## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP MEETING – TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2020**

## **VIRTUAL MEETING USING MS TEAMS – 1.30 PM**

ITEM NO	TITLE OF REPORT	DECISION	ACTION BY
	Present	Alastair Kennedy (Joint Community Council) Anita Milne (MFCHA) Councillor George Alexander, TMC Councillor Graham Leadbitter, TMC Elidh Brown (tsiMoray) Fiona Rolt (Area Forums) (Chair) Karen Chamberlain (HIE)	
	Apologies	Don Vass (tsiMoray) Fabio Villani (tsiMoray) Iain Macdonald (NHS) Irena Patterson (Moray Disability Forum) Jacqui Taylor (Moray College UHI) Grant Nicoll (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service) Norman Stevenson (Police Scotland)	
	In Attendance	Dawn Brodie (TMC) Jo Shirriffs (TMC) Louise Marshall (TMC) Jacqui Graham, Minute Taker	
	Apologies & Welcome	Fiona welcomed everyone to the meeting.  It was noted that the following new people had joined the group –  Dawn Brodie – Dawn had taken over from Ian Todd as Acting Community Support Manager  Louise Marshall – Louise had taken over from Bridget Mustard in her role as Strategy and Performance Manager  Jo Shirriffs – Jo had taken over from Denise in her role as Head of Education Resources and Communities  Elidh Brown – Elidh was substituting for Fabio from tsiMoray.	

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		Fiona checked that Iain Macdonald had been added to the group as a replacement for Laura Sutherland and that he had received a meeting invite. Jacqui confirmed that he had.	
1.1	Previous Minute - 15 January 2020	The minute was agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and was proposed by Anita Milne and seconded by Councillor Alexander.	
1.2	Matters Arising	It was agreed that Jo would pick up on the quarterly performance reports regarding engagements.	JS
2.	Monitoring and Evaluating Engagement	There were no agenda items under this heading.	
3.1	Progressing the Revised LOIP	Picking up where we left off pre COVID, with the revised LOIP going up to the CPOG and then the Community Planning Board. The main changes to the draft are around aligning the Building a Better Future for our Children & Young People priority with the Children's Services Plan, and broadening the Alcohol priority to include wider health & wellbeing outcomes.  Denise has requested quarterly updates (Jan – March 2020) for each of the priorities. Need to get delivery framework finalised once the LOIP is agreed. Fiona	
		requested that the paper that is going to the Community Planning Board is also shared with CEG, once ready the paper is to be sent to Jacqui for circulation to the Group.	JG
		Dawn provided an update on the Locality Plans. Work in the localities had to stop during lockdown. The CSU is working with communities to regroup and restart activity. In New Elgin work is ongoing with REAP to develop the community garden. The groups have received funding to support the hall and the garden. Some planned events won't be possible during COVID but the group will be looking at what activities can be delivered safely.	
		In Buckie some of the Locality Plan sub-groups have met. There are no community lunches currently but there is now a community 'carry out' – targeting some	

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		of the vulnerable groups. The Locality Plan Monitoring Group was highlighted in the CLD Inspection report as an example of excellent practice. The locality work really helped in getting the community response up and running quickly in Buckie. Lots of positives were built on during lockdown.	
4.1	Experiences During Pandemic	<ul> <li>The CEG discussed their experiences during the pandemic and ongoing. The points I captured are as follows:</li> <li>The speed in which some third sector organisations have adapted their services to meet needs has been inspiring.</li> <li>The volunteering effort has also been phenomenal and we want to ensure we harness that as we move forward.</li> <li>It remains a challenging picture for the most isolated and vulnerable and we need to be working together to consider and fill any gaps in service.</li> <li>The networks that were in place in our communities helped to coordinate the support when we went into lockdown.</li> <li>Concerns for individuals/families as more people become redundant as furlough ends and Scottish Government funding may also be ending.</li> <li>The support provided by the CSU/locality resilience teams has been excellent, and very much appreciated by our communities and volunteers. The Community Food Fund grants have also been appreciated.</li> <li>Volunteers need to be supported to work in their communities, without barriers (e.g. PVG checks).</li> </ul>	
4.2	Renewal and Recovery from a CEG/CPP Perspective	This item has been covered in 4.1 above.	

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4.3	Council Plans for Community Recovery	The Council has a strategic framework for recovery and renewal in Moray. CEG and CPB (and the public) were consulted on the vison, aims, outcomes and principles end June/early July (via survey). The next step will be a more detailed consultation with a survey/meetings with community groups to understand the experiences of our communities during lockdown, to understand the key issues our communities are facing now, and to seek views on how we recover our council services, including asking about some of the changes we have made, and whether we want to go back to how they were, or keep them as is. The CSU will be looking at how our more vulnerable groups can be supported to participate in the survey/events.  Scottish Government has also asked us to undertake a 'listening event' (max 12 people) to feed into a national conversation led by the Social Renewal Advisory Board. The focus will be on people's lived experiences during the Pandemic and what they want from the future, and should include individuals with different experiences of the lockdown (e.g. the shielded, community volunteers etc). The CSU is organising the event.	
4.4	PB	Planned PB exercises delayed by COVID so a new evaluation exercise will be required to identify potential funding for PB. A paper is going up to Council on 2 September recommending an initial PB exercise on a funding stream that supports Care experienced children and young people.	
		Work has been ongoing on set up work for Consul - including a logo and strapline for the Moray site.	
		COSLA has been working with the Alan Turing Institute and Warwick University to test artificial intelligence that could be used to analyse responses to broad community engagements. Moray has expressed an interest in working with the Institute and COSLA to explore this further. Looking to identify a suitable project to pilot the enhanced Al Consul. The intention is to work with Money4Moray as part of the delivery team for this pilot	

		Money4Moray – most PB exercises have been put on hold. Need to look at how exercises can be conducted virtually. Alastair has been invited to join a national PB group that has just been set up. Eilidh Brown from TSi Moray has also been invited to join this national group.	
5.	AOCB	Fiona Rolt has taken the decision to withdraw from CEG so this was her last meeting as a member and chair of the group. Moray Forum will need to elect another rep to CEG, and a new chair will need to be elected. Fiona thanked all participants for their input and support while she has been chair. Cllr Leadbitter thanked her for all the work she has done to support CEG and the Community Planning Partnership.	
5.1	Next Meeting Dates	Next Virtual CEG Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 20 October 2020 at 1.30 pm  Future agenda items —  Appointment of new Chair of CEG  Quarterly performance reports	