

Caithness Community Partnership

Board Update – 21 June 2018

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

This quarter has seen ongoing activity with a focus on more action on two of the four locality plans. All four (Lybster / Dunbeath, Castletown, Thurso and Wick) locality plans have been published last year. It was agreed by the Partnership that a more focussed approach to ensure that the actions delivered real impact was needed. Accordingly, we earlier focussed on the Lybster / Dunbeath local plan and have a strong plan with specific activities that is being led by the Scottish Fire and Rescue service. This is continuing to be actioned. We have followed a similar approach to developing the Wick locality plan. A very successful community engagement workshop was held and we are now working through the feedback to present an updated action plan for the Wick locality for the next Partnership meeting in August. Further development will take place with the Thurso and Castletown plans.

2. Issues

We continue to review ways that we can increase public engagement with the Partnership. The locality workshops have seen good participation and it is likely that this will continue. We note that there are other significant initiatives that compliment and add value to the work of the Partnership. These include agency work such as the redesign of the Health plans for the county, the ongoing work of the Caithness and North Sutherland Community Partnership (in terms of economic development) and many local private led initiatives such as the work of Development Trusts and other projects (such as the “pay it forward” project). We see value in encouraging such projects and believe they can add value to our work.

We continue to discuss how the agencies in the CCP can find the bandwidth to undertake some of the specific actions in the local plans.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

We believe that some of the work being undertaken on the economy is significant for the county. This is specifically due to the partnership work already being undertaken by the Caithness and North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership. While this was formed in 2007 to deal with the challenges around the decommissioning of Dounreay we believe that the partnership approach to economic and community development is making a difference to dealing with inequalities.

4. Future Actions

We will continue to ensure that the focussed actions for Lybster / Dunbeath locality plans are delivered on time and as agreed. There will then be an evaluation as to their effect. We will also develop the specific actions for Wick.

Roy Kirk
Caithness Community Partnership

SUTHERLAND Community Partnership

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1. Quarterly Update on Activities

5 Locality Plans - The KoSDT Community Engagement Team is currently working on the Helmsdale, Creich and Kinlochbervie Locality Plans. The last round of workshops has taken place in Helmsdale and Creich, and the results are currently being summarised into report form after which they will be open to feedback from workshop participants. The last workshops in Kinlochbervie will take place on 25th of June at Kinlochbervie Village Hall.

The engagement document for Brora has been finalised and talks are ongoing among partners in SCP over required actions. The next Brora Locality Group Meeting is at Brora Golf Club on 27th of June, 14.00-16.00.

The Golspie Locality Plan is in the final stages, having been reviewed by the Locality Group and by Ian Kyle, Highland Council. Once updated it will again be presented to the locality group for approval.

The Adults Plan has been compiled by Lorraine Coe, NHS and has been reviewed and updated by the sub group and is nearing completion.

The Children's Plan has been compiled by Jacquelyn Jennett, Highland Council and is also nearing completion, having been reviewed by the sub group, the Partnership, Highlife Highland Youth Development Officers and by a number of youths in the community. It will again be presented to the sub group for final approval.

The Fuel Poverty, The Transport and The Employment sub groups have also met regularly with much progress being made. A 32 week uniformed services employment pilot has been successfully completed to SQA level 4 at Golspie High School and this is now being rolled out to all 4 Sutherland Schools as well as Ullapool High School, branded as "The Employability Award" which will involve a much wider range of employers.

2. Issues

Small challenge by small communities requesting to be part of a locality plan.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

Opportunity – through links made have established a "Safer Sutherland" group to address ASB. Has been running very successfully with a number of agencies, including Highland Council, Police, NHS, SFRS, Anti-social behaviour officer, community wardens and housing agencies taking part. Note this initiative could be started in any area, it has helped with having local conversations and does not require to be police led.

4. Future Actions

.....Keep moving forward!

Ian MacLelland
Sutherland Community Partnership

**Community Partnership Update to the Highland Community Planning Board
Easter Ross Community Partnership
June 2018**

The ERCP last met in public on 16 May 2018 at Alness Academy.

