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Community Planning Board Meeting

Welcome to Issue 5 of the Community Planning e-Newsletter. This issue follows the CPB meeting held on 5 December 2005.

RAF Saxa Vord

The December meeting took place in Unst. Before the meeting, board members visited Saxa Vord and in the evening a public meeting was held.

Since the last CPB meeting, staff from the Council and Shetland Enterprise have been working to put in place an Unst Response team (URT). The main focus of the URT will be job creation and job dispersal. Fiona Stirling has

been appointed as the URT Project Team Leader and it is hoped that the other two mem-



bers of the URT will be in post in the New Year.

The Sub-Committee of the Economic Development Forum, set up to lead the regeneration programme in the North

Isles, has met three times and have been discussing the assets at Saxa Vord.

Meanwhile the North Isles Initiative at the Edge group have been working on a Development Plan, following consultation taking place over the last three months. They hope to distribute the finalised Development Plan by mid-January.

Datashare Site

The datashare website has moved to www.shetland.gov.uk/datashare

The aim of the site is to improve accessibility to data through a single, easily searchable source.

It contains both reports

and raw datasets on everything from health, education, equality and diversity to transport and climate. Data from Shetland in Statistics are also currently being added.

If you would like more

information, or if you have data you would like to add to the site, please contact Anna Sutherland on 01595 744510 or email anna.sutherland@shetland.gov.uk

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A summary report is available at www.shetland.gov.uk/consultation/documents.asp

Careers Guidance Training

In February 2006 Careers Scotland will be running a series of one day courses for practitioners which aim to increase access, take up and understanding of careers guidance.

Courses will include basic and advanced

interviewing skills, an evaluation workshop and a much valued day devoted to ethical practice.

The courses are free of charge and open to everyone from community work, education, training, social

work and voluntary sectors.

For further details contact Alison Bruce on 01595 695791 or email alison.bruce@careers-scotland.org.uk

Your Voice

The results of the third Your Voice survey of 585 people across Shetland are now available. The findings are available to organisations in Shetland who deliver services to the public, to assist them in making decisions about those services and to engage

with the public.

In the third questionnaire we were looking for views in the following areas:

- Planning
- Housing
- Community safety
- Transport

- ICT

For further information please contact Anna Sutherland on 01595 744510 or email anna.sutherland@shetland.gov.uk

Regeneration Outcome Agreement

Shetland's Regeneration Outcome Agreement has been approved by the Minister for Communities.

This agreement sets out how we will use £130,000 per year for 3 years, in order to tackle poverty and social exclusion.

Part of the funding will

be targeted thematically across Shetland and part will be used to target specific areas such as Northmavine, the North Isles, parts of the West Side and Firth and Mossbank.

For further information please contact Emma Perring on 01595 744537 or emma.perring@sic.shetland.gov.uk

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Shetland Alcohol & Drug Action Team

Shetland Alcohol and Drug Action Team has been successful in a bid for communications funding from the Scottish Executive.

Our proposal outlined that we would support both the Health Scotland adverts targeting binge drinking and the Scottish Executive adverts on cocaine and heroin. We said we would do this by bring-

ing PACE Theatre Company up to Shetland to deliver 10 days of performances to all 2nd-6th year high school pupils. After each performance a number of workshops will be facilitated using forum theatre as a means of further exploring and discussing the issues raised in the performance.

PACE Theatre Com-

pany have found this type of activity an 'effective way of exploring issues and acts as a unique catalyst for discussion and awareness'.

For further information please contact Jenna Leask on 01595 743089 or jenna.leask@shb.shetland.scot.nhs.uk

Volunteer Centre Shetland

The role of Volunteer Centre Shetland is to provide a one-stop shop with information, guidance and support to volunteers and to work with volunteer organisations in all sectors to improve the practice of those working with volunteers.

