



Tagidder Shetland

E-Newsletter

Community Planning Board Meeting

Welcome to Issue 1 of the Community Planning e-Newsletter 'Tagidder Shetland'. This issue follows the CPB meeting held on 24 January 2005.

Dialogue Youth is a modern active citizenship in action – connecting young people with their communities and giving them a real chance to engage, inform and influence.

Amongst the many achievements of Dialogue Youth, Key Milestones include:

- The establishment of a Youth Issues Unit, providing a focus for youth issues across Shetland.
- Training opportunities in e-journalism, leading to some young people writing for, and editing the Shetland pages on the national information portal.

<http://www.youngscot.org/features/?id=6406&a=d>

Young people have also been supported to develop Youth Voice Shetland, a forum of young people from across the isles. The executive of Youth Voice, were supported to organise and run a very successful conference in June 2004. Results can be found on www.sic.gov.uk/datashare

It is hoped that a **Community Planning website** will be developed by the Spring. The aims of the website are to raise awareness of Community Planning and its place in Shetland and to produce an accessible one-stop shop for community information in Shetland.

It is envisaged that this website will exist within the 'MyShetland Community Portal' and will take an inter-agency approach to content. The proposal to develop the site will be put to the internet project team at their next meeting in February.

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Special points of interest:

- *Betty Fullerton's time as Chair of the CPB comes to an end in March following 2 years in post.*
- *A network of Youth Information Points has been established in youth centres around the isles.*
- *A Voluntary and Independent Sector Forum is in the process of being established.*
- *Highlands & Islands Fire Brigade are to be represented on the board.*
- *Stage 1 presentation to the Arts Lottery Fund for the Cinema/Music Venue has been received favourably, feedback expected by the end of March.*
- *The Shetland Cultural Strategy is very close to final publication.*





During November a variety of events were held as part of **Shetland: The Long Range Forecast**. Response rates were very good with some 270 people taking part in face-to-face discussions; an average of 300 votes each day in online polls; 500+ postings to the discussion forums and over 15,000 views of those forums. One of the key results was a heightened understanding that young people do not have ready engagement with decision-making in any agency. The CPB, which has a duty to consider long-term strategy, has a particular need to bear in mind the views of the young, as they will have to implement and deliver that strategy. The Board has agreed to investigate further how Young People could be more effectively engaged.

Shetland the Long Range Forecast is the Board's attempt to take a leading role in developing a long-range community vision and strategy for Shetland. The Shetland Resolution and key proposals in support of its aims will become the core content of a series of road shows to be run around local communities from March 2005 with the purpose of providing information about this and asking communities how we can achieve this together.



Click here to view discussion forums or go online at <http://www.myshetland.org.uk/haveyoursay>

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Shetland Community Safety Partnership Successes



Child Safe Shetland Project – this project is being funded by the Community Safety Partnership and is due to conclude in March/April 2005 – the funding awarded by the Partnership will be used to develop an information pack, website & training programme to support voluntary agencies in Shetland to implement child-safe practices.

The Sudden Deaths Group - submitted their Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2003-6 to the Scottish Executive. The Plan outlines how organisations will work together to prevent suicide in Shetland. Several initiatives that were awarded funding have since received recognition by the Scottish Executive and commended for being innovative. Shetland is also one of only a few authorities in Scotland financially supporting voluntary sector drug and alcohol projects, a self-help group and the Community Mental Health Team.

Alcohol Byelaw – The Community Safety Partnership was able to act as a focal point to collate views/research, which resulted in the SIC agreeing to implement an alcohol byelaw for the whole of Lerwick. Our proposals are currently being considered by Scottish Executive. The Community Safety Partnership's focus between 2005 – 08 will be on the following key areas: crime & the fear of crime, diversity, road, safety, personal safety and anti-social behaviour



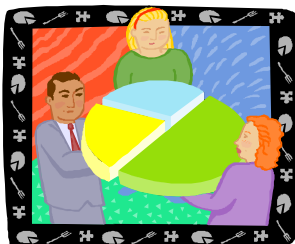
“... Over £110,000 was disbursed to a variety of groups and organisations for community safety initiatives”.

