



Highland Community Justice Partnership

Minutes of Meeting held 19 September 2019

Present: Niall MacLennan, SFRS (Chair), James Maybee Highland Council, Ann Dowd DWP, Roddy Bailey SDS, Lauren Craig SCRA, Grahame Cooper AFC, Jonathan Golder DWP, Gillian Gunn NHSH

In Attendance: Margaret McShane HTSI, Kelly Donnachie SACRO, Jim Hume SACRO

1. Apologies:

Mhairi Wylie HTSI, Debbie Sutherland Y People, Ross MacKillop Police Scotland, Sally Amor NHSH, Cllr Margaret Paterson, Suzy Calder NHSH, Ruth Thomson SCTS, Stephen Coyle SPS

2. Declaration of interest:

None

3. Input from SACRO:

Item 10 taken next – Kelly and Jim provided an overview of SACRO, they provide services including looking at the root causes of offending and prevention, working with those who have offended or those on the periphery in partnership easing pressure on statutory services.

In Highland – Shine, working with females who have offended both in prison and in the community. Can work with females up to a 6-month period or longer if required.

Veterans Mentoring Service – people can self-refer into this as well as through the CJ system. Referral can be made at an early stage.

Click Service which looks at the night-time economy, recently appointed staff member will be based in the Castle in Inverness. This service will have an outreach element to it for those involved in this industry.

A homeless accommodation is up and running in Moray for young people and adults.

James asked about Bail Supervision, which is not used very much in Highland and if there is anything, we can learn from SACRO in relation to this. Jim updated the meeting that there is a successful Bail Supervision Service in Kilmarnock which could be looked at to see what has worked and what hasn't. SACRO could help deliver this but the Courts and COPFS would need to be part of this.

The Intensive Support Package was also mentioned which is a high-risk public safety package. There is no footprint in Highland for this and geography is not seen as a barrier with this service.

Disability Framework which is being used in Aberdeen, there is a standard and enhanced framework which is used to measure progress in relation to outcomes.

Refresh – this is a service which is being run in Aberdeen & shire aimed at young people who have disengaged and are showing challenging behaviour. Referrals are made from schools through PEF funding. Work is being done with schools and other organisations to help increase life chances before young people start offending.

Other activities mentioned – rock balancing, bubble therapy, meditation movement and Cherokee Sundance which have had some positive results.

Action – Margaret to circulate Jim and Kelly's details to the Partnership

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Notes of the previous Community Justice Partnership Meeting in March were circulated for noting.

Agreed as correct, approved by Ann and James.

Actions from Minutes:

James mentioned that the Public Protection COG which covers MAPPA/Child Protection/Adult Protection and VAW also has a link to community justice and that he has a seat at that table.

Action – James to raise the CJP at the PP COG to ensure they are fully sighted on what is happening with the Community Justice Partnership. James will raise at next PP COG – **To be done**

Action – Everyone to contribute as able to the CJ Newsletter - **Ongoing**

There was a discussion around a mechanism for reporting on the outcome and Karen spoke of a mechanism that SDS use which may be of assistance. Margaret mentioned this may be worth discussing at the CJP Development Session.

Action – Karen and Margaret to discuss off table - **Done**

Margaret updated that a discussion around TRELLO had taken place, a system which SDS use. Roddy updated that this is not widely used, and he will speak to Karen, but the system may not be used amongst partners.

Action – Margaret to update on the Listen Campaign

Margaret updated that she is still trying to get an update around this.

Activity: Provision of survive and thrive group course – Michael Perera
Access to computerised CBT – Michael Perera

Action – Margaret to email Michael Perera again, this time copying Sally and Suzy in – **Done**

Niall updated that he has a meeting arranged with Michael to discuss

Activity: Development of employability pilot – Libby Bligh

Action – Margaret to follow up with Libby for an update in relation to this

Margaret updated that funding for the pilot has been secured and the post has been recently advertised.

