

Draft Minute of the Third Sector Forum meeting held at 11am on Wednesday 27th March 2013 in the McGillivray Room at Orkney Library and Archive.

Present: Inga Croy (Chair), Gail Anderson (VAO), Peter Cockburn (Kirkwall Bowling Club), Linda Lennie (OAAS), Olivia Tait (Crossroads), Peter Scott (VAO), Ben Lindsey (British Red Cross), Jayne Traynor (Hoy Development Trust), Michael Moar (Stromness Shopping Week Association), Michelle Koster (Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust), Sue Sulat (Pickaquoy Centre Trust), Hilary Allen & Kirsty MacDonald, (Citizens Advice Bureau).

In attendance: Rachel Peace (minute)

1 Welcome

Inga welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

2 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Hazel Aim, Corinne Curtis, Ali Gunn, Iain McCormack, Helen Moss, Jan Judge, Sue Ward, Bashir Hasham, Gerd Peters, Derek Aiken, Mike Cooper, Erika Copland and Jack Moodie.

3 Patient Advice and Support Service (PASS) (presentation by Hilary Allen, CAB) and Help and Support for Older People (presentation by Kirsty MacDonald, CAB)

Inga welcomed Hilary and Kirsty who had joined the Forum to give information on their projects. Hilary began with her presentation (PASS) and explained it is a statutory service that was introduced by the Patients' Rights Act 2011. PASS is funded by the NHS but delivered by the Citizens Advice Bureau. The service is available to all users of the NHS which aims to support patients, their families and carers in their dealings with the NHS and other matters affecting their health. Hilary went on to say they were in the process of establishing a local advisory group and were seeking members. Gail suggested that information on the group also could be distributed to wider TSF members.

Kirsty MacDonald - Welfare Rights Advisor for CAB, then gave a presentation on 'Help and Support for Older People' (HOPE). Kirsty explained that benefits were changing and from October 2013, if one partner is under Pension Credit age and one over, couples will no longer be able to claim Pension Credit. The younger partner will have to claim Universal Credit instead. So, the aim of the campaign is to get as many people signed up to receive Pension Credits before the eligibility changes. Kirsty informed members that they were holding an 'Open Afternoon' at the King Street Halls on Thursday 28th March, with various Third Sector groups participating to help raise awareness.

4 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record proposed by Peter Cockburn and seconded by Olivia Tait.

5 Matters Arising

i) Item 5 – Single Outcome Agreement

Thanks were expressed to all who had contributed to the SOA revision. The amendments had been submitted to OIC and will be discussed at the next Steering Group.

ii) item 7 (b) - OIC Draft Plan

Thanks were expressed to those who submitted their comments which had been submitted. .

iii) item 7 (c) - How Good is Our Community Planning Partnership

Comments had been received and submitted to Anna Wheelan.

Item 4 (i) – Orkney Food Bank

Olivia had asked members if they knew who was running the Food Bank as she'd had clients in Crossroads who would have benefitted from the service but had no information on the service. Kirsty MacDonald informed the group that it was run by The Salvation Army. She explained that OIC and the Job Centre should have been passing on this information to people using their services.

Action: Gail to raise the lack of awareness at the next Welfare Reform Working Group.

iv) Item 5 – Fairtrade

Olivia informed members that Crossroads are now Fairtrade users. Ben also mentioned the Red Cross were users and Michelle commented that Rousay is keen to become a Fairtrade Island.

6 Draft minutes of TSWG held on 28th February 2013

A brief summary was given to members and Michelle commented that the Isles Development Trusts were keen to become more involved with the Third Sector to gain experience and information on how to make the best use of their income.

7 Partnership Updates

a) Minutes of PLG Meeting held on 29th November 2012

Gail explained that Edwina Lloyd is the Orkney third sector representative on the North Alliance. . A programme of fully funded training has been arranged. Several members had attended Outcomes training and agreed that it had been excellent. GIRFEC training would be held on 29th April and First Aid Training on 19th April. Gail commented that Youth Work Week had been very successful.

b) Change Fund for Older People

The Change Fund is now in Year 3. Gail explained that the plan had been developed following third sector workshops where priorities had been identified. The 2013-15 Plan had been approved by Orkney Health and Care Board and included a new project Connecting Communities which is to be hosted by the Third Sector and based in VAO. A new fixed term post is to be advertised in the Orcadian and Gail will keep members updated.

c) Change Fund for Early Years

Gail updated the Board and explained that Scottish Government three stretch targets would take precedence over the issues identified through local research.

d) Strategic Community Learning Group

Had been discussed earlier.

e) Women's Aid Orkney

Members were informed that WAO had now secured a new Board.

f) Town Centre Regeneration

Sessions had been held on plans for reshaping the town centre which Gail reported had been very interesting. Notes of the sessions would be circulated to members once available.

Action: Gail

g) Other

Gail read out an email from Helen Moss informing members that she is to resign from the Sexual Health Strategy Group and enquired if anyone would be interested in joining the group to represent the Third Sector.

Erika Copland mentioned Chris O'Brien from 'The Venue' is keen to work with the Third Sector. It was suggested that he attend a TSF meeting to do a presentation.

Sue Sulat requested an update on the Credit Union as she felt it was an inaccessible service and needs promoting. It was agreed to add a link to the VAO website and add information to the newsletter.

Action: Rachel

8 Community Transport Consultation

The Scottish Government had announced a consultation on community transport provision. Further information can be found on VAO website and the link will be circulated to members.

Action: Rachel

9 AOCB

Funding has been awarded by Scottish Government to Voluntary Action Scotland and Barnardos to support and enhance the involvement of the third sector in early years work through more effective engagement with community planning partners. Gail commented that the new initiative demonstrated the Scottish Government's commitment to Third Sector Involvement.

Olivia enquired about the issue of service level agreements for 2013-14.

Action: Gail to raise with OIC

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22nd May at 11am in the McGillivray Room at Orkney Library and Archive.