

## EILEAN A CHEO WARD FORUM

### ACTION NOTE FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2015 AT TIGH NA SGIRE, PORTREE

**PRESENT:** Cllr Drew Millar (Chair); Cllr Ian Renwick; Cllr Hamish Fraser, Cllr John Gordon; Peter Martin, Uig Community Council, Moira Scobbie, Waternish Community Council, Christine MacLennan, Struan Community Council, Alasdair MacPherson, Broadford & Strath Community Council, Donald Budge, Dunvegan Community Council, David Hearn, Portree & Braes Community Council, Willie MacKinnon, Ward Manager,

**APOLOGIES:** Colin Gough – Chief Inspector Police Scotland, Alan Knox -Scottish Ambulance Service, Graham Ross Portree & Braes Community Council, Judith Wallace- Sconser Community Council, Jim Towers – Minginish Community Council

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Russell (WHFP), Eilidh MacLeod (BBC), Maimie Thompson - NHS Highland , Norma Young - Area Care & Learning Manager, Paul Edwards - Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Insp Lynda Allan - Police Scotland; Meg Gillies - SLCVO, Jenny MacRae - Business Support

#### MAIN TOPICS :

**Police Scotland Review of Priorities, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, NHS Highland, Scottish Ambulance Service, Community Resilience Planning & SLCVO 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Partnership Working**

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION	LEAD
1	<b>Welcome, introductions &amp; apologies</b>	Cllr Millar  Apologies – Please see above	
2 (i)	<b>Police Scotland – Review of Priorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recorded crime is down 10%</li> <li>• Reporting of crime is up to 90%</li> <li>• Road Traffic Offences are up slightly – mobile phone use &amp; non wearing of seat belts.</li> <li>• Reduction in drink/drug driving offences, down 22%</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop search – no complaints from public</li> <li>• Alcohol related stop searches have had a positive result – 87.8%, based on intelligence coming in</li> <li>• New Sergeant &amp; Police Officer starting in Portree at the end of March</li> <li>• Insp Allan handed out Review of Priorities Questionnaire for completing &amp; returning to her at the end of the Forum.</li> </ul>	
<b>2(ii)</b>	<b>Scottish Fire &amp; Rescue Service – Update from Paul Edwards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since last Forum there have been no house fires, deliberate fires and minimal RTA's</li> <li>• No casualties or fatalities</li> <li>• No major false alarms and no further action required</li> <li>• Recruitment is not dealt with locally but centrally through My Job Scotland</li> <li>• Currently one recruit in Broadford being trained</li> <li>• Small communities struggle to recruit people</li> <li>• Portree &amp; Broadford Stations have been upgraded. New floor in Portree Station as new appliance is 2T heavier, Broadford floor also re-surfaced.</li> <li>• Community/Home Fire Safety visits are behind target but will be complete by fiscal year</li> <li>• Four exercises planned in the next year – 2 will be at commercial premises and 2 possibly in rural locations.</li> <li>• Portree &amp; Braes CC asked what the Investment Expenditure was for the area and the Statutory Times .Paul had no facts &amp; figures to hand but will source this information.</li> <li>• Dunvegan CC asked if their area was up to full establishment and Paul advised they were 1 below.</li> <li>• Cllr Millar encouraged all Community Councils to spread the word in their areas to assist with recruiting locals to the service.</li> <li>• Cllr Millar asked if there were any further details on relocating the Portree Fire Station especially as the new appliance is 2T heavier and Stormyhill Road is an inappropriate route. Paul to forward on to Mr Hay – Area Manager, Highland.</li> </ul>	<b>PE</b>

