

## Mid Ross Community Partnership

### Meeting Notes from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2017

#### Ann Clark (AC) Chair

1. AC provided an overview from the recent Highland Community planning Partnership meeting including:
  - Responses requested to the Highland Locality outcome plan survey by the 28<sup>th</sup> of August
  - Presentation to the meeting by John Beaton (inclusion Scotland)
  - Encouraging community action – this discussion questioned whether partners could work together better to enable groups to access more effectively support to develop community services. AC suggested this was a topic we could work together on in Mid Ross ∴ comments included:
    - Key Issue is getting the community involved
    - Issue is finding people in agencies able/willing to help (recognised high workloads)
    - Trust between the public and agencies is lacking
    - How is this connected to the highland gateway discussions?

**Action** : agreed this could be one of our priority themes and that it should be discussed in more detail at a future meeting. Our aim is to hear as many voices as possible for this we need a clear engagement plan to support communication and trust building - Engagement subgroup to develop an action plan for the partnership

2. Children/Adult Plans – it was discussed regarding the current plans and how best to develop these.

It was agreed that set agenda items would be added to discuss only one plan per meeting to allow for a more in-depth review. Regarding the children's plan concerns were raised about substance abuse issues for younger people and funding available to schools were highlighted. Was this where the use of schools was discussed in some detail? did the Care and Learning Manager agree to discuss some sort of pilot in relation to charging for rooms? Or was it in item 3?

**Action** : Agreed to add children' plan as item to next agenda. AC to discuss invitations required with Debbie Milton.

3. Break out to groups to review Conon bridge event and information generated.

Agreed whole area priorities as

- Substance abuse
- Civic pride (Litter)
- Digital Inclusion
- Digital Bullying

- Mental Health Awareness
- Well being focus
- Community falls
- Community involvement

**Action** : Agreed

Debbie Milton and Mags Duncan to discuss activities for children in Conon

Quick Wins

1. Community Lunch
2. Community activities
3. Use of Conon School
4. Broadband phone line issue in Conon

4. AC proposed the plan by John Beaton (inclusion Scotland) to pilot with the Mid Ross partnership an approach to improving our engagement with people with disabilities. The suggestion being that initially John and in the future a local representative from their Highland Advisory Group would attend partnership meetings.

**AGREED by all present**