



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 19 August 2016 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors Williamson and D Pover (both Perth and Kinross Council); K Chase (Police Scotland); A McManus (NHS Tayside); and S Symon (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

In Attendance: A Clegg, M Notman, C Johnson, N Rogerson, and J Somerville (all Perth and Kinross Council).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors A Grant and H Stewart; G Clark (SNH); E Guthrie (TACTRAN); D Hodgkinson (Perth College UHI); R Middlemiss (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); and K Moir (CJA).

Councillor D Pover in the Chair

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor Pover welcomed all those present at the meeting and apologies for absence were submitted and 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 17 JUNE 2016

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group of 17 June 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous minute.

5. SHOW RACISIM THE RED CARD – ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

There was submitted and noted a report (G/16/168) by D McPhee, Senior Commissioning and Contracts Officer, outlining the work which was

undertaken during 2015/16 with Show Racism the Red Card to allow for early planning to take place for 2016/17 activities.

In response to a question, M Notman agreed to contact the report author regarding possible association with the Anne Frank Trust and report back directly to Councillor Williamson in due course.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report G/16/168 be noted.
- (ii) The value of Show Racism the Red Card and the importance of work with young people during uncertain political and economic times, which have the potential to create tension between communities, be acknowledged.

6. PARTNERSHIP HOME SAFETY ACTIVITIES

There was submitted a report by R Middlemiss, Group Manager, Perth and Kinross Area, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (G/16/169) advising on the progress of partnership home safety related activities within the Perth and Kinross area. The report also included the on-going 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, Station Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, briefly spoke to the report and answered members' questions. He reported that the data presented had been compiled prior to the recent local fire which had resulted in the tragic death of a migrant worker. He added that there was a recognised potential risk at migrant worker sites and that multi-agency work continued in this regard. The challenges in accessing vulnerable individual's homes and the difficult problems associated with social isolation were also discussed.

Resolved:

The contents of Report G/16/169 be noted.

7. VULNERABILITY THEME UPDATE

There was submitted a report by Maggie Pettigrew, Police Scotland, Vulnerability Theme Lead (G/16/167) updating on the Partnership and other activity of note that was underway or under development under the Vulnerability Theme.

K Chase, Community Inspector, Police Scotland, briefly spoke to the report and answered members' questions. Suicide and self-harm, public education, prevention, and involving the wider community in raising awareness were also discussed.

Resolved:

The contents of Report G/16/167 be noted.

8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

(i) Local Outcome Improvement Plan

M Notman reported that the Community Planning Partnership Board was required to publish a 'Local Outcome Improvement Plan' which would focus on tackling inequalities within Perth and Kinross. She also advised that the new plan would need to be submitted to the Scottish Government by October 2017 and that a project team made up of key partners would be co-ordinating its development. A copy of the plan would be circulated to members of this Group in due course.

(ii) Giant Hogweed

A briefing note was tabled and the Convener confirmed that the Council did not treat ground that the local authority was not directly responsible for. A Clegg advised that following a recent local incident, the Perth and Kinross Council website had been updated to include the circulated briefing note -

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=36957&p=0>

A Clegg also confirmed that the bodies responsible for non-native species in Scotland are; Scottish Ministers (including Marine Scotland), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Forestry Commissioners (FCS). The Convener welcomed the inclusion of further information being available to the public via the Perth and Kinross website and requested that further discussion on this issue be deferred to the next meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group would take place on Friday 9 December 2016 at 2.00pm.