

Lochabair Fòram Sgìreil Sheirbheis na Cloinne

LOCHABER AREA CHILDREN'S SERVICE FORUM

Core

Thursday 16th November, 2006
10 am – 12.30 am

Camaghael Hostel, Fort William

PRESENT:	Rosemary Bridge	Area Education Manager (Chair)
	Charles Stephen	Integration Manager
	John O’Kane	Area Community Learning & Leisure Manager
	Emma Tayler	Childcare & Family Resource Officer
	Marie Milne	Midwifery Manager
	Catherine Zawalnyski	Professional Adviser for Children & Families
APOLOGIES:	Theresa James	Locality General Manager
	Pol McClelland	Area Children’s Service Manager
	Stephanie James	Area Principal Educational Psychologist
IN ATTENDANCE:	Maggie Tytler	Administrative Assistant

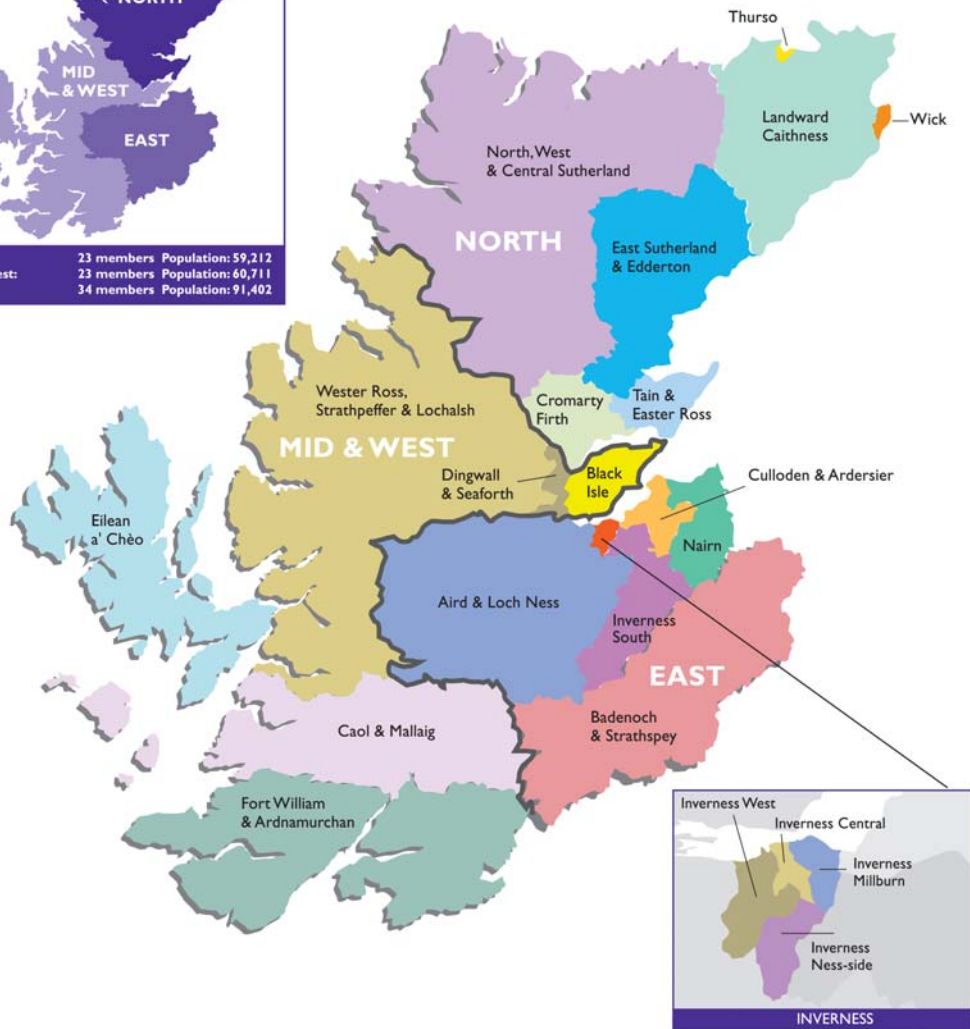
2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD – 5 October 2006 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Family Liaison Officer – Pol McClelland will need to find out from Bill Alexander how this is progressing.• Links between Lochaber High School and An Lar have been explored extensively and a good partnership is emerging. Teacher post - if funding is not being used for An Lar teacher it can go to LHS. Rosemary would like to go over previous minutes to check on funding decision.• Health Centre – SW were offered accommodation but they haven’t taken up this offer. Health would like them to consider it and advise of the outcome.• Meeting with Children’s Champion – Children’s Champion was unable to attend so the meeting had to be postponed and will require to be re-scheduled.
3.	MANAGEMENT OF LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS – Pat MacQuarrie <p>Funding is in place till Christmas 2006 for admin and servicing of Liaison Groups. Pat was requested to come to the group to secure future funding. Education could sustain 0.1 fte. Senior Family Liaison Officer was funded by the Surestart budget, therefore it would have to be discussed with Pol (looking for 0.2 fte).</p> <p><i>The group recommended continued funding.</i></p> <p>Action Charles to discuss with Pol funding .2 fte (approximately £190).</p>

