

Caithness Community Planning Partnership

Board Update – 4 October 2018

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

Continued progress with Locality plan for Lybster, Dunbeath, Latheron, Clyth, Berriedale area, following a successful workshop in Lybster last December. A workshop was held with partners in Wick to focus on Wick locality plan.

2. Issues

Previous Caithness CPP Chair Roy Kirk (Highlands and Islands Enterprise) has stepped down, and Eann Sinclair (HIE Acting manager for Caithness and Sutherland) has taken on the role of Chair.

NHS Highland is running a public consultation on some proposed changes for health and social care in Caithness. The consultation will run from 20th August to 23rd November 2018. A copy of the summary consultation document was sent to every home in Caithness (and north Sutherland). A consultation survey feed-back form has subsequently been sent to every home, and a wide range of community consultation events are now taking place.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

Thurso Development Trust has published the results of its community consultation, which drew good responses from a range of local residents.

4. Future Actions

Partners will meet formally on 21st November in Thurso, and a training event on Health Inequalities will be organised the same day for partners. These meetings will be preceded by a short meeting of core partners in late October to review forward engagement plans.

Sutherland Community Partnership

Board Update – 4 October 2018

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

- Full Partnership meeting held, next one on 12 October (Pre meet 28 September)
- Fuel Poverty and Employment Sub Group Meetings held
- Attended Locality Planning Workshop in Edinburgh
- Attended 2 day Rural Transport Workshop in Inverness
- Attended CLD Inspection training at Inverness
- Safer Sutherland Forum served first Tennent warning letters and an ABC to another resident
- Funding secured and a total of 17 drivers trained for Minibus Midas training
- Service of Thanks at Golspie for emergency services and SCP following wildfire at Golspie
- Partnership knowledge sharing at Migdale Hospital, for students and lecturer during Texas University Visit
- Golspie uniformed services pilot evolved to "The Employability Award" to 3 Sutherland Secondary schools and to Ullapool High School
- 2 Locality Leads Planning days with Ian Kyle, Highland Council
- Community Engagement workshops held
- All 5 locality plans and action logs now in draft format prior to being delivered to the relevant Community Council areas
- Asset transfer information and visits for Lairg, Bonar Bridge, Brora and Dornoch Police stations
- The YOYP Great day out in Sutherland, massive planning and Partnership working, unfortunately cancelled at the last minute owing to the weather
- Newsletter preparation and distribution
- Finished engagement in remaining three priority areas (Helmsdale, Creich and Kinlochbervie).
- Produced "Community Plans" outlining the engagements
- Carried out community engagement in CC areas of Ardgay & District; Assynt; and Melness-Tongue-Skerray

2. Issues

- Limited resources remain a challenge
- Partners completing Partnership work on top of their full time posts
- Geographical area is massive and proves extremely challenging when trying to get all partners together for meetings and planning
- Time and resources to do follow-up activities in priority areas
- Involving "hard-to-reach" people (not enough just to "provide the opportunity")
- Keeping the momentum going in Locality Groups (regular communication, suitable times and places of meeting, is the Locality Group representative of the community?)
- Using the Place Standard in an engagement aiming to address inequalities

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

- Could references be made through GPs, chemists and/or SFRS – reaching the “hard-to-reach”.
- Capacity building in communities that currently lack capacity to carry out projects - HIE? We will have the research from engagement, we have an opportunity to capitalise on same and motivate communities
- Partnership supporting community projects that will address inequalities - Partnership not actively supporting community projects that do not address inequalities
- Opportunities to continue with what we have already been successful with

4. Future Actions

- Secure further funding for Midas training
- Secure funding for general Partnership funds
- Continue with Fuel Poverty, Employment and Transport sub group actions to tackle inequalities
- Publish Locality Plans for Golspie, Brora and Helmsdale (already reviewed by communities).
- Creich and Kinlochbervie to review their Locality Plans
- Publish Creich and Kinlochbervie Locality Plans

Easter Ross Community Partnership Board Update – 4 October 2018

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

During the past quarter our Chair Mr Mark Loynd (SFRS) has been replaced by Mr Ricky Dibble also SFRS. This is due to a long term secondment to a National project within the SFRS and the Partnership would like to note their thanks and appreciation for all the work done by Mark since the inception of the ERCP.

