

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

FRIDAY 18 MAY 2012

TRAINING ROOM 2, ANNEXE, THE MORAY COUNCIL, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillor Cree (Chair)	The Moray Council
Councillor Divers	The Moray Council
Councillor G McDonald	The Moray Council
Councillor McGillivray	The Moray Council
Councillor Leadbitter	The Moray Council (Substituting for Councillor Paul)
Councillor Murdoch	The Moray Council
Councillor Wright	The Moray Council
Dave Duthie	HITRANS
Mark Cooper	Grampian Police
John Morgan	Grampian Fire & Rescue
Charles Muir	NHS
Andrew Anderson	HIE Moray
Roddy Burns	The Moray Council

ALSO PRESENT

Alastair Merrill, Calum Elliott and Lynn Peterson (Scottish Government), Sam Cassells (Scottish Futures Trust) (in respect of Item 1) and Jim Royan (Chairman of Moray Economic Partnership) (in respect of Item 3)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Paul	The Moray Council
Mike Devenney	Moray College
Eileen Bush	Voluntary Action Moray

IN ATTENDANCE

Corporate Director (Corporate Services), Corporate Director (Environmental Services), Corporate Director (Education and Social Care), Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Head of Housing & Property and Donna Skene, Project Officer as Clerk to the meeting.

WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Councillor Wright advised the meeting that Jim Royan, Chair of the Moray Economic Partnership, would be joining the meeting later to brief this meeting on the recent Joint Meeting of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire.

1. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING : AREA BASED REVIEW

Mr Mark Palmer, Corporate Director (Corporate Services) reminded the Board of the paper presented to the previous meeting relating to Asset Management Planning for Community Partners. One aspect of that report was an Area Based Review for Moray and it had been agreed to request the Scottish Futures Trust to attend the next meeting of the Board to make a presentation on this subject. Mr Sam Cassels from the Scottish Futures Trust was introduced to the Board. Mr Cassels presentation was structured around 4 key points of: Demand, Supply, Design and Delivery.

Demand

At the heart of any area based review is a real understanding of the nature of the services which we wish to deliver to the people who live there. By describing how we wish to change people's lives we can determine how best to shape their surroundings to achieve this. The objective is to utilise our physical assets as tools for delivering better outcomes

Supply

But no review is meaningful unless it is founded on good data about the assets we have available. We need to know what we have on the ground and what is planned. We also need to know how these resources are being used and how they might be used differently to better effect. And we need to be confident about these facts.

Design

The delivery of better services more efficiently may require us to imagine very different futures. This may involve not only the redesign of physical places but also new types of operations resulting in very different experiences for the public. The creation of a credible narrative which can describe these futures is critical to their delivery.

Delivery

Projects that are done to people, rather than with people, are less likely to succeed. Early collaboration between agencies and service providers and early engagement with stakeholders are critically important. These engagements will both generate opportunities and secure buy-in.

Following the presentation the Chair invited questions from Board members.

Councillor Wright asked for clarification of Scottish Futures Trust's role. Mr Cassels advised that part of their role is helping public sector manage their assets across the area. They can help to shape the area based review.

Mr Palmer advised that the next step is a collaborative workshop approach.

Councillor Wright added that he was keen to ask Mr Hartland how he sees this fitting in with the development of the Local Plan. Mr Hartland responded that he sees this as an opportunity to identify sites and a variety of uses for

them. He also thought it a very useful tool to build in expectations and giving the public a greater degree of certainty of areas.

Mr Merrill added that the Scottish Government Ministers are keen for Scottish Futures Trust to develop their role, to add value and enhance asset management across the public sector.

Mr Palmer advised that he could organise the first workshop, get a timetable in place and work with Mr Cassels and the Partners to get buy into the exercise.

Councillor McGillivray advised that he was enthused about the project but he was concerned about how to get public/community involved and to have their say. Mr Cassels responded that the first step is the collaborative workshop with Partners to confirm the direction of travel. The second step is engagement with the community.

Following further discussion it was agreed to carry out an Area Based Review beginning with a collaboration workshop and remit it to Mr Palmer to organise.

2. DRAFT SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2012-2015

Mr Burns updated the meeting on the national review of Community Planning. He advised the meeting of the implications arising from the review including increased statutory duties. With the new duties, Partners must participate in Community Planning.

Additionally there will be a national Community Planning Board. Though this Board would not be formally accountable for Community Planning, they would focus on national priorities and their delivery locally.

At the moment, it has been advised to continue with our current direction in relation to the SOA but to restrict it to only 1 year. This would allow the Partnership to amend the document when reviewing it to reflect national guidance once available. Given this, Mr Burns asked the Board to approve the document in draft for formal consultation. Prior to circulation the draft consultation document, a number of suggestions were made :

- Highlight the collaborative influence within the national context
- Add targets/measures for the Outcome Delivery Plan
- Alter the order of the document so that the outcomes appear on the first section
- Emphasise Scottish Government, COSLA's statements in relation to Early Intervention and the Health & Social Care Integration
- Amend time frame to 2012-2013
- Add a governance statement to section 3
- Add a sense of ambition to the overall document

With these suggestions it was agreed that a formal consultation should take place with the statutory partners with comments back to Mrs Mustard by the end of June.

Mr Elliott left meeting at this point.

3. VERBAL UPDATE BY JIM ROYAN

Mr Muir and Mr Riddell left the meeting at the start of this item.

The Chair welcomed Mr Royan to the meeting to update the Board on recent progress in relation to the Economic Strategy.

Mr Royan explained the numerous engagement events he attended to gain more commitment to the aims of the Strategy from all stakeholders. Thereafter the Chair thanked Mr Royan for his continued work in this regard.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 28 June 2012 at 9.30 am, venue to be advised.