



Your Moray - Your Environment

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE MORAY COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLANNING GREENER STRATEGIC GROUP

THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2010

COUNCIL OFFICE ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillor J Russell
Councillor S Cree
Councillor G Leadbitter
Councillor I Ogilvie
Alex Tait
Matt Young
Gordon Holland

The Moray Council
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NHS Grampian
Forestry Commission Scotland
HITRANS

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor A Wright.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor F Murdoch, the Chief Executive, Moray Council, David Bale, Scottish Natural Heritage & Anne Anderson, SEPA

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Development Services, the Head of Direct Services, the Corporate Policy Unit Manager, the Environmental Protection Manager, the School Travel Co-ordinator, S Flett, Project Officer and the Senior Committee Services Officer, Clerk to the Meeting

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meeting agreed to vary the order set down in the agenda in order to facilitate those presenting reports.

2. ACTION SHEET FROM MEETING OF 8 OCTOBER 2009

The Action Sheet of the meeting of the Group dated 8 October 2009 was submitted and approved.

Members concerns were again noted in regard to poor attendance of Community Planning partner representatives at meetings of the Strategic Groups would be raised at the next meeting of the Community Planning Board.

3. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2009/10: QUARTER 1 & 2 MONITORING STATEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager providing the Group with an update against the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) Milestones relating to the 'Greener' theme. Details of the progress were appended to the report and a summary of performance was set out in Section 4 of the report.

Following consideration the Group agreed to:-

- (i) note the update of performance regarding the milestones, due to be completed by September 2009, relating to the Greener theme that are laid down in the Single Outcome Agreement 2009/10; and
- (ii) the statistical information reported in its support of the qualitative milestone updates and its overall value and use to the Group.

4. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING OPERATIONAL GROUPS

Under reference to Paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Community Planning Board dated 19 November 2009 there was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager providing the Group with an updated list of the Operational Groups and the recommendations arising from Community Planning Board in relation to all operational groups.

Following consideration the Group agreed:

- (i) that whilst there was no requirement to establish specific operational groups at this time the Group reserves the right to establish short-term groups on an as & when required basis or to request associated operational groups to undertake a specific task(s) on behalf of the Group;
- (ii) that a directory of associated operational groups undertaking greener functions across Moray be prepared and circulated to members of the Group; and
- (iii) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Group advising on recycling best practise within the Council and partner organisations.

5. HEALTH AND TRANSPORT

There was submitted a report by the General Manager, MCHSCP updating the Group about the developments regarding health and transport, particularly where they relate to increasing sustainable transport solutions.

In the absence of the Service Lead, NHS Grampian the organisation's representative on the Group, Alex Tait, gave a brief overview of the actions identified by the inter agency group to address health and transport issues within Moray. The meeting also noted that subsequent to the preparation of the report an eighth action had been added to those set out in Section 3.5 of the report which stated 'Develop mechanism for identification of transport issues and options for resolution in planned health service developments'.

During discussion the meeting also noted that whilst Stagecoach was not represented on the Inter Agency Group regular discussions took place with the service provider. The meeting was also of the view that the Group should have Member representation, as well as at officer level, and should this be acceptable to the Group a request for a nomination be submitted to the Council. It was also noted that Councillors Russell and Leadbitter both expressed an interest in the nomination.

Following consideration the Group agreed to:-

- (i) note the developments in progressing joint working regarding health and transport issues which supports the objectives of the Greener Strategic Group;
- (ii) suggest that the formation of a reference group include Moray Council Member representation.

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING WEBSITE

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager updating the Group on the status of the Community Planning website.

Following consideration the Group agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress of the Community Planning Website as reported to the Community Engagement Group and their agreement that the website should be reported to the strategic groups as required, not as a standing item; and
- (ii) that Community Planning partners check the website and advise the Council's Corporate Policy Unit Manager if the information relative to their organisation is still relevant.

7. MORAY SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Transportation Manager updating the Group on the progress of the Sustainable travel town project for Elgin, Urban Freedom and other sustainable travel initiatives within Moray.

Following consideration the Group agreed to note the report and that a press release will be issued once Elgin has gone live and that an update be circulated to Elected Members.

8. RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SEMINAR

There was submitted a report by the Head of Development Services updating the Group on progress with the arrangements for a Seminar in 2010 on renewable energy, and to advise on research being undertaken on the subject of Biomass developments by public sector agencies.

The Head of Development Services spoke to the report and updated members of the Group on the arrangements for the seminar to be held on 24 March 2010 in Elgin Town Hall between 11.00 am and 7.00 pm. The meeting also noted that arrangements were being made for a biomass presentation to be given to Council Members and Community Planning partners on 2 March 2010, details on which will be circulated to members of the Group when finalised.

Following consideration the Group agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress on the arrangements for a Seminar on 24 March 2010 to promote renewable energy in Moray and the research on Biomass; and
- (ii) that details of seminar programme be circulated to Group members prior to the event.

9. MORAY FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEMES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Development Services advising the Group of the status of flood alleviation schemes for Elgin and the River Findhorn, and inviting the Group to identify any opportunities for involvement by the Group in the implementation of those flood alleviation schemes.

Following consideration the Group agreed to note the status of the flood schemes and that arrangements will be made for a meeting with the Moray Flood Alleviation Team with a view to receiving an overview of the greener features of the proposed flood alleviation schemes for Elgin & Findhorn.

10. MORAY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Head of Development Services advising the Group of the timetable for Review of the Moray Development Plan, and production of any Policy Statements and opportunities for involvement by the Group.

The Group agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposals and timetable for the review of the Development Plan, and production of any supplementary policies; and
- (ii) that any comments on the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on Urban Design be submitted to the Head of development Services, Moray Council by 21 January 2010.

11. GREEN PROCUREMENT

There was submitted a report by the Payments Manager providing the Group with an update against the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) Milestones relating to Green Procurement as at the end of December 2009.

The Group agreed to note the report.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Thursday 15 April 2010 within the Committee Room, Council Office, Elgin.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There was circulated and noted for the Group's information a copy of the Action Sheet from meeting of the Community Planning Board dated 19 November 2009.