



Minute of the Third Sector Forum meeting held at 11am on Thursday 20 January 2017 in the Board Room, VAO, Anchor Buildings, Kirkwall

Present: Sheila Garson (VAO), Gail Anderson (VAO), Phyllis Braby (Orkney Heart Support Group), Zelda Bradley (Orkney Rape Crisis and Cruse Bereavement Care), Frazer Campbell (Blide Trust), Caron Jenkins (VAO), Gerd Peters (Scottish Health Council, Orkney), Pat Shields (Orkney InfoNet and Access Panel Orkney),

In attendance: Cecily Cromby (minutes)

1 Welcome

Sheila welcomed those present and thanked them for attending

2 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Hilary Allen, June Anderson, Helen Castle, Jan Judge, Michelle Koster, Bryan Milner, Sam Payne, Gillian Skuse, Andy Spence-Jones, Olivia Tait, Nic Thake

3 Minutes of previous meeting held on 17 November 2016

The minutes were approved.

4 Matters Arising

Item 6 i): Community Justice Partnership Model FAQs. Gail advised that she had not yet contacted members to see if they would like to arrange a facilitated session on engaging with the new model. She will circulate a request.

Action: Gail

5 Third Sector Forum and Third Sector Working Group

i. Review of structure and remit

A draft visual guide to a new Third Sector Forum structure was circulated. Caron discussed the proposed restructure of the Third Sector Forum (TSF). A bi-annual third sector forum event and a monthly meeting of the TSWG was suggested. Communication, policy and governance information would be circulated by email and workshops and training programmes would be held at the suggestion of third sector partners. Three sub-groups were proposed to meet quarterly to look at: Health and care; Enterprise, environment and learning; and Culture, heritage and leisure. These sub-groups would feed into the TSWG and bi-annual TSF event.

Caron noted that the three new sub-groups were the main change outlined in the proposed new structure and that these groups would be more focussed on the activity of the attending organisations. Caron advised that the proposed structure was open to discussion and revision.

Members discussed the possible reorganisation of the Third Sector Forum itself. Members discussed that attendance at the TSF was very variable and noted the challenge of reaching and meeting the needs of the whole sector through one meeting. Caron suggested that a bi-annual meeting may allow organisations to dedicate time to it and that Video Conferencing (VC) options would be in place to allow participation from the Isles. Gail noted that broadband strength on the Isles could prohibit the use of VC. It was suggested that a business meeting be held in the spring and a meeting focussing on training be held in the autumn.

Members discussed the pros and cons of bi-annual meetings. Phyllis and Gerd suggested that members may lose interest in between the meetings and that participation may decline as a result. The current failure to attract smaller voluntary organisations was discussed, with Phyllis and Pat highlighting that members of these organisations often felt that the meetings were not relevant. Pat noted that meetings were very beneficial for smaller groups as they do not always have significant networks like the larger organisations. All agreed that the involvement of small groups was important and that their voice in meetings needed to be equal to larger organisations. Members suggested that more focussed meetings, for example the Health and Care sub-group, might encourage smaller organisations to attend. Zelda noted that availability was often a barrier to smaller organisations whose members worked during the day.

Members discussed the option of quarterly meetings of the TSF with one general meeting followed by three meetings focussing on Health and Care; Enterprise, Environment and Learning; and Culture, Heritage and Leisure. The meetings would not exclude other topics but would focus on the given theme. Information would be disseminated between meetings by email and the VAO newsletter. The TSWG would be retained but possibly re-focus. The option of rotating meetings across Orkney was discussed. All agreed that if meetings were to be held outside of Kirkwall, sufficient notice must be given.

Caron advised that she would take the discussion points back to the TSWG and sub-group.

ii. Draft Strategy

A revised draft strategy was circulated. Caron noted that the sub-group of the Third Sector Working Group (TSWG) had drawn together principles and priorities from the 2016 workshop and survey to refresh the strategy document. Caron outlined the revised values and principles, key priorities and the next steps in the draft strategy. She encouraged members to read the document and get back to her with comments.

Members discussed the importance of ensuring that smaller third sector organisations and groups are involved and heard and that a balance between disseminating information and listening to members is achieved. It was suggested that the proposed general meeting of the TSF concentrate on smaller voluntary groups.

6 Orkney Health and Care

i. Third Sector Representative – feedback on Market Facilitation, Strategic Commissioning Plan and Locality Planning consultations (verbal)

Caron thanked members who contributed feedback on the Market Facilitation. Caron reported that Caroline Sinclair (OHAC) had advised that many of the comments were very helpful and will add depth to the plan. The plan will be finalised before being taken to the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) in March 2017.

Caron noted that the Strategic Commissioning Plan had been circulated third sector organisations for feedback. The document will go to the IJB in March.

Caron discussed the progress of Locality Planning consultations. Consultations had been held across each island group in November/December 2016 and consultation meetings were being held on the mainland on 24 and 26 January. Caron encouraged members to attend the meetings. She advised that a questionnaire would be made available to people who were not able to attend. Feedback from all consultations would be fed back to the IJB in March.

ii) Co-option of Third Sector representatives to Isles, West and East Mainland Locality Groups

Caron noted that there was very little interest in the third sector representative positions, despite calls for the positions and a wide recruitment campaign. Caron advised that she was currently the third sector representative on the Strategy Group and Gail on the Board. She noted that the workload of third sector representatives to the Locality Groups would not be as large a role as the representative to the Strategy Group and advised that representatives would receive support from VAO. She encouraged members to speak with her if interested in the positions.

