

# The Sutherland Community Partnership

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**NEXT  
FULL  
MEETING**

Friday  
17th  
March  
2017

at

Highland  
Council  
Office  
Drummie  
Golspie

from

10am to  
12pm

All  
members  
of the  
public  
welcome

## Introduction

I am Chief Inspector Iain MacLelland and I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of the Sutherland Community Partnership newsletter.

Councillor Deirdre Mackay and I have been working together to build on the good work already undertaken by the Sutherland District Partnership and I am pleased to inform you that Councillor Mackay has accepted the invitation to take up the post of deputy chair.

The Sutherland Community Partnership has been established following the



introduction of the Community Empowerment Act 2015. This Act will help to empower community bodies by strengthening their voices in local decision making. It will also provide better outcomes for communities by improving the process of community planning, ensuring local service providers work closely with communities to meet their needs.

The Sutherland Community Partnership consists of a core group containing representatives from the five partners (Local Authority, NHS, Police

Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and Highlands & Islands Enterprise), the Voluntary Sector will also provide support and input.

To date we have had two partnership meetings. The first took place on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016, and plans were commenced for partner

workshops to take place where relevant inputs were given to all partners which identified key areas within Sutherland where support is required. The second meeting took place on

20th January 2017, when we announced the initial five areas which the partnership will prioritise and details of our engagement strategy.



## The Localities & Engagement

Our aim is to identify and address local inequalities.

Initial analysis has identified five areas which we will prioritise as a Partnership, these are Helmsdale, Brora, Golspie, Bonar Bridge and Kinlochbervie.

We will be speaking directly with each community to identify your needs and priorities. This provides the opportunity for you to have your say and tell us what you feel are the most important issues within your area.

Engagement will take place in a variety of ways to enable us to hear as many people's views as possible. We are in the process of arranging visits to a number of groups and organisations within the communities and once the dates and venues of these are known they will be announced locally and on social media. A paper based survey will be made available and it will also be accessible online.

### 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](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk)

**Police Scotland**  
[www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

**HIE**  
[www.hie.co.uk](http://www.hie.co.uk)

**NHS**  
[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

**The Highland Council**  
[www.highland.gov.uk](http://www.highland.gov.uk)

**Voluntary Groups  
East Sutherland**  
[www.vges.org.uk](http://www.vges.org.uk)

**CVS North**  
[www.cvsnorth.co.uk](http://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



@SutherlandCP



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Website Under Construction



101 and ask for Peter Allan at the  
Golspie Service Point

## Meet the Partners

All Partners in Sutherland have been providing valuable input to the Sutherland Community Partnership



Garry Cameron  
Highland Council



Gordon McQuade  
Scottish Fire &  
Rescue Service



Frances Gunn  
CVS North



Lorraine Coe  
NHS



Christine Ross  
vges



Angela Simpson  
HIE

## Join Scotland's fight against fire

### Home Fire Safety tips

- Keep portable heaters away from curtains and furniture and never use them for drying clothes.
- Unplug or switch off portable heaters when you go out or go to bed.
- Fit a Carbon Monoxide detector in all rooms containing gas or paraffin heaters.
- Never leave an electric blanket switched on when you're in bed unless it's marked 'suitable for all night use'.
- Check your electric blanket, plug and flex regularly for damage. If you're in any doubt, don't use the blanket.
- Unplug fairy lights or other electrical Christmas decorations when you leave the house or go to bed.
- Extinguish all candles before you go to bed. Never leave a burning candle in a bedroom.
- Be especially careful with night lights and tea lights, which can get hot enough to melt plastic. Always put candles on a heat resistant surface/ holders.
- Leaving cookers unattended or being distracted while cooking is the most frequent cause of fire in the home. Never cook hot food while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Most fatal fires are caused by smoker's materials. Don't smoke in your chair if you've been drinking or you're feeling tired. If you do feel tired smoke outside or stand up and smoke at a window or outside door.
- Check your smoke and heat alarms are working. Replace batteries if necessary.

It is essential that your home has a working smoke alarm on each level of the property. If a fire starts, this will give you and your family time to get to safety.

As part of our commitment to building a safer Scotland we offer everyone in Scotland a free home fire safety visit. We can also fit smoke alarms free of charge if your home requires them.

To register for a FREE Home Fire Safety Visit call the SFRS Freephone number: 0800 0731 999, or visit the website at <http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/for-householders.aspx>