



The Sutherland Community Partnership

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Partnership Update

NEXT FULL MEETING

Friday 25th August 2017

at

Kinlochbervie Village Hall
Manse Road
Kinlochbervie

from

10am to 12pm

All members of the public welcome

Since our first meeting in October last year the Sutherland Community Partnership has gone from strength to strength and, although it's still in its early stages, we are starting to see some results from the work we are carrying out. In February the partnership supported a schools employment event at Dornoch Academy. Forty stallholders were present, including the Police, Army, Navy, Fire Brigade and the NHS. All were well represented and we received some really positive feedback.

We are also to establish a transport working group to identify ways we can address some of the transport issues in Sutherland, the outcome of this will be communicated in due course and we look forward to updating you with the progress. In addition, the Fuel Poverty Task Force continues to look at ways to support people in Sutherland who struggle to keep their homes warm.

If you live in the Sutherland area I hope you have had a chance to complete our engagement survey. You will see from the update below we are starting to see some really interesting results and even though the survey is yet to close we are already looking at ways we can start to address some of the inequalities highlighted.



The partnership chair Iain MacLelland, Deputy Chair Deirdre Mackay and Ward Manager Garry Cameron planning a Partnership Meeting

Once we have the full results of the survey we will use the data as a basis to create locality plans for the five area's we announced that we will prioritise in issue 1 of the newsletter, these are Golspie, Helmsdale, Brora, Kinlochbervie and Bonar Bridge. The objective of these plans will be to improve

outcomes for each of the localities and to reduce inequalities.

The partnership has helped organise a uniformed service event at Golspie High School which will commence on 6th June. The aim of this event is to provide a greater insight into the opportunities within the uniformed services. Inputs will be given to senior pupils by representatives of each service taking part over a period of four days per agency and the event will be rolled out to other schools within Sutherland.

Lastly, we look forward to holding the next full meeting in

Kinlochbervie on Friday 25th August 2017, all members of the public are welcome so if you get a chance please come along.

Iain MacLelland,
Sutherland Community Partnership Chair

Community Engagement & Survey

The Sutherland Community Partnership survey was launched on 8th February and so far we have had a fantastic response with over 600 surveys completed.

Upon reviewing the initial results we are starting to see some ongoing themes across all communities. Public transport, employment and local economy are scoring the lowest

overall meaning these are some of the areas which you feel have the most room for improvement.

Although we have had a fantastic response, the number of surveys completed by those aged 30 years and under, including children, has not been as high as we had hoped. Please keep an eye out for members of the partnership who will be delivering surveys in your area.

It is important that we hear views from a wide range of the

community, so if you are under 30 and live in the Sutherland area then we would really appreciate you taking 5-10 minutes of your time to complete the survey.

The partnership is still actively engaging with schools and community groups within Sutherland to try to encourage as many people as possible to take part.

With the five localities identified it is hoped that our first locality plan will be drafted for the Golspie area by September this year.

Take the Survey

Do you live in Sutherland and would like to take part in the survey?

If so please click on the link below

[Link to Survey](#)

If you are reading a paper based version of this newsletter a copy of the survey should be attached

Scottish Fire &
Rescue Service
www.firescotland.gov.uk

Police Scotland
www.scotland.police.uk

HIE
www.hie.co.uk

NHS
www.nhs.uk

The Highland Council
www.highland.gov.uk

Voluntary Groups
East Sutherland
www.vges.org.uk

CVS North
www.cvsnorth.co.uk

Contact Us

If you would like to get in touch with the Sutherland Community Partnership we would welcome your comments/feedback. You can contact us in a variety of ways



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www.highlandcpp.org.uk



101 and ask for Peter Allan at the Golspie Service Point



[sutherlandcp3723](https://www.instagram.com/sutherlandcp3723)

Partner Update

Jason Gardiner from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has joined the partnership after his predecessor Gordon McQuade moved to pastures new

Police Sergeant Peter Allan works closely with all Partners and provides regular updates of our work on twitter, if you are not already, please follow us @sutherlandCP

The partnership has built an excellent working relationship with Highlife Highland, Fiona Hampton and her colleagues have provided some great support



Save energy, save money

If you're finding it difficult to heat your home or pay your bills, small changes can make a big difference. Saving energy saves you money, so follow our top tips:

- **Take control of your heating** - Turning your thermostat down by just one degree could save you around £80 a year.
- **Keep the heat in**—Unless your home is very new, you'll lose some heat through draughts. DIY draught-proofing of windows, doors, and gaps around the floor can save you around £25 a year.
- **Be savvy in the kitchen**—Using a bowl to wash up instead of leaving the tap running could cut your bill by £25 a year. If you only fill the kettle with the amount of water you need, you can save a further £7.
- **Switch off**—You can save around £30 a year by remembering to turn your appliances off at the plug, instead of leaving them on standby mode.
- **Make the most of the sunshine**—Line drying your clothes instead of tumble drying could save you £30 a year. Make sure you're only washing full loads - if you cut back on washing machine use by just one cycle a week, you'll save another £5 on your bills.

Home Energy Scotland is here to help. Funded by the Scottish Government, they give free and impartial advice on ways to save energy and keep your home warmer for less. They can help you take control of your energy bills, work out what funding is available to make your home more efficient, and see if you're eligible for financial support, benefits and incentives. Call 0808 808 2282 free to speak to a friendly, local advisor. For more information, visit www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/homeenergyscotland.

East Sutherland Energy Advice Service is part of The Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust and is funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund. The team will visit you in your home and help you find practical and affordable ways to save energy. You will receive a complete energy check of your home and a written report. They can also refer you to other agencies who may be able to help. East Sutherland Energy Advice, Tel: 01863 760 050 Email: sarah@kyleofsutherland.co.uk or cat@kyleofsutherland.co.uk. Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust, Trust Offices, Dornoch Road, Bonar Bridge Sutherland, IV24 3EB.

Home Energy Scotland gives advice to householders all across the country. If you live in East Sutherland, you can also contact East Sutherland Energy Advice Service.

Caveat: household savings are based on a typical three-bedroom semi-detached gas heated house, with an 83% efficient gas boiler and average gas tariff of 3.80p/kWh and electricity tariff of 14.37p/kWh. Savings correct as of May 2017 and valid for 2017.