



Minutes of Voluntary Sector Partnership Moray Board Meeting 28th April 2010

Present: Eileen Bush MVSO (Chair), Helen Milnes VCM, (Minutes), Donna Breen Wastewatchers, Geoff Ramshaw Moray CAB, Jim Hart MFCHA,

Apologies: Paul Johnson Action for Children, Angela Hinchliffe VCM, Alastair Kennedy Joint Community Council, Anita Milne Moray Forum

Minute	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome, Apologies</u></p> <p>Eileen welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Apologies were noted.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed and seconded by Jim and Geoff respectively.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p><i>Representation of Young People on the VSPM Board</i> Helen reported that Angela had identified two young people who would be happy to join the Board. Helen to ask Ange when they would be coming on to the Board and if there was anything the Board needed to do to accommodate them eg change the times of meetings etc.</p>	HM
4.	<p><u>Economic Impact Voluntary Sector</u></p> <p>The work is being undertaken on behalf of HIE by Solution Management Ltd and Steve Westbrook Economist. Initial emails have gone out to all members of MVSO and VCM. It had been hoped that the collated results would be available by the end of May, but it's likely that the work will take longer than this.</p>	
5./ 6	<p><u>Facilitators Meeting Update</u></p> <p>Jim presented a Communication strategy that the facilitators had been tasked with producing. It was agreed by all that Jim had put in a lot of good work on the strategy. It was agreed to adopt the strategy, although it was felt that the 'implementation schedule' may need to be reviewed as there are still issues around VSPM's capacity to deliver.</p> <p>Helen reported that, on behalf of the shadow board of the new single organisation, Anita has indicated that there would be positive support for VSPM from the new organisation. However, Helen felt that it could be a few months yet before the new organisation was in a position to be able to say what that support would look like in practical terms.</p>	

The facilitators have also said that they would like more information about the organisations and groups on the CPP database to help them better represent the sector. It was agreed that Helen put together some questions which could constitute a 'Survey Monkey' questionnaire. She will send these out to Board members first for comments.

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7. Community Planning – Theme Group Representation

Voluntary Sector rep	Theme group	Substitute
Donna Breen	Wealthier/ Fairer	Helen Milnes
Ian Longley	Greener	Helen Milnes
Helen Milnes	Safer/Stronger	Eileen Bush
Paul Johnson	Smarter	Eileen Bush
Eileen Bush	Healthier	Helen Milnes
Jim Hart	Community Engagement	Eileen Bush

Eileen will be having a conversation with Ian Longley just to bring him up to speed on the Community Planning Partnership.

EB

Eileen will forward the names of our voluntary sector reps to the Council admin people.

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Helen will email round the dates of all the CPP theme group meetings. (This information is on the CPP website along with papers and minutes from previous meetings).

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8. The ACE Programme – (Achieving Community Empowerment Support Programme)

Helen spoke to the briefing paper she had circulated earlier. The ACE Programme is designed to provide hands on developmental support to community groups so that they can improve their skills and confidence to carry out community activity and become more effective. The ACE Programme is paid for by the BIG Lottery Fund and is managed by the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC). The SCDC will provide support to 12-14 groups per year for four years. ACE support is aimed at community groups. They are particularly interested in applications from new and emerging groups who haven't been set up for long. Helen emailed SCDC with an outline of VSPM to ask if we would be eligible to apply to the ACE programme for developmental support for the Partnership: thinking specifically of the work we need to do regarding the development of the Theme groups.

Susan Paxton from SCDC replied and said that from the information Helen had provided she thought that we would pass the eligibility criteria and the type of support available from the programme would clearly be beneficial to the Network given it is at inception stage. However, the programme prioritises support to community groups comprising local people. Susan said that it was unlikely that VSPM, as a network would be prioritised over applications from community groups however she could not say that for sure

<p>9.</p>	<p>as she could not predict who would apply to the programme. Helen said that she felt that the work done on the SVA Change Champions application could be adapted for this application and was happy to have a go. It was agreed by all that it was worth submitting an application but recognised that the likelihood of success was not great.</p> <p><u>Funding Strategy</u></p> <p>The group reiterated their agreement that the time was not right to approach the CPP officially for funding support. However, everyone felt that it was still something we would want to raise with the CPP at some point in the future when they had seen our work.</p> <p>It was also agreed that we need to put a funding strategy in place as one of our priorities. Donna will draft a budget and send it round to everyone for comment.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Elgin Hub – update</u></p> <p>Eileen and Helen reported on the latest developments regarding the Elgin Hub. There is a possibility that Sandy Riddell; Director of Community Services may have the intention of encouraging those voluntary organisations with which the council have an SLA to form a Hub using old council premises. We hope to know more on this in the next few weeks as Sandy Riddell will be circulating a paper outlining his proposals. It's unclear as to how much of the property to be made available will be suitable or how much refurbishment will be required. There are still three or four organisations looking at the possibility of forming a Development Trust with the long term view of either a new build or some major work on an old building. Either way, the Trust will need to raise a substantial sum of money.</p>	<p>DB</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p><i>VSPM – the name.</i> Donna reported that she had received a request from a member of the MSEN to discuss with the Board the name of the Partnership. The comment was that perhaps 'Third Sector' should be included in the title as this better reflected the make up of the Partnership. It was noted that this discussion had been held previously and that the name 'Voluntary Sector Partnership Moray' had been preferred by the majority. However, it was also felt that this may be a conversation to have with the sector in the future, as VSPM develops.</p> <p><u>Date of Next meetings</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the VSPM Board will be: Tuesday 8th June at 2pm at VCM</p> <p>The next meeting of the VSPM Facilitators will be: Tuesday 8th June at 12.45pm at VCM</p>	