Since taking over Ricky has sought to meet with all the core members of the Partnership, and to try and establish where we are, what the next steps are and to consolidate our current position. This culminated in a public meeting in the Pavilion in Balintore, to discuss the draft Seaboard Plan, on Wednesday 19th September.

2. Issues

As with all Community Partnership's we would greatly benefit from the provision of a means to having a permanent member of staff or resource within the Partnership.

Numerous opportunities have been identified whereby we could try and improve things and make a difference to the inequalities within our communities but the lack of time, budget and resource is a major issue in achieving this. We are all trying to "think outside the box" and come up with alternatives but these restrictions are holding up progress.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

Although our activities have been limited, one area worth highlighting is the success and benefit which came out of the public meeting in Balintore. For this we ensured we had a wide range of stakeholders in attendance and although the numbers of members of the public in attendance was low, the wide range of organisations and groups present brought much good suggestion and contacts to the table and have provided some avenues for further exploration.

I would encourage all partnerships to "cast their nets wide" when looking to invite groups into meetings.

4. Future Actions

We have agreed the Seaboard Locality Plan this is due to be uploaded to the website with some other info once all partners have agreed the final version. (Tying check / pictures etc.)

It is also planned to distribute either the document in its entirety or a condensed version to all homes in the Seaboard area (500+)

A few actions have come from the Balintore meeting, engagement with local employers, engagement with the local Youth, a weekly drop in centre and these will be pursued and developed over the coming weeks.

Work is ongoing with the Adults and Childs plans and we are hoping to begin consultation in the Alness area shortly using the Place standards tool.

A competition has also been launched amongst local schools to design a logo for the ERCP.

MID ROSS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

UPDATE TO HIGHLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD: 4 OCTOBER 2018

1. Quarterly Update on Activities:

Our activities in this quarter have been mainly focused on development of community engagement: a whole area baseline survey which was launched at the beginning of September; and a free text short form survey and focus group discussions ('Community Conversations') for the Dingwall Locality Plan. NHS Highland Public Health staff have committed considerable resources to adapt and develop these tools and thanks are due to them. We have moved forward several actions from our first Locality Plan for Conon Bridge and will soon be in a position to report back to the community on issues as varied as access to the internet in community facilities and job opportunities for local people.

We voluntarily undertook the self –assessment tool developed by the Community Partnerships Sub-Group as part of that preparation and found it a very useful exercise. Although the limited reach of our community engagement activities was a key area for improvement, a strong positive was that the priorities identified by the community were fully reflected in the Plan.

2. Issues

Arising from our completion of the self-assessment of the partnership, we have identified a number of areas for improvement/key challenges. Apart from the issue of resources, which has already been raised at Board level, whether and how we will be able to bend our mainstream plans, priorities and spend to address inequalities within our priority localities was the most significant challenge identified. We have suggested this issue is considered at the November event for community partnerships.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

We are happy to share the community engagement tools that have been developed for the Dingwall Locality Plan, for adaption/use by other community partnerships.

Our next meeting in public on the 27th September has been planned in response to issues raised during community engagement activities. Several members of the partnership attended a recent meeting hosted by Highland Senior Citizens Network. Issues raised there about access to public services on the Black Isle will form the main agenda items. In addition Anne MacDonald, a development worker with Highland Senior Citizens Network, has been working with older people to gather their views on access issues and will report on this work at the meeting. Black Isle Cares has also worked in partnership with us to help plan the meeting, encourage attendance and publicise our community survey. We hope this 'co-production' approach to the meeting will lead to greater engagement of community organisations. An update will be available at the Board.

