

Caithness Community Partnership

Board Update – 28 February 2020

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

The Caithness CPP met on 12th February. Members focused on updated Locality Plans and the Children's Plan.

Separately, the leads for each locality plan met in February to agree the updated split between locality-focused activities and those with a wider (often pan-Highland) implication. HIE has facilitated discussion on this, which feeds in to the newly-created Coordinating Group of the Highland CPP, where links between area and "thematic" levels will now become coherent and productive.

2. Issues

The Aspiring Communities staff, who were employed via Caithness Voluntary Group, finished their 12 month project in December 2019, and presented results to the December meeting of the CPP. Caithness Voluntary Group has submitted an application for further support to take forward activities emerging from the Locality Plans in Caithness, and is waiting to hear the outcome of this application. If it is unsuccessful then there is likely to be an issue with resource on the ground to continue momentum behind the Locality Plans.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

Local partners have worked well to support CVG in its application to carry out further work on the ground in Caithness, and this will stand the CPP in good stead during 2020, as resources amongst partners become ever tighter. The Locality leads have emerged as a coherent group in Caithness, and will help provide further impetus to this process.

Development of the Children's Plan in Caithness has been deliberately timed to ensure that it builds on the engagement data emerging from the work of the Aspiring Communities project in 2019. The group taking this forward is now making progress, under the lead of Highland Council.

4. Future Actions

- Development of the Children's Plan
- Discussion with NHS Highland on the Adult Plan
- Confirmation of the CVG application for enhanced delivery resource.

Sutherland Community Partnership

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1. Quarterly Update on Activities

The Golspie Locality Group last met on 16th January 2020. Since the group now have a streamlined and fully updated action plan, this has provided the locality with a blank canvas for its focus in 2020. The group are keen to develop a green health event or project for Golspie with the aim of engaging with people who would not ordinarily be active but also crucially leaving a lasting legacy for the village. Various ideas will be explored at the next locality meeting on 28th February, with the group hoping to benefit from the services of Tania Alliod (Highlife Highland Green Health Event Officer) and potentially Scottish National Heritage's celebration of the year of coasts and waters.

The Helmsdale locality will continue to develop community led-projects with consideration for low carbon and the environment in line with Highland Council 'Zero Carbon' pledge for 2025.

2. Issues

Community Learning and Development locality self-evaluations have taken place within both Golspie and Helmsdale localities. It has been evident from some of the responses received that members of the community are feeling frustrated at the lack of support that they receive from some of the core partners. It has been expressed that it is hard for communities to understand the community planning process and the structuring of the various partner's organisations. Communities have also stated that partners and agencies are not equipped or sufficiently resourced to support them in implementing projects.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

The SCP food waste / food poverty sub-group is exactly one year old today. Alarming, recent statistics show that 23.3% of East Sutherland's secondary school pupils are entitled to free school meals. In one particularly primary school 100.00% of P4-P7 children are entitled to free school meals, however the uptake is merely 36.4%. These numbers do not include their parents / guardians or other members of the household. Nor does the number take into account Sutherland's aging population or the unemployed.

Having completed extensive research within Sutherland as well as visiting various food waste / food poverty projects out with the county, SCP are now reaching the position to launch a food project of its own in an effort to tackle food poverty as well as support the existing work being undertaken by Sutherland's groups and organisations.

'The Grub Hub' will consist of a wooden box with perspex door which can be sited anywhere outdoors in the community. It will provide 24-hour access to tinned, non-perishable foods, operating on a "take and donate" basis. A local company has agreed to donate the materials for launching the first phase of boxes, with the Dornoch Firth Men's Shed providing the design. Food acquired from

the charity Fare Share via Community Foods Initiatives North East (CFINE) will be utilised to stock the boxes at the time of launch, with the community encouraged to maintain the boxes and encourage replenishment via donation. The boxes will provide those in need with a dignified, discreet but accessible opportunity to obtain food at any time of the day or night. Sutherland Community Councils have been approached in order to gauge interest in 'The Grub Hub' with the launch of the first three boxes set to take place in the near future.

4. Future Actions

SCP will have begun planning a Sutherland-wide green health initiative in conjunction with Highlife Highland. The working name is 'Grow Sutherland'. In keeping with the ethos of green health the partnership will look to identify a number of communities from across Sutherland who would potentially benefit from a community garden project. The project will promote better health and wellbeing by encouraging people to venture outdoors and become part of a legacy for their community. Gardening has been chosen as the theme by the locality leads offers a chance to socialise and provide light physical exercise for those taking part.

