

Caithness Community Partnership

Board Update – June 2019

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

Community Planning Partnership met in Thurso on 17th April, with good attendance from key partners and members of the public. Key presentation from Highland Third Sector Interface.

All four Locality Plan groupings are now making progress, at differing paces, but with engagement from Leads from HIE, Highland Council, SFRS and Police Scotland respectively. These groupings are informed and supported by the ongoing work of the officers employed through Caithness Voluntary Group and Pulteneytown Peoples Project through the Aspiring Communities Fund. Initial reports on engagement in each of the Localities were posted to the Caithness CPP webpage (<http://www.highlandcpp.org.uk/locality-plans-caithness.html>), and an updated series of reports are being collated at present.

2. Issues

Anti-social behaviour in and around Wick has been raised by Gail Ross MSP, and was discussed at Wick Locality meeting in June. Police Scotland's response was praised.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

Martin Thomsen (HIE) has begun to work with the individual Caithness Locality groupings. He brings with him his recent experience as engagement officer at the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust, and therefore is able to share good practice examples at locality level.

The three Aspiring Communities officers continue to make excellent progress, reaching members of our communities often not reached in consultations. We now have good, powerful evidence emerging from localities which will underpin Locality Plans and the wider Children's and Adults Plans.

4. Future Actions

The Community Planning Partnership meets again on Wednesday 26th June, where a presentation will be given on an emerging sustainability concept for the North Highlands. This is particularly timely given the Highland CPP discussions on climate change and the recent declaration of a Climate Emergency.

The Children's plan is being 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, including the Childcare and Family Resource Partnership.

LOCALITY PLANS UPDATE

APRIL 2019

Helmsdale

The last meeting was 27/02/19.

A potential link has been identified between the environmental objectives of the Helmsdale Kitchen Garden project developed by HDDT and the HLH Carbon Literacy project currently running from Lairg Learning Centre. It was also suggested that the Kitchen Garden could provide a good venue for activities for Dementia Friendly activities

It has become apparent that there was scope to open more routes of communication to increase the chances of essential services reaching those most in need, particularly those who may be otherwise difficult to identify. E.g. CAB, Home Energy Scotland, NHS. Fire Service

The next two scheduled meetings will have a specific focus. Tourism and employment with a view to inviting local businesses and transport with a view to auditing provision and accessibility

The next meeting is scheduled for 29/05/19.

Brora

The last meeting was December 2018.

A meeting in March 2019 was cancelled due to the availability of members. Current work relates to locality plan which has been finalised and actions will be developed.

A date for next meeting is to be finalised.

Golspie

The last meeting was 29/03/19.

The meeting reviewed progress on all actions to date. Specific actions to be addressed by the next meeting included childcare and the 'Job Pod'. The Kilbruar Benefit Fund was discussed and information has now been circulated to the relevant communities, MIDAS training is arranged for 12/05/19 and will include Golspie residents.

The next meeting was scheduled for 15/05/19, however was postponed. To be re-scheduled.

Creich

The last meeting was scheduled for 24/04/19, however had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

A date for next meeting is to be finalised.

Kinlochbervie

The last meeting was 28/03/19.

The meeting focussed primarily on transport. Links were made between the lack of available transport and how this affects access to other services such dentistry and tourism, however transport opportunities may exist for communities using HC transport contracts. Work is starting on potential local tourism group/ initiative.

Next meeting scheduled for 06/06/19

East Ross Community Partnership

Board Update – 20 June 2019

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

ERCP activity during the last quarter has involved the continuation and recent additions to the Seaboard Plan which is now ready to print with a summary version also being finalised ready for delivery to all homes in the area (500 approx.)

The Alness plan is also now underway. After the initial public meeting held on the 13th February in Alness was poorly attended we have had a change of tact with a further two meetings reaching a wider audience and councillors which has enabled us to target community events to conduct meaningful further engagement in the correct areas.

To enable Partnership engagement in Alness to be consistent and effective, it was agreed that an easy to use 'Engagement Toolkit' should be created which could be used by any partner and work has now started on this.

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 huge difference and enabled better communication and a focus point .

Changing personnel has also presented a challenge with the Chair and police lead changing over the last 2 weeks.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

We have selected and programmed dates for the rest of the year and identified the need for a Deputy chair and locality leads to move forward with clear roles.

4. Future Actions

Alness engagement, working together in a productive and organised manner to create our second Locality plan utilising previous experience and fresh ideas.

Mid Ross Community Partnership

Board Update – June 2019

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

A successful launch of the CLDE network was held on the 6th of March in Muir of Ord. That meeting was also an important opportunity to involve local CLDE practitioners in developing an action plan to address the improvement actions from the CLD Inspection. Training events relevant to the improvement actions have also been taking place and will continue over the next few months.

