

Fraserburgh Regeneration Development Partnership
Note of meeting held on 28 May 2019, 6pm
 At Fraserburgh Community & Sports Centre

Attendees:

Cllr Topping (Chair), Cllr Mair, Cllr Kille, Cllr Buchan
 Jill Smith, Fraserburgh Harbour Commissioners
 Angela Keith, Interim Area Manager - Banff and Buchan
 Linda Hendry, Project Assistant – Note taker
 Alastair Rhind, Strategic Regeneration Executive
 Karen Paterson, Brown & McRae
 Duncan Abernethy, NESCOL
 Lynda McGuigan, Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Discover Fraserburgh
 Jan Emery, Banff and Buchan Area Project Officer
 Pamela Neri, Enterprise Manager, Fraserburgh Enterprise Hub

Apologies:

Gillian Bain, Project Officer - Regeneration

Agenda Item	Description
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed all.</p> <p>Cllr Topping – Declared an interest in the CCTV project and if this was to be discussed, he would gladly leave the room.</p>
2	<p>Note of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The note from the last meeting on 22nd January 2019 was agreed and it was confirmed that all actions had been actioned or were in progress.</p>
3	<p>Project and Financial Commitment Update (Paper)</p> <p>AR provided the normal financial overview of commitments and spend to date. Commitment has increased to c. 64% since the last meeting with a leverage rate of c. £1:£4.20. This is slightly ahead of the anticipated leverage at the start of the Plan however AR cautioned that match funding was becoming increasingly more difficult to access with public budgets stretched and EU funding becoming fully utilised.</p> <p>A couple of the projects were discussed in more detail:</p>

	<p>a) <u>Fraserburgh South Links Sports Development Trust</u> have recently advised that although they were successful in recruiting a Co-ordinator, unfortunately shortly after accepting the role the candidate declined the post. The Trust is now considering what direction they will be going. The Regeneration funding and match funding (Robertson Trust) that has been secured for this project will not be held open indefinitely.</p> <p>b) <u>Fraserburgh Fitness Centre</u> - funding commitment to this project remains in the figures, however they are struggling to find the match funding. The Regeneration funding will remain under review but may need to be withdrawn.</p> <p>New Projects agreed since the last meeting included the Glover Japanese Garden project (£25k) and a £3k grant to Fraserburgh 2021 / NESPT to carry out a viability assessment on whether the former Clydesdale Bank could form part of the John Trail project.</p>
4	<p>Regeneration Snapshot (Paper)</p> <p>AR introduced the annual ‘snapshot’ document which is designed to provide a very high level overview of all complete and current projects that have been financially assisted through the existing and previous Regeneration Plans. This is mainly an information tool and useful in demonstrating all of the activity that has been supported.</p> <p>JS – Fraserburgh Junior Arts Cinema - can you advise is the £1000 solely for promotional costs as she has become aware that the FJAS is currently reporting a loss for these events? AR – Yes, the funding is for the production of tickets and flyers.</p> <p>There was discussions about how we encourage the cinema group to become more independent and less reliant on Council support.</p> <p>LM – Offered support if the Fraserburgh Junior Arts wished to look at other funding opportunities.</p> <p>Ake – Noted that the Cinema project had been supported for a long time. For any project it is important that they grant recipients have a forward plan and the capacity to become self-sustainable.</p> <p>The group expressed a desire to agree a press release to update the local community on some of the key activities that have been progressed through the regeneration plan.</p> <p>ACTION – AR to draw up a draft press release and circulate to the Partnership for comment.</p>

	<p>DA – asked about progress with the Missing Shares pilot project. AR – this is targeted at specific properties and the understanding is that the first properties have been approved by all owners and are nearly ready to proceed.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Super Saturdays</p> <p>AR updated the group on the Council's rationale for terminating the funding agreement with the Fraserburgh Development Trust for the Super Saturdays project. This was a difficult and disappointing action to take, but is considered to be the right decision given the reduction in number and variety of stalls and the reducing footfall to the events.</p> <p>Officers are working with the FDT to close the project and any remaining funds will be returned to the regeneration budget for Fraserburgh.</p> <p>It is hoped that as the new Business Association develops its plans and objectives that there might be an opportunity to support them in some way.</p> <p>The Councillors reported that they unanimously supported the decision.</p> <p>DM – asked what would happen to any assets that the FDT had purchased with Council grant – particularly the stalls used for the events. AR – the assets remain the property of FDT, who are still a going concern, but should continue to remain available for other community use as they do now. Options to be discussed with FDT as part of the closure process.</p> <p>AK – asked about the status of the new Business Association? PN sits on the Committee and reported that they are looking at formal constitution. First event (music trail) is this weekend.</p> <p>JE – happy to engage with the group at the appropriate time. Important that they develop clear objectives and purpose.</p> <p>BT – PN to pass on the appreciation of the Partnership that the business association has come about and we wish to support and help where we can.</p> <p>Pamela mentioned the new #fraserburghfinest tag to capture positive news stories about what is happening in the town and to help try to overcome negativity.</p>