4. Future Actions

Our focus for the next quarter will be on carrying out the community engagement activities for the Dingwall Locality Plan, participating in the CLD inspection and feeding back to the Conon Bridge community on progress with implementation of their Locality Plan.

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Highland Community Planning Partnership – Community Planning Board – 4th October 2018

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

Adult Health and Social Care plan has now been discussed at the last four Partnership meetings, 16 November 2017, 1st March 2018, 27th June and 13th September. 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 next Implementation Group meeting is scheduled for 9th October 2018. The update also referred to progress regarding the new Hospital build in Broadford.

The Children's Plan was discussed further on 13th September. Consultation fatigue especially for potentially the most disadvantaged was noted, and the Partnership agree to form a sub-group to address this issue, and ensure the voices of the most disadvantaged are heard, across all Plans. New funding for Mental Health was specifically welcomed and more detail to follow.

An update on the The Community Learning and Development Plan for the whole SL&WR area was provided on 13th September. 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 in further detail at the sub- group meeting noted above. SLWR CPP Chair has now involved relevant SDS officials in the SLWR partnership, and they will make an important contribution to the sub-group/Locality plan work.

The self-assessment tool was discussed on 13th September and this will also initially form part of the sub-group work, and thereafter be progressed.

SLWR CPP Chair provided input into the overall Highland CPP Aspiring Communities Fund bid, and progress through to the next/final stages of consideration has been achieved.

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

On behalf of the SLWR CPP the Chair has expressed thanks to both Police Scotland and SFRS following complimentary comments from them about the local ambition and effectiveness of the Partnership and the range of issues that are being addressed.

The next meeting date set is 20 December 2018.

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Lochaber Community Partnership

Board Update – 4 October 2018

No Chair in post since the retirement of Michael Foxley.

Adult Plan complete and actions completed. Mental health action has been particularly successful with the role of the Urgent Care Nurse being submitted to a national conference.

Adult Plan engagement process for 2018/19 is now ready to begin with actions taken from last year's engagement process being prepared for distribution across Lochaber.

No Child Plan available.

Kinlochleven Locality Plan was reviewed in January this year. Core team for this group has changed significantly for reasons beyond anyone's control which has caused a delay. However, a new team is now allocated.

Caol Locality Plan is progressing well and is nearly ready for finalising with the public.

Initial engagement process for Fort William commences next week.

A self-assessment was undertaken in January 2018, but this will be repeated in October.

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District Manager – Lochaber
NHS Highland

Nairn & Nairnshire Community Partnership

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1. Quarterly Update on Activities

The Partnership is working closely with the Highland Senior Citizens Network and "Wheels in Nairnshire" both of which provided presentations at Partnership meetings. The Partnership will continue to work with both organisations to assist in reducing and addressing Social Isolation amongst other such activity including transportation.

The Partnership recently undertook a six month review of the progression of the identified actions as detailed within the plans. It was found that progression is being made at a pace which is commensurate with expectations of all involved. All updates are included in the detail held on the website.

2. Issues

The disconnect between the Partnership and the Community Councils was well evidenced previously. In an effort to ensure harmony going forward, efforts to address such was undertaken, this saw a meeting being held in early August with members of the Partnership and members of Nairn and Nairnshire Community Councils. This meeting was to identify and remove barriers that had materialised over time which contributed towards a misunderstanding of what both parties were attempting to achieve for the communities. As a result of this meeting the direction and commitment of the Partnership was shared along with the Community Councils appetite to succeed, therefore it is anticipated that this relationship will now flourish for the benefit of the Communities we serve.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

Number of funding streams identified and discussed at recent Partnership meeting in September which provided opportunity to secure funding for the benefit of the communities.

4. Future Actions

The September meeting was held on the 24th and this again witnessed a good attendance, including members of the public being present throughout. Due to changes within Partner Agencies there has been some alterations in ownership of business but this does not detract from the enthusiasm being displayed by all parties involved, including the new members.

