

An t-Eilean Sgitheanach & Loch Aillse Sgìreil Sheirbheis na Cloinne

**SKYE & LOCHALSH AREA CHILDREN'S SERVICE FORUM**

**Core**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

**1.30 pm – 4 pm**

**Elgin Hostel, Portree**

**PRESENT:** Laurence Young Area Education Manager  
Maureen Keough Area Children's Service Manager  
Charles Stephen Integration Manager  
Andy Mackay Community Learning and Leisure Officer

**APOLOGIES:** Catherine Zawalynski Professional Adviser for Children & Families  
Eileen Burnham Childcare & Family Resource Officer

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Maggie Tytler Administrative Assistant

<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2007</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senior Family Liaison Officer - Maureen commended the model Jean is rolling out in the South. There will be less SFLO time when the new structure is in place, which will affect both Social Work and Education. With regard to points to be addressed –<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Charles has discussed solution focussed training with Bob Leadbetter – who is in agreement.</li><li>Charles has forwarded information on GIRFEC.</li><li>He has clarified the role of the SFLO and sent a link re confidentiality.</li></ul></li><li>Maureen pointed out that parents must be informed about and invited to liaison group meetings but not to meetings where resources are to be allocated.</li><li>Children's Service Worker – there is no funding available at the moment.</li><li>Counselling and Mental Health Service – continued petitioning for an increased service.</li><li>• John Howieson would like continued funding for a post in Portree High School. Charles informed him he would have to complete an application form and it would be considered.</li></ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>BUDGETS – Charles Stephen</b> <p>There is currently an underspend of £21,000 – there are still some salary and grant payments to be deducted. The underspend is mainly due to not making payments to funding grants which were agreed to and less spent on Liaison Arrangements as well as curtailing spending at the beginning of this financial year.</p>

	<p><b><u>Action</u></b>  Maureen and Laurence requested Charles to ask Bill if funding can continue for support workers which were in place for a short period and due to end.  Budget 2007/08 – Bill said to base figures on 2006/07 and maintain the status quo until otherwise notified.  Charles has added SFLO salary increase to come from contingency funding.  The group consider options to fund a Children’s Service Worker post. Laurence to discuss funding part of the post from the SEN budget with his Finance Officer.  At the moment ACSF and Surestart are funding 1.5 SFLO.  The group were aware that budgets may change in the new structure.</p>
4.	<p><b>CHILDCARE PARTNERSHIP – Eileen Burnham</b>  Eileen was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded updated information to the group.  Broadford Out of School Club – the building has been ordered and final adjustments made to the plans. Plans are proceeding with CALA for them to fully manage the club. Site visit with the Care Commission and CALA is provisionally arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> May.  Portree Nursery – Eileen is discussing with the nursery exploring the demand for out of school care for children 5 plus and the potential business case for them to expand to provide OOSC.  Parenting Course - there is to be taster sessions for parents of teenagers.  Positive Parenting Courses – are being delivered up to June. There are no plans for future Parenting Education in S &amp; L. Awaiting funding source. Alan Richards has put in a bid to the Big Lottery Fund.  Two Webster Stratton Courses are currently taking place in Portree and Broadford. 8 – 10 parents are attending.  The Group appreciated Eileen’s updates.</p>
5.	<p><b>AGENCY REPORTS</b>  <b><u>Health – Kate Earnshaw</u></b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update available as there was no representative from Health</li> </ul> <b><u>SW – Maureen Keough</u></b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates</li> </ul> <b><u>Education – Laurence Young</u></b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates</li> </ul> </p>
6.	<p><b>LEARNING DISABILITY – Kate Earnshaw</b>  No up date available as Kate did not attend meeting</p>
7.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maggie Willoughby requested access to Highlife cards for Community Early Years Workers. The Highlife team agreed to this and they are now available to groups across Highland – 4 cards per group. To which there is an annual fee.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Action</u></b>  Andy agreed to speak to Jonathan Ward and produce a leaflet which Charles can disseminate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sleat Primary now have a new grass pitch which was paid from funding received from Sport Scotland funding.</li> <li>• Scottish Executive have agreed to accept an application from Struan, Broadford and Sleat to join 3 projects. All children have been involved in consultation.</li> <li>• YMCA post funding for 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> year – Charles to include this in 2007/08 Development Plan. Partly funded by Education and ACSF.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Summer programme is underway and budget has been ring fenced for this. Maureen was concerned re the lack of a Co-ordinator.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Action</u></b> Andy to find out the amount of funding required to keep this project going.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Next</b> Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2007 1.30 – 4pm Elgin Hostel, Portree