

<b>DATE</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2006	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Partnership Meeting
<b>PRESENT</b>			
Ian Goode, James Cooper, Campbell Stewart, Mandy Oman, Yvonne Munro, David Alston, Ceitidh Hutton, Morven Shepherd, Val Steele, Stephanie Bruce, Morag Robb, Susan Weir, Helen Sharp, Susan Russell			
<b>APOLOGIES</b>			
1. Marion Fraser, Susan Campbell, Carol Macrae, Raine MacLennan, Sam Brogan, Bob Lister, Dorothy Cuthbert.			
<b>AGENDA</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Apologies</li> <li>2. Previous Minutes.</li> <li>3. Transport 2 Employment initiative – James Cooper</li> <li>4. Alan + update – Bob Lister</li> <li>5. Update from HPS, Childminding Association, CNSA, OOS Fed etc</li> <li>6. CC &amp; FRP Development Plan</li> <li>7. Development Officers report</li> <li>8. Date of next meeting</li> </ol>			
<b>MINUTES</b>			
2. <b>Previous minutes</b> – Agreed.			
<b>3. Presentation by James Cooper T2E –</b> T2E is operated on behalf on Highland Council to provide transport from isolated areas where public transport is not available. It has been operating in Sutherland for the past 12 months and has provided low cost transport and helped 35 people. It hopes to serve Easter Ross, East Sutherland and Caithness by the end of the month. Leaflets will be available at Job Centres, Service Points etc. Further information will be distributed via Ian Goode when it becomes available from T2E and further work will be undertaken to look at the specific issue of transport to childcare with T2E-			
<b>4. Alan +</b>  Bob was unable to make the meeting and a short summary was given by Ian Goode on the recent success of the Alan + project which has taken on 4 men in to the staff bank of Direct Childcare. These individuals were recruited from an advertising campaign where 23 enquires were received.			
<b>5. Updates</b> <b>Ross Shire after school clubs</b> Avoch open for 2 weeks – 1 <sup>st</sup> week good numbers attending Maryburgh open 1 <sup>st</sup> week and Strathpeffer 2 <sup>nd</sup> week Culbokie and North Kessock – each club open but numbers not as high as hoped Average attendance at present term time Avoch 14 per day, Strathpeffer 14, North Kessock 7 and Culbokie 8 Security issue in Avoch – ongoing for 18 months Relief Staff – always an issue but now linked into HPS Staff bank			

**CEITIDH HUTTON**

Pilot scheme in Dingwall – Gaelic for parents – night classes

**RSNP**

Easter Playgroup ran both weeks – well attended.

Youth project 14- 19 yr olds underway and going well

**HPS**

Alness Toddler project– New Manager Norma Ruitemann, Seaboard Toddler project – On going – still going well, numbers rising in groups.

**SUSAN RUSSEL**

The Place in Alness has re-opened and will run a group to support teenage mothers and toddlers.

**FAMILY FIRST**

Storage problem in Badcaul asking CC+FRP to help with this issue

**SUSAN WEIR**

Shortage of childminders in Alness and Invergordon. Preparation course in Alness

Childminders Helpline available Mon- Thurs 10 – 4.30 Friday 10 – 4.15

2 New childminders – 1 registered and 1 waiting. In process of setting up groups and get CM to work together.

**6. DEVELOPMENT PLAN – 2006-9**

OOSC, Sustainability, Community plan, Childcare, Training, Full day child care are all seen as a priority for the Partnership, Ian asked if there are any major gaps or comments please let him know.

**Development Officers Report**

Community Regeneration Funding – potential project being looked at in Seaboard through this initiative.

OOSC – Meetings with communities to be held in May to discuss a range of issues.

**Training sub groups** -Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> May to discuss next programme

**Parenting courses** - running in Dingwall, Munlochy, and Ross county Parents on the ball and Get a Goal. We ran out of childcare places in Dingwall to support these courses

West Coast – Ian now covering – future meeting to be held re Toybox premises

Annual report will be out by the next meeting

Dingwall Nurseries – Little Angels based at Seaforth House opening soon depending upon Care Commission, and then they hope to move to Dingwall.

ABC Nursery – opening date not known

**8. A.O.C.B.**

None

**9. Date of next meeting**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 am Conon Family Resource Centre**