The delivery of the identified actions within the Locality Plan have been undertaken by three distinct Subgroups led by particular partners. Unfortunately due to the changes mentioned previously there has been a delay in the progression of one particular group, but this has now been addressed, new membership and vigour applied and expectation that progress will now be improved towards achieving the desired outcomes.

Badenoch & Strathspey Community Partnership

Board Update – 4th October 2018

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

The B&S CP met on the 15th of August which for the first time was in the evening at Talla Nan Ros in Kingussie. This was the best attended event by members of the public and Community Council members with 15 people in the hall.

There was very good discussion on progress with two of the four sub-groups, the mental health group presenting a briefing note which was shared with all. The transport sub-group has been aligned to existing transport groups in the B&S CP Area with an update due at the next meeting.

A presentation was delivered by Active Cairngorms which was well received by all and will assist in the ongoing Children's, Adult's and mental health working being done by the Partnership.

The Chair of the Partnership has been representing the Highlands during the planning of a major Dementia event being held in Inverness in November along with the Inverness CP chair. This will be a three day event and will be the first of many across Scotland.

CP members continue to engage locally with schools and other groups to raise the profile of the Partnership locally.

2. Issues

Current challenge is as per other Partnerships and is capacity to move forward as much as we would like. Dedicated resource for the Partnership would help greatly with engagement and project activities which could then inform future actions. It would also assist in ensuring the Partnership are fully embedded in the good work being done in the area by multiple organisations.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

As previously stated in updates the strong team that has been formed by B&S CP members continues to be a key strength and has helped achieve small, quick wins across B&S. The team ethic has created a positive and inclusive atmosphere at all the CP meetings to date and has allowed meaningful discussions to take place. The fact that more members of the public and Community Council members are attending is seen as a positive in that we are being recognised as a partnership that may be able to assist in reducing inequalities in B&S.

4. Future Actions

The CP meets again on the 3rd of December after the CP development date in November. At the next meeting an update is expected by all the sub-groups on what activities have been undertaken over the previous quarter. In addition on the agenda will be a discussion on self-evaluation and from that a group set up to look in to doing that early in 2019.

The chair and others will continue to represent the Partnership locally where opportunities arise and will seek quick wins where they can be achieved.

Inverness Community Partnership - October 2018 Update

The full Inverness Community Partnership met in Hilton Community Centre on Wednesday 26th September. Considerable progress has been made with the various plans. However there is still an issue with people's capacity to absorb the work of the partnership as part of their role and not as an addition on to their already full remit. This has an impact on the pace of the work moving forward.

Childs Plan. Considerable effort has gone in to the "***big consultation***" with young people across the school network and a number of key themes have come to the fore. Transport to attend activities, access to affordable activities, clean streets and neighbourhood and having someone safe to talk to about their concerns are amongst the main areas for action.

The Inverness Youth Forum and Youth Parliament members are developing plans for a city wide event as part of the Year of Young People - hopefully accessing the £3000 Highlife Highland grant. This is being scheduled for November presuming the funding is secured.

Adult Plan. Several key action areas have been identified. Transport is a major issue within the city. Route connections to major facilities, timetabling, frequency, consistency and the lack of evening service are amongst the immediate issues. The ICP feels that whilst some of these issues may be able to begin to be addressed locally this is an issue for all Community Partnerships.

Several positive meetings between NHS and Housing Officers have examined the plans for new housing developments in Inverness and how that links in with the Social Care Sector and creating a joined up approach albeit extremely difficult to predict the level of need.

Locality Plans. Work has begun to identify the main representatives to develop the locality plan in the Hilton area. Careful consideration of the methods to be used in consulting the community are currently being examined with the lessons learned from the labour intensive experience in Merkinch in mind.

The Merkinch Locality Plan sub group continues to meet to develop the actions and review the progress made so far.

Potential new Partners. As work progresses in the ICP area other organisations are keen to be involved in the work of the Partnership. Two GP's have expressed an interest and the DWP have also expressed their desire to work closely with the ICP.

Report prepared by Councillor Graham Ross.