



COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMUNITY SAFETY and ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Minute of meeting of the Community Planning Community Safety and Environment group held in the Hay Room, Dewar's Centre, Perth on Friday 21 August 2015 at 1.30pm.

Present: Councillors A Grant, D Pover and H Stewart, (all Perth and Kinross Council); E Guthrie (TACTRAN); N Russell (Police Scotland); and R Middlemiss (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

In Attendance: A Campbell (Best Bar None), A Nicolson (Police Scotland); B Cargill, J Gilruth, C Johnston, S MacDonald, G McKendrick, K McNamara, J McOmish, M Notman, R Ross, J Somerville, D Stokoe, and Councillor M Williamson (all Perth & Kinross Council).

Apologies for Absence: G Clark (Scottish National Heritage); J Flynn and A McManus (both NHS Tayside); D Hodgkinson (Perth College UHI); and I Scott (Police Scotland).

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor D Pover, Convener, welcomed all those present at the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the relevant Codes of Conduct.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP OF 19 JUNE 2015

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group of 19 June 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minute of 19 June 2015.

5. COMMUNITY WATCH – PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLOR M WILLIAMSON AND SERGEANT A NICHOLSON

Sergeant A Nicolson, Police Scotland and Councillor M Williamson, Perth & Kinross Council made a joint presentation to the Group – Community Watch – a community messaging system. During the presentation the undernoted points were referred to:-

- Aim
- Partners
- Best Practice
- Data Protections
- Messages
- Users are viewable on a map
- Sending messages
- Targeting an area
- Composing the message
- Message given a type and priority
- Sending your message further
- User options
- Members of the public can join via www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk
- Twitter @PKcommwatch
- Further information from Sergeant Amanda Nicolson.

Following the presentation discussion took place and specific reference was made to:-

- The risk of ‘the community’ becoming a crowded place
- The difference between community safety and community resilience
- Interest within the community in volunteering and in developing capacity
- Agencies already involved with Community Watch and confirmation of discussion with the NHS
- The need for all messages to the community to complement and not compete.

The Convener thanked Sergeant Nicolson and Councillor Williamson for the informative presentation.

Sergeant Nicolson left the meeting at this point.

6. BEST BAR NONE

The Group heard a presentation from Arlene Campbell, National Co-ordinator, Best Bar None Scotland and Jennifer McOmish, Perth & Kinross Council.

A Campbell provided the national context of the Best Bar None Accreditation and Award Scheme adopted in Scotland in 2005. J McOmish gave the local

context and noted how the project had been well received locally and reported that a panel, jointly with Pubwatch, was used to determine the awards.

During the presentation the following points were also explained:-

- The application process
- The inspection process
- The judging process
- The awards ceremony
- Key benefits to businesses taking part
- Crime figure analysis
- Public consultation data.

The Group expressed support for the project and Councillor H Stewart requested that following evaluation, further details be submitted to a future meeting.

The Convener thanked A Campbell and J McOmish for the interesting presentation.

A CAMPBELL AND J MCOMISH BOTH LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

7. PARTNERSHIP HOME SAFETY ACTIVITIES

There was submitted a report by R Middlemiss, Group Manager, Perth & Kinross Area, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (G/15/191) advising of the progress of partnership home safety related activities within the Perth and Kinross area. This included the results of the first completed year of joint Home Safety Visits, the recent work of the Home Safety Partnership Group and local case studies highlighting notable practice and outcomes.

R Middlemiss briefly spoke to the report and following questions raised in regard to an Adult Support and Protection issue on 19 July 2015, the Convener agreed to take this issue forward directly with colleagues from health.

Resolved:

The contents of Report G/15/159 be noted.

8. DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED CRIME

John Gilruth presented a report submitted by E Knox and I Smillie, Tayside Council on Alcohol (G/15/192) updating the Group of the progress of interventions in relationship to Alcohol and Drug related Crime where available. This report also updated the Group on the progress of the March 2015 recommendations on New Psychoactive Substances, Drug Deaths and Overprovision work which was being progressed through the Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

In respect of the harm reduction success of methadone programme and the need to build on recovery and integration to support interventions in this area, Mary Notman agreed to contact the Drug and Alcohol team to arrange a presentation at the next meeting of the Group (**ACTION MN**).

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report G/15/192 be noted;
- (ii) The work on New Psychoactive Substances, Drug Deaths and Overprovision work, which was being progressed through the Alcohol and Drug Partnership, be supported.

