



COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMUNITY SAFETY and ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Minute of meeting of the Community Planning Community Safety and Environment group held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Friday 21 November 2014 at 2.00pm.

- Present:** Councillors A Grant, D Pover, H Stewart (all Perth and Kinross Council); C Bernard (Victim Support Scotland); G Clark (Scottish National Heritage); N Gardiner (TACTRAN); D Hodgkinson (Perth College UHI); J Kerr, (Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services); R Middlemiss (Scottish Fire and Rescue); L Miller (Perth & Kinross CHP, NHS Tayside); and J Robertson and F Hetherington (both Police Scotland).
- In Attendance:** D Cook, G Esson, D Fraser, J Gilruth, C Haggart, K McNamara, M Notman, N Rogerson, P Rennie, R Ross, H Rheinallt, J Somerville, and J Walker (all Perth and Kinross Council).
- Apologies for Absence:** E Guthrie, (TACTRAN), E Knox (Tayside Council on Alcohol); A McManus and G Gilling (both Perth & Kinross CHP, NHS Tayside); and J Valentine (Perth and Kinross Council).

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor D Pover, Convener, welcomed all those present to 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. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP OF 15 AUGUST 2014 AND 2 OCTOBER 2014

- (i) The minute of meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group of 15 August 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.
- (ii) The minute of the special meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Group of 2 October 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Transitions Group – Item 4(i) - Minute of 15 August 2014 Refers

J Gilruth referred to the Transitions Group, consisting of members from Community Planning Partnerships, COSLA and the Scottish Government and reported that a series of seminars had now been planned for 2015. He added that it was hoped that these seminars could be ‘mirrored’ with key stakeholders at local authority level.

5. SIX-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a joint report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) and the Executive Director (Environment) (G/14/331) seeking approval for the first 6 monthly progress report. A revised appendix to the report (G/14/331), containing the first 6 monthly report for the Group’s consideration was also circulated.

J Gilruth briefly spoke to the report in relation to progress in regard to the Community Safety elements and he specifically referred to:-

- Reducing reoffending figures in June/July 2014;
- The success of Home Safety Checks in co-operation with the Fire Service and Community Care staff and the expanding remit of the scheme;
- The approach to alcohol and drugs including challenging the ‘norm’ to secondary school children and the debate about ‘over provision’. The Women’s One Stop Learning Service (OWLS) providing co-ordinated support for women at risk of offending, involving support for those with a significant drug or alcohol problem;
- That a report in relations to the ‘Scams’ work had been submitted to the Housing and Health Committee;
- The intention to submit a future report related to violence against women to a future meeting; and
- The intention to submit a report related to the Road Safety Drink Drive Programme to a future meeting.

K McNamara briefly spoke to the report in relation to key areas and areas for improvement related to environmental issues and he specifically made reference to:-

- Working closely with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and SEPA following the implementation of the Property Level Protection Scheme; and
- Significant progress in relation to flood risk under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act and the proposal being reported to the Council’s Environment Committee in November 2014, with public consultation planned to commence in December 2014.

The Convener thanked all of those involved for the significant work undertaken so far.

Resolved

The 6 monthly report, detailed in the revised appendix (G/14/332) to the report, be approved.

6. VULNERABILITY THEME UPDATE

There was submitted a report by Chief Inspector Mike Whitford, Police Scotland (G/14/333) updating the Group on the partnership and other activity that was underway or under development relating to the Vulnerability theme. An appendix to the report, 'Kinnoull Hill Suicide Prevention', was also circulated.

Inspector J Robertson, Police Scotland, reported that national and global research indicated that suicide prevention measures could potentially reduce suicides, with the possibility of a significant number of lives being saved. She added that the appendix to the report had been circulated as part of the discussion with a broad range of stakeholders and would result in a decision as to the appropriate response to the on-going issue of completed suicides from Kinnoull Hill. Reference was made to the potential benefit of making links with Norman Renfrew, Chair, Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park User Group.

Resolved

The contents of Report G/14/333 be noted.

7. SAFER COMMUNITIES THEME UPDATE

There was submitted a report by N Rogerson, (G/14/334) updating the Group on the partnership and other activity of note that was underway or under development under the Safer Communities Theme.

N Rogerson suggested in terms of the Purple Flag Scheme that the national group be invited to make a presentation at a future meeting of the Group. With reference to the Tasking and Co-ordination Groups, N Rogerson proposed that a performance report be submitted to this Group in six months' time. She then referred to the launch of Rural Watch in October 2014 and agreed that updates on the pilot in Highland Perthshire would also be submitted to future meetings of the Group.

Resolved

The contents of Report G/14/334 be noted.

8. REDUCING REOFFENDING THEME UPDATE

There was submitted and noted a report by N Rogerson (G/13/335) Service Manager, updating the Group on the current partnership activity and the activity which was currently being developed within the remit of the Reducing Reoffending theme.

9 ROAD SAFETY

There was submitted and noted a report by C Haggart (G/14/336) providing an update on the various items of work which had been, were being, or would be undertaken to support improvements to Road Safety across Perth and Kinross.

10. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2015

It was agreed that meetings would take place on the following dates:-

- Friday 20 March 2015 at 1.30pm
- Friday 18 June 2015 at 10.00am
- Friday 21 August 2015 at 1.30pm
- Friday 13 November 2015 at 10.00am

It was also noted that meetings in 2015 would take place at Dewar's Centre.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 20 March 2015 at 1.30pm.