

Present: Gail Anderson (VAO), Frazer Campbell (Orkney Blide Trust), Sue Ward (ACO), Hilary Allen (PASS), Pat Shields (Info-net Orkney & Access Panel), Olivia Tait (Crossroads), Peter Scott (VAO).

In attendance: Rachel Peace (minute)

1 Welcome

In the absence of the Chair, who was unable to attend due to the severe weather conditions, Gail welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

2 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Sheila Garson, Jan Judge, Granville Solloway, Jack Moodie, Peter Cockburn, Iain McCormack, Sue Sulat, Sandra Paton, Mike Cooper, Erika Copland, Simon Gordon, Linda Lennie, Michelle Koster, Helen Moss and Andy Spence-Jones.

3 Local Fire and Rescue Plan (David Clark)

David is on the committee for the Orkney Local Emergency Coordinating Group (OLECG), and due to the worsening weather conditions on Thursday had to attend the emergency meeting so was unable to attend TSF. The plan will be added to the next TSF meeting.

4 Minutes of the last meeting

Subject to the following amendment the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record:

PASS Item - 6

Amend from 'Hilary gave an update on PASS and pointed out that they had decided not to set up a group' to 'Hilary gave an update on PASS and pointed out that they had decided not to set up a separate group'.

5 Matters Arising

Item 5 (a) Matters Arising – Had been circulated, however, Peter Scott requested they be re-sent to him.

Item 7 (e) (iii) Year 3 Services – Crossroads had been awarded the contract.

Item 8 (a) Houses of Parliament Outreach Services had not yet had an invitation as there were already several people scheduled to do a talk/presentation but would be asked in the future. Katy Spence had been

unable to do a presentation due to ill health but would attend another meeting.

6 Patient Advice and Support Service (PASS) (Hilary Allen, CAB)

Hilary gave an update on PASS and referred to the quarterly report, which Hilary pointed out didn't fully reflect Orkney as the whole of Scotland had been included in the report. The report was noted.

7 Partnership Updates:

(a) Third Sector Working Group Minutes 26th September 2013

The minutes were noted. Gail suggested inviting Steven Heddle to a future meeting to discuss the Our Islands Our Future agenda.

(b) CPP Steering Group

A facilitated workshop was held to review CPP Steering Group role and objectives, which had been very productive. It had been agreed that another session should be held to define strategic priorities for Orkney that would be reflected in a revised SOA. There will be a Scottish Government audit of Orkney's CPP in the spring of next year so part of the session focussed on preparation for that visit. Olivia and Frazer mentioned they would like the 'Mental Health Strategy' to be added to discussions. Gail said this would be added to the agenda of the next TSWG meeting.

Action: Gail

(c) Welfare reform working group

A meeting with Alistair Carmichael had been arranged to discuss the groups work. Gail to keep members informed.

(d) Self Directed Support (SDS) Working Group

OIC have been working to ensure processes have been put into place for the introductions of SDS next year. At a recent meeting Gail had requested a training/information event for third sector organisations.

(e) Community Safety Partnership – Wise Group

Gail had met representatives of the Wise Group along with Jon Humphries, Criminal Justice, to discuss how the group could extend their prisoner mentoring service to Orkney. Gail to contact groups to see if there would be any interest in putting a bid in to take on the service, which would involve recruiting volunteer peer mentors.

(f) Cruise Ship Visits 2014

Several ships are due to visit Orkney on the same day next year and the question of how Orkney will manage with such large numbers had been put to several community planning thematic groups. . Ken Grant was asked by the CPP Steering Group to facilitate discussion with

those most closely involved. It had been suggested that charity groups may want to set up stalls to raise money when tourists are visiting. This was discussed and decided against.

8 Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill – consultation

The Bill is an important piece of legislation and responses to the current consultation had to be submitted by 24th January 2014. Responses to the first consultation were submitted by a small group and it was agreed to do the same again. A meeting to be organised in early January to discuss further.

Action: Gail

9 SCIPP – Call for Innovation

Had been discussed at TSWG, four suggestions had been submitted and acknowledged. Gail to keep members updated.

10 AOCB

(a) Sue Ward

Sue mentioned this would be her last meeting as she is retiring. Gail noted her thanks to Sue for her contribution to TSF meetings and to the wider work of the sector.

(b) New Build

Gail informed members that the new build had reached stage 2 of the process. Final plans would be submitted by 15th February for the next assessment process which would be held in April.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The calendar of dates for 2014 to be circulated.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.40am