The Conon Locality Plan has been updated following the community engagement event in March. Unfortunately, a meeting in public which was aimed at developing new actions arising from the revised plan was unsuccessful. Our Aspiring Communities worker will be contacting a range of local organisations to ask how best to involve the community in implementing and developing the Locality Plan going forward.

The feedback from community engagement activities in Dingwall has been collated and key themes identified. Over the summer we plan to engage directly with a range of local groups to discuss how their activities relate to the key themes and where the partnership can make the most effective contribution.

Following on from a meeting in Munloch in 2018, Ross-shire Voluntary Action have been successful in further developing their community transport services.

The partnership updated their self-evaluation of the Locality Plan process at the last meeting. It was agreed that learning from the first Locality Plan had been usefully introduced to the Dingwall process.

2. Issues

A number of factors are currently impacting on the capacity of the partnership.

Need for funding to be secured to continue activities of Aspiring Communities workers attached to partnerships.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

- Support from James Turner for community engagement activities
- Production of user friendly info graphic to feedback on community survey results

4. Future Actions

- Further engagement over Dingwall Locality Plan priorities
- Updating of Adult Plan
- CLDE improvements

Skye Lochalsh and Wester Ross Community Planning Partnership

Update to Highland Community Planning Partnership Board: 20th June 2019

1. Quarterly update on activities

The Community Planning Partnership met in Kyle on 24th April 2019 and is next due to meet on 26th June. Dates have been set for the remainder of the year to follow on from meetings of the Highland CPP Board to allow feedback on current issues.

With reference to the discussions at the March HCCP meeting, SLWR CPP welcomed the decision to include Skye within the initial focus of the Community Asset Review, and also agreed that the issue of Fuel Poverty – as identified in the HOIP report - was of particular relevance to the West Coast communities. It was therefore proposed that this issue be further considered through a sub group led by Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association.

Adult Health and Social Care provision continues to dominate debate on Skye, and CPP partners are actively engaged in the steering group and workstreams flowing from the Richie Report. Ongoing work includes needs assessment for community beds, digital innovation to enhance health and social care provision, review of transport and access facilities, all of which squarely address the inequalities agenda.

The work of our Community Engagement Officer, Lucy Cooke, through HTSI, has proved invaluable in improving levels of engagement throughout the area. A programme of events in Kyle, Portree and North East Skye is underway, and emerging themes of Mental Health, support for Young Carers and isolation have been identified as particular challenges.

The Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust is working particularly closely with Lucy and has developed a wider engagement programme – the Lochalsh Collaboration - for which they are seeking funding through the Scottish Government's Investing in Communities Programme.

Although Wester Ross is not identified as a current locality plan area, preparatory work is underway, and CPP partners, HIE and THC, have funded Gairloch and Loch Ewe Action Forum to undertake a planning for real exercise to help inform a 10 year community plan.

2. Issues

Lack of resource, both human and financial, continues to be the major drag on progressing CPP ambitions. As noted, the appointment of the Community Engagement Officers has been hugely productive, but implementation of the ideas and plans they generate will require further resource to be identified.

The completion of Locality Plans has stalled to some extent and although lists of issues and themes have been identified these need to be converted into a more dynamic action plan.

With the recent change of Chair, we are taking the opportunity to review the operation of the CPP and consider, for example, the creation of sub groups to focus on specific topics, and how better to accommodate public involvement.

3. Opportunities/Good practice

Given the activity and the workstreams relating to the Ritchie Report, we must be alive to the opportunity of sharing the findings further afield. The Facilitator has publicly stated that the challenge is to create a Centre of Excellence in North Skye, using the Ritchie recommendations to design a model for first class health and social care services in rural and remote communities.

4. Future actions

Continue to promote the possibility of extending 'Aspiring Communities' Funding.

Continue liaison with the Community Engagement Officer and prioritise key actions.

Update and consult on draft Locality Plans.

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

Review operation of the CPP to consider use of subgroups, and requests from other agencies and community groups wishing to participate more fully, such as Highlife Highland.

RD Muir

June 2019

Nairn and Nairnshire Community Partnership

Board Update – 21 March 2019

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

(e.g. engagement, plan development, delivery of activities/actions)

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

(e.g. current challenges for the partnership, issues for the Board/COG to consider)

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

(e.g. key areas for sharing between partnerships and broader opportunities)

Work ongoing to carry out self evaluation of the NNCP.