2(iii)	NHS Highland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maimie Thompson spoke about the new Hub&amp; Spoke Model.</li> <li>• Broadford has been identified as the location for the Hub and Portree the Spoke and this has now been approved by the Cabinet Secretary. Site location in Broadford has not been confirmed yet.</li> <li>• Further public and community engagement will take place as to more detail about what services will be provided in each location. Workshops will be arranged to discuss design, access arrangements, and what goes in to the buildings.</li> <li>• Ongoing work to look at Transport</li> <li>• Business Case Process is required to be followed and will see more and more detail being presented (Initial Agreement, Outline Business Cased and Full Business Cased. NHS Highland Board and Scottish Government will be at each stage.</li> <li>• There will be bed provision in North Skye but not necessarily in hospital</li> <li>• Timescale of 3-5 years before any changes. There will be no significant planned changes until new arrangements in place.</li> <li>• Input welcomed from communities and other agencies throughout the process.</li> <li>• Portree &amp; Braes CC advised of forth coming public meeting in Portree regarding Broadford &amp; Portree Hospitals.</li> <li>• Dunvegan CC asked if 2020 would be the earliest date the new hospital would be up and running and if funds already ring fenced for the project were still available</li> <li>• Maimie advised 3-5 years for the completion and that funds were still ear marked for the build.</li> <li>• Uig CC stated the public needed clarity on the Hub &amp; Spoke Model – Why just not say that Portree Hospital is closing? Confusing to the public.</li> <li>• Maimie replied that Outpatient Clinics &amp; minor injuries would still be dealt with at Portree and possibly palliative care beds.</li> </ul>	
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2(iv)	<b>Scottish Ambulance Service</b>	<p>Alan Knox was unable to attend but sent the following update:</p> <p><u>Accident &amp; Emergency -</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Two technicians one in Broadford &amp; one at Portree currently under paramedic training from Glasgow Caledonian University (SAS academy). This will support further skills mix at both South &amp; North Skye, Portree will then become 60 % target of Paramedic skills mix, and will enhance paramedic cover.</li> <li>2) New qualified Paramedic practitioner commenced with joined working from NHS Highland and Scottish Ambulance Service this week and currently under induction &amp; clinical skills update in Fort William this week. This is a new additional practitioner role and is a new model to be introduced in the North of Skye.</li> <li>3) Qualified Technician has applied for Dunvegan to fill a vacancy there. This Technician is working towards Paramedic development which will be welcoming as an additional paramedic to North Skye, and Dunvegan area.</li> <li>4) New response car added to fleet including ambulance at Dunvegan area including addition defibrillator, and delivered last week, SAS working in partnership with Dunvegan &amp; Struan Community trusts.</li> <li>5) Further Scene management training course for A/E staff at North Skye, second course delivered at Portree last week.</li> <li>6) All Skye &amp; Lochalsh staff completed clinical skills updates with learning in practice and ahead of target with all Skye completed training.</li> </ol> <p><u>Patient Transport Service -</u></p> <p>Improvement with PTS with work with Steven Gorman and his team compared from last year.</p> <p>PTS cancellations are as follows -</p> <p>April 2013 to February 2014 <u>166</u> cancellations from <u>1430</u> - 11.61%  April 2014 to February 2015 <u>27</u> cancellations from <u>1285</u> - 2.1%  Reduction on previous year of 9.51% - this is a good overall improvement on Skye for PTS.</p>	
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<p>2(v)</p>	<p><b>Community Resilience Planning/ SLCVO 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Partnership Working</b></p>	<p>Willie MacKinnon led discussion on these two joint items explaining how they had come about through meetings held with Meg Gillies on how THC and SLCVO can work in partnership to support communities.</p> <p>Willie then went on to explain the following in relation to Community Resilience:</p> <p>Emergency Planning Set-Up for Highland:</p> <p>Strategic Group – H.I.L.R.P, 5 Locality E.L.Gs – Lochaber &amp; Skye, Chaired by Police Scotland.</p> <p>In The Event of an Unusual Incident:</p> <p>Police Scotland normally call an ELG to Include reps from appropriate agencies including - Fire, SAS, NHH, Red Cross, Coastguard, SEPA, Utilities and THC – WM, Community Services, Care &amp; Learning.</p> <p>Unusual Incidents for Skye are mostly weather related with examples of this winter outlined: Power Outages, Bridge Closures, loss of Water supply.</p> <p>Lochaber Pilot outlined including:</p> <p>Community Resilience Day held in Lochaber last year.</p> <p>The Sunart Emergency Plan and the table top exercise to test Plan on 25<sup>th</sup> March, with Willie and Meg invited to attend as observers.</p>	