9. MONTHLY SAFER COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE BRIEF

There was submitted and noted the Justice Analytical Services (Scottish Government) – Monthly Safer Communities and Justice Brief (G/15/193) and J Gilruth noted the usefulness of the information provided in the paper.

10. VULNERABILITY THEME UPDATE

There was submitted a report by Chief Inspector I Scott, Vulnerability Theme Lead (G/15/194) updating the Group on the partnership and other activity of note which was underway or under development within the remit of the Vulnerability Theme. N Russell briefly spoke to the report and made specific reference to:-

- Violence Against Women and Girls - the Violence Against Women Partnership and details of the initial reorganisation following the loss of the VAW co-ordinator and that a bid for funding had been submitted to the Integrated Health and Social Care Fund for a part-time co-ordinator to support the transition. Lex Grieg had taken over the Chair of the Group, with Ian Scott as Deputy Chair;
- Clare's Law – to be rolled out across the country next year;
- Suicide and Self Harm - a pan-Tayside Suicide Review Group to be established and once established, the Group to review attempted suicides.

J Gilruth noted that Marliese Richmond and Mary Notman represented the Perth and Kinross partnership on the Tayside Suicide Review Group.

J Gilruth also commented on the amount of excellent work being undertaken under the Vulnerability theme as outlined in Report G/15/194 and he welcomed the news in respect of the suicide rate. J Gilruth also noted that the number of new people entering Drug and Alcohol Services appeared to have peaked and was now beginning to reduce.

Resolved:

The contents of report G/15/194 be noted.

B CARGILL JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

11. CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (CWSS) PROJECTS 2015/16

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (G/15/195) detailing the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) Projects implemented in 2014/15 and approved by Committee on 4 June 2014.

The Head of Environmental and Consumer Services noted that the initiative had been reported on in the Outcome Delivery Plan Progress Report submitted to the last meeting of the Group and that the Report G/15/195 had been submitted in order to provide further detail on the projects implemented in 2014/15.

In response to a question regarding the A9, B Cargill advised that Transport Scotland would be the appropriate agency to provide data. E Guthrie noted the benefits of partnership working and reported that TACTRAN had fed into the consultation and would be able to provide further information and feedback.

Resolved:

- (i) The schemes implemented from the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant Funding in 2014/15, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 15/195, be noted;
- (ii) The applications for funding from the Sustrans Community Links 2015/16 programme, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 15/195, be noted;
- (iii) The proposed projects to be progressed in 2015/16 and carried out in 2016/17, be noted.

12. TAY RIVER RENEWABLE HEAT EXCHANGE AND NETWORK IN PERTH CITY

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (G/15/196) providing an update on progress on feasibility work and a detailed investment level business case for the Tay River Renewable heat exchange and network in Perth City.

The Head of Environmental and Consumer Services introduced the report and S MacDonald referred to the potential benefits and opportunities the project could bring.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report G/15/196 be noted;
- (ii) The further feasibility work and detailed business case, including exploring the creation of an Energy Service Company (ESCo), be noted.

13. DEVELOPMENTAL WARDEN PROJECT – ABERFELDY AREA

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Community Care) (Report G/15/197) advising the Group of the progress made

towards appointing a Partnership Warden post in the Aberfeldy area – funded jointly by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Perth and Kinross Council.

Resolved:

- (i) The development of the post in partnership with the local community, as outlined in Report G/15/197, be noted;
- (ii) A progress report be submitted to the Group in six months' time.

14. INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Service – Culture and Community Services (G/15/198) providing an update on the progress to date of the integrating Youth Services and the Intensive Support Team following a review of these services in 2013/14.

D Stokoe spoke to the report and introduced G McKendrick, the Team Leader for Services for Young People, who had taken up post on 1 June 2015, to the Group. It was noted that M Notman would in the future be arranging a visit to Children and Family Social Work Service and Through Care Team at Scott Street, Perth.

Resolved:

The progress made in integrating Youth Services and Youth Justice Teams into the new Services for Young people, as outlined in Report G/15/198, be noted.

15. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

(i) SPORT/EXERCISE

Councillor Williamson asked if there was further information available related to the role of sport/exercise in the prevention of substance use locally. J Gilruth reported that there were many examples of local projects and R Ross suggested that some work could be undertaken around the examination of 'where community meets activity'.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group would take place on Friday 13 November 2015 at 10.00am.