4. Future Actions

(e.g. focus for the next quarter)

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

Badenoch and Strathspey Community Partnership

Board Update – 20 June 2019

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

The Badenoch and Strathspey Community Partnership met on the 9th of May in the High Life Highland “Hub” in Aviemore. The meeting was very positively attended by Partnership Members with a number of Community Council members present to represent their communities. In addition there was attendance from Fraser Morrison from High Life Highland with a member of the Highland Youth Parliament.

The meeting was an opportunity for Rhona our engagement officer, shared with Nairn, to give an introduction and an overview of what she has done since being in post. Rhona has done a lot of information gathering and planning which should inform our sub-group activity for the rest of the year.

Rhona co-ordinated a competition in the secondary schools to design a badge for the partnership with the winning entry from Kingussie winning a prize kindly donated by CNPA.

Rhona has engagement activities planned for the children’s and adult’s plan sub-groups which we will be able to report on at the next meeting but should be very informative.

Sub-groups will continue to meet as required.

The self-evaluation meeting scheduled was cancelled due to a snow storm but is being reorganised shortly by Robbie MacDougall from SFRS. Fiona Richardson attended the last meeting to give an overview on what is planned and the benefits of self-evaluation.

The Chair of the Partnership has met Rhona and Karen from VABS in Grantown on a couple of occasions to discuss her role and agree on some objectives for the coming year. These meetings have been very positive with Rhona updating her work plan with key objectives.

The Chair has also attended a CLD workshop hosted by HMIE following the Mid-Ross Partnership inspection. Very informative discussions with a range of people regarding CLD provision in plans and activities for Partnerships.

A few Partnership members will be attending MacDonald Resort in Aviemore on the 27th of May for the Strengthening Communities event which should provide a great engagement opportunity.

2. Issues

The main challenge for the Partnership remains capacity of members and resourcing to undertake Partnership work effectively. The level of expectation of what CPs can achieve balanced against the

capacity of people on the Partnerships remains the same and may be worth revisiting when the opportunity arises.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

Continued engagement through Rhona and Partnership members representing the Partnership at events. Using examples of good practice such as activities Nairn has done and replicating them in B&S is planned.

4. Future Actions

The B&S CP is scheduled to meet again in August. Focus for the next quarter will be continued sub-group and engagement work. Also, the results of the self-evaluation will be welcomed after their meeting. 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

Board Update – 20 June 2019

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

Locality Plans; Merkinch- Actions progressing, now 50% are completed. An article will be published in Merkinch News&Views to feedback to the community on the status of the locality plan. There was a meeting of key community members to discuss the plan and begin the process of community ownership of the plan. There is due to be STEM science events for young people in the area- these will be pop-up style events in locations like the boxing club or a food science event in the local shop in the near future.

Hilton- Engagement has all been gathered and collated. The group is now increasing in size and will be creating actions at the next meeting. We have identified that young people had a lower response rate and we will now look to sense check this data with young people in the area.

Adults Plan- Key themes have been identified and actions are in the process of being agreed.

Childs Plan- Plan structured and populated with actions following wider engagement which has been gathered. The group are due to meet at the end of June to finalise this.

Transport subgroup chair confirmed as Cllr Ron McWilliam and group members have been finalised. This group will focus on Merkinch and Hilton communities initially, particularly around access to healthcare.

The ICP were offered Health Inequalities training through Linda Thomson, NHS Highland. This occurred in advance of the last full ICP meeting, the training was opened out to community groups also.

There has been pop-up engagement in Ardersier GP Practice on healthcare- this information is currently being collated into a report.

There have been engagement activities devised based on locality plan questions and these activities have started to be used in the Raigmore area, this engagement will continue over the next few months with a survey/engagement push later in the year in Raigmore once the Hilton plan is finalised.

2. Issues

Personnel changes have continued to delay progress.

Lack of resource within the partnership make it hard to feedback to communities. The partnership is having to find ways to keep people informed on plan progress etc without the ability to produce

materials to do so.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

There has been a joint engagement project between Inverness and Nairn Community Partnerships. This is due to Ardersier community slotting into ICP for most topics, but into NNCP for healthcare. The engagement which has taken place will feed into the Nairn & Nairnshire Adults Plan, and comments gathered around access and transport to healthcare will feed into ICP transport sub-group.

4. Future Actions

The focus for the next quarter is on the completion of Hilton locality plan, and on engaging community members with actions moving forward.

Raigmore locality plan engagement and the creation of a sub group to progress the plan.

The Adult's and Child's Plans are moving forward and actions from this will begin moving forward also.

Further engagement will be undertaken in Hilton, Raigmore, Ardersier, and Merkinch by Ainya Taylor.

Ainya Taylor, Community Engagement Officer.