



Minutes of Meeting of the Community Planning Board held remotely on Wednesday 22 September 2021 at 3.00 pm.

**Present:**

**The Highland Council:**

Councillor Alasdair Christie, Depute Leader

Kate Lackie, Executive Chief Officer Performance and Governance (substitute)

**Highlands and Islands Enterprise:**

Eann Sinclair, Area Manager – Caithness and Sutherland (also representing Community Partnerships)

**NHS Highland:**

Ann Clark, Vice Chair, NHS Highland Board

Pamela Dudek, Chief Executive

**Police Scotland:**

Chief Superintendent Conrad Trickett, Divisional Commander, Highland and Islands

**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:**

Derek Wilson, Local Senior Officer

**Community Partnership representative:**

Eann Sinclair, Chair, Caithness Community Partnership

**High Life Highland:**

Steve Walsh, Chief Executive

**NatureScot:**

Graham Neville, Area Manager (Northern Isles and North Highland)

**In attendance:**

Ian Kyle, Co-Chair, Community Learning, Development and Engagement Delivery Group

Cathy Steer, Chair, Mental Health and Wellbeing Delivery Group

Alison Clark, Chair, Poverty Reduction Delivery Group

Ross MacKillop, Chair, Community Justice Partnership

Miss M Murray, Committee Administrator, Highland Council

**Also in attendance:**

Fiona Richardson, Community Learning and Development Support Officer, High Life Highland

**Mr A Christie in the Chair**

**Business**

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Margaret Davidson, Donna Manson, Tim Allison, Margaret Somerville, Mhairi Wylie, Stephen Sheridan and Chris O'Neil.

The Chair reminded Board Members of the need to provide substitutes if they were unable to attend, as set out in the Terms of Reference.

## 2. Minutes of Meetings

The Board:

- i. **APPROVED** the Minutes of the Community Planning Board – 9 June 2021; and
- ii. **NOTED** the Minutes of the Community Justice Partnership – 18 March 2021.

## 3. Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan 2021-2024

There had been circulated Report No CPB/12/21 on behalf of The Highland Council and High Life Highland.

During discussion, the following issues were raised:

- in response to a question, it was confirmed that some baseline data was available in respect of the key performance indicators identified in the CLD Plan. However, improvement was needed across all partners in terms of how such data was gathered, and it was hoped to have a clearer picture at the end of year one of the Plan. In relation to measuring wellbeing, which was a subjective area, work was underway, in conjunction with The Highland Council, to develop a recognised tool that all partners could use;
- information was sought, and provided, as to whether, during the consultation process, anyone had raised the potential tension between the need to improve the linkages between Highland activity and local activity to address the improvement actions identified for CLD in particular and the CPP as a whole, and the principles of CLD in terms of it being a community-led activity. It was added that, whilst it was pleasing that the CLDE Delivery Group was seen as the key delivery mechanism for the engagement strand of the Highland Outcome Improvement Plan (HOIP), if Community Partnerships were expected to work on particular priorities they would not necessarily be the community's priorities;
- Board Members having commented that Community Partnership CLD Leads would require a lot of support to enable integration to happen, it was explained that this had been recognised and additional professional support would be provided by CLD Link Officers from within the High Life Highland Adult and Youth Work team;
- the prioritisation of mental health and wellbeing within the CLD Plan was welcomed. However, it was important not to duplicate but to complement the work of existing groups such as the HOIP Mental Health and Wellbeing Delivery Group and the Mental Health and Wellbeing subgroup in respect of the Integrated Children's Services Plan; and
- NHS Highland was about to revise its strategic plan, and officers were keen to start from a community perspective and work back in terms of how to shape services. It was recognised that a lot of connection and mutual discussion needed to take place to avoid duplication and ensure alignment with community planning and the work that was underway in respect of CLD etc.

Having otherwise commended the CLD Plan, the Board:

- i. **APPROVED** the draft Highland Community Learning and Development Plan 2021-2024, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- ii. **NOTED** and endorsed the changes to the CLD governance structure.

#### **4. Highland Community Justice Partnership Annual Return**

There had been circulated Report No CPB/13/21 on behalf of the Community Justice Partnership.

During discussion, the comprehensive and detailed annual return was commended, particularly the section on progress in respect of the previous year's recommendations.

The Chair of the Community Justice Partnership highlighted that there was a lack of understanding, not just locally but nationally, as to what community justice was, and it was necessary to do a lot of work in that regard. The Chair commented that it would be interesting to hear more about that at a future meeting and confirmed that if there was any way partners could help raise awareness they would do so.

The Board otherwise scrutinised and **APPROVED** the Highland Community Justice Partnership Annual Return, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

#### **5. Date of Next Meeting**

The Board **NOTED** that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday 4 November 2021 at 2.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 3.20 pm.