

Minute of the Third Sector Forum meeting held at 11am on Wednesday 30th January 2013 in the McGillivray Room at Orkney Library and Archive.

Present: Inga Croy (Chair), Gail Anderson (VAO), Peter Cockburn (Kirkwall Bowling Club), Mike Cooper (Care & Repair), Benjamin Lindsey (Red Cross), Erika Copland (Homestart), Michael Moar (Stromness Shopping Week), Roderick McLeod (VAO), Jack Moodie (OIC), Sue Ward (ACO), Olivia Tait (Crossroads), Sue Sulat (Pickaquoy Centre Trust) and Iain McCormack (WRVS)

In attendance: Rachel Peace (minute)

1 Welcome

Inga welcomed those present and thanked them for attending. She also gave a special welcome to Jack Moodie as it was his first meeting.

2 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Linda Lennie, Simon Gordon, Hazel Aim, Derek Aiken, Michelle Koster, Corinne Curtis, Helen Moss and Andy Spence-Jones.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true and accurate record proposed by Sue Ward and seconded by Sue Sulat.

4 Matters Arising

i) Item 7 (d) Orkney Food Bank

Gail gave an update on the food bank and will keep members informed of any progress.

ii) Item 7 (g) Orkney Community Planning Partnership

To be circulated once amended and added to VAO's website.

iii) Item 7 (d) Care4Energy

Mike updated members and explained that they had a shortlist of 20 people but were waiting for the 'Income Maximisation' results from CAB before they could move forward.

5 Fairtrade Working Group

Gill Smee, Chair of Orkney Fair-trade Group gave a very informative presentation on fair-trade and work of the local Group. She explained that the Group had been established in September 2012 to promote fair-trade products and to work towards Fair trade status for Orkney. She explained that Fair-trade helps producers in developing countries get a fair price for the goods they are producing. It means communities can maintain a reasonable standard of living whilst getting paid a living wage and ensuring good working conditions.

The premium on fair-trade goods means businesses and workers have a say about how the premium is spent, ie, investing in new equipment for the business, better roads, schools, etc.

Gill explained that Orkney Fair-trade Group wants to expand, co-ordinate and gain fair-trade status to support and promote businesses selling these goods. The group consists of over 100 members and has a small committee with representation from various sectors. Gill went on to say that the Third Sector could be a great influence on staff, volunteers and service users who may be willing to buy fair-trade goods.

Gail enquired where the goods could be purchased locally. Gill suggested supermarkets, local shops, wholesalers and the Fairtrade Craft website. Interest was expressed by various groups about the possibility of purchasing fair-trade goods. Inga thanked Gill for her presentation.

6 Single Outcome Agreement – Revision

Anna Whelan gave a talk on the revision of the SOA and explained what was required and by when. In view of the work required, members agreed that a separate meeting should be arranged to discuss the SOA outcomes and indicators in detail. Sue Sulat mentioned that her Board had been very disappointed that physical activity had not been mentioned in previous SOAs. Anna explained that the revision provided an opportunity to include that topic. Inga thanked Anna for her contribution.

7 AOCB

- (a) Alison Miller** from Kirkwall Library gave a short talk on the 'Home Library Service' and 'Beat the Blues Writing Course'.
- (b) OIC draft Plan** – Gail commented that it was pleasing to see the commitment OIC had made to the new build and to the third sector in general. However it was noted that in addition to the 'Promote Successful, Thriving Communities priority, third sector activity benefited many of the other priorities described in the plan. Gail asked members to forward comments on the plan and a joint statement would be submitted by the deadline date.
- (c) How Good is Our Community Planning Partnership** – It was requested that members complete the equalities survey and return to Gail who would collate and submit comments to Anna Whelan by the end of February.

8 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 27th March 2013.