



Your Moray - Your Safety

MINUTE OF MEETING OF SAFER & STRONGER STRATEGIC GROUP

THURSDAY 10 JUNE 2010

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillors E McGillivray (Chair)	The Moray Council
Councillor R Shepherd	The Moray Council
Councillor D Stewart	The Moray Council
Councillor A Wright	The Moray Council
Katie Ferguson	Moray Youth Council
Rae Cameron	Grampian Fire & Rescue Service
Sharon Milton	Grampian Police
Liz Tait	NHS
Helen Milnes	Voluntary Centre

In Attendance

Richard Anderson, Housing Needs Manager, Andy Jamieson, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Sergeant Adrian Moar, Partnership Development Officer, Bridget Mustard, Corporate Policy Unit Manager and Donna Skene Project Officer as clerk to the meeting

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors M McConachie, D Ross and Alastair Keddie Chief Executive The Moray Council

1. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 18 MARCH 2010

The minute of 18 March 2010 was submitted and approved as an accurate record.

The Chair welcomed Katie Ferguson, Moray Youth Council representative to her first meeting of the Safer & Stronger Theme Group.

2. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2009/10 – QUARTER 4 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 Safer & Stronger theme as at the end of March 2010.

Following consideration the Group agreed:

- (i) to scrutinise and note the update of performance regarding the milestones due to be completed by March 2010, relating to the Safer and Stronger theme;
- (ii) to note that exception comments are made against the milestones below 75% complete, at the end of the fourth quarter, within section 4.5 of the report;
- (iii) to scrutinise and note the progress of each Key Action and the overall progress made against each Local Outcome at the end of the fourth quarter

Mrs Mustard advised the meeting that at the Community Planning Board on 27 May 2010 a query was raised over the funding of the Domestic Abuse Conference. Funding was now in place and the conference will be held on 17 November 2010.

Ms Milnes entered the meeting during discussion of this item.

3. SAFER AND STRONGER STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

There was a report submitted by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager providing the Group with an update on the overall outcome of the full review of the Safer and Stronger Strategic Assessment.

Following consideration the Group agreed to approve the overall outcomes of the Safer and Stronger Strategic Assessment full review to be identified in the Single Outcome Agreement and to note that risks identified will be addressed at operational level.

In response to a query if an executive summary was available, Mrs Mustard agreed to investigate this.

Ms Tait queried if there was a permanent member of staff involved in this. Mrs Mustard responded that Anna Jermyn, Research and Development Officer is indeed permanent and Anna is now working on the Smarter Strategic Assessment and is developing good expertise.

4. SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRESS AGAINST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS & ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PERIOD JAN-MARCH 2010

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Policy Unit Manager providing the Group with an update of performance against Safer Communities performance indicators and activities undertaken by the four Safer Communities Operational Groups in relation to tackling Community Safety priorities.

Following consideration the Group agreed to note the performance against Safer Communities performance indicators and activity undertaken in relation to Safer Communities.

Following a query over the PI on Fire and Home Safety “Number of In-Patient Falls”, after discussion it was agreed that this PI should be removed as this has no relevance to the Partnership.

Superintendent Milton advised that there are links to the Moray Drug & Alcohol Partnership and the Alcohol Profile. It was agreed that this report will be tabled at the next meeting.

Councillor Stewart raised the concern of Burghead Community Council over the issue of under age drinking and queried if it would be possible to ban alcohol in public places and as a Moray Wide ban. Sergeant Moar advised that this would be investigated but it should be recognised that a ban is a legal process. Mr Jamieson advised that the Community Wardens are aware of this issue and are taking action.

Councillor A Wright left the meeting at this juncture.

Councillor McGillivray asked the meeting to note the date of 30 June 2010 when the Out Of Darkness Theatre Company are holding social awareness training of which Domestic Abuse features.

5. PREVENTION OF HOMELESSNESS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Housing Officer providing the Safer & Stronger Group with information relating to a visit of North Ayrshire Council to identify good practice in relation to the prevention of homelessness.

Following consideration the Group agreed to consider the findings of the visit to North Ayrshire Council.

6. SECTION 32A – THE USE OF THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR TO DISCHARGE HOMELESS DUTY

There was submitted a report by the Chief Housing Officer presenting to the Safer and Stronger Group for information and providing the Group with information relating to the amendment of Section 32A of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (Regulation 5).

Following consideration the Group noted the report.

7. PRESSURED AREA STATUS FOR SPEYSIDE AND CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK

There was submitted a report by the Chief Housing Officer advising the Group of the outcome of the application to the Scottish Government for Pressured Area Status for Speyside and the Cairngorms National Park areas of Moray.

Following consideration the Group noted the report.

8. AOCB

Mrs Mustard raised the issue of the Youth representative at the Theme Groups meetings and asked the group to consider how we could use this contact with the Youth Council to involve them with the Theme.

Councillor McGillivray asked Ms Ferguson to raise with the Moray Youth Council the issue of underage drinking and the issue of bottles being left on the beach. Ms Ferguson advised the meeting that a music event (which is being organised by Lossiemouth High School and Lossiemouth Youth Council) is being held in Lossiemouth shortly and that emphasis will be on responsible drinking. Councillor McGillivray added that school bands will be involved in the event and Mr Jamieson and Sergeant Moar will also be involved in the event. Councillor Stewart advised that it would be beneficial to contact Craig McKay at the Lossiemouth Youth Café.

Mrs Mustard asked if there were any issues the Moray Youth Council wished to raise. Ms Ferguson advised that their manifesto is in the process of being written and would be published next March/April.

Councillor McGillivray asked if there was representation on the Youth Council from Keith. Ms Ferguson advised that they are currently looking for a rep. Elections were held recently for the Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr Jamieson added that there is an event being held tonight at Joanna's. All Moray schools apart from Keith are being represented. Ms Tait advised that it may be worthwhile contacting Brenda Grifford at Lossiemouth High School and mention that Keith are not represented.

9. (a) Items for Noting

There was submitted and noted an action sheet from the Community Planning Board Meeting on Thursday 27th May 2010.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Thursday 30 September 2010.