Easter Ross Community Partnership

Board Update – 28 February 2020

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

Alness Locality Plan at final draft stage, gathering feedback from partners and community groups. Anticipated public launch at next public meeting in April (date, location tbc)

Invergordon Locality Plan – community engagement and consultation underway

Core partners have continued to meet regularly since last public meeting in August 2019

2. Issues

Personnel changes – Police Scotland, SFRS, THC, HIE – before Christmas, now with new reps on board.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

New Chair recently appointed (after a gap of several months), opportunity for refreshed approach – with several new partner voices now also on board.

Learning from Locality Plans in Seaboard (18 months ago) and Alness (ready in April 2020) to inform future Locality Plans – next one is Invergordon.

4. Future Actions

Carry out self-evaluation exercise of the Alness Locality Plan once its finalised and publicly launched.

Continue with drafting of Invergordon Locality Plan (currently engagement and consultation going on).

Public meeting in April (date, location tbc)

Skye Lochalsh and Wester Ross Community Planning Partnership

Update to Highland Community Planning Partnership Board: 28th February 2020

1. Quarterly update on activities

The Community Planning Partnership met in Kyle on 19th December 2019, but due to challenging weather conditions attendance was low. The Chair updated members on the various changes in train with regard to the Highland CPP structures and it was felt that these were positive.

The work of the Community Engagement Officers funded from the Aspiring Communities Fund was of great benefit in improving levels of community engagement on behalf of the CPP, and it is a matter of great regret that additional funding was not secured towards continuation of the posts. However, the reports and recommendations prepared will be useful in updating the Locality Plans which have been “on hold” for some months.

On the positive side, the Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust have been successful in securing £109,000 from the Scottish Government’s Investing in Communities Fund under the badge of the “Lochalsh Collaboration” which will support the CPP in extending engagement work beyond the locality plan area of Kyle throughout Lochalsh and developing local action plans to address challenging circumstances and inequalities in these areas. To date some 14 different community groups have joined the Collaboration and a project officer will be appointed soon.

Portree and Braes Community Trust met with representatives of Highland Council and HIE to agree future planning for the locality on the model of the Fort William 20/40 Masterplan and this work will be taken forward through community consultation this coming spring.

CPP partners continue to be actively engaged in the steering group and workstreams flowing from the Richie Report as Adult Health and Social Care provision continues to dominate debate on Skye. 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.

2. Issues

On behalf of the CPP, Highlife Highland have taken the lead in progressing a review of the Children’s Plan and it has been decided to start afresh with the following themes: Mental Health and Wellbeing, Reducing Inequalities, Transport/Access to services. A new sub group has been set up to take this forward and this will meet in March.

We have previously noted the need to develop more effective engagement in Wester Ross, and the decision of Highland Council to split the Ross and Cromarty area into three smaller communities may bring new impetus to this debate with creation of a new Area Committee to serve Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh, although noting that this does not correspond to CPP boundaries.

The present Chair of the local CPP will be retiring from HIE in April, and HIE will put appropriate cover in place to maintain continuity until a permanent replacement is in place.

3. Opportunities/Good practice

As previously noted, the main opportunity lies in dissemination of the workstreams relating to the Ritchie Report, as this work will have value throughout rural Scotland.

4. Future actions

New Children's Plan to be developed by CPP sub group led by Highlife Highland.

Update and consult on draft Locality Plans building on work of Community Engagement officers.

Support the KLDT/Lochalsh Collaboration in the roll out of the project under the Investing in Communities Programme.

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February 2020

Nairn and Nairnshire Community Partnership

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1. Quarterly Update on Activities

Community engagement worker final report and recommendations received. This has been shared amongst the NNCP and there is opportunity for current Green Health project officer to further develop and build on the engagement worker's progress.

Subgroups

Adult Plan

In development – High Service User case worker, clinical care restructuring, FIT Housing

Employability and Skills Development

Job Hub continues

Places and Spaces

In developmens - Riverside Project, Dementia Friendly town

Transport

W.I.N – Wheels in Nairnshire – community transport initiative, currently recruiting project co-ordinator

See item Opportunities/Good Practice

2. Issues

See item Opportunities/Good Practice

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

Stagecoach in Moray offer a Fair Travel Scheme – Reduced Cost Public Transport

This scheme entitles holders of the CEYP Fair Travel Card access to discounted fares on Stagecoach and Moray Council buses, subject to service availability within the Moray area.

