

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2013

TRAINING ROOM 1, THE MORAY COUNCIL ANNEXE, ELGIN

Councillor A Wright	The Moray Council
Councillor J Divers	The Moray Council
Councillor G McDonald	The Moray Council
Councillor F Murdoch	The Moray Council
Councillor E McGillivray	The Moray Council
Councillor S Cree	The Moray Council
Mark Cooper	Grampian Police
Adam Coldwell	NHS Grampian (Substituting for Charles Muir)
David Oxley	Highlands & Islands Enterprise
Chief Executive	The Moray Council

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Kevin Lackie, Grampian Fire & Rescue, Mike Devenney, Moray College, Charles Muir, NHS Grampian, Eileen Bush, Third Sector Interface and Ranald Robertson, HITRANS

IN ATTENDANCE

The Corporate Policy Unit Manager, the Community Planning & Development Manager, Shelley Flett, Project Officer and the Democratic Services Manager as Clerk to the Meeting.

1. URGENT BUSINESS

The meeting agreed to accept the undernoted report on the Chairman certifying that, in his opinion, it required to be considered on the grounds of urgency in order to give early consideration due to the timescales involved:-

“Police and Fire and Rescue Service Reform – Governance Arrangements’

It was further agreed that it be taken as the first item of business on the Agenda.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Meeting agreed to vary the order of business as set down on the Agenda and agreed to take Item 8 “Sikh Articles of Faith” as the second of item of

business on the Agenda in order to allow the early departure of Mark Cooper, Grampian Police from the meeting to attend a further meeting in Aberdeen later that morning.

3. POLICE AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES REFORM – GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, the Moray Council, advising the Board of a recommendation from the Police and Fire Reform Working Party as to its preferred governance vehicle for scrutiny and engagement relative to the Police and Fire and Rescue Services after 1 April 2013.

The Board noted that at its meeting on 22 January 2013 the Working Party had considered the future governance arrangements for scrutiny and engagement relative to the Police and Fire and Rescue Services after 1 April 2013 and now sought the views of the Community Planning Board prior to reporting to the Moray Council on 30 January 2013.

The Board was advised that two options for governance were being put forward by the Working Party for the Council's consideration;

- (i) The transfer of governance to an existing committee in the form of the Policy and Resources Committee or Communities Committee; or
- (ii) A new committee to have Police and Fire Service related issues as its sole remit at present, although this might be expanded in the future. The view was that this Committee/Board would only require to meet quarterly.

Following discussion the Board agreed :-

- (i) to support option 2 for a stand-alone committee meeting on a quarterly basis which would be reviewed in twelve months and that the membership of this committee should include elected member representation from each ward, also allowing for political balance;
- (ii) that consideration be given to allow substitute members to attend as is the current practice of both the Police and Fire Boards, and
- (iii) that the views of the Chief Constable also be included.

4. SIKH ARTICLES OF FAITH

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager asking Community Planning Board to note and consider the report on Sikh articles of faith and the recommendation by Cabinet Secretary for Justice Kenny

MacAskill, MSP in his letter of October 2012 that religious reasons can be a reasonable excuse for carrying a ceremonial weapon.

Following consideration the Community Planning Board agreed to:

- (i) recognise that the carrying of ceremonial knives can be an expression of faith among the Sikh community and should not necessarily be equated with knife crime, and
- (ii) recognise that a person's right to express his or her faith through certain items of clothing should not have a blanket ban imposed upon them. Instead, reasons such as health and safety, dress code, medical and other procedures will have to be weighed carefully against the rights to religious expression.

5. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 29 NOVEMBER 2012

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

Under reference to branch 15 of the Minute Councillor Murdoch advised that meeting that due to the absence on ill health of Asset Manager at the Findhorn Foundation she had been unable to provide any further information to the Board at this time.

6. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENTS – GUIDANCE TO COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS

There was submitted by the Chief Executive a copy of the Scottish Government/COSLA guidance to the Community Planning Partnerships with regards to Single Outcome Agreements.

