

DATE	22 ND April 2005	TYPE OF MEETING	Partnership Meeting
PRESENT			
Carol MacRae, Lynne Bannister, Susan Kruse, Susan Campbell, Sam Brogan, Stephanie Bruce, (HPS), Fiona Morrison, Helen Sharp, Raine MacLennan, Susan Russel, Eileen Burnham.			
APOLOGIES			
1. Ian Goode, Morag Robb, Dorothy Cuthbert, Jane MacKenzie, Angela Maclean, Katie Hutton			
AGENDA			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies. 2. Previous minutes. 3. Update from HPS, Childminding Association, CNSA, OOS Fed etc. 4. Women @ Work – Susan Kruse. 5. Childminding Plus – Sam Brogan. 6. Training – Sam Brogan. 7. Job Centre Plus – Road shows – Jane Mackenzie. 8. Development Officers Report. 9. A.O.C.B. 10. Date of next Meeting. 			
MINUTES			
<p>2. Previous minutes – Helen Sharp stated the first spelling of her name was correct. Sam Brogan stated that 0-3 document is in the office from Monday and all partner centres to get a book. Learning Teaching Scotland distributed by all Health staff.</p>			
<p>3. Updates</p> <p>Lynne Barrister – Yvonne is starting a new group of Family First after parents asking about course. Thursday parent and toddler group's numbers are increasing due to nursery children attending. Working well.</p> <p>Badcall/Dundonnell group are delighted as this is a very rural area.</p> <p>Volunteer recruitment is ongoing and new volunteers are currently being trained.</p> <p>Susan Campbell – Funding has been received for the office at Thorfinn House, it has been kitted out. There are some problems with Ross-County getting space, but this is trying to be resolved with Highland Council. An agreement is sought as an interim measure.</p> <p>Sam Brogan – Dorothy Cuthbert has resigned from the SCMA.</p> <p>Stephanie Bruce – Early Years Review is to be in May in Munloch. Enrolments for next year started. Difficulties have arisen in the inspection process. They are finding they are going through the inspection process then finding out the week after that they are not commissioned. Eileen + Ian are meeting with John Ritchie on Wednesday with 2 Local members.</p> <p>Seaboard Toddler project is going well with the new Invergordon Group moving from strength to strength and it is called Little Monsters and a committee has been</p>			

arranged.

Also a new group in Milton who are taking over from the previous group. This has a very positive response, managed by KALE.

Fiona Morrison – There is a new OOSC club in Dunglass to cover Conon and Maryburgh. A pilot scheme for S1 & S2 children based in Dingwall Academy. A meeting with Graham Mackenzie was very positive. It was suggested that 5th or 6th years could come to help with activities rather than childcare.

Helen Sharp – The general feeling is that nurseries and playgroups are over inspected. Donny Macdonald is taking these feelings back.

Raine MacLennan – Ian had been asked to do a letter to Gerry McGuigan requesting training for the sector. Deadline is within next month.

A Service Level Agreement between us and Childcare Partnership is to be looked at, a letter is requested from Ian.

Raine requested that if anyone has any information on ABC nurseries to let her know.

Carol MacRae – Nothing further on package to go to HIE due to holidays holding it up. Ankerville is full until 2006 and this has been their busiest year.

It was felt that the census information conflicts with actual numbers. 300 extra children in the Highlands for 2005. Better information would be from Play at Home but they are not allowed to use it. Highland Intelligence may be able to help with numbers which would be more accurate than the census.

Susan Russell – No change in Routine Child Surveillance, this is still ongoing. Encouragement for Health Visitors to work more closely.

Hall 4 document has been published on 18th April.

Healthy Highland week 20th – 24th June. Susan is the co-ordinator for this.

No language events scheduled but any events arranged with Health focus could be included.

4. Women @ Work

Susan Kruse – This has been re-launched with a Highland wide network. The network has regular monthly meetings, future programmes were given out.

5. Childminding Plus

Sam Brogan – ‘What About Me’ was discussed and the training has been well attended. It was felt that the ‘Skills to Foster’ course was an excellent preparation for taking children into your home. The next one run will be clearly stated that it is for childminders. There was concern what would happen when funding runs out.

6. Training

Sam Brogan – Playgroups were asked for a list of all people with qualifications. Info received has been put on database but not yet analysed.

£224,000 to spend this year. Himats commissioned + continue to fund OOSC Federation. Also commissioned places from Inverness College which we have not had before. Meeting with Donnie Macdonald and Bill Alexander soon.

There is an issue with some nursery auxiliaries not being qualified. Ian to get list to Gerry for funding.

7. Job Centre Plus – Road shows

Jay Mackenzie was not at the meeting but has said that road shows may have to be postponed due to lack of uptake.

8. Development Officers Report.

Creative recycling has been awarded money; a representative from the organisation will do a talk on this.

Crèche cost – Would childminders be able to support crèche? It was thought that it would be preferable to have crèche run differently if funding is available but costs are

an issue. It would be an opportunity for rural areas to have access they wouldn't ordinarily have. Organisations should be encouraged to incorporate costs for crèche. Catherine Zawalnyski may be interested.

Annual Report – This is well on the way and if information needs to be included, please let Ian know. Eileen thought training could be developed further. The West coast to be included also.

Parenting Sub Group – Get in touch with Ian for further information.

Information Pack – This was passed around and any additions were asked for. It was thought it may be difficult to keep it updated. Sam thought if people were using this to phone, she wouldn't know the amount of calls. Various information was left.

Road show Events in Ullapool, Gairloch and Lochcarron in June to discuss what issues in West Coast are, e.g. what is required etc.

Partnership funding 12% funding went to West Coast.

9. A.O.B. – Susan Russell requested that the bowling club car park keep gate closed.

10. Date of next meeting

27th June 2005 at 10.30 at Conon Family Resource Centre.