



COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMUNITY SAFETY and ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Minute of meeting of the Community Planning Community Safety and Environment group held in the Hay Room, Second Floor, Dewar's Centre, Perth on Friday 20 March 2015 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors A Grant, D Pover and H Stewart, (all Perth and Kinross Council)); J Flynn and A McManus (both NHS Tayside); E Guthrie, (TACTRAN); E Knox (Tayside Council on Alcohol); J Kerr, (Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services) (VAP); R Middlemiss (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); and N Russell, (Police Scotland).

In Attendance: P Dickson, J Gilruth, J Irons, C Johnston, K McNamara, and J Somerville (all Perth and Kinross Council).

Apologies for Absence: G Clark (Scottish National Heritage); G Gilling (NHS Tayside); D Hodgkinson (Perth College UHI); and W Strathearn (Victim Support 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 9 DECEMBER 2014

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group of 9 December 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minute of 9 December 2014.

5. PURPLE FLAG

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Purple Flag item was withdrawn from the agenda.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET 2015/16

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director, Housing and Community Care (G/15/60), recommending the distribution of funding for Community Safety Projects in 2015/16 and recognising the need for discussions with partners in respect of the future funding and maintenance of the projects. The projects for consideration were highlighted at Appendix 1 to the report.

Resolved

- (i) Following consideration by the Group, the following funding requests, as outlined in Report G/15/60 be approved:-
 - (a) Safetaysiders
Funding Request £2,000
 - (b) Perth and Kinross Multi Agency Tasking and Coordinating
Funding Request £6,000
 - (c) Safe Drive Stay Alive
Funding Request £5,000
 - (d) Show Racism the Red Card
Funding Request £5,000
 - (e) Street Sports – Collaborative Projects with St Johnstone
Funding Request £5,000
 - (f) Home Safety Officer
Funding Request £1,700
 - (g) Victim Support Scotland
Funding Request £10,000
 - (h) Street Pastors
Funding Request £3,500

In addition to the projects outlined at the Appendix to Report G/15/60, two further requests for funding were considered and approved by the Group:-

- (i) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Home Fire Safety Visits
Funding Request £3,587.40
- (j) Police Scotland – SkyGuard Alarms
Funding Request £3,672

- (ii) In terms of the Thrillseekers Youth Diversion Project - Funding Request for £6,000, as outlined in Report G/15/60, it was agreed to defer this application pending discussion with the project organisers and Youth Services.
- (iii) The Safer Communities Team Leader be instructed to undertake discussions with relevant partners as suggested at 2.3 of Report G/15/60.

7. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITY OF THE MULTI-AGENCY OPERATIONAL GROUPS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director, Housing and Community Care (G/15/61), as requested by the Group at the meeting of 21 November 2014. The report provided information on the work of and the current arrangements for: Complex Case Integration Group (CCIG); High Risk Adult Review Group (HRARG); and Multi Agency Tasking Arrangements. The report also noted that each of these groups was multi-agency and that each addressed a specific type of client problem.

Resolved

It was agreed that the Group be provided with a report on the Multi Agency Groups annually in March.

8. HOME SAFETY THEME UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (G/15/62), advising of the progress of joint Home Safety Visits involving Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Perth & Kinross Council in association with Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services (PKAVS) and the work of the Home Safety Partnership.

Resolved

- (i) The next steps, as outlined in Report G/15/62, be noted.
- (ii) A further report, based on the outcomes of the pilot and with recommendations based on the evaluation, be submitted to a future meeting of the Group.

9. ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED CRIME

There was submitted a report by the Director, Tayside Council on Alcohol (G/15/63), informing the Group of the status and progress of interventions to Alcohol and Drug Related Crime.

In response to a request for further information regarding information regarding data from previous years in relation to alcohol related crime, E Knox agreed to make further enquiries in this regard.

Resolved

That the work on the New Psychoactive Substances, Drug Deaths and Overprovision work, which is being progressed through the Alcohol and Drug Partnership, be supported.

10. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT – PROPERTY LEVEL PROTECTION PILOT (PLP) SCHEME

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (G/15/64), giving an update on the role of that flood protection products – known as Property Level Protection (PLP) – can play in improving the resilience of individual properties against flooding and giving progress on a pilot scheme for Perth and Kinross.

Resolved

- (i) It be noted that while Local Authorities and other public agencies have responsibilities to manage flooding, the primary responsibility for avoiding or managing flood risk still remains with the land and property owners.
- (ii) The benefits that PLP can deliver in making properties more resilient to flooding be noted.
- (iii) That the pilot scheme may be extended to all of Perth and Kinross, if it proved to be successful within the selected locations outlined in Report G/15/64, be noted.

11. THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (G/15/65), noting that under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, the Council had a duty to publish and consult on a draft of the supplementary part of its Flood Risk Management Plan, which was due to be published in June 2016. The report also outlined the current arrangements for a joint public consultation in co-operation with SEPA, Scottish Water and other local authorities.

Resolved

- (i) The further progress on the flood risk management planning process set out by the 2009 Act be noted.
- (ii) The current proposed arrangements for the phased public consultation in December 2014 and March 2015 be noted.

12. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (G/15/66), updating the Group on achievements in completing Supplementary Guidance for Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Design and Zero Carbon Development.

E Guthrie, Tactran, welcomed and supported the production of the Supplementary Guidance.

13. 'OPERATION FESTIVE HOMESAFE' – PERTH CITY CENTRE FESTIVE ACTIVITY 2014/15

There was submitted and noted a report by the Depute Director, Housing and Community Care (G/15/67), outlining the activity of 'Operation Festive Homesafe' 2014/15.

14. SAFE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY

There was submitted and noted a report by the Depute Director, Housing and Community Care (G15/68), introducing the draft Safe Accommodation Strategy, which had been developed by the Perth and Kinross Violence Against Women Partnership and giving members the opportunity to provide comment.

15. RURAL WATCH UPDATE REPORT

There was submitted a report by Sergeant Amanda Nicolson, Police Scotland (G/15/69) providing an update of progress of the Rural Watch Pilot currently running in Highland Perthshire and making recommendations for its future expansion.

Resolved

- (i) That the Rural Watch Pilot be extended, as described in Section 2 of Report G/15/69, with effect from 1 April 2015.
- (ii) A grant of £600 be awarded, to cover the cost of the additional signs, be agreed.
- (iii) That an evaluation of the project be reported to the Group later in 2015 be agreed.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 19 June at 10.00am.

