

		The minute was then proposed by Alastair Kennedy.	
1.2	Matters Arising	None.	
1.3	Presentation on Action Plan Tackling Poverty	<p>Kathy Ross explained to the Group the background to the development of the Poverty Strategy and the role of Moray Food Bank in that development. This had involved a range of partners coming together, including the local MSP and led to the decision to develop a wider ranging policy than food poverty and culminated in a local conference to develop the policy.</p> <p>At the same time the Scottish Government had come up with a child poverty strategy and funding had been secured to continue to develop the food poverty action plan. Brighton and Hove are providing mentoring for the development of the work. The Fairer Moray Forum was created and linked up with the Community planning arrangements so that the poverty strategy incorporating the child poverty aspects could be taken forward.</p> <p>The action plan takes the poverty drivers from the legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising income from employment • Reducing the cost of living • Increased uptake of social security <p>These are the 3 areas that need to take action on if we want to reduce poverty. Talking to people experiencing poverty (via the food bank contacts) provided insight into the experiences of those concerned e.g. the stigma of poverty and the outcome of this research has been incorporated into the action plan. There has also been input from professionals working in this area. Feedback is being sought from community planning partners and comments from this group would also be welcome.</p> <p>Kathy also highlighted work that has been done on the cost of the school day. The Child Poverty Action Group assisted in the organisation of a conference and funding from a range of organisations enabled the event to be run. 60 practitioners attended and the event was also open to parents. The result was a</p>	

		<p>set of actions for the future that will feed into the poverty action plan. Jacqui is to circulate the cost of the school day Action Plan.</p> <p>A new local authority child poverty lead is to be identified.</p> <p>Reporting on the child poverty action plan is due by the end of June.</p> <p>It was noted that the foodbank issued 900 food parcels in December. In Moray there has been a year on year increase in foodbank use and the figures increase in parallel with the introduction of universal credit.</p> <p>Use is by people on low income, people experiencing delays in their benefits and people who experience changes in their benefits. Older people are reluctant to accept food parcels.</p> <p>Prof John McKendrick is acting as critical friend to develop the poverty report.</p> <p>It was agreed to re-circulate the action plan as not all members of the group had received it.</p> <p>Kathy explained the structure that operates with various food distribution groups in Moray and how Moray Foodbank works with them all. Kathy offered to come and explain the foodbank arrangements to interested groups.</p> <p>Ian also informed the group that there appeared to be slight confusion regarding food parcel distribution in Buckie as the issue had been raised at a recent Buckie Area Forum. Kathy said that she would be happy to attend a forum meeting to bring everyone up to date. Ian will feed that back.</p> <p>It was noted that accessibility to public transport had been reported as an issue through the Moray Transport Forum rather than affordable transport. In response Kathy referred to research regarding shopping basket comparison that evidenced higher prices and more limited choices in rural areas and</p>	
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2.2	(a) Quarterly Performance Reports on Engagement Activity	<p><u>Quarterly Engagement Report</u></p> <p>The summary report which had been submitted to the Group by Denise was noted.</p>	
		<p>(ii) <u>Police Scotland</u></p> <p>As Kerry and Murray had been unable to attend this meeting, this item was to be carried forward to the next CEG meeting on 21 May 2019.</p>	
		<p>(iii) <u>Others</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
	(b) Action Plan	<p>The updated Action Plan submitted to the Group by Denise was noted.</p> <p>Anita advised that feedback from the Transport Seminar is still to be forwarded.</p>	
	(c) Update from JCC	<p>Alasdair gave an update from the meeting on 14 February. He advised that the JCC have asked that consultations be no less than 6 weeks in order to</p>	

		<p>enable full consideration and response</p> <p>The JCC had had an update on Moray Growth Deal.</p> <p>There had also been consideration of whether there could be community involvement in the delivery of services such as public toilets.</p> <p>Alasdair also highlighted the work being done by and for young people in relation to participatory budgeting and the involvement that has generated. This work had been received very positively nationally and it is hoped that proposals will come forward from the council for the 1% of budget to be included in PB that will assist in continuing this work.</p> <p>Anita updated on the work of a sub group that is considering community involvement in grass cutting, school crossing patrollers and public toilets. Membership is mainly community councils but community halls and associations and other reps are also involved. This has revealed a number of issues that will need to be considered moving forward, especially in relation to grass cutting. Feedback from a facebook survey indicates that in some areas a fair proportion of parents would be prepared to pay towards school crossing patrollers. Groups are coming together in areas across Moray over the next month to identify what would be feasible in each area, the aim is to give a Moray wide response.</p> <p>If there are to be further significant budget cuts next year, there was a request that there is engagement with communities as early as possible.</p> <p>It was noted that in Elgin that car park income from cooper park that is attached to the trust/common good can be used to fund grass cutting in the park.</p> <p>Ian advised that Aberlour Visitor centre would be willing to speak to other groups about their experience, particularly with regard to managing and running public toilets.</p>	
3.1	LOIP Priorities	Ilan referred to the update paper that had been circulated and advised that work had been completed	

		<p>for Step 7 – which mean that the results of the engagement are being prioritised with communities to develop the action plans. This has been as a result of work of partners with local communities. Draft Locality Plans will be prepared and presented to Community Planning Board in June. It was noted that the VOICE tool has been used to monitor progress of the locality planning work.</p> <p>Ian noted that there is a meeting tonight with Community Forum and Community Council representatives in Buckie to consider how to take the locality plan forward to the next step.</p> <p>It was also advised that it is intended to raise resourcing with CPOG and the Community Planning Board. A temporary Community Support Officer is in place and this had enabled work to progress. There are 5 further areas that have been identified for work and consideration needs to be given to how to resource this and extend the impact throughout Moray.</p>	
3.2	Moray Compact	<p>Fabio introduced an updated shorter Compact. The revised document takes the key points of the earlier version and expresses these in simple language.</p> <p>Fabio invited the Group to confirm that the document is clear, helpful and makes sense and whether they would be minded to adopt it. There was general support and agreement that the Compact captures the essence of what's required and that it will be presented to CPOG on Thursday for consideration before going to Community Planning Board.</p>	
4.1	Development Sessions	<p>Ian noted that Dawn Brodie, Community Support Officer had approached groups for the Community Development Session to be held on 23 April 2019 in respect to the Community Asset Transfers.</p> <p>It was agreed that tsiMoray Outcome Framework be put onto the Development Session for 23 April 2019.</p> <p>In regard to the LOIP review it was agreed to postpone this to a future Development Session and Jacqui is to look at fixing a date for mid June.</p>	

5.1.	AOCB	<p>Alastair advised about a new Consul Participation Tool which he thinks would be very useful in relation to Participatory Budgeting.</p> <p>Ian is to look at this tool and then circulate around the Group.</p>	
	Next Meeting Dates	<p>The next CEG meeting is to be held on Tuesday 21 May 2019 at 1.30 pm in Main Inkwell Room, Elgin Youth Café.</p> <p><u>Proposed Future Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Performance Reports on Engagement Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Police Scotland (Kerry) • Budget • LOIP Priorities • Action Plan • Children and Families Services Plan 	