

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP MEETING – 01 December 2015

ITEM NO	TITLE OF REPORT	DECISION	ACTION BY
	Present	<p>Stewart Cree (Leader) Chair, Councillor Gowans, Steven Christie (Tenants Forum), Irena Patterson (Disability Forum), Anita Milne (MFCHA), Tracey Gervaise (MHSCP), Kev McPherson (Police Scotland), David Meldrum (SFRS), Don Vass (tsiMORAY), Fabio Villani (CPOG rep) Lead Officer, Fiona Robb (HIE) and Councillor Morton.</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Alastair Kennedy (Joint Community Council), Fiona Rolt (Area Forums) and Anne Lindsay (Moray College UHI).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE</u> Andrea McArthur, Minute Taker John Ferguson, TMC Inspector Colin Taylor, Police Scotland</p>	
1.	Previous Minute 15 September 2015	<p>Item 4, paragraph 1 as follows; ‘It is proposed that Community Planning Partnership engagement consultation workshops</p> <p>Item 4, paragraph 2 as follows; TG to read more clearly as follows: There is an opportunity to work in partnership with the MH&SCP; the Partnership is in the process of co-ordinating engagement consultation workshops, at a community level, with a specific focus on the development of the Partnership’s Strategic Plan. Cllr Cree and John Ferguson have made initial contact with Tracey, a plan is now being developed and this will aid to prevent part duplication/duplication of effort and mitigate communities from being overwhelmed by an increasing number of engagement consultation exercises.</p> <p>Clarify Item 4, paragraph 3 as follows; ‘To ensure that the planned community engagement on Moray 2023 is successful, all partners will need to be fully engaged and participate</p> <p>With the amendments above, the minute of the previous</p>	

		meeting was agreed.	
2.	Matters Arising	<p>(i) Draft Moray Compact – Fabio Villani The Draft Compact has been circulated and is currently out for consultation; closing date for comments is 29 February 2016. The information can be found here.</p> <p>The Compact has been presented at a recent Moray Federation of Community Halls & Associations meeting and also at other community events.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the finalised Compact will be presented to the CEG for approval and adoption in March 2016 and final document to be approved by CP Board in April 2016.</p> <p>The aim is to see communities working together however this can prove difficult but it is what needs to be done. How do we achieve this? Additionally, how do we encourage people to ‘enthuse’ about the content?</p> <p>(ii) Community Engagement Moray 2023 Fabio advised that this was the first time that consultation had taken place as a partnership and we were engaging with the public together.</p> <p>Despite low numbers attending the events, it is recognised that this is the experience of many agencies and partners when undertaking such events. It is important that we continue to look at other ways of engaging with the public which could also include the use of social media as well as the ongoing day to day work with communities and third sector groups.</p> <p>Councillor Cree pointed out that this would be looked at in more depth at the workshop following the meeting. How do we get the public to participate?</p> <p>Fiona mentioned a recent presentation she attended which gave various ideas on how to get the public to participate. Here is a link to Lateral North’s website which includes information on the community engagement model used with Timespan in Helmsdale.</p>	
3.	AOCB	Councillor Cree advised that he had received a joint correspondence late Monday afternoon from community representatives of the CEG, Steven Christie, Anita	

		<p>Milne, Alastair Kennedy and Fiona Rolt with comments regarding the way the Community Engagement Group operates.</p> <p>Due to the restricted time of this meeting today, there was not enough time to discuss these issues fully however it was agreed to put on the agenda for the next meeting on 12 January 2016. Additionally, it would be good for all four members to be in attendance during discussion.</p> <p>ACTION: Agenda item 12 January 2016 meeting</p> <p>Fabio will produce a briefing for circulation prior to the next meeting building on the key points raised in the email.</p>	Andrea
4.	Future Meeting Dates	<p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 January 2016 at 10.00am in the Rowan Room, Elgin Community Centre.</p> <p>Future meeting dates for 2016 had been circulated.</p> <p>Venues for meetings – agreed that it was important to ensure that meeting rooms are accessible for all.</p>	