During discussion the Chief Executive advised the meeting highlighted the expectation that each new SOA should demonstrate a clear understanding of place and include specific plans for the delivery of improved outcomes, including how the Community Planning Partnership's approach aligns with the four pillars of public service reform, namely: prevention, local integration and partnership, investment in people and performance improvement. He further advised that the Scottish Government had offered to give a presentation on the guidance to the Board and it was agreed that this invitation be accepted.

Thereafter, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the guidance to Community Planning Partnerships, and
- (ii) that the Chief Executive accept the invitation from the Scottish Government to give a presentation to the Board at its next meeting on 21 March 2013.

7. MORAY COMMUNITY PLANNING FRAMEWORK – ORAL UPDATE

The Meeting noted an oral update from the Chief Executive regarding progress of the Moray Community Planning Framework. He advised the meeting that various issues required to be addressed before the Framework document could be finalised. These issues related to:-

- (i) the outcome of the deliberations regarding the Police and Fire reform.
- (ii) the integration of health and social care;
- (iii) the creation of a military/civil forum;
- (iv) Need to reflect governance within HIE;
- (v) Inclusion of Cairngorms National Park
- (vi) Sustainability/community safety
- (vii) Need to speak with political groups re balance/needs

He further advised that it was important to reflect the issues arising from these when he reports back to the next meeting of the Board in March 2013.

8. DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

There was submitted by the Chief Executive a draft Work Programme outlining the overall programme status for the Board's information.

Following consideration the Community Planning Board noted the draft work programme and that a further revised programme will be provided to the next meeting of the Board on 21 March 2013.

Mark Cooper left the meeting at this juncture.

9. NORTHERN COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY – HMP & YOI GRAMPIAN FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE PROPOSAL

There was submitted to the Board a copy of a report informing the Council Leaders and Chief Executives from the Northern CJA area of the ongoing development of HMP & YOI Grampian and a proposal for a Family Support Centre at the new prison.

During discussion concern was raised in regard to the funding implications for the Community Planning Partnerships, in particular in relation to how the funding would be distributed between the partnerships within the criminal justice area. The meeting also raised concern in regard to the equality of service provision in relation to family support within the prison service.

Thereafter the Community Planning Board whilst supporting the proposal for a Family Support Centre at the new prison had concerns regarding the issue of funding and the implications relating to equality of service provision.

10. EARLY YEARS COLLABORATIVE/EARLY YEARS CHANGE FUND

There was submitted a copy of the Early Years Collaborative Plan from the Early Years Taskforce and a report by the Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) advising the Board of the responsibilities placed on the Community Planning Partnership in delivering the early years change programme and to seek the support of the Board in taking forward a two year project under the Scottish Government's Early Year Change Fund Allocation: Family Centres and Family Support.

The meeting noted the participation of Moray staff in the Scottish Government's Early Year's Collaborative 2 day learning event held on 28/29 January 2013 which would include teams from Community Planning Partnerships across Scotland with an estimated 800 people attending.

Following consideration the Community Planning Board agreed:-

- (i) to noted the Early Years Collaborative Plan, and
- (ii) that a report providing feedback from the learning event be submitted to the relevant service committee and to the next meeting of the Board on the 21 March 2013

11. WELFARE REFORMS – ORAL UPDATE

The Chairman gave an oral update on the actions being taken by the Moray Council relating to welfare reforms and advised that the council was working towards ensuring that when implemented it was in a position to offer the best possible advice to those affected by the reforms.

12. JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) providing the Community Planning Board with the draft Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People in Moray 2012-2020 and seeking approval to submit it to NHS Grampian Board for final approval before submission to the Scottish Government.

Following consideration the Board:-

- (i) noted the contents of the joint commissioning strategy;
- (ii) agreed the progression to submission to the NHS Grampian Board;

13. MORAY YOUTH COUNCIL – YOUTH STRATEGY

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

14. MORAY ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE – BIENNIAL REPORT

There was submitted and noted a copy of the Moray Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report by the Chief Executive for the Community Planning Board's information.

15. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NHS GRAMPIAN – ANNUAL REPORT

There was submitted and noted a copy of the NHS Grampian Annual Report for the Community Planning Board's information.

16. STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

The Statement of Outstanding Business was noted by the Community Planning Board.

17. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Community Planning Board noted the list of future meeting dates.