1. Delivery of the Seaboard (Balintore) Locality Plan

Action teams consisting of representatives from the most appropriate partner agencies and local community groups are forming and have begun to deliver against the agreed aims and associated initiatives.

| Aim | Progress |
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| 1. Enhance life and work chances of 16 to 24 year olds in the community. | Lead: Highlife Highland All named individuals/groups/agencies contacted and a meeting has been arranged. |
| 2. Reduce social isolation among the 50+ age group – particularly males. | Lead: NHS Highland The majority of identified individuals/groups/agencies have been contacted to begin implementation of the potential initiatives including polytunnel, men’s shed and community skiff. |
| 3. Improve the confidence of the community to effect change in their area. | Lead: Highland Council – Ward Manager Majority of named individuals/groups/agencies have been met. A new Residents Association has now formed and will be met. An offer of support has been made from SFRS for Balintore unit personnel to assist in providing a regular presence and a community point of contact in the Pavilion. |
| 4. Improve the confidence, capacity and skills within the community to develop and support thriving local businesses. | Lead: Highland and Islands Enterprise Contact with Strawberry Skate has been re-established. A plan is being formed to progress the initiative. A community impact assessment will be conducted. Work is required to investigate local employer’s requirements, training required and promote the available job types. |
| 5. Reduce the negative impact of hunger on children and families. | Lead: Highland Council – Care and Learning Breakfast club underway but some target children are failing to attend in time. After school club being progressed. Active School’s initiative being progressed. Summer holiday play scheme being progressed. Offer from CAB Alness to extend existing income maximisation initiative to Hilton Primary parents. Support from NHS midwifery to initiate Healthy Start programme in Balintore through Tain health visitors and CALA employees. |

A common thread in the delivery of the Seaboard Locality Plan is support for the new Ross-shire Community Transport Partnership.

2. Children's Plan

- a. Young people's engagement sessions across Easter and Mid Ross have produced a clear request for more mental health awareness and sign posting to associated intervention/preventative health measures.
 - o Highland Council - Care and Learning are piloting a "What matters to you?" initiative in Dingwall with the aim of rolling the programme out to the rest of Mid and Easter Ross.
 - o It has been recognised that there is a requirement to raise awareness of Primary Mental Health Services within the area.
- b. Some important youth related health and safety awareness issues are emerging: mental health, drug and alcohol use, sexual health and driving.
 - o It has been recognised that there is a requirement to provide a co-ordinated multi-agency response to provide initial and continued awareness sessions for young people. A multi-agency working group is forming Easter Ross to develop and deliver appropriate initiatives. This is being led by Highland Council - Care and Learning with support from Highlife Highland, Ross and Cromarty Drug and Alcohol Forum, NHS Health Improvement, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue with links likely to be developed with Community Justice.

3. Adult Plan

- a. All key partners are programmed to review the objectives and actions within the local Adult Plan and Children's Plan. Overlapping objectives are emerging which will benefit from ensuring a co-ordinated multi-agency approach which makes best use of all resources and removes potential overlaps.

4. Alness Locality Plan - Community Engagement

- a. Face to face engagement sessions have been completed across a range of groups in and around Alness with further groups identified and sessions planned.
- b. Emerging themes include: drugs, social media, changing values, transport, perceived levels of crime/safety and access to medical services.
- c. A "Place Standard – How Good is Alness?" survey is being completed and distributed via web and hard copy with the offer of supported completion from partner agencies to aid quality of feedback.
- d. Facebook – key documents are being reviewed and produced in an uploadable format.
- e. Various integration events will shortly be run by partners to support the Milnafua Syrian family integration and these can be used to aid local engagement with this group.

The next public meeting of the ERCP will be on Wednesday 17 September in Balintore at 7pm.

Mark Loynd
East Ross Community Partnership

MID ROSS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

UPDATE FOR CPP BOARD MEETING JUNE 2018

The main focus for the Mid Ross Partnership is currently development of our Locality Plan for Dingwall. Our March meeting was an opportunity to set out the purpose of the Plan and involve local organisations in planning our approach to community engagement. A whole community survey will establish a baseline from which to measure future improvement and identify community priorities to look at in more depth in a second phase of small scale 'community conversations/focus groups'. We already have a small data set from face to face interviews undertaken at the Dingwall Academy Spring Fayre which has informed development of the survey. Thanks to the Sutherland Partnership for allowing us to adapt their survey form, which was based around the Place Standard.

A key message from the March meeting was to 'go to where people are at'. So we will be piggybacking on some key events such as the Dingwall Gala Week over the summer, to promote the survey. We have also strengthened our links to the Community Learning and Development staff working in the Adult Learning and Youth Partnerships. They already have good links with community organisations and indeed have carried out various needs assessments for their own purposes, which we will draw on to prevent duplication and over consultation. We hope staff in these partnerships and other front line staff in partner organisations will be able to undertake the 'community conversations' with the aid of a facilitators toolkit. Alongside this we have been reviewing how well we are reflecting CLD priorities in our work in advance of the inspection of the service later this year.

In preparation for the community engagement phase, which will take place over several months to around November 2018, we are also producing a simple information leaflet, introducing people to some of the data about Dingwall. One of the learning points from the Spring Fayre conversations is that people find it difficult to engage with the concept of 'inequalities'. We have been looking at different approaches to engagement on this topic to try and find a formula that works.

