

## **Caithness Community Partnership**

### **Board Update – March 2019**

#### **1. Quarterly Update on Activities**

Community Planning Partnership met in Wick on 13<sup>th</sup> February, with good attendance from key partners and members of the public. Key presentations from Caithness Drug and Alcohol Forum, Social Security Scotland and Home Energy Scotland.

Partners met to discuss progress with the Lybster/ Dunbeath/ Berriedale Locality Plan, and a meeting of partners to discuss the Wick Locality Plan will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **2. Issues**

Following concerns expressed at November 2018 meeting, and negative press stories of substance misuse, members and public welcomed the presentation by CDAF, which painted a more holistic picture of the measures being taken to support those people and families experiencing issues.

Caithness Citizens' Advice Bureau and Wick High School are each developing projects to tackle poverty, particularly amongst young people.

#### **3. Opportunities/Good Practice**

Caithness Voluntary Group (CVG) has attracted funding from the Aspiring Communities Fund to employ three roles (covering Wick/ Thurso/ Rural Caithness respectively) addressing inequalities. The three postholders managed by CVG are now engaged with partners and communities, feeding back issues for inclusion in the developing Locality Plans.

#### **4. Future Actions**

The Children's plan will be refreshed, focussing initially on the four Localities (Wick, Thurso, Castletown, Lybster/ Dunbeath/ Berriedale). This will be led by Highland Council with partner and stakeholder involvement.

**Sutherland Community Partnership (SCP)**

**Board Update – 21 March 2019**

**1. Quarterly Update on Activities**

Locality Plans for Golspie, Brora and Helmsdale have now been finalised and published online. Hard copies of the plans have been printed and made available in libraries and service points. Plans for Kinlochbervie and Creich are in the final stages.

A presentation day took place on 30/01/2019. This involved 11 presentations from various partners including Age Scotland, Youth Justice, NHS, Caithness & Sutherland Woman's Aid. Those giving presentations were able to showcase their good work and forthcoming projects to members of the public and other partners, identifying opportunities to for future working relationships.

The Employment, Training & Skills sub-group met on 22/02/19 and discussed gaps in provisions throughout Sutherland. Actions have been updated and further actions allocated. Youth Development Officers will again meet on 08/03/19 to discuss further actions.

The issue 6 of the SCP newsletter has been published and distributed throughout Sutherland.

**2. Issues**

Loss of drug/alcohol counselling service in Sutherland due to cuts in funding.

Availability of other partners when arranging meetings or following up progress with actions.

**3. Opportunities/Good Practice**

Lack of public transport and the vast geography of Sutherland restricts the opportunity to learn. This includes young people and those wishing to undertake training courses whilst working full-time. State-of-the-art video conferencing facilities have been purchased by SCP and will be installed in Golspie High School. This will enable remote learning by linking in with UHI in Inverness and Thurso.

SCP generated funding for MIDAS training for community mini-bus drivers. The partnership sourced minibuses and arranged a venue for theory training to be undertaken. 37 people have successfully passed MIDAS training and are volunteering as drivers within their communities. This has tackled issues surrounding employment, training and leisure needs.

SCP have identified a lead partner to undertake a mapping exercise of green health opportunities/activities across the region. This will complement existing mapping work, and enhance the level of information available to support current and developing social prescribing initiatives. £3000 of funding has been secured to enable this exercise to take place.

**4. Future Actions**

Planning has begun for the full partnership meeting in June 2019. This meeting will predominantly be arranged by students from local high schools and academies, giving the students the opportunity

to set an agenda and chair the meeting. A suitable venue has been identified and discussions are ongoing with youth development officers and local schools.

The Transport sub-group will meet with a view to addressing shortfalls in public transport, in particular north-west Sutherland.

A new initiative based on food waste is being developed. The vision is for a co-ordinated Sutherland-wide project where surplus food from supermarkets and suppliers will be distributed to communities, not only to tackling food poverty but also to the benefit of the environment based on the principle of "Ethical Eating".

## **Easter Ross Community Partnership**

### **Board Update – 21 March 2019**

#### **1. Quarterly Update on Activities**

Activity during the last quarter has involved welcoming our Community Engagement Officer James Turner, who has a split role between Mid and Easter Ross partnerships, to the group. We held an introductory meeting for James with the core partners on 25 January. Although not intended James left the meeting with a few tasks and is proving himself to be a welcome addition to the partnership.