7 Robert Gordon's University: feedback/discussion (verbal)

Gail advised that she had attended a positive meeting with representatives from Robert Gordon's University in January. She noted that the University are very keen to establish a base in Orkney for research and teaching and that they are involved in exciting work on health and social care. She advised that there was real potential to tap into the University's expertise and asked members for ideas for possible research projects that could benefit the third sector. She noted that discussions regarding information sharing were held and advised that she would contact the groups yet to sign the Information Sharing Protocol.

Action: Gail

8 Members Update

Access Panel Orkney: Pat advised that she did not have much to report, but noted that accessible toilets in Orkney fell behind the standards of those elsewhere.

Blide Trust: Frazer noted that a new depression support group had started at the Blide and the first meeting had been successful. He advised that the Blide were changing their approach to providing sporting activities, moving from ad hoc provision to planned sessions. Frazer had

recently had discussions with Linda Gaskill, emeritus professor of psychiatry, who had been commissioned by the NHS to look at mental health services to ascertain what was available and achievable in Orkney. He noted that a mental health workshop was planned for March but that a date had not yet been set.

Orkney Heart Support Group: Phyllis thanked VAO for the inclusion of an item on the group in the VAO newsletter and noted that donations had been received as a result of the article. She informed members that progress had been made on getting a heart failure nurse for Orkney and advised that the group would embark on a new project following the AGM.

VAO: Gail informed members that the Adult Befriending team had moved to their own dedicated space in Anchor House as an increase in funding had led to an increase in their activities.

Scottish Health Council (Orkney): Gerd advised that the Scottish Health Council (SHC) had established a Citizens Panel for Scotland which had 1,200 members nationally and 32 in Orkney. Members of the Panel would be selected at random to answer questions on specific issues on health and social care. Gerd noted that a good response had been received to the first issue on dental services. The process had so far been positive and it was expected that the Panel would be consulted on about four topics per year.

Gerd noted that a national review of out-of-hours primary care services did not take place in Orkney. Gerd would like to get a group together to discuss this provision in Orkney.

Gerd informed members of the national 'Our Voice' project, initiated by Scottish Government and co-ordinated by the SHC. The aim of this stakeholder led group was to create a national network for support and learning. Gerd noted that an event was being held in Edinburgh on 20 February and he would like a service user, carer and third sector representative from Orkney to attend. The SHC would cover the cost of the service user rep. Caron advised that she would forward the information to the reps.

Orkney Rape Crisis: Zelda noted that she had been in post for almost one year and that an independent evaluation of the service was in process (an interim report would be submitted in January and finalised in March).

Zelda advised that a survey had shown that there were concerns regarding sexual violence towards people with learning disabilities and the need for education regarding consent and grooming. The survey had shown that professionals want support and training on these issues.

Zelda noted that during the last year, ORC had supported 15 people, a third of whom had not reported to the police. She noted that most are recent cases and that a third of clients are aged between 16 and 19.

She discussed the difficulty of sharing information and advised that following an assault people want and need to retain control. It can be very difficult when decisions are taken out of their control by the police and social services. This is a particular issue with those aged 16-18 and can lead to people not telling anyone because this could lead to police and social

services involvement. Zelda noted that the ORC policy was currently at odds with the Orkney Child Protection Policy. ORC believe that people need to make an informed choice about going to the police (recent figures show that of 2000 sexual assaults reported to police, only 250 went to court and only 150 prosecutions resulted). Zelda also noted that there were additional difficulties if the perpetrator were involved with the police, social services or educational establishments.

Zelda advised that there is a clear need for the service in Orkney and estimated that the service would have supported up to 20 people by the end of the financial year. She noted that ideally the service should employ two staff members so that a different practitioner is available to support the parents of a victim.

She advised that the service was working closely with statutory partners, including the police, on delivering consent training and that she was looking to establish a local Board as she was still an employee of Rape Crisis Scotland.

Zelda also noted that she was looking at establishing forensic testing in Orkney as currently victims have to travel to South for forensic services.

Cruse Bereavement Care: Zelda advised that Cruse would be part of the Growing up in Orkney conference on 10 February and that she hoped to arrange training for working with bereaved children.

8 AOCB

Your Island Your Choice Funding: Gail discussed the Your Island Your Choice funding available for voluntary/community groups to deliver projects to the non-linked isles. The projects must fit within one of the community planning themes of Positive Ageing; Healthy and Sustainable Communities; Vibrant economic environment and must benefit as many people as possible. She noted that £6,000 was available and that an event would be held on 25 March at which the island communities would vote on who they would like the funding to go to. Gail noted that if pilot projects such as this were successful, Scottish Government want all local authorities to disperse 1% of their funding through participatory budgeting. Caron noted the benefit of the method for community engagement.

11 Dates of next meetings

23 March 2017 – MacGillivray Room, Kirkwall Library
18 May 2017 – VAO Board Room, Anchor Buildings
20 July 2017 – MacGillivray Room, Kirkwall Liibrary
21 September 2017 – VAO Board Room, Anchor Buildings
23 November 2017 – MacGillivray Room, Kirkwall Library