To be eligible you must have been looked after by the local authority at a point in your life, which includes looked after at home, in kinship or foster care, or residential care, even if you are no longer looked after. The scheme is open to young people up to the age of 25

Initial discussions with Stagecoach have been very positive and the Highland wide benefits are recognised at this early stage.

NNCP are happy to be involved in any pilot but in the meantime, it is respectfully requested the Board consider the wider benefit to young people in the Highlands in accordance with Children in Scotland's vision and progress in redressing the inequality of disadvantaged care experienced young people in Highland. Stagecoach too have recognised the Highland wide benefit and look forward to embarking on discussion.

It is further requested the Board oversee the creation of a Highland inter-community partnership working group, made up of members from each community partnership group for the furtherance of this initiative.

4. Future Actions

Green Health Event local stakeholder engagement meeting, the purpose of which is to identify a suitable Event for the community or Nairn and thereafter moving to arranging the event.



Badenoch & Strathspey Community Partnership Board Update – 28 February 2020

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

The Badenoch & Strathspey Community Partnership met on 14th February at Highland Folk Museum, Newtonmore. Despite a reduced attendance CP members engaged in a very positive session to update the actions developed at the previous meeting in November and to progress the longer term strategy.

Following the last meeting in November members have provided valuable additional detail in relation to non-NHS community activity which contributes to the Adult plan, which is being updated accordingly.

A sub-group of the B&S Community Partnership met in Grantown on Spey on 22nd November to undertake and record a self-evaluation of the partnership which has since been shared with all members for review and comment, and includes improvement actions which can be realised.

B&S Transport and Access Forum met in December to review priorities and feed into the wider Transport Group.

2. Issues

The Badenoch & Strathspey Children's plan remains in progress due to long term sickness of the Highland Council staff member allocated, however the Chair has approached Highland Council regarding a replacement who will be allocated following a management meeting in February.

The greatest challenge for the partnership remains the capacity of members and resourcing to undertake Partnership work effectively. Although expectation is balanced against capacity the re-affirmation of milestones and the evidencing of progress will assist in demonstrating the positive impact the Partnership is having. It was noted that the loss of Engagement Officer Rhona McNicol will have a negative impact upon the activity and capacity of the Partnership.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

The Badenoch & Strathspey Adult Plan has been reviewed to ensure that it's second iteration maintains its currency. The plan is in the process of being adapted to capture additional community actions which positively contribute to it. Information from High Life Highland has been incorporated into an information leaflet which is included in a wider information pack available through a number of outlets.

4. **Future Actions**

A review of activity to date is planned to identify quick wins delivered, intermediate milestones, and long-term goals in order to clarify the direction of the partnership, evidence progress, and ensure that communities can readily access and understand this.

A review of B&S Partnerships page on Highland CP website has been carried out and actions are being progressed by the Partnership to ensure information available to the public is accurate and up to date and so that clear outcomes, milestones and goals are understandable.

Chair of B&S CP is moving from SFRS to NHS. Derek Wilson will handover Chair of the Partnership to James Brander, Non-Executive Director NHS.

Inverness Community Partnership

Board Update – 28 February 2020

1. Quarterly Update on Activities

There have been a variety of initial meetings held examining topics such as Mental Health, Services for Military personnel and the Green Health project.

Regular meetings have also taken place of the groups for the Hilton and Merkinch locality plans and for the Adult and Children's plans. A Transport sub group has been developed as there are several issues common to all areas of the City to address.

The core Group and the full partnership have also met in what has been a particularly busy period for the partnership.

2. Issues

As always, the capacity of all partners to incorporate the work of the Inverness Community Partnership into their already hectic schedules.

The loss of the Community Engagement Officer post is now starting to be felt more keenly.

3. Opportunities/Good Practice

Nothing new to report.

4. Future Actions

My main focus for the next quarter is to establish a group to bring forward the Raigmore Locality Plan. As there are very strong links between the Raigmore area and the Wimberley Way area around the Cameron Barracks it is intended to include both areas in the Raigmore Locality Plan.

Graham Ross
Inverness Community Partnership Chairman