In other words, if you are interested in volunteering and would like to find out what opportunities are available, or if you are an organisation with volunteers which is looking for support please contact us. Sue Beer is the Volunteering Co-ordinator, and you can contact her on 01595

743909 or email sue.beer@shetland.org

In September Laura Singer joined Volunteer Centre Shetland in the new role of Youth Volunteering Development Worker. Laura's brief is to encourage young people throughout Shetland to consider volunteering, to promote the volunteering that young people are doing, and to work with organisations who would like to look at ways of encouraging young people to volunteer with them.

Laura administers the Millennium Volunteer

Awards which recognise the contribution that young people make to the local community through their volunteering activities. Volunteering can be a great way for young people to gain confidence and learn new skills, while exploring work options for the future. In turn, these young volunteers can bring a fresh approach and energy to the work of community organisations. To find out more about this exciting project please get in touch with Laura on 01595 743911 or email laura.singer@shetland.org

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Communications Funding is to be used in support of national drug and/or alcohol resources.

For more information visit

www.shetlandvolunteers.org.uk

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Efficient Government Project

Currently, this project which aims to investigate better ways for local public sector organisations to co-operate with each other, is focussing on the Council and NHS Shetland. The Steering Group have put forward a hypothesis that, "Shetland public services could be better governed and managed through one newly created public body". At the moment,

this is being tested through discussion and debate with a wide range of individuals and organisations. A team working on this project has recently visited Guernsey and the Aland Islands to find out how these island communities organise and deliver public services. At present, the team are drawing their findings together into a re-

port for the Steering Group. In the New Year, the Steering Group will take soundings from partner organisations, NHS Board members and politicians to see whether or not to take these ideas forward. For more information please contact Hazel Sutherland on 01595 744990 or email hazel.sutherland@shetland.gov.uk

Get involved, go to www.shetland.gov.uk/consultation/transportconsultationfrontpage.asp

Transport Consultation

The Council is currently looking into the current and future transport needs of Shetland, in order to draw up sound proposals and actions for the future.

In order for the first stage of this work to be as useful as possible, the Council are keen to get information and views from as many people as possible, on all areas of transport:

- within each of the islands;
- between the islands; and
- externally.

How Can I Get Involved?

The SIC's consultants, FaburMaunsell, are spending time within communities throughout the Isles: visiting health centres, care homes, schools, youth clubs, under-5s and businesses, for example. As much as possible they will be trying to visit you, to find out what you think. Evening workshops will also be

held, hosted by Community Councils. A list of dates can be found at www.shetland.gov.uk/consultation/TransportDates.asp

There are other ways you can get involved:

- by downloading the www.shetland.gov.uk/consultation/TransportConsultationFrontPage.asp and following the instructions to submit;
- By contributing to discussion threads on www.myshetland.org.uk/haveyoursay; or
- Sending comments in to comments@fabermaunsell.com.

Results will be shared online, as they become available at www.shetland.gov.uk/consultation/results.asp

Quality of Life Funding

Projects that have been successful in their bids for Quality of Life funding have been announced.

They include funding for Disability Shetland Recreation Club; Dogs Against Drugs; Equestrian Association of Shetland; Lerwick Pipe Band; Moving on Em-

ployment Project; NHS Shetland; Scalloway Youth Centre Trust; Shetland Befriending Scheme; Community Development; and the Education Department. Quality of Life funding comes from the Scottish Executive and is designed to allow local communities to focus

on improving their environment and promoting community well-being. Shetland's allocation is £376,000 per year for 06/07 and 07/08.

Community Planning Support Team

The Community Planning Support Team has announced a new programme of training.

The following courses are available:

- Community Engagement;
- Reaching the Hard to Reach; and
- What Difference are you Making? - A frame-

Dates for these courses are detailed below. For further information contact the Community Planning Support Team on 01595 744537 or email policy@sic.shetland.gov.uk

The support team can

work for evaluation, planning and monitoring.

also offer reviews of partnerships, contact us for more details.

17 January 2006—What Difference are you Making?

14 February 2006—Community Engagement

29 March 2006—What Difference are you Making?

4 April 2006—Reaching the Hard to Reach

Every local authority in Scotland has received its share of Quality of Life funding to address local issues.

For more information go to www.shetland.gov.uk/communityplanning/