At our May meeting we focused on issues of cross cutting interest: the transformation of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Alcohol and Drug Mid Ross Community Profile produced by the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

At our most recent business meeting, partners discussed recent agenda items at the Board and Chairs' meetings, including the review of the Highland structures. There was a strong consensus that any revised arrangements need to continue to put local community partnerships and local priorities front and centre of the Highland Community Planning Partnership Board, Chief Officers Group etc.

Ann Clark
Mid Ross Community Partnership

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Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross Community Planning Partnership - briefing note

The next meeting dates are 27 June, 13 September, 20 December 2018.

Adult Health and Social Care plan was discussed at the last two meetings, 16 November 2017 and 1st March 2018, and Partners were updated on the external consultation and review of out-of-hours care services in Skye, Lochalsh and South West Ross. The report by Sir Lewis Ritchie has been published and an initial implementation meeting was held on 13th June in Portree. Community representatives were present at this meeting as were Council Members and key officials. Chair of Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross Community Planning Partnership, also attended. The report has 49 recommendations and Community representatives highlighted the need to focus on the key, crucial recommendations, and make rapid progress. External facilitation of the implementation of the recommendations is being carried out by David Noble.

The Community Learning and Development draft Plan for the whole SL&WR area was distributed and discussed further. This plan covers the whole SL&WR area as opposed to only Locality Plan areas, and is led by Skye and Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations. SLCVO are also supporting CLD input into the Kyle Locality Plan led by HIE.

HIE/ SLWR CPP Chair leads the required Locality Plans work. The Locality Plan for Kyle is progressing, and Portree and North Skye Locality Plan is also progressing. Locality Plans will be discussed at the next SLWR CPP meeting on 27th June.

SLWR CPP Chair met with Wester Ross, Ward 5 members, on 19th March.

SLWR CPP Chair attended and presented at the Lochaber CPP meeting 16th April.

SLWR CPP Chair has now involved relevant SDS officials in the SLWR partnership.

SLWR CPP Chair provided input into the overall Highland CPP Aspiring Communities Fund bid.

SLWR CPP Chair has been asked to peer review relevant Sutherland Locality Plans, and dates are to be arranged.

SLWR CPP Chair attended CPP Chairs meetings on 21st March and 23rd May.

Stuart MacPherson

Skye, Lochalsh and West Ross Community Partnership

13th June 2018

Lochaber Community Partnership

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1. Quarterly Update on Activities

Kinlochleven activity continues with meetings planned for later this month.

Public engagement commenced with Caol community, plan to attend the Caol Community fair next month as further engagement with local community.

Meeting with the Fort William community Groups to update on the Partnership work and plans for Fort William Locality plan.

Adult Plan progressing well, will some actions almost complete. Dementia awareness work being embraced by local shops and schools.

Children's plan being taken forward by Norma Young.

2. Issues

I understand that Dr Foxley has resigned from his NHS Highland post and we will therefore be needing a new Chair.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

Excellent engagement from Liberty and new shops in area regarding housing and inequalities in general.

4. Future Actions

Caol engagement process. Transition of action plan to community in Kinlochleven. Completion of three items on Adult plan.

Marie Law

Lochaber Community Partnership

Nairn & Nairnshire Community Partnership

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1. Quarterly Update on Activities

Plans and action replicated on website – including forthcoming meeting dates and locations.

Six monthly review took place in respect of progress against actions listed in the Plan, Sub Group membership reviewed to ensure equal spread of responsibilities and commitments. Progress continues to be made towards securing desired outcomes.

2. Issues

Challenges continue to be raised in respect of the non engagement / undermining attempts of the Community Councils in Nairn to derail the progress of the Partnership. Letters have been received by the Partnership/Council /MSP's highlighting their discontent. Unknown if this is a true reflection of all the CC's.

Meetings have taken place in respect of identifying best way forward to address this.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

Representation continues of a good proportion of the younger generation often identified as hard to reach groups. This is achieved through inclusion of the Youth Development officers and Highland Children's Forum.

4. Future Actions

Clarity around the Community Council issues.

Continued work towards the desired outcomes as replicated on the published plans.

Bob Mackay

Nairn & Nairnshire Community Partnership

Badenoch and Strathspey Community Partnership

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Badenoch and Strathspey Community Partnership Update

The B&S CP continues to progress well with the Partnership team developing close links together and with the communities.

The Partnership last met on the 26th of April at the Highland Folk Museum with a very good attendance of Partners and members of some B&S Community Councils present.

At the meeting the sub-group membership and mandates were agreed with the four sub-groups tasked to meet and do initial information gathering in order to plan how the B&S CP can positively influence the headline challenges in the area. The CP members have been very positive in ensuring that there is no duplication of work already going ahead in the area so the initial focus is to see what groups or forums in the area are already working on similar issues and what can the CP contribute.