5.	<p>AN LAR VISIT - All</p> <p>Pol, Stephen Iliffe, Charles Stephen, Rosemary Bridge and Linda Thom to meet and visit in An Lar on Monday 20th November. They will be looking at how the facility is functioning, inter agency working and their links between LHS. Look at staffing and delivery of services.</p> <p>John suggested deploying existing NCH staff in An Lar. Charles thought this should be raised with Stephen Iliffe.</p> <p>Rosemary would like to explore different ways of utilising An Lar – Group agree.</p> <p>Catherine suggested having visits from Primary Mental Health Worker, school nursing staff and Community Paediatrician.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>Rosemary to contact Catherine to proceed with this.</p>
6.	<p>SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION & EDUCATION GROUP - All</p> <p>HDAAT (Highland Drug and Alcohol Action Team) would like feedback from Lochaber ACSF on their Substance Misuse Strategy.</p> <p><u>Question 1</u> – What do you see as the priorities for substance misuse prevention and education work in Highland?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education of joint education with children and their parents • Review what is in place and look at levels of abuse <p><u>Question 2</u> –Who do you think are the best people to deliver this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local community • Health Improvement Team <p><u>Question 3</u> – What challenges to you think there might be in delivering this work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice should be user friendly and available where it can be used. More emphasis on positive alternatives and harm reduction. • Effective dissemination of information <p><u>Question 4</u> – What else is needed to ensure we are as effective as possible in encouraging people to make informed life-long choices?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regular planned approach – an ongoing process. <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>Charles to relay this information to HDAAT.</p>
7.	<p>NEW ORGANISATION AREAS - All</p> <p>Charles distributed a map of the proposed new Highland Council Structure. (<i>see appendix 1</i>)</p> <p>Proposed area structure. http://www.highland.gov.uk/NR/ronlyres/D0FFFF7B-A80C-461D-9DD8-C906809EE5E7/0/ECS65.pdf</p>
8.	<p>LOCHABER WOMEN’S AID – EVALUATION – Charles Stephen</p> <p>This was the first time Women’s Aid has completed a formal evaluation form. Because new funding has been allocated to Women’s Aid this is the method they are now using to be scrutinised. When the process is completed for a second time next year statistics can be compared to see how the service is progressing.</p>
9.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma told the group there is a problem with funding transport for parents to

	<p>attend Liaison Groups. <i>The group agreed ACSF would fund.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSW flexible funds from the ACSF budget have been set. Social Work are now picking up some of the activity costs.
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Thursday 14th December 2006 10 am – 12.30 Camaghael Hostel, Fort William</p>



Proposed Multi-Member Wards and Operational Areas



NORTH OPERATIONAL AREA			
Ward No./	Ward Name	No. of Members	2004 Population
1	North, West & Central Sutherland	3	6,055
2	Thurso	3	7,849
3	Wick	3	7,506
4	Landward Caithness	4	9,809
5	East Sutherland & Edderton	3	7,620
7	Cromarty Firth	4	11,652
8	Tain & Easter Ross	3	8,721
	North Area	23	59,212

MID & WEST OPERATIONAL AREA			
Ward No./	Ward Name	No. of Members	2004 Population
6	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh	4	11,758
9	Dingwall & Seaforth	4	11,073
10	Black Isle	4	9,468
11	Eilean a' Cheo	4	9,694
12	Caol & Mallaig	3	8,080
22	Fort William & Ardnamurchan	4	10,638
	Mid & West Area	23	60,711

EAST OPERATIONAL AREA			
Ward No./	Ward Name	No. of Members	2004 Population
13	Aird & Loch Ness	4	10,020
14	Inverness West	3	8,106
15	Inverness Central	4	12,672
16	Inverness Ness-Side	4	10,477
17	Inverness Millburn	3	8,657
18	Culloden & Ardersier	4	11,523
19	Nairn	4	10,809
20	Inverness South	4	7,156
21	Badenoch & Strathspey	4	11,983
	East Area	34	91,402