In my role as Chair I attended the aspiring Communities / Locality Plan meeting at the pavilion in Starthpeffer, where there was a lot of good debate and shared experiences.

Our focus has now switched to Alness. We have developed a Survey leaflet based on the place standard tool, approx 2000 of these have been issued via schools and various locations throughout Alness. This survey has also been made available through Survey Monkey and Facebook.

A public meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February at the Perrins Centre in Alness, this was poorly attended, and we will need to re-think our approach in future to try and generate more interest.

#### **2. Issues**

The issue of capacity is still a challenge for all members of the partnership as all are limited by workloads and time restraints. The introduction of our Community Engagement Officer has made a difference but we need to manage both their and the partnerships expectations. They are 3 months into a 12 month contract so we need to be realistic about what we can achieve.

#### **3. Opportunities/Good Practice**

We have created an ERCP Logo, initially we had tried to run this as a school competition but with little success, so we opted to come up with something ourselves. After much debate we settled on this.



This logo will now be used on all our documentation and will hopefully become a well-recognised symbol for the Partnership.

We have also set up a Shared email [engageercp@gmail.com](mailto:engageercp@gmail.com) this will allow for direct correspondence with the group. It is hoped that this, in time will become the address that all correspondence is sent to, freeing up our work “inboxes” and reducing the amount of email traffic between members as we all have access.

The website has been updated to reflect these initiatives.

#### **4. Future Actions**

The Seaboard Plan is about ready to print and the condensed version is also being finalised ready for delivery to all homes in the area (500 approx.)

We will make contact with both Alness and Invergordon Academies with a view to arranging a Market day to tackle some of the issues identified during previous engagement sessions.

The Survey for Alness is due to be closed on the 20<sup>th</sup> March when we shall collect and collate the results which will begin to shape our next locality plan, whilst we continue our engagement.

Ricky Dibble, Chair ERCP. 07/3/19

**Mid Ross Community Partnership**

**Board Update – March 2019**

**1. Quarterly Update on Activities**

Work has commenced to agree the improvement actions to address the outcome of the Education Scotland inspection of CLD in Highland. We attended the follow up meeting with Education Scotland to discuss how to best use their offer of consultancy support and agreed a three day programme covering strategic and local issues. One of our main aims is to continue the involvement of the many organisations which took part in the inspection in the improvement work. A meeting to discuss local actions and how to establish the CLDE network in Mid Ross is taking place on the 6th of March.

We have received a draft report of the results of the on-line survey which was open across the Mid Ross area for three months during 2018. Although apparently a good result as judged by the Consultation Institute, we would have liked to receive at least double the 300 responses. It is clear that where a local organisation or Community Council promoted the survey many more responses were received. Sara Huc of NHS Highland Public Health department has produced an excellent analysis of the responses. Although the numbers will make it difficult to draw any conclusions below Mid Ross level a great deal of rich qualitative information has been gathered and will be used to target future actions.

Kevin Macleod of Police Scotland has agreed to lead the Conon Locality Plan activities and will be working closely with our Aspiring Communities worker James Turner to improve engagement in the run up to our next meeting in public at the end of March. A successful engagement event was held during a parents evening at Ben Wyvis Primary School and we will be producing feedback and updating the plan on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

**2. Issues**

The partners have agreed that a key improvement action from the CLD inspection to better link strategic and local priorities applies across all of our partnership working. We are undertaking a mapping exercise of local partnership activity so that we can identify key linkages to HOIP delivery groups and other Highland level strategic activities

We are having an initial meeting with community representatives from the Muir of Ord area to discuss when and how to start work on our third Locality Plan

**3. Opportunities/Good Practice**

- Support from James Turner for community engagement activities
- Sharing lead responsibility for Locality Plans

**4. Future Actions**

- Action Plan arising from CLD Inspection
- Full discussion of results from community engagement in Dingwall at our March core meeting
- Refreshing Conon Locality Plan
- Initial discussions re Muir of Ord Locality Plan

**Skye Lochalsh and Wester Ross Community Planning Partnership**

**Update to Highland Community Planning Partnership Board: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**1. Quarterly update on activities**

Last meeting was held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018, and the next one scheduled is 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Meeting dates have also been set for the rest of the year.

With reference to the Adult Health and Social Care Plan, the Ritchie Report Steering Group and workstreams continue. Public consultation events were held in early February to consider the plans for the new hospital in Broadford.

