



Highland Community Justice Partnership

Minutes of Meeting held 20 June 2018

Present: Philip MacRae Police Scotland (Chair) James Maybee Highland Council, Joanna MacDonald NHSH, Derek Wilson SFRS, Libby Bligh Libertie Project, Ruth MacDonald SCRA

In Attendance: Mhairi Wylie HTSI, Margaret McShane HTSI, Samantha Whipp CJS

1. Apologies:

Stephen Coyle SPS, Roddy Bailey SDS, Ruth Thomson SCTS, David Alston NHSH, Alan McGillivray DWP, Faye Armistead DWP, Alistair McDonald Apex Highland, Malcolm MacBean VSS, Debbie Stewart HADP

2. Declaration of interest:

Nothing made known

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Notes of the previous Community Justice Partnership Meeting in March were circulated for noting. They were agreed as correct.

Derek Wilson intimated that he will accept the position of Vice-Chair for the Community Justice Partnership.

Community Justice Plan:

Action 9 – Baseline figure for 2016/17 figures for number of ASB instances... Margaret updated that Insp Judy Hill had provided some information around this but some information is still to be provided - **Red**

Action – The Chair to clarify what information will be covered by anti-social behaviour – Philip

Philip updated this is still ongoing and the analyst is looking at set data for use going forward which would give consistency regarding geography and types of behaviour. The initial information request had been too loose. There are changes to the Command & Control system taking place but there should be some information available for the next meeting.

Still outstanding but being progressed

[Action 11](#) – Baseline figure from 2016/17 for the number of people with offending history who are recorded to abuse alcohol – Joanna updated that these figures would be difficult to achieve - **Red**

AGREED that we should use this figure available from JAS for this action.

[Action 12](#) – Not due until October 2018 - **Red**

[Action 13](#) – Baseline figures for period to treatment after referral.... – **Red**

Figures were obtained from Michael Perera but yearly figures required for 2017/18 for Annual Report

[Action 20](#) – Develop a youth engagement strategy.... – All partners to look at what they already do in relation to youth justice – **Red**

Still being looked at within the CPP Communication & Engagement Group

[Action 27](#) – Lived experience seminar arranged – ongoing, early new year, Margaret – **Red**

Margaret updated this has not been done and a discussion took place around capacity. Joanna queried how the stories would be used to influence change. Derek? suggested engaging people around the three priorities and consider their engagement at the CJP. James also suggested the need to look at how we will use the feedback.

[Action 28](#) – Submission of case studies - All partners by January 2018 – **Red**

Nothing forthcoming for this Action. The Chair suggested we look at the previous 2 Actions and re-design

[Action 29](#) – Quality Principle Audit or rapid access to treatment - Awaiting action, Joanna by 31 March 2018 – **Red**
Not done

[Action 31](#) - Organisational awareness survey.....- Awaiting action, Margaret
By 31 March 2018 – **Red**
To be done

Actions 31 – 36 to be progressed by Margaret

Action 37 - Number of Custodial Sentences in Highland 2017/18 - Red
Margaret to look at JAS

Action 38 – Number of Bail Supervision Orders Made in Highland 2017/18 –
Red
James to provide info

Action 39 – Number of ASB instances in areas where a ‘response team’
model was in place for all or some of 2017/18 - Red
Philip to provide info as per Action 9

Action 41 – Number of people with offending history who are recorded to
abuse alcohol in 2017/18 - Red
Info will be obtained from JAS

Action - Leah to attend next CJP in September

Action – Media/press release in relation to the Persistent Offender Project –
James Maybee – James updated there have been delays with this.

Action – Margaret to repeat engagement with those who have offended
within another prison including those who are on longer term sentences –
Ongoing

Action – Stephen to provide information on who to contact

Action – James Maybee indicated that he would follow up with Housing their
thoughts around the Housing First model
Details of this are still being sought

Action - Libby Bligh offered to bring a Business Plan for employment to the
partnership table

Libby updated that the plan is progressing on the basis of employment for
possibly 4 – 6 people released from prison on 6 – 24 month contracts.

