

Highland Green Health Partnership

Notes of Meeting Tuesday 3rd September 2024 Via TEAMS

Present:	Dan Jenkins (Interim Chair), NHS Highland
	Helen Perkins, NHS Highland
	Ailsa Villegas, NHS Highland
	Colin Simpson, Cairngorms National Park Authority
	Kate Thomson, NHS Highland
	Imogen Furlong, High Life Highland
	Caroline Vawdrey, Highland Environment Forum
	Trish Gorely, University of Highlands & Islands

Apologies:	Cathy Steer (Chair), NHS Highland
	Alan Macpherson, NatureScot
	Charlotte Mackenzie, Arts in Nature
	Chrissy Lane, NHS Highland
	Lynn Bauermeister, High Life Highland
	Gill McShea, Paths for All
	Gail Prince, Highland Community Planning Partnership
	Joan Lawrie, Highlands & Islands Climate Hub

		Actions
1	Welcome, introductions & apologies Dan welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.	
2	Matters arising/review of action log Action log updated.	
3	Revised Definitions and Guidance – Paper Dan noted Ailsa recently put together a paper that looked at definitions and guidance which was shared with the group. This will be placed on the website and members to refer to it.	All

4	<p>Development Officer update – Annual report</p> <p>Helen shared the Annual report 2023-2024 presentation with the group.</p> <p>Ailsa added, with the group no longer having Sophie as engagement officer, there has been a significant drop in visits to the website so has suggested the communications subgroup reconvene. The concern being is if the site visits continue to drop, there will no longer be a business case to keep it going.</p> <p>The annual report will be presented to the Highland Community Planning Partnership and placed on the website and newsletter.</p>	
5	<p>Sustainability Action Plan – with progress updates</p> <p>Ailsa shared and discussed the sustainability action plan with the group and noted progress. It was noted that a number of actions have now been completed and do not need to be included in the plan going forward. There are also new emerging priorities coming forward. It was agreed to review the plan at the next meeting as it has been one year since its implementation.</p>	All
6	<p>National Green Health Learning Network</p> <p>Ailsa noted the event was chaired by Public Health Scotland and the meeting was used to gauge the need for a learning network. It began by talking about the existing strategic groups such as the NHS Green Spaces group which is chaired by NHS Lothian and they gave an oversight of the plans and purpose of those groups. They combine green health with green space and look at the opportunities for a learning network.</p> <p>Ailsa noted there was overwhelming support for a learning network at the event. There was a breakout room exercise where lots of discussions took place around who should be on these networks and how they should function. PHS will now look at the next steps from the events learning. Ailsa will feedback to the group the next steps from PHS.</p>	Ailsa

7	<p>Charter Progress Update and Upcoming Charter Festival</p> <p>Dan noted the promotion of the Charter continues although the interest has taken a spike. Earlier in the summer a Highland Youth Parliament conference took place, where Dan had the opportunity to point out the Charter to the Highland Council Chief Executive Derek Brown. They are currently working on getting NHS Highland as a whole, as a signatory.</p> <p>Dan noted during Climate month, NHS staff in 6 hospitals sites will host stalls promoting various things, which will be another opportunity to promote the Charter.</p> <p>Ailsa will make the Charter a standing item on the e-newsletter, sharing the latest pledges each month and to also link on the homepage on the website.</p> <p>Highland Climate Hub Instagram page for partners to follow and share; https://www.instagram.com/hiclimatohub?igsh=c2JneGRpdzYxMjh3</p>	Ailsa
8	<p>Nature Prescriptions report</p> <p>Helen shared the Nature Prescriptions; an invitation to connect with nature presentation with the group and outlined progress to date. All partners were encouraged to complete the online TURAS module</p>	All
9	<p>MHDG – Offer out to the partnership</p> <p>Dan noted with Helen's secondment to the role of Development Officer now come to an end, there is a need for a representative from the partnership to sit and report on the Mental Health Delivery Group.</p>	

10	<p>Funding – Discussion – Whole Family Wellbeing/Community Mental Health Fund/Climate Funding</p> <p>Ailsa discussed the ongoing difficulty of funding that fits the partnerships priorities. Ailsa has suggested picking up the health walk coordinator role with Paths for all, looking where the partnership can support them and where the post might sit going forward if funding can be secured. The other project that has lost funding is the Arts in Nature which was hosted via HTSI, Charlotte Mackenzie will continue to deliver independently but Ailsa has suggested the partnership show Charlotte support through commissioning her to deliver services.</p> <p>Ailsa noted she has been producing action plans in Kinlochleven, Sutherland and Ullapool to encourage them to delve into small grant funds. There is an ongoing issue of how we support communities because they are our delivery partners and we need to make sure that green health activities are out there. Feedback on progress will be brought to future meetings of the group.</p> <p>Ailsa highlighted that the partnership need to manage expectations about the progress in the coming year, where there is reduced staff capacity going forward, less funding and more time being used to chase funding, partners should not expect a large page annual report next year.</p>	
11	<p>Climate and Nature referencing/HOIP</p> <p>Gail Prince had provided a summary of updates that have been included into the 2024-2027 Highland Outcome Improvement Plan (HOIP). This was welcomed by the Partnership. The following discussion did highlight some concerns around the level of highlighting the climate emergency in that Plan. It also noted a perception that the references ‘natural capital’ might infer prioritisation of economic and commercial prosperity rather than prioritising protection and the more human prosperity associated with wellbeing.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Partnership wish to continue to positively influence the development and implementation of the HOIP. It was further recognised that the complexities of partnership working (and the range of partners involved in HGHP) necessitates a level of sensitivity and guidance. It was agreed that Dan would go back to Gail and Cathy Steer to ascertain the most effective way to achieve this.</p>	Dan
12	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Next meeting: 3rd December 2 – 4pm</p>	