Engagement and partnership work continues on Locality Plans for Kyle and Portree & Trotternish, and early engagement in Gairloch continues also. Liaison continues with representative Community Trusts/organisations in Locality Plan areas (including the Gairloch area).

The new HTSI employed Community Engagement Officer has made a welcome and immediate positive impact on levels of engagement, especially with regards to those affected most by disadvantage and inequality.

The mapping exercise for Green Health Highland Partnership is underway, carried out by SLCVO covering Wester Ross also.

**2. Issues**

Skye and Lochalsh Voluntary Action have stepped back from leading on the area wide Community Learning and Development Plan. Discussions are taking place to establish a CLD lead, to enable CLD input into Locality Plans.

The Chair, when discussing Community Planning with Partners and communities continually emphasises the requirement to focus and prioritise the work of the CPP.

The new HTSI resource will support the work of our Partnership, though it will be challenging to make significant difference and new impact without resource to deliver new projects on the ground.

**3. Opportunities/Good practice**

The 'Aspiring Communities' Fund may be able to extend funding beyond this current year approval. This fund currently supports the Community Engagement work in many of the Partnerships. The Acting Chair of SL&WR has raised this with CP officials to ensure awareness and suggest consideration be given to applying to extend the existing project.

The Chair has requested information regarding Town Centre Regeneration Funds supplied to Local Authorities. This is in the context of locality planning and that Portree (part of one of SL&WR Locality Plan Areas) featured bottom of a Highland Council Study titled, 'Town Centre Health Checks'. We understand from the Press Release that the town centre facilities assessed included pedestrian and cycling friendliness, public realm, pavements and streets, parking.

It appears there may be opportunities for continued Community involvement as the re-design of health services progresses.

#### **4. Future actions**

Ensure awareness of possibility of extending 'Aspiring Communities' Funding.

Establish new CLD lead on behalf on the SL&WR Partnership, and liaise with CLD Development Group.

Continue liaison with HTSI employed Community Partnership Engagement Officer and prioritise key actions. Differentiate HTSI CPE Officer from activities of local voluntary representative body SLCVO, who now also cover Wester Ross.

Update draft Locality Plans, and then consult on draft Locality Plans, then complete self-assessment forms.

Obtain an update on The Children's Plan, and progress on actions.

Acting Chair to hand activities and Chair back to Robert Muir.



**Nairn and Nairnshire Community Partnership**

**Board Update – 21 March 2019**

**1. Quarterly Update on Activities**

NNCP are delighted to welcome Rhona McNicol our engagement worker. Initial liaison and assessment of community engagement carried out thus far has taken place and Rhona is actively working with each of the subgroups in order to identify future opportunities for engagement and events in relation to Adult and Child's plan, Employability and Skills Development; Places and Spaces

**2. Issues**

Places and Spaces subgroup has been revitalised and Cllr Heggie has agreed to lead on this. Already Cllr Heggie has pro-actively sought areas for quick wins and we anticipate good progress in this area.

**3. Opportunities/Good Practice**

Work ongoing to carry out self evaluation of the NNCP.

**4. Future Actions**

Continued liaison with engagement worker and focus on community engagement events.

**Badenoch and Strathspey Community Partnership**

**Board Update – 21 March 2019**

**1. Quarterly Update on Activities**

The Badenoch and Strathspey Community Partnership met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January in the Cairngorms National Parks Authority Headquarters in Grantown on Spey. The meeting was very positive with a number of Community Council members present to represent their communities. In addition there was attendance from voluntary groups and Steven Henderson from Age Scotland who delivered a short talk on a military veteran's charity project.

The meeting was very positive and was an opportunity to introduce the new members to the Partnership as there has been a significant change in representation from some agencies. Thanks was also given to Inspector Mike Middlehurst for Police Scotland who has recently retired.

The broad theme of the meeting was to review what we have done, where we have got to, what plans we have written and then from that review where we want to focus our efforts. With the new engagement officer, Rhona, now in post we felt it was a good use of her skills and knowledge to identify any engagement gaps in what we have produced and consider engagement events specifically to fill those gaps.

In addition to this Robbie MacDougall from SFRS volunteered to lead a self-evaluation exercise with support from Fiona Richardson from Highlife Highland. A small group is scheduled to meet in March to progress this.

The sub-groups updated the CP on their activity with Rhona being in touch to get involved with the sub-groups as part of her role in assessing any engagement gaps.

The Chair of the Partnership has met Rhona in Grantown on a couple of occasions to discuss her role and agree on some objectives for the coming quarter. These meetings have been very positive with Rhona producing a work plan with key objectives. Rhona is also being well supported by Karen Derrick in the Voluntary Action, Badenoch and Strathspey office.

