

**Banff Development Partnership
Deveron Community & Sports centre, Banff
12/12/2017 at 1900 - 2100**

Attendees: Cllr Glen Reynolds – (Chair), Christine Webster- Regeneration & Town Centres Manager, Jan Emery – B&B Area Project Officer, Phil Hemsley (Banff Harbour), Morna Harper – Service Manager, Business & Community, David Locke (Churches Together), David McCubbin – VisitAberdeenshire, Dave Acton – Motive Offshore, Kirsty Black –project officer (Delivery team)

Item	Description
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u> All were welcomed to the meeting, introductions were made.</p> <p>Apologies were received from, Linda Hendry, Karen Wiles, Naomi Mason, Councillor Cox and Councillor Roy.</p>
2	<p><u>Note of previous meeting</u> An update on the Day Markers project was noted, it has been discussed at an informal session of the Area Committee and we are awaiting further details from the organisers. The creation and launch of the North East 250 route was also welcomed which could link with the Day Markers project.</p> <p>Note of meeting was agreed.</p>
3	<p><u>Call to Action</u> The call to action was circulated after the last meeting and was embraced by all. The Visit Aberdeenshire event was fully booked and further events are being planned with transportation providers. A Cruise Project Manager will be recruited by Visit Aberdeenshire on a 2year fixed term contract.</p> <p>Thanks to everyone for sending out the call to action round their contacts.</p> <p>JE and DM to meet the new Cruise Project Manager once in post. LH to forward details of the cruise ready guide from Visit Aberdeenshire.</p> <p>An e newsletter would be produced by Economic Development for distribution approximately once per quarter. This can be distributed to the community through the Area Managers office.</p>

4	<p><u>Bridge Street Masterplan</u> Some background was given about the lower Banff masterplan exercise which has led to the commissioning of consultants to produce a detailed public realm design for Bridge Street. This exercise has begun and is due for completion in the first quarter of 2018. Funds are not yet available for the implementation of the design, although it was felt important to have a plan ready for funds becoming available either within the council or from external funding sources. There was a positive discussion about the plans being created, although the communication messages relayed to the public will be very important.</p>
5	<p><u>Heritage Trail</u> This item will be deferred to the next meeting.</p>
6	<p><u>Digital Economy Discussion</u> The Depute Headmaster from Banff Academy was not available to attend the meeting to discuss the more strategic issues. However there was an interesting discussion about how the digital economy could contribute to the delivery of the plan as well as areas, for example the banks, where the digital economy was impacting in a negative way.</p> <p>MH to forward details of voucher scheme for businesses to access better broadband to LH for circulation.</p> <p>MH & CW to meet with Opportunity North East to see how they intend delivering their digital workstream and how we might work in partnership for the benefit of the regeneration area.</p>
7	<p><u>Invites next meeting</u> TURF should be invited to discuss their proposed community event. The Cruise Project Manager, if in post, should be invited to the next meeting.</p>
8	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 20 March 2018 @ 1900 Deveron Community and Sports Centre</p> <p>Proposed dates for the coming year Tuesday 19 June and Tuesday 18 September 2018</p>