

Community Empowerment Group
Thursday 30 March 2023, 2-4 pm

Member	Present
Michelle Cochlan, Aberdeen City Council (Chair)	Yes
Maggie Hepburn, ACVO (Vice Chair)	Yes
Claire Smith, Police Scotland	Yes
Derek Bain, Police Scotland	Apologies
Dave Black, GREC	Yes
Susan Thoms, ACC	Anne Knight substituting
Colin Wright, ACC	No
Martin Wyllie, ACC	Yes
Elaine McConnachie, NHSG	Yes
Iain Robertson, ACHSCP	Yes
Margaret Stewart, ACC	Yes
Anne McAteer, ACC	Yes
Jade Leyden, ACC	Yes
Murray Dawson, SHMU	Yes
Allison Swanson, ACC	Yes

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1.	Welcome & Apologies	All	<p>Apologies received from Derek Bain, Police Scotland.</p> <p>Paul Tytler and Matt Reid both have a change of remit and are no longer members. Thanks on behalf of the group for their contributions.</p> <p>Welcome Charles Bestwick and Michelle McWilliams from SEFARI.</p>	
2.	Actions from the last meeting	All	<p>Actions from the last meeting were marked as complete or will be covered on todays agenda with the exception of:</p> <p>Colin Wright to coordinate input of Dave and Maggie as well and others into the document started by Allison to create a list of community groups currently engaged in the work of Community Planning Aberdeen – No update provided as Colin did not attend the meeting. Margaret will seek an update from Colin.</p>	MS/CW

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			<p>MC to confirm date Cate Armstrong will be attending to discuss Asset Transfer – Michelle advised that she has not responded yet but has been on leave.</p> <p>Colin circulated a working draft easy read CLD Plan Progress Report. Members to provide comments back to Colin by the end of next week – No updated provided as Colin not at the meeting. Murray commented that there had been little opportunity to feed in to the Annual Report against the CLD Plan before the report was prepared and that the process could be improved. Margaret agreed and will pick up with Colin.</p>	<p>MC/CA</p> <p>MS/CW</p>
3	Charles Bestwick, UOA, SEFARI	CB	<p>Michelle introduced Charles Bestwick and Michelle McWilliams from SEFARI Gateway to the meeting.</p> <p>Charles presented the work of SERFARI and highlighted the research work to engage island communities. Unfortunately Ruth Wilson and Jane Atterton expert researchers on the projects were unable to attend this time. Martin Wyllie agreed to follow up with Ruth and Jane to find out more about the specific projects and look into inviting colleagues back to a future meeting so the Community Empowerment Group could consider new ways of working with communities.</p> <p>Charles provided links to the research Demographic Change in Remote Areas SEFARI Is the demographic tide turning for some Island Communities? SEFARI Reflecting on Islands Revival and Introducing Research on the Edge SEFARI</p> <p>The group thanked Charles and Michelle for attending. Martin Wyllie to circulate the slides.</p>	MW
4.	SO16 Improvement Project Charters	All	<p>Project Managers provided and update on progress made forming project teams, key changes made to the draft charters as well as any opportunities/ risks.</p> <p>16.1 – City Voice: Dave focussed on SIMD spread and age representation. Aim to hold a workshop to focus on representation to explore the barriers to engagement. What would make it more likely to engage. Feeds into other projects. Looking at May for project. Barrier around community rep at the moment.</p> <p>16.2 – Child Rights: Margaret building on work of child friendly cities that Jade and Matt have been involved in. Done some work to reflect where change ideas are now. Aberdeen Youth Movement replacing youth council. Exploring how we flip this round to be young person led. Looking to involve the right about me campaign. Community gathering as a way of testing some ideas about engagement/ participation. Still some of project team to meet.</p>	

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			<p>Comments from group members: Murray – note test group – social action through shmu to expand test site. Martin – interested in youth movement and flipping the system Iain – nice to see reference to youth toolkit and modern communications strategy Dave – looking at equalities data and inspection reports to think about that and link with the rights of the child.</p> <p>16.3 – Community Testing: Allison looking at community ideas in locality plan but also empowering partners to do own engagement. Drafted a Microsoft form. Issue to PMs to gather a baseline. Other PMs to feed into that process. Using City Voice questions? Elaine? Test the process on joining up communities and</p> <p>Comments from group members: Murray – focus on testing new ideas but where are we with testing existing ideas. Process that can support taking ideas forward or those within locality plans.</p> <p>16.4 – Community Involvement: Jade and Iain. Project team – few community reps. Community chair person from each of the PNPs. Three individuals and Bob Farthing. LEGs operational again.</p> <p>Comments from group members Murray – Agreed to be team member but upfront that he doesn’t believe the LEGs/ PNP work. Discussion about whether it is the concept or execution that is failing. Project team will explore.</p> <p>16.5 – Community Funding: Not discussed as ran out of time at this point and Maggie had to leave for another meeting.</p> <p>16.6 – Celebrating Communities. Murray explained there is still some tweaking to the charter going on following Bootcamp. Not had first project meeting yet but will be in touch with members.</p> <p>16.7 – Capacity Building: Elaine advised that she has had contact with most of the team members and highlighted issue with the chart in the charter. Michelle will have a look at this.</p> <p>Michelle advised that deadline for final versions of the charters is 10th April 2023. They will be submitted to CPA Board on the 11th.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>ALL</p>
5	City Voice / staff surveys		Not discussed as ran out of time.	

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6.	Update on Communications Strategy and community conference	All	Not discussed as ran out of time.	
7.	AOB		N/A	
8.	Date of next meeting	All	27 April 2023	