The Chair has also met with Elisa De Waal who is managing the aspiring communities funded project which Rhona and her colleagues are part of. This again was a positive meeting and helped the understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the engagement officers.

The Chair also attended a development event in Strathpeffer to discuss the Highland Aspiring Communities / Locality Plans. Another good event which generated some information that Mhairi Whyllie will share with the CPP Board members.

**2. Issues**

The main challenge for the Partnership remains capacity of members and resourcing to undertake Partnership work effectively. The meeting in Strathpeffer recently was helpful in highlighting the

level of specific resources required to undertake Partnership activities with this information being escalated to the COG and CPP Board for discussion.

The level of expectation of what CPs can achieve balanced against the capacity of people on the Partnerships was a subject of discussion at the Strathpeffer event and may be worth revisiting when the opportunity arises.

### **3. Opportunities/Good Practice**

The key opportunity for the next quarter is the activity of the new engagement officer and the results of her reviews and engagement with the CP sub-groups. It is hoped that this work, and the self-evaluation, will provide clear direction for the coming quarters.

It is also hoped that this new resource will demonstrate the positive benefits of what more can be achieved with dedicated resource for Partnerships. The B&S CP members will be keen to support any evidence based reports to support these posts longer term.

### **4. Future Actions**

The B&S CP is scheduled to meet again on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 in Aviemore. Focus for the next quarter will be the collation of information from the engagement officer which she will present at the next CP meeting in May. Also the results of the self-evaluation will be welcomed. Future discussions on how CPs are resourced and supported will also be a subject that will be discussed at upcoming CPP meetings and fed back to the partnership.

## Inverness Community Partnership

### Community Planning Board Update March 2019

#### Quarterly update on Activities

Both the Children's plan and Merkinch Locality Plan sub groups continued to meet following the Festive break.

The **Children's plan** is currently being updated and the web page is to be refreshed. The group has welcomed the involvement and additional support of Fiona Shearer, Area Education Manager

50% of the initial actions identified for **The Merkinch Locality Plan** have been completed with other work now in progress. This group is working extremely well under the leadership of Colin Gough Inverness Area Commander, Police Scotland.

The **Adults Plan sub group** had not met over this period. Discussions have now taken place with Gavin Sell, NHS, the Plan Lead, and have identified a new approach which has been endorsed by the Full Partnership at its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**Hilton Locality Plan.** Due to personnel changes this group has not met during this period. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have now identified a member of staff to help progress this plan and meetings are now scheduled to take place to move forward.

**Community Engagement Officer, Ainya Taylor,** has been very pro-active and has quickly become a very valued resource. She has developed a template for future community surveys and also identified the potential partners to help develop and inform the work in the Raigmore and Ardersier areas.

Ainya is also working in conjunction with Inverness High School on a project to engage those traditionally "hard to reach". This work should prove useful and help inform plans in the future.

#### Issues

Once again the work of the Partnership has been impacted adversely both by Personnel changes and by the work being an "add on" to peoples already more than full workload.

Further personnel changes scheduled in the near future may also impact on the pace of work. I am sure that this will be an issue that will reoccur from time to time.

#### Opportunities/Good Practice

In recognition of the capacity issues for individuals, discussions have now taken place to try and address this. It has been recognised that we are asking people to carry out work that does not easily fit into their line of work and that we needed to improve on this practice as a matter of urgency to allow the work of the Partnership to move forward.

Consequently, it has now been agreed by the ICP that the Adult Plan will now be termed **The Adult Health and Social Care plan** allowing the Plan Lead to firmly embed "the day job" into the work of the Partnership with appropriate objectives and targets. This will be the main work of this group.

The other areas of work and themes that had been identified such as Transport and Digital Connectivity will now be examined and developed by small work groups, made up from interested parties within the ICP to help develop these themes. The work of these work groups will be closely linked to the issues identified within the Locality Plans.

### **Future Actions**

There are several particular areas of work for the next quarter.

To establish the membership of the themed work groups and agree the groups remit and subsequently agree targets and action areas.

To identify and agree the overall objectives and actions for the new Adult Social Care and Health Plan.

To conclude the survey work for the Hilton Locality Plan. This will include analysing the results to inform the development of the Locality Plan.

Graham Ross

Councillor

Chairman,

Inverness Community Partnership.

March 2019