6	<p>Main item: Regeneration of the Beach area (Paper and presentation)</p> <p>AR ran through the presentation which the group received in advance picking up key points. Note that the presentation is a factual account of the event, without edit or interpretation and therefore not all feedback is necessarily endorsed or will be able to be taken forward.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that this could be circulated to attendees of the event with a 'health warning' advising caution on the content.</p> <p>BT – What is the timescale for further consultation and youth engagement? AR – The next stage should be to distil the information into a simple set of objectives and vision for agreement with the Partnership at the next meeting.</p> <p>DA – asked that NESCOL be involved in future engagement.</p> <p>BT – Had been advised that the Community Council did not recall receiving an invitation. LH – advised that they were on the invite list and that all groups were given the responsibility to agree who they would send and that they were in attendance.</p> <p>A number of the elements of the presentation were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webcam - keen to see this reinstated, perhaps as part of a wider project to improve the Surf building. Café Connect currently own this so it is likely that a new one will be required – perhaps doubling up as CCTV coverage. • BT raised the issue of the build-up of sand along the promenade near the shelter / play area which can block the seaward view from some of the benches. This sand is removed to clear the footpath and is piled up causing obstructed views. • BT also suggested that some of the concrete benches could be replaced with metal ones. • LM - #Fraserburgh48 plans are currently being developed and implemented. • DM – Discussion underway with the possibility of the 'Gathering of the Clans' surfing event to take place in Fraserburgh next year. • AK – Colleagues in cultural services are considering an application for a number of events under the 'Year of Coasts and Waters 2020' programme. • Beach Café – The Café has reopened under new management. The internal improvements made have been well received. AR – discussions are ongoing regarding a regeneration-supported project to help improve the exterior of the building. All agreed that this would be a positive development.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor accommodation in the town is still a pressing need – not necessarily at the beach, but more generally. LM – there is capacity in the local area for bed space but there is nowhere that can accommodate coach visits. The aim of #Fraserburgh48 is to encourage longer stays through a digital content campaign. • KP – asked for the latest on the John Trail building. AKi – NESPT own the building and funding has been received from the Council and other funding streams to convert into a small hotel, with a potential operator found. Also exploring whether the former Clydesdale Bank building can be acquired and included in this scheme. • DM – the Council are currently reviewing Play Parks and looking at options for accessibility swings. <p>The group were grateful for the feedback from the event and agreed that it was a useful first step in developing more detailed plans. Invited officers to develop a skeleton vision and objectives for the next meeting.</p> <p>ACTION – AR and GB to distil the feedback into packages of projects and develop a brief Plan for discussion at the next meeting.</p>
7	<p>Key Projects and Roundtable Update</p> <p>DM and JS – reported disappointing news that Lunar will be withdrawing their pelagic landings in Fraserburgh. It is unclear whether this will lead to any local loss of jobs. This decision will also impact on Harbour revenues.</p> <p>JS – Fraserburgh Local Alliance with Moray East (FLAME) have offered to come along to the Partnership to give a presentation to the group. After some discussion the group decided it was inappropriate for this to take place at this time and that the Council officer group should continue to assist the Harbour in their work and report back accordingly.</p> <p>JE – Expressed concern that the anticipated wider economic benefits of the MOWEL project had shown little evidence of materialising yet.</p> <p>JS – the draft Masterplan for future developments of the Harbour has been published. Early indications suggest that the overall feedback is generally positive to date. https://www.fraserburgh-harbour.co.uk/images/Draft_Masterplan_for_Fraserburgh_Harbour.pdf</p> <p>AR reported that as we are now at the mid-point of the current Regeneration Action Plan, it is felt that it is a good time to take stock and review progress – to ensure that the Plan is still locally relevant and whether there needs to be more specific focus on certain</p>

	activities. The group agreed that this would be a useful exercise for a future meeting.
8	<p>Items for Future meetings</p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Action Plan • Mid-term Review of the Action Plan
9	<p>Date of next meeting(s) – All from 18.00 – 20.00 at Fraserburgh Community and Sports Centre</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd July 2019 Tuesday 29th October 2019</p>

AGREED