregory explained some of the projects they currently have running that are related to children such as the School project. He explained they want to work with other groups as they currently feel they are in isolation with the other partners.

Fiona Clarke added that the child poverty plan is heavily reliant on partners and are looking for actions they can take on this issue which is a priority.

Transport

It was **agreed** transport is an issue and the Highland CPP day had highlighted some good ideas for tackling the issue. Eann Sinclair pointed out examples that are out there need to relate to the issues we have here on the ground.

Local outcome plans

Development Plan

David Cowie gave an overview of the development plan.

The purpose of the plan being to replace the previous Caithness local and Sutherland local plans. It contains a wide range of projects such as how the health redesign fits as well as how it will help provide capacity in services needed. David urged anyone who wanted to add anything further to the plan then to send it across to him by the 30th of November.

David Cowie also gave an overview of local outcome plans explaining there are 5 town strategies: each one looks at their shop units, wifi, public spaces, health checks etc. Surveys have been done where data has been collected which can hopefully be used in the Caithness CPP locality plans.

4. AOB

Future dates

It was agreed Eann Sinclair would be putting together dates for the future meetings that fit around the other busy calendars to ensure as many people as possible can attend. It was **agreed** that a Wednesday suits most.

Substance misuse

Cllr Karl Rosie raised concern over the drugs issue in the community. He has engaged with others over this issue and has reported back that it needs to be addressed.

Fiona Clarke added that the Alcohol and Drug partnership has data.

Sophie Dunnett also added that Police Scotland, who attended the Highland Partnership day have knowledge as to what is taking place on the ground.

It was **agreed** that Alex Macmanus was going to facilitate this and Cllr Rosie will feedback to him and they hope to have something in December. Iain Gregory suggested he would like to participate in this.

5. Members of Public

Simon Middlemas asked if the partnership has a deadline for the locality plans.

It was **agreed** that there will be drafts by May/June 2019.

Peter Todd raised the concern over transport issues with stagecoach and appointments.

Eann Sinclair **agreed** he would take this and feed it back to the Caithness transport forum.

A further query to transport was raised by Maria Aitken who suggested including travel in the Caithness Redesign plans to ensure the hubs have easy access.

Allan Tait **agreed** he would contact Cllr Nicola Sinclair regarding the transport.

Mr Sinclair thanked everyone for attending and concluded the meeting.