

COM-PÀIRTEACHAS NAN EILEAN SIAR



OUTER HEBRIDES PARTNERSHIP

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Minute of Meeting  
08 May 2008

Present

Harry Miller (Chair)	Sustainable Communities, CnES
Norma Skinner	Sustainable Communities, CnES
Maria Macdonald	Sustainable Communities, CnES
Sharon Evans	Sustainable Communities, CnES
Alison Ross	Social Work, CnES
Ian Macpherson	Safetywise
Roddy Mackay	Northern Constabulary
Ian Smith	Highlands & Islands Fire Service
Kenny MacIennan	Technical Services, CnES
Gavin Lawson	Corporate Services, CnES
Wendy Ingledew	Health Promotion, NHS Western Isles
Willie Wills	Road Safety Scotland, ROSPA

Apologies

Tony Pendle	Hebridean Housing Partnership
Donald Macleod	Education Department, CnES & Chair of ADAT
Neil Macleod	Sustainable Communities, CnES
Carl Taylor	Marine & Coastguard Agency

Minute of Last Meetings

Approved.

Matters Arising

None.

Welcome

Harry welcomed the group. Harry gave a special welcome to Ian Macpherson, the new Chair of Safetywise and Alison Ross from Social Work. Harry also passed on his thanks to Don Maclean for the work he has done while working with Safetywise.

Harry also welcomed Willie Wills, Head of Road Safety Scotland, ROSPA to the meeting.

Harry congratulated Maria Macdonald on securing her permanent post of Antisocial Behaviour Officer and Sharon Evans on securing the permanent post of Community Safety Support Officer.

Updates

**CCTV** – The Comhairle's Legal Services section is currently drafting an agreement regarding the transfer of CCTV. A further report will be sent to the Comhairle in June. Although money has been spent on upgrading the system there is still some maintenance work to be done.

**Governance and Accountability** – Norma has sourced a Best Practice guidance paper from the Improvement Service website on governance & accountability. Copies of this paper were circulated. It was agreed that this paper was simpler to understand than the previously drafted

Standing Orders and therefore a useful tool for the website. Norma will work with Gavin to develop this paper and present it to the next Partnership meeting.

*Useful Numbers Card* - The card went out to every household throughout the Western Isles with the Council Tax letters.

*Finance* - Norma informed the group that under spend from 2007/08 has now been spent. The budget for 2008/09 will be presented to the next meeting.

#### Community Wardens Service Update

All the rural Wardens, Stornoway Wardens and Smoking Officer Posts will be disestablished. Three new permanent posts titled Community Environmental Officers will be created and will combine the duties of both the Wardens and the Smoking Officers. Harry is currently working with Finance staff to establish whether it is possible to create a fourth post on a three year contract. Applications for these new posts will be restricted to the current post holders.

#### ASB Update

*Antisocial Behaviour Operations Group* – Maria informed the Partnership that this group meets regularly to discuss cases. Maria recently met with the new Reporter to the Children's Panel, Alison Wright, who has agreed to join the Operations Group.

*Mediation* – Mediation Awareness Training event took place in Uist in March with 10 people attending.

There have been three referrals to Highlands SACRO service. One case felt that after discussion with the mediators that this was not a course of action which they wished to proceed with. The other two cases have both reached an agreement and these are in a period of review.

*Antisocial Behaviour Officers Forum* - Maria continues to attend these National Meetings, the most recent of which (30<sup>th</sup> April) focussed entirely on the review of the National Antisocial Behaviour Strategy.

*Caseload Update* – there are 29 active cases, 3 ABC's are presently in use at the moment with an additional 3 ABC's about to be signed up. 1 UBN has been issued to date with another to be served within the next two weeks.

#### Vandalism Action Team

*VAT Pack for Schools* - Sgt Roddy Mackay informed the Partnership that the Vandalism Action Team have purchased 2500 logo bugs and 3000 badges along with 504 mugs all with the vandalism action logo 'vandalism bad crack' motif. The total cost of these products is £2,331.51.

The CD and presentation and package have also been ordered and should be ready by the end of May 2008 which has cost £5,028.75. This is to be launched to school teachers in August 2008.

In addition to this, approx £500.00 has been set aside for the purpose of purchasing a large VAT banner for displays and a pull up banner for events and launch. The budget set aside originally was £10,000.00 and thus £2139.74 remains for launch and other associated costs. This project will be complete by End August 2008.

#### Publicity

*Choices for Life* - Over the past two months Sharon has been working with Sgt Roddy Mackay on the Choices for Life event that will be held in the Sports Centre on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008. Every primary 7 class from each school throughout the western Isles has been invited to attend the event.

*Vandalism Action Team* - Sharon has also worked with Sgt Roddy Mackay on the Vandalism Action Team Pack which has now been sent for print. Sharon has ordered handouts for pupils when the pack is presented.

Harry thanked Sharon on behalf of the Partnership for the work she has done.

Presentation

Willie Wills gave a brief presentation on ROSPA.

AOCB

*Momentum Project* - The Partnership is no longer in a position to offer funding for this project. Kenny MacLennan informed the Partnership that he intends to write to the Chief Executive informing him of the need of funding to keep this programme running.

*Safetywise* - Ian Macpherson informed the Partnership that Safetywise intends to relaunch in May 2008 with a focus on accident prevention and child safety.

*Congratulations* - The Partnership wished to congratulate Gavin Lawson on his new post of Head of Legal Services.

Date of the Next Meeting

To be arranged.