



Minute of the Third Sector Forum meeting held at 11am on Thursday 24 September 2015 in the McGillivray Room, Orkney Library and Archive

Present: Sheila Garson (VAO), Hilary Allen (PASS), Gail Anderson (VAO), Phyllis Braby (Orkney Heart Support Group), Frazer Campbell (Blide Trust), Alan Manzie (VAO), Bryan Milner (CAB), Gerd Peters (Scottish Health Council, Orkney), Olivia Tait (Crossroads Orkney)

In attendance: Cecily Cromby (minutes)

1 Welcome

Sheila welcomed those present and thanked them for attending

2 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Helen Castle, Erika Copeland, Jan Judge, Michelle Koster, William Maclean, Helen Moss, Gillian Skuse, Andy Spence-Jones, Debbie Sutherland, Nic Thake.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

Phyllis requested that the minutes of the last meeting be amended as follows: Present: '...Phyllis Braby (Orkney Heart Support Group)'; Item 6, paragraph 5: '...Phyllis discussing the need for a dedicated heart failure nurse in Orkney, and noting that one had previously been in post'.

With the above amendment the minutes were approved.

4 Matters arising

Item 7a. Data Sharing Working Group – Gail advised that the Orkney specific version of the SASPI was in the process of being approved.

Item 7b. Visit by the Information Commissioners Office 15 September – Gail felt that the visit had been a success and that it had led services and groups to look at their Data Protection Policies. Gail advised she would circulate the event presentations when they became available, to TSF members

Action: Gail

Item 9. SLAs – Frazer advised that he had received the SLA. Gail noted that she had recently met with Caroline Sinclair and advised that it was unlikely that the route of a commissioning process would be taken, although uncertainty remained as the new Integration Joint Board would be leading on this. She was hopeful that there would not be a reduction in funding. .

5 Community Planning:

a. Local Outcomes Improvement Plan Consultation

Members discussed the need for people to respond to the consultation and noted that it was open until 8 October 2015. The format of the consultation was discussed, and it was noted that Leslie Manson had advised that an on-line consultation was not the best format as disenfranchised and vulnerable groups were less likely to respond. Gail advised that she would contact Leslie and explain that the third sector was the best route to reach all groups.

Action: Gail

6 Integrated Joint Board

Gail and Gerd informed members that they had attended a recent workshop on strategic planning for the Joint Board. Caroline Sinclair's presentation was circulated to members and Gail advised she would circulate all presentations electronically.

Action: Gail

Gail advised that the draft plan would soon go out to consultation and that it would be useful for Caroline to attend the TSF to discuss it. Gerd noted that the consultation would be in two stages: a high level stakeholder group would form questions to be put to the wider community, followed by a broader engagement with local Community Councils and GPs. Gerd advised that he would be assisting with the planning stage would be happy to take any concerns from the TSF to the group.

Members discussed the short timescale allocated for consultation and highlighted the difficulty of communicating on the Isles. Gerd advised members that the Scottish Government would not allocate funding to undertake consultations and that resources were scarce, and highlighted the fact that good consultation leads to better service design.

Olivia informed members that legislation required carer representatives to join the Board and the Strategic Planning Group. Olivia highlighted the difficulty of finding a carer who had the time and confidence to join the group. Crossroads had advertised the position in their newsletter but had not received any response. All agreed that it was important for a carer to join the group and that support should be provided. The representative would not be expected to represent the view of all carers.

Gail noted that the third sector was represented on the Joint Board but that did not have voting powers. Gail advised that her role would be to act as a conduit between the TSF, the wider sector and the Joint Board.

Members discussed and clarified the abbreviations used in Caroline's presentation.

7 Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – briefing paper (attached)

Gail noted that the briefing paper produced by the SCDC was a useful document and advised that more guidance on the Act would be issued over the coming months. The importance of

the Act was discussed and it was noted that information should be disseminated to communities prior to implementation in 2016. Alan noted that many areas in mainland Scotland already had good policies in place in relation to Community Asset Transfer, but that Orkney did not. It was noted that Colin Mair, Improvement Service, had facilitated a workshop with elected members this topic and it was highlighted that some aspects were already working well in Orkney.

8 Conversation workshop

Gail informed members that the Scottish Government had recently been in touch with the TSI network to ask for their help in arranging conversations on creating a fairer Scotland and that it had been agreed at the previous meeting to make that the main agenda item for the current meeting. She advised that in collaboration with the Alliance a Conversation Café would be held in the Pickaquoy Centre on 21 October to discuss Health and Social Care specifically and invited members to focus on other issues, if possible during their current discussion.

Gail circulated the Scottish Government document 'Creating a fairer Scotland – What matters to you?' and highlighted the main issues raised.

Members discussed the issues of importance to them in addressing inequality and a lively and interesting discussion ensued. The information recorded would be collated and circulated to members.

Action: Gail

9 Member Update

No member updates were provided due to timing.

10 AOB

Conversation Café – the Pop-up Conversation Café (see above) was discussed and all were invited to attend.

Scottish Mental Health Week event –an event to mark Scottish Mental Health Week would be held in the King Street Halls on 5 October.

Workplace Pensions – Frazer discussed the difficulty that he and other groups had interpreting and implementing the new rules on Workplace Pensions.

10 Date of next meeting

19 November 2015