



## **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 13 March 2016 at 10.00am.

**Present:** Councillors A Grant and M Lyle (both Perth and Kinross Council); L Miller (NHS Tayside); E Guthrie (TACTRAN); and S Symon (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

**In Attendance:** J Irons, C Johnston, M Notman, N Rogerson, and J Somerville (all Perth and Kinross Council); and F Fraser and GA Thomson (Items 1-6).

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors D Pover and H Stewart; G Clark (Scottish National Heritage); J Flynn (NHS Tayside); T Curran (Victim Support); N Russell (Police Scotland); and F Scott (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

In the absence of Councillor Pover, Councillor Alan Grant took the chair and welcomed all those present at the meeting and apologies for absence were submitted and noted as above.

Councillor A Grant in the Chair

### **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 13 NOVEMBER 2015**

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group of 13 November 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Road Safety (Item 7 refers)**

E Guthrie referred to concerns expressed at the last meeting to the lack of available funding for the Safe Drive Stay Alive road safety campaign and confirmed that at the TACTRAN Partnership meeting on 10 March 2015, a £9,000 provision for the continuation of the contribution towards the campaign

in Angus, Dundee and Perth, had been agreed. This news was very much welcomed by the Convener.

## **5. PERTH AND KINROSS GRAFFITI STRATEGY**

### **PRESENTATION**

F Fraser, Safer Communities Team, Perth and Kinross Council, assisted by G A Thomson, Right Track Project, made a slide based presentation to the Group regarding the operation of Perth and Kinross Graffiti Strategy (attached at Appendix 1).

Members, comments and questions included: possible benefits of a dedicated site for graffiti; use of cherry picker to remove an individual's graffiti; motivation of graffiti artists; changes in young people's perception following involvement in Right Track Team removal of graffiti; and support provided by the Giraffe Café.

The Convener thanked F Fraser and GA Thomson for the very interesting presentation.

### **REPORT BY DIRECTOR (HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE)**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Housing and Community Care (G/16/58) updating members on the progress of the Perth and Kinross Graffiti Strategy and the work being carried out to deal with graffiti in public places.

#### **Resolved:**

The work of the Graffiti Steering Group, as detailed in report G/16/58, be endorsed.

*F FRASER and GA THOMSON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT*

## **6. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

There was submitted and noted a report (G/16/59) providing an overview of the Community Resilience activity in support of the emergency response to severe weather events in the Perth and Kinross area in December 2015 and January-February 2016.

## **7. PARTNERSHIP HOME SAFETY ACTIVITIES**

There was submitted a report by Fraser Scott, Group Manager, Perth and Kinross Area – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (G/16/60) advising on 1. the progress of partnership home safety related activities within the Perth and Kinross area and 2. the ongoing partnership working between Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Perth and Kinross Council's Safer Communities Team and highlighting issues and notable practices.

S Symon, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service briefly spoke to the report and answered members' questions which included reference to sustainable partnership working; the data being a testament to success; benefits within the Council and overall of Partnership Home Safety Visits in giving confidence and providing additional advice and assistance; and the potential suitability of the Perth and Kinross model in other areas.

**Resolved:**

The contents of Report G/16/60 be noted.

**8. SAFER COMMUNITIES MULTI AGENCY TASKING ARRANGMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (G/16/61) updating the Group on the progress of the Safer Communities Multi-Agency Tasking Arrangements.

John Irons briefly spoke to the report and confirmed that the new multi-tasking arrangements, which replaced the Community Tasking and Co-ordinating (CTAC) Groups in July 2014, appeared to be working more effectively than the previous system. Councillor A Grant commended the amount of positive activity taking place and suggested that further benefits would become even more apparent over time.

**Resolved:**

The contents of report G/16/61 be noted.

**9. FINANCIAL UPDATE 2015/16**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care (G/16/62) providing information as to how the funds allocated to the Group had been spent during 2015/16.

*COUNCILLOR M LYLE JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS DURING DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM*

**10. ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED CRIME**

There was submitted a report by the Director Tayside Council on Alcohol (G/16/63) updating the Group of the progress being made by partners in respect of the issues regarding New Psychoactive Substances , Drug Deaths and Overprovision Work which was being progressed through the Perth and Kinross Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

E Knox advised that statistics related to alcohol and crime would be submitted to the next meeting. Comments were made in relation to the considerable progress that had been made in tackling New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) since it was last discussed by the Group.

E Knox noted the direct correlation between alcohol-related harm and the availability and numbers of licensed premises. He also referred to Licensing

Boards having a duty to assess overprovision and to include a statement in their licensing policy. Councillor A Grant suggested potential difficulties in preventing competition between licensed premises and C Johnston referred to the reported 'middle-class drinking epidemic in the over-50s'. E Knox reported that in determining overprovision a number of factors including number, capacity and type of premises, and size of display area, could be taken into account. He also agreed the issue was complex, with the clear link between deprivation, provision and alcohol-related harm.

In terms of drug deaths, E Knox spoke of the difference that could be made by the 'recovery' movement which was established across Perth and Kinross and of how there remained an ongoing issue in terms of intervention referral and the sharing of information.

**Resolved:**

The contents of Report G/16/63 be noted and the work being progressed through the Alcohol and Drug Partnership continue to be supported.

**11. ANNUAL ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION REPORT**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (G/16/64) providing 1. a summary of the annual Perth and Kinross Adult Support and Protection report that covers the period 1 April 2014-31 March 2015; and 2. identifying the priority areas for the coming year.

**12. VULNERABILITY THEME UPDATE**

There was submitted and noted report by Chief Inspector Maggie Pettigrew, Police Scotland, Theme Lead (G/16/65) providing an update on the partnership and other activity of note that was underway or under development under the Vulnerability Theme.

**13. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

There was no other competent business.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group would take place on Friday 17 June 2016 at 10.00am.