Other Community Safety Partnership initiatives supported during 2004-5 include:

- Message In A Bottle - This is a joint initiative between the Community Safety Partnership and Shetland Rotary Club, designed to save the lives of vulnerable and older people within the Shetland community. Under this scheme, they will be asked to place personal information about their medical requirements inside a plastic container before placing it in the fridge. Paramedics will know exactly where to find the potentially life-saving details should they ever answer an emergency call-out to that person's home because of a symbol placed on an inner door and the door of the fridge, which indicates that there is a bottle in the fridge. This enables the paramedic or doctor to take immediate action based on the medical information contained in the bottle, which can mean correct attention and helps save lives. The bottles, available free of charge, are available from pharmacies, health centres, district nurses and local shops, as well as being widely distributed by the Rotary Club.
- Events Stewarding Training – The Volunteer Centre Shetland received funding to enable them to run Events Stewarding & Serve Wise training for hall committees throughout Shetland. The training covers five main areas - drug awareness, stewarding & security, fire awareness, basic first aid and Serve Wise training
- Anti-Bullying Week - In June 2004, the multi-agency Anti-Bullying Group held an Anti-Bullying Week, using some community safety funding. The week was aimed at P5 – S6 pupils, staff working with children and young people and parents. The week involved an awareness-raising publicity campaign, training events and consultation with young people.

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Datashare



www.sic.gov.uk/datashare

This site is available for sharing aggregate data between organisations. There are already a huge number of interesting documents to be downloaded, including 'Being a Young Person in Lerwick and Bressay', summarising the views and opinions of over 500 young people (12-20) who access services in Shetland, and all data from the analysis of housing by Community Council area.

Use of the site is increasing rapidly, so any feedback you have or if you have any data you think would be useful to share with others, visit the site or contact the Policy Unit.



Equal Opportunities

“Train Shetland will soon be in a position to offer training in Equality and Diversity following a ‘train the trainer’ session in February”.

English Plus – a weekly drop-in session for people with English as an Additional Language has been running since October. The aims of the session are to provide an opportunity for people with English as an Additional Language to talk in English and support each other in an informal setting, while also providing an opportunity for agencies to consult informally with people with English as an Additional Language about a range of issues. The sessions, facilitated by Agnes Tallack from Shetland College, are proving to be very successful.

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CPB Meetings

24 January 2005
31 March 2005
09 May 2005
20 June 2005
05 September 2005
24 October 2005
05 December 2005

Minutes of the Community Planning Board can be found on the SIC, COINS system.

[Http://www.shetland.gov.uk/coinsmenu](http://www.shetland.gov.uk/coinsmenu)

Community Planning Support Team

Do you feel you need assistance or want more information in partnership working; action-planning; or consulting and engaging with communities?

Support in these areas is available from the Community Planning Support Team in the form of consultancy, learning opportunities, good practice and consultancy in the following areas:

- Consulting & Engaging Communities
- Marketing to the ‘Hard to Reach’
- Good Practice in Partnership Working
- Participatory Planning and Evaluation

The role of the CPST is to deliver tailor made support (including learning opportunities, problem solving, sharing of good practice, consultancy) to meet the needs of Community Planning partners, including Shetland’s communities, in order to enable everyone to participate in the Community Planning process.

For further information please contact the Policy Unit.

Community Planning in Shetland

Everyone should be involved in community planning, if they wish to! – Shetland is, communities, community groups, specialist groups, voluntary sector, private sector and public agencies. However, this isn’t going to happen over night. The Scottish Executive intimate that it’s here for the long haul, and it’s the difference the process will make in 10-15 years time that is important.

This way of working is not new in Shetland: strong cultural identities and community, where agencies, communities and individuals have worked together over the years for the good of Shetland.





Community Planning Newsletter

“Reports and Minutes of the Community Planning Board are available on www.shetland.gov.uk and will soon be available on a new Community Planning Website currently under development”

Since 2000 the Community Planning Board has produced several newsletters, covering topics such as what is Community Planning? Equalities; Health Improvement; Young People; Community Safety; Economic Development; Environment; Housing and Cultural Issues.

It has since been proposed to formalise the newsletter and use it as a regular form of communication on what's going on. A briefing note will be produced after each meeting of the CPB which will then form the basis of the community planning newsletter. The newsletter will also contain information on other initiatives on going as part of community planning. It will then be distributed electronically and hard copy to a wide variety of organisations and individuals, including being available on the Internet.

Feedback

What do you think of this newsletter? Is it useful? Is it informative? Is there anything that has been missed out that could have been in it? Please forward any comments to the Policy Unit

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