

MORAY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Community Planning Board

Wednesday, 17 November 2021

remote locations via video conference

PRESENT

Councillor George Alexander, Mr Roddy Burns, Councillor John Cowe, Councillor John Divers, Councillor Tim Eagle, Councillor Graham Leadbitter, Chief Superintendent George MacDonald, Councillor Shona Morrison, Councillor Sonya Warren, Mrs Susan Webb

APOLOGIES

Mr Stuart Black, Bruce Farquharson, Mr Anthony Standing, Mr Don Vass

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance at the above meeting were the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development), Head of Governance, Strategy and Performance, Senior Project Officer HSCM, Quality Assurance and Locality Manager and Lindsey Robinson, Committee Services Officer, as Clerk to the Meeting.

Fiona Robb attended on behalf of Stuart Black, HIE, and Fabio Villani attended on behalf of Don Vass, TSi Moray.

1. Chair

Councillor Leadbitter, as Chair of the Community Planning Board, chaired the meeting.

2. Minute of Meeting 22 September 2021

The Minute of the Meeting of 22 September 2021 was submitted and approved.

3. Afghanistan Resettlement Scheme - Progress Update

A report by the Chief Officer, Health and Social Care Moray updated the Board on the planning for the arrival of Afghanistan citizens to Moray.

Following consideration, the Board agreed to note the contents of the report.

4. Children Services Plan Annual Report

A report by the Chief Officer, Health and Social Care Moray asked the Board to approve the Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2020-21.

During consideration Councillor Warren sought reassurance that support was being offered to all new parents with regards to mental health, and that no one was falling into financial hardship due to changes in circumstances.

In response, the Quality Assurance and Locality Manager stated that the Scottish Government had provided funding to support the mental health of new parents. The contact with health visitors was limited due to Covid-19 and pressures on the NHS, but they do have contact with all new mums. The health visitors act as a link into the community based provision. Locality planning has looked at the identified needs and will react accordingly. This will include escalating any gaps in provision to ensure that children and families can access the support they need.

In addition, Susan Webb advised that health visitors are prioritising their workload and looking at income maximisation through care pathways.

Councillor Alexander sought clarification on the 26 children that the report stated were at risk of harm, what that meant and what support was in place for these children.

In response, the Quality Assurance and Locality Manager confirmed that these are children already on the Child Protection register and as such have significant support in place to ensure their safety. Social Workers have been carrying out face to face visits with these children along with virtual meetings and telephone calls.

Following consideration, the Board agreed to approve the report and its publication on the Community Planning Partnership website.

5. Climate Change Update

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) and Fabio Villani, Leadership Team, TSi Moray provided the meeting with an update on the progress of climate change matters.

During discussion Councillor Alexander sought clarification in regard to progress relating to the A96 dualling, stating that any decision on climate change in Moray should be dependent on the outcome.

In response Councillor Leadbitter advised that the First minister was still committed to the A96 dualling. He further advised that he could write to Transport Scotland to find out the current position as there has been no decision made on dates.

Councillor Cowe stated that he had asked the same questions at a Hi-Trans meeting and was advised that the commitment was still there but potentially the A96 will not be dualled from end to end.

Councillor Alexander and Councillor Eagle sought clarification on whether or not the Council Leader or Chief Executive could speak to the Scottish Government to get a decision as at the moment there was different information coming from different sources.

In response Councillor Leadbitter advised that he had some conversations around this about 6 weeks ago and there are some long and complex pieces of work involved but he would ask again.

Fiona Robb advised the Committee that she would circulate details of the Green and Community Asset Funding that has been approved. She also gave details of the HIE Net Zero Scotland website (www.hie.co.uk/support/browse-all-support-services/net-zero-scotland/).

Thereafter the Board agreed to note the contents of the report.

6. 2021-22 Quarter 2 (July - September) LOIP Performance Monitoring Reports

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) informed the Board of the performance against the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) for the period to 30 September 2021.

During consideration, Councillor Eagle sought clarification on the need for constant reviews of the plan stating that in his opinion the community are looking for actions rather than reviews.

Councillor Divers further stated that the community feeling differs from the details shown in the Red, Amber, Green (RAG) analysis and he was of the opinion that Officers need to be aware of the opinions of the communities when they are writing reports as the RAG is the view of the professionals not the community.

In response, the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) advised that the actions for Buckie and New Elgin were community driven and gave examples of the changes that had been made in response to these. She further advised that in regards to New Elgin there needs to be re-engagement as this was affected by the pandemic whereas in Buckie, work had continued and in response to feedback from community groups, the area covered is being expanded. She advised that the RAG analysis is used to track planned actions rather than the situation overall.

Following further consideration, the Board agreed to note the progress reported in the templates hyperlinked to the report taking account of the impact responding to the pandemic has had on partner organisations.

Councillor Morrison left the meeting during discussion of this item.

7. Proposed meeting dates for Community Planning Board

The Board agreed the undernoted meeting dates for the next 12 months.

Date	Time	Venue
2 February 2022	2pm	TBC
13 April 2022	2pm	TBC
22 June 2022	2pm	TBC
21 September 2022	2pm	TBC
16 November 2022	2pm	TBC

8. Moray Growth Deal Business Case Approval and Update [Para 9]

The meeting noted a confidential update by the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) on the Moray Growth Deal.