Action – Sally to resend the Director of PH Report to the group

Action - Margaret to check this has been done

Action – Sally to lead on a joint piece of work with the VRU

Margaret provide an update on behalf of Sally –

James Docherty and Kirsty Giles attended a workshop session of the Sutherland Community Partnership on Wednesday 11th September. The meeting was to explain the role of the Violence Reduction Unit and how it might support the aspirations of the Community Partnership to develop work to address adverse childhood experiences and trauma informed/trauma responsive approaches with communities. The session was well received and there is interest in developing a community focused approach based through a shared agenda.

The next steps will involve consideration of how to raise awareness and provide training to staff across all services in a series of locations across Sutherland. VRU colleagues are planning to visit for five days at a time to be determined to develop this work further.

Discussions with the Caithness Community Partnership will start in October.

5. Community Justice Update:

Margaret spoke to the update that had been circulated. A few items were highlighted –

CJ Practitioner Forum – Lochaber/Fort William. Suggestions of those who may be interested in attending to Margaret

Employment Event 7 November – please draw the event to the attention of any businesses who you may be in contact with.

Needs Assessment – Applications have been invited from the OU for an Intern post to complete this piece of work over a 10-week period.

CJP/CPC/VAW Conference is 28 February 2020 – please put in your diary

Small Change for Justice is likely to take place before the end of March 2020,

6. Review of CJ Plan:

The template has now been changed to BRAG, with blue signifying completed

Activity: Link worker project – embargoed until 24 September.

Activity: Deliver employment training programme.....

Action - Ann and Roddy to get together to discuss

Activity: Deliver awareness around PASS....James updated its early days to know the impact of this on services

Activity: Provide training to partner agency staff....Chair to meet Michael Perera on 27 Sep

Activity: Pilot a safe place.....Mhairi has highlighted the Recovery Café may need some support

Activity: Quarterly CJ Forum – established

Activity: Listen Campaign – Action outlined as before

Gillian updated that Breathing Space have an input a custody suites and that Shona Stewart from Police Scotland is involved with this.

Activity: Identify funding options.....James updated that 'competing demands' is more the issue with the progression of this

Activity: Develop a range.....ongoing

Activity: Develop Highland CIP.....

Action - SPS to provide an update at next meeting

Activity: Undertake a rolling programme.....

Action - Margaret to liaise with Ross & Judy regarding dates

Activity: Develop a pilot programme.....James in discussion with the army, trying to get young people involved. Should make progress over next few months

Activity: Increase use of diversion.....COPFS Meeting on 6 November, should get an update of the Aberdeen pilot then

Activity: Explore possibility of Housing First.....

Action – Update from Lewis Hannah

Activity: Develop new employment initiatives....Action outlined as before

Activity: Extend the provision of employment.....James will amend this activity

All other Actions done

Update from Development Session

Members of the Partnership to think about anything you have under your responsibility that would be useful for the Partnership to know about.

James mentioned that there is a need for the Partnership to bring its resources to the table including money, accommodation, information, resources. The strategic commissioning strategy comes into that, maybe there's things we are not doing that need greater focus for future plans – collaboration may help.

7. Community Justice Annual Report:

The Annual Report was presented to the group and it was agreed this would be signed off and submitted to CJS by 20 September. It will be presented to the CPP at their next meeting for sign off.

8. Update on Throughcare Support/Prison Population:

Agreed to postpone this until the next meeting as SPS are not present to provide an update.

9. Finances:

James updated there are no changes to the finances.

10. SACRO:

Taken under item 3

11. Good News Stories:

Margaret spoke to the paper that had been circulated in relation to Feis Rois and work they had received/links they had made through attending the CJ Forum.

12. AOCB:

Grahame mentioned the Recovery Walk in Inverness this Saturday.

Margaret mentioned that of the £10k uncommitted for next year, Mhairi has suggested we use £5k for the Link Worker Evaluation and £5k for Small Change for Justice. A paper will be submitted to the December meeting.

Margaret mentioned information that had come in in the past couple of days from SG and CJS in relation to Coordinator Tasks (Partnership Manager). Information around this was circulated at the meeting for discussion.

It was felt that we are broadly doing the tasks set out and that there is inconsistency across the partnerships nationally. Some things were not reflected in the list including the collaboration between statutory and third sector. It may be the case that a standard job description and pay scale may be something that is being looked at nationally.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 19 December 2019, 1030 – 1230, Police HQ, Inverness