Finances -

Action - James will check with accountant

Finances will be a standing item on the Agenda and James will bring a
report to the next CJP

Funding request Hub HMP & YOI Grampian -

AGREED that the Partnership do not think it appropriate to provide any
funding

Action – CJP to respond – Margaret to clarify if Stephen has responded

Action – Stephen to make an approach to the Sheriff regarding attendance at the CJP – Margaret to clarify if this has been done/any response

4. Community Justice Update:

Margaret provided an update including an overview of the CJ Plan Launch Event, Small Change for Justice – contact feedback will be heard at the CJP in September, Sunday Choices initiative in Edinburgh, Blossom Women's Group update and difficulties with female offenders who have 'lost' their children and/or been incarcerated further from Inverness, SPS Community Benefits, Social Prescribing and the Third Sector CJ Forum.

5. Review of CJ Plan 2018-21:

Margaret updated that work has already started on the plan but the training needs analysis will be a little later than planned. The plan is a rolling work in progress.

No issues raised in relation to the plan.

6. Finances:

A verbal update had already been provided in the meeting by James. It was agreed this should be a standing item on the agenda.

7. Community Justice Link Worker Project:

Mhairi spoke to a paper outlining the proposal for Link Workers and a Supervisor to be employed within or near to the custody suite at Burnett Road Police Station in Inverness. Workspace has still to be agreed. Libby offered assistance with promotion of this at no cost. It was suggested this idea be taken to the Justice User Group to see if they would support. Philip intimated that the third sector are valuable in progressing this.

The meeting agreed this project be progressed and funding sought

Action – Each agency to contact Mhairi within 2 weeks with any offers of 'in kind' support

8. Community Justice Learning Exchange:

Mhairi presented information and a film in relation to the Learning Exchange which had recently taken place in Northern Ireland and London.

Action – Mhairi, Libby and Margaret to meet with Stephen to discuss their findings

9. Community Justice Annual Report:

Margaret updated the meeting that work is progressing on the Annual Report and that it requires to go out for consultation prior to submission to Community Justice Scotland in September.

Action – Margaret to organise further sub-group meeting to finalise report and consider what consultation needs to look like

10. Community Justice Scotland Update:

Samantha Whipp provided an update to the meeting –
30 staff now working at CJS

Learning Innovation & Development Leads (LIDLs) will focus on CJSW and extending their scope to include e-learning, language and learning

There is a Smart Justice Campaign which is focussed around people's stories/surveys

CJS are to have a role in commissioning but this is still in negotiation with the Scottish Government

There are 5 people in the Improvement Team (1 Head of Analysis and Improvement, 3 Improvement Leads, 1 Researcher)

17 areas in Scotland wrote a 1 year Plan for CJ

Diversion from Prosecution pilot is still ongoing in Aberdeen, they have been looking at ISPs as well as training for police and fiscals

Progressive Partnerships are being considered for a research project looking at the potential impact of PASS being extended to 12 months

Financial Inclusion Project

11. Good News Stories:

Margaret updated the meeting that no good news stories had been put forward for this meeting.

Action – Margaret to e-mail the Partnership requesting stories for future meetings

12. AOCB:

Margaret mentioned the following –

A reminder for nominations for the CJ Award, so far none had been received

Sally Amor had offered to screen 'Resilience' specifically for the Partnership
Philip suggested it could be shown before or after the next CJP Meeting and lunch could be provided.

Action – Margaret to arrange buffet lunch for meeting, Philip will book room

Action – Margaret to contact Sally to arrange screening

Action – Philip to write to Stephen regarding Vice-Chair position

A reminder that updates for the points of contact for the Small Change For Justice project will be heard at the next CJP in September

Mhairi updated the meeting in relation to the Listen Campaign (LSN) which had been spoken about during the Learning Exchange

James updated the meeting that a bid for a domestic abuse programme for Highland (Caledonian Programme) had been put in.

Libby suggested 3 volunteer places for Libertie.

13. Date of next meetings:

Wednesday 12 September

Wednesday 12 December