		<p>How it needs to be community led and could involve representatives from - Community Council, Local Postie, First Responders, Community Company, Lunch Club, Business Owners, Local Residents, with support in developing community specific plans through support from National Agencies/Local Service Providers – Police, HC Services, NHH, SAS, Fire, Utilities.</p> <p>Willie explained that THC &amp; SLCVO can support communities in forming local Community Resilience groups if they wish this to happen in their Area, however the emphasis does need to be on it being community led. This could be a localised level of Emergency Planning in addition to and to complement the statutory process that is already in place and a community specific point of contact/information for agencies in the event of an incident.</p> <p>Scottish &amp; Southern Energy has a grant scheme available of up to £20k per application for local Community Resilience groups/Community Councils – could be for purchasing of generators or training needs eg. First Aid/Responders etc.</p> <p>Willie will forward a copy of the grant scheme details and case studies of successful applications.</p> <p>Meg Gillies spoke about the need to support our local communities after the recent power cut in January and the importance of identifying what is needed in each area to assist with any future major incidents. She also spoke of how beneficial it would be for Skye &amp; Lochalsh communities to have a similar procedure in place as that being piloted in Lochaber.</p> <p>Way Forward: Willie and Meg indicated that they could arrange for a Community Resilience day similar to the one held in Lochaber if Community Councils felt that this would be beneficial.</p> <p>All Community Councils represented at the Forum agreed this proposal would be of merit. Willie to gauge interest from Community Councils not represented at the Forum.</p>	<p><b>WM</b></p> <p><b>WM/MG</b></p> <p><b>WM</b></p>
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3	Public answer & question session	<p><u>Waternish Community Council</u></p> <p><b>Q1. Why does Waternish only qualify for 'secondary' gritting and only as far as Stein but no further? There are children travelling to school in Knockbreck, Dunvegan and Portree, and home care workers/district nurses travelling to the area to attend clients. The road is already in a desperate state of repair, making an already dangerous road even worse in poor weather.</b></p> <p>Response from Mark Crowe- Community Services</p> <p>Presently there are no contracted service or school bus routes carrying nine passengers or more operating on the roads in the Hallin, Trumpan, Gillen or Geary area.</p> <p>Therefore under the current Highland Council winter Maintenance Policy these roads do not meet the criteria to be classified as Primary or Secondary and are hence classed as “Other”. This in effect means these roads are treated as resources are available.</p> <p><b>Q2. When can residents of Waternish expect a Paramedic service for 999</b></p>	

	<p><b>calls? We have been told for some time that paramedic cover was 'imminent', but it has never been put in place. . The decision to build the new hospital in Broadford will put patients at even greater risk, so what is being done to recruit or train suitable cover?</b></p> <p>Response by e-mail from Alan Knox – Scottish Ambulance Service:</p> <p>(See above point 2(iv) Willie MacKinnon will ask Alan to contact Waternish Community Council directly regarding paramedic cover in the Waternish area.</p> <p><b>Q3. What consultation will be undertaken with parents of primary school age children to determine their preferences for an alternative to Knockbreck? Dual Zoning has been discussed for pupils in Edinbane and Struan, but not, so far, for Knockbreck.</b></p> <p>Response from Mrs Norma Young – Area Care &amp; Learning Manager (West):</p> <p>Knockbreck Primary School is included in the Dual Zoning but was not mentioned in the consultation. MacDiarmid Primary has capacity to accept Knockbreck pupils &amp; provide transport, if the parents wish</p> <p><u>Dunvegan Community Council</u></p> <p><b>Q1. If it is has not already been requested I would like an update on the Dunvegan Primary School situation, at the next Ward Forum meeting, which I plan to attend on behalf of Dunvegan Community Council.</b></p> <p>Response from Norma Young – Area Care &amp; Learning Manager (West):</p> <p>After the Committee Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> March, and subject to the Councillors agreeing, we will be able to begin the process of consultation with the local community on proposed sites, design structure &amp; facilities within the building.</p>	<p><b>WM</b></p>
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<b>4</b>	<b>Date of next Forum</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2015	