Sub-groups are;

- Transport and Parking
- Employment
- Housing
- Mental Health

The Adult's and Children's plans have been agreed and now have driver diagrams to identify actions, timescales and responsible persons for each action. Updates will be given at the next CP meeting but Adult's and Children's sub-groups to meet outwith the formal confines of the CP meeting.

Michelle Manzie from Age Scotland was at the Partnership meeting and gave a presentation on the Highland Dementia Friendly Communities Project she is working on. This was well received with B&S CP members keen to assist where capacity allows. Michelle will keep in touch with events in the area.

Fiona Richardson from Highlife Highland was also present at the meeting and gave an overview of CLD in the area and a recent event held in Aviemore which comprised of practitioners and providers of CLD in the B&S area. Fiona has offered any assistance required for any CLD input.

The B&S CP Chair met with the other CP Chairs at the Centre for Health Science on the 23rd of May where very useful discussions took place on the structures of the CPP Board, a potential joint application for support for CPs in the form of an Aspiring Communities bid.

NHS District Manager, Margaret Walker, has met SFRS Group Manager Mark Loynd to pursue an uninjured fallers pilot in the B&S area whereby SFRS staff are trained by NHS personnel and provided with lifting equipment to assist uninjured fallers in their homes. This has been successfully done in Caithness and Sutherland so is hoped to be a positive project locally.

Finally the next B&S CP meeting will take place at the "Talla Nan Ros" in Kingussie on the 15th of August between 1830 and 2030.

Fraser Nixon
Badenoch and Strathspey Community Partnership



Partnership progress update
June 2018

Membership

The Partnerships membership has remained fairly static during this period with only a couple of new organisations coming onto the partnership, However the membership is diverse and reflects a wide range of organisations and interests.

Youth engagement

At the recent meeting of the core group of the Inverness Community Partnership, Ellie Dyce, a fourth year student at Charleston Academy gave a superb presentation regarding the Community Consultation Exercise she had carried out as part of a geography project. Ellie had spent a day at Highland Council shadowing Alison Clark and it was through this work experience placement that Ellie's project initially came to light.

Ellie had prepared a questionnaire about living in Inverness and various aspects of community life. She then put the questionnaire on to Facebook through the "Inverness When You Were A Kid" site and received 328 responses in a very quick time period.

After analysis of the answers, Ellie had then gone on to produce a number of diagrams to illustrate the results. The information she had collected mirrored in many ways the information that had been collected for Merkinch through a very labour intensive, time consuming exercise collected through door to door interviews.

The ICP members were so impressed by the quality of Ellie's work and presentation that Ellie has now been "officially adopted" by the ICP to work with us on the next survey to inform the next Locality Plans.

Publicity and communications

Community Councils, Parent Councils and Schools continue to support the partnership by helping promote meetings and the website. The communications strategy continues to be successfully implemented and is working well with the HC press office and HLH.

SDS are commencing work with HLH and plan leads on 'community friendly' versions of the various plans.

The website has been updated with the Children's and Merkinch locality plan.

Plan development

Work continues on each of the required plans. The current position is reported as follows;

Children's plan – v1 completed and on website.

Adults plan – main themes/headings still to be published with the actions to follow in the coming months (capacity issues)

Agenda Item 3i.

Locality plans – Merkinch is complete. A debrief for the Merkinch plan development work has taken place and the Chair is entering into discussions with SFRS regarding the Hilton plan work.

Plan development has continued to be challenging particularly for some partners in terms of capacity.

Meetings

At the June meeting in public of the Community Partnership, along with updates on the Children's and Adult plans, the Locality Plan for Merkinch will be officially launched.

The Locality Plan features three main themes with associated action plans – Work and Local economy, Care and Maintenance and Influence and Sense of Control.

In conjunction with the launch of the Locality plan, the agenda for the evening includes a Voluntary sector adult services 'showcase' entitled 'It's Good to Know'.

This showcase will take the form of "Snap shot" presentations on services provided from a selection of voluntary sector organisations working within the Inverness Community Partnership area and Merkinch in particular. This will be followed by the organisations providing an adult services "market place" which will allow for an informal networking opportunity for members of the public, voluntary organisations and ICP members.

If this format is successful in helping attract members of the public to engage with the work of the ICP it is likely that this will be repeated as further areas and plans develop in the future.

Focus for next quarter

- **Adults plan – finalise**
- **Commence Hilton plan work (poss generic approach to survey work)**
- **Develop 'community friendly' publications**
- **Develop further links with the voluntary sector to support plan implementation and development**

Graham Ross
Inverness Community Partnership