



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 17 June 2016 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, D Pover and H Stewart (all Perth and Kinross Council); M Cairns (TACTRAN); K Chase (Police Scotland); G Clark (SNH); K Moir (Tayside CJA) and S Wood (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

In Attendance: Councillor H Wright (Chair, Tayside CJA); C Cranmer, J Irons, M Notman, N Rogerson, B Reekie, R Ross, and J Somerville (all Perth and Kinross Council).

Apologies for Absence: D Hodgkinson (Perth College UHI); H Llewellyn (CJA); A McManus (NHS Tayside); and J Valentine (Perth and Kinross Council)

Councillor D Pover in the Chair

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Convener paid tribute to Jo Cox, Member of Parliament for Batley and Spen following her recent tragic death in West Yorkshire.

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 13 MARCH 2016

The minute of meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group of 13 March 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous minute.

5. PERTH AND KINROSS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PARTNERSHIP – ANNUAL REPORT

There was submitted and noted a report (G/16/125) by the Director (Housing and Community Care) introducing the Perth and Kinross Violence Against Women Partnership Annual Report for 2015–16. The report also highlighted the improvement actions for the Partnership.

R Ross briefly spoke to the report in the absence of L Greig, Chairperson, who was currently on annual leave. The contents of the Annual Report 2015/16 were welcomed by members and the excellent work being undertaken by the Partnership was commended by the Group.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report G/16/60 be noted and the work being undertaken by the Perth and Kinross Violence Against Women Partnership be supported.
- (ii) The Director (Housing and Social Work) be instructed to submit a report to the Group regarding the activity and performance of the Perth and Kinross Violence Against Women Partnership in 12 months' time.

6. ROAD SAFETY

There was submitted a report by C Haggart – Road Safety Theme Lead, (G/16/126) updating the Group on the various items of work which had been, or were being, or would be undertaken to support the improvements to Road Safety across Perth and Kinross.

B Reekie spoke briefly to the report and answered members' questions.

M Cairns, confirmed that TACTRAN had committed to providing support towards the annual Safe Drive/Stay Alive Road Safety Campaign at the same level as previously. In response to a question from G Clark, B Reekie agreed that further enquiries could be made regarding whether data highlighted in the report could be broken down any further and fed back to members.

The Convener noted the variety of excellent work currently being undertaken.

Resolved:

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

7. SAFER COMMUNITIES THEME UPDATE

There was submitted a report by N Rogerson, Safer Communities Theme Lead (G/16/127) updating the Group on the partnership and other activity of note that was underway or under development within the Safer Communities Theme.

N Rogerson advised the Group that the regular update submitted did not reflect all of the current activities being undertaken with a great deal of work also going on within individual agencies.

G Clark referred to water safety and asked about Giant Hogweed on river banks and at the railway side and B Reekie reported that the Council had a duty to treat and prevent the spread of weeds in areas of local authority responsibility and that this included Giant Hogweed. G Clark agreed that this was a very challenging situation. The Convener referred to a current publicity campaign and B Reekie agreed to make further enquiries in respect of who was leading the campaign to seek additional information.

The Convener noted the activities currently being undertaken as another excellent example of positive partnership working.

Resolved:

The contents of Report G/16/127 be noted.

8. REDUCING REOFFENDING THEME UPDATE

There was submitted and noted a report by N Rogerson, Reducing Reoffending, Theme Lead (G/16/128) updating the Group on the partnership activity which was currently being developed within the remit of the Reducing Reoffending Theme.

9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

FUNDING BIDS 2016/17

R Ross tabled a paper - Funding Bids for 2016/17 (copy also appended to this minute for information) seeking approval for a total contribution of £26,400 shared between 12 groups from a budget of £60,000 for the year.

Resolved:

Then proposed Funding Bids for 2016/17 be approved.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group would take place on Friday 19 August at 1.30pm. Members to be contacted directly should the timing of the meeting be changed.

