

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2012

HERITAGE CENTRE, EAST END SCHOOL ANNEXE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillor Wright (Chair)	The Moray Council
Councillor Cree	The Moray Council
Councillor Divers	The Moray Council
Councillor McDonald	The Moray Council
Councillor McGillivray	The Moray Council
Councillor Murdoch	The Moray Council
Councillor Paul	The Moray Council
Andrew Anderson	HIE Moray
Mike Devenney	Moray College
Mark Cooper	Grampian Police
John Morgan	Grampian Fire & Rescue
Charles Muir	NHS Grampian
Alastair Kennedy	Voluntary Action Moray
Acting Chief Executive	The Moray Council

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor A McKay, Councillor A Skene

APOLOGIES

Eileen Bush, Voluntary Action Moray, Andrew Fowlie, NHS Grampian

IN ATTENDANCE

Corporate Director (Corporate Services) (in respect of Area Based Review Workshop), Corporate Policy Unit Manager, Tracey Gervias, NHS Grampian (Substituting for Andrew Fowlie), Shelley Flett, Project Officer, David Duncan Principal Planning Officer (in respect of Item 4), Gordon Sutherland, Planning and Economic Development Manager (in respect of Item 4) and Moira Patrick, Democratic Services Manager as Clerk to the meeting.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Alastair Merrill, (Scottish Government), Mr Sam Cassels and Mr Colin Proctor (both of Scottish Futures Trust), in attendance to facilitate the Area Based Review Workshop to be held immediately following the conclusion of the Meeting).

1. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 29 MARCH 2012

The Minute of the Meeting of the Community Planning Board dated 29 March 2012 was submitted and approved.

Under reference to Branch 10 of the Minute, Keith Area Forum/Keith and Strathisla Regeneration Partnership, Councillor Murdoch sought an update on progress relating to the concerns raised regarding governance and the Acting Chief Executive advised that he would provide an update to Councillor Murdoch.

2. FINAL DRAFT SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2012

The Board was asked to consider the final draft Single Outcome Agreement 2012-2013 prior to it moving to the implementation phase.

During discussion concern was raised regarding the language used in the Executive Summary which it was considered might not be understood by the public. In response the Acting Chief Executive advised that the SOA before the Board was a highly political document which was aimed at the political community. He further advised that in regard to communicating with the public, a communications strategy will be required and that strategy will require to be written in a different way.

Following further discussion clarification was sought as to whether it was intended that a press release in regard to the Board's approval of the final draft SOA and if a formal signing ceremony by the Community Planning Partners would take place as had in the past.

In response the Acting Chief Executive advised that should the Board wish a press release, this would require a quick turn around from all the Partners within the next week and in regard to a formal signing ceremony that this could be arranged following the summer recess period. This was agreed.

3. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

There was submitted a report by the Acting Chief Executive presenting for consideration by the Board a revised Community Planning framework and seeking from the Board consensus on :

- The strategic board
- The executive officers group
- The partnership required to support the executive officers group and the board.

- The major policies and strategies in the context of which the priorities are set.

All as detailed in the Appendices to the report.

Following lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that the following questions be circulated to all of the Board Members for their consideration and response:

In appendix 1, it is suggested that the partners on the strategic board include:

- HIE
- Council
- NHS Grampian
- Grampian Police
- Grampian Fire & Rescue
- Moray Council
- Voluntary Sector
- Scottish Government

Q1. Are these the right partners to be involved in this strategic board?
If not, who should the partners on the board include or not include?

Q2. How often should the strategic board meet per year?

Q3. Should the venue for the meetings rotate and should they be held in public?

In appendix 2, consider which partnership groups should support the strategic board and executive group to deliver the priorities.

Q4. What partnership groups should be responsible for the delivery of the priorities?

In appendix 3, community engagement must be part of the community planning partnership.

Q5. What should the purpose, role and remit of the community engagement group be?

Q6. Who should be members of the community engagement group?

Q7. Who should chair the community engagement group? Should it be on a rotation basis?

4. ECONOMIC STRATEGY WORKSHOP

Mr Gordon Sutherland, Planning and Economic Development Manager provided the meeting with an update on the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) work on basing across Scotland.

He advised the Meeting that capacity studies of the bases are largely complete and in respect of Kinloss no major issues or constraints have been identified. The DIO will undertake an additional phase of work to look at the volunteer property across Scotland. Progress on a final basing plan is linked to the completion of the Army 2020 plan which will set out the size and structure of the Army by 2020. The Army has made its recommendations to the Ministry of Defence.

He further advised that an announcement on the 2020 plan is anticipated before parliamentary recess in July. However announcements on which elements of the Army would be located and when will come later after the capacity studies and the requirements have been pulled together which is not anticipated till the autumn.

As an early move the 39 Regiment move from Waterbeach in Cambridge to Kinloss is well underway with 750 personnel coming to Kinloss. A squadron of the 39 Regiment based at Lemming in North Yorkshire containing 150 personnel will not be moving to Kinloss at this time, the future of the squadron will come through the completion of the Army 2020 plan.

In regard to RAF Lossiemouth, he advised that the accommodations have been designed and costed for the arrival of the Typhoon.

He further advised the Board that at a meeting with the DIO on the 27 June the Scottish Government advised that through Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Scottish Enterprise a gap analysis of the economic impact of the basing changes as relates to Scotland have been commissioned and will get underway in earnest once the basing plans are known.

Thereafter the Board was asked to note that the Army commended the process and interaction that has occurred to date for the transition from RAF to Army at Kinloss and this may be used as a case study to guide other future moves across Scotland.

Mr David Duncan, Principal Planning Officer, The Moray Council provided the meeting with the following update in regard to the background to the Economic Strategy and Elgin City for The Future Projects and the Workshop organised for Friday 29th June.

He advised the Meeting that at the special meeting of the Community Planning Board on 30th June 2011, it was agreed to endorse the Final Draft

Reports ,subject to wider community engagement, with the responses to be subject of a further report to a special meeting of The Board.

The public were subsequently invited to a series of workshops across Moray during September, at which awareness of the strategies was raised and the public invited to make their views known. The public was also able to respond on-line and by post. This engagement took place between August and the end of October, 2011. The responses have been reported to individual Community Planning Partners and the Board of The Moray Economic Partnership and their comments and an overall assessment will be further reported to a special meeting of the Community Planning Board, as previously instructed.

From the overview of the responses from the community engagement, there was general public agreement:

- (i) that they had had an opportunity to contribute;
- (ii) on the analysis of Moray's economic weaknesses and the need to diversify the economy;
- (iii) that the Action Plans in both documents should identify priorities for delivery; and the progress on delivery should be monitored and communicated to the public; and that
- (iv) integrated, collaborative, partnership working, together with long term political support was required, with delivery through The Community Planning Partnership,-and strategic priorities aligned to those of Scottish Government.

From the public responses, a clear challenge has been issued, - to ensure that the credible analysis and proposed Action Plans are accompanied by credible arrangements for delivery. Consequently, a Workshop has been sponsored jointly by the Council and HIE to develop thinking on how to progress the delivery and prioritisation of the projects identified in the Action Plans of the Moray Economic Strategy and Elgin-City for the Future documents. This event will take place on Friday 29th June, and will be attended by around 36 representatives of the Community Planning and Moray Economic Partnerships, and other Scottish Government, and public and private sector agencies. The results of this workshop will also be reported to the special meeting of the Community Planning Board, for its consideration.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board agreed that the next meeting would be held on 27 September 2012.