

**Fraserburgh Regeneration Development Partnership**  
**Note of meeting held on 22 January 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  
 Gillian Bain, Project Officer - Regeneration  
 Duncan Abernethy, NESCOL  
 Pamela Neri, Enterprise Manager, Fraserburgh Enterprise Hub  
 Jan Emery, Banff and Buchan Area Project Officer

Apologies:

Lynda McGuigan, Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Discover Fraserburgh

| <b>Agenda Item</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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| <b>1</b>           | <p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed all and wished everyone a Happy New Year.</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>  |
| <b>2</b>           | <p><b>Note of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The note from the last meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 was agreed and it was confirmed that all actions had been actioned or were in progress.</p>   |
| <b>3</b>           | <p><b>Fraserburgh Enterprise Hub Project Update (see Paper 3)</b></p> <p>Pamela Neri attended the meeting to provide an update on the Enterprise Hub project. This project is considered to be the key intervention under the Economy theme in the Action Plan.</p> <p>The purpose of Fraserburgh Enterprise Hub is to provide the town and surrounding rural catchment with support for self-employment, starting new and growing existing businesses. The project is run by Elevator with funding and strategic support from the Council and the European LEADER programme. It will initially run until June 2020.</p> |

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|   | <p>Pamela described the activity that has been ongoing since she started in August 2018 and her colleague, Tracey Buchan, in November 2018. This includes substantial networking and a number of events in the town and wider area. Also support for a number of businesses and individuals. The reception from local stakeholders to date has been generally very positive.</p> <p>Ultimately the Hub is expected to be based in The Faithlie Centre, though this has been delayed due to the issues on the build. This has allowed more time and effort to be spent on making connections, planning and outreach. The project is adopting a 'pop-up' approach by visiting local centres and libraries etc. across the project area.</p> <p>Whilst development of The Faithlie Centre has paused, and in order for the Hub to continue to deliver services and increase visibility and accessibility in the town, the project is looking to take a short term lease in a shop front in School Street. AR confirmed that it is believed that the funding for this can be found within the current project budget but that a future request to Area Committee for a small budget increase may be required in the future to cover these unexpected costs.</p> <p>CB asked how the funding for the work in rural areas was being met. AR confirmed that the LEADER funding (which is a rural economic development fund) was conditional on the project benefitting a wider area than just the town.</p> <p>Pamela asked for the group to support the project, spread the word, and refer any potential local clients to them for assistance.</p> <p>The Partnership thanked Pamela and Tracey for all their work, energy and enthusiasm and offered their support where it is required.</p> |
| 4 | <p><b>Project and Financial Commitment Update (see paper 4)</b></p> <p>Financial commitment is currently at 62% against the overall Regeneration allocation for Fraserburgh with us approaching the mid-point in the Plan. Nearly 50% of the funds committed have now been spent. Leverage for every £1 we are leveraging £4.35 of other funding, which is ahead of expectation.</p> <p>Whilst a good level of funds remain in Theme 1 – The Economy and Theme 2 – The Environment, there is some pressure on Theme 3 - People, Communities, Health &amp; Wellbeing which has very little left to commit – mainly due to two substantial commitments to the Fitness Centre and South Links. It is, however, within the gift of the Partnership to move budget around with sound justification.</p>   |

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|   | <p>In 2018, the Fitness Centre were unsuccessful in gaining funding from the Scottish Government Capital Regeneration Grant Fund. This has left a substantial hole in the funding package for the project. All avenues are being explored, however there is an expectation that they may request additional funds from Regeneration. In this event, and should their request be supported, the Partnership would need to consider the wider implications on the deliverability of other areas of the Plan.</p> <p>DM – expressed concern over Fraserburgh Development Trust and asked for an update on their activities and plans for Super Saturdays.</p> <p>AR – the FDT are due to submit their annual report at the end of this month. The current funding package runs until the end of the year.</p> <p>AKe – met FDT recently for the first time. There are concerns over their financial stability due to reduced income being realised from their Hub building, which is currently up for sale. The FDT are looking at financial options, including revenues from a proposed wind turbine site. They are expecting to develop a future strategy over the next few months</p> <p>PN – The Enterprise Hub will make contact with FDT to see how they can help them.</p> <p>AKi – requested a follow-up meeting between the Ward 3 Councillors and the FDT in the spring to understand their forward plan.</p> <p><b>ACTION – AKe to continue to liaise with the FDT and set up a meeting with Councillors at the appropriate time.</b></p> <p>DM – asked when the South Links Sports for Intervention project was going to start. GB replied that her understanding was that they were looking to start the recruitment process in January and have someone in post in February.</p> <p><b>ACTION – GB to get a full update from South Links.</b></p> |
| 5 | <p><b>Planning Regeneration of the Beach Area (see Paper 5)</b></p> <p>At the last meeting it was agreed to develop a longer-term vision for the beach area rather than use Regeneration funding for a quick short-term fix.</p> <p>GB introduced the discussion paper on the proposed ‘invitation only’ workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.</p>   |

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|   | <p>The proposed format was agreed and some additional stakeholders to invite identified. 'Save the date' notifications to go out shortly.</p> <p>DM reported that she will be away on this date but will seek to provide comment in advance.</p> <p>There was discussion about trying to entice new and previous events back to the town – such as the 'Gathering of the Clans' surfing competition, kite surfing, windsurfing, sand yachting etc. Need to build upon the 'Sports Hub' brand.</p> <p>AKe – Advised the group that 2020 is the Scottish 'Year of Coast and Waters' with funding available for events (50% match funding required). GB is talking to partners to see what intentions already exist for this initiative.</p> <p>DM – funding was provided to the Surf Club through YVYC for new equipment which seems to be rarely used. What can we do about this? GB – one of the main problems is the lack of qualified instructors and examiners locally. Currently courses take place only in Cornwall.</p> <p>AKi – can we look at training of local people and possibly fund this to be more self-sufficient and increase use?</p> <p>BT – there are some short-term issues for the beach area, including a general overhaul of some paving, benches and shelters. This needs to be considered at the event also as well as the longer-term ambitions.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Partnership meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April would be rescheduled to allow for full focus on the workshop on this date. The event will run from 18:30 -20:00.</p> <p><b>ACTION - LH to circulate dates for a replacement meeting in May.</b><br/> <b>ACTION – AR and GB to progress plans for the workshop.</b></p> |
| 6 | <p><b>Site at The Braes, Fraserburgh (see Paper 6)</b></p> <p>This site is owned by the Aberdeenshire Council and we have been asked to seek views on the best future use of the site.</p> <p>Given the size, neighbouring uses and anticipated costs of decontamination, housing is unlikely be a suitable end use. Possible light industrial use or to hold the site until such time as assembly of a larger area might be possible.</p> <p>The Partnership unequivocally stated their support for the Harbour and the opportunities emerging from the off-shore O&amp;M contract.</p>   |

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|   | <p>The explicit view is that this site, and others in Council control, should be considered for uses that support the Harbour and the MOWEL off-shore operations and supply chain growth. First refusal should go to their needs with no immediate decisions made until such time as they might deem it as not needed for their project. A wider view is required on Council-owned property to support this.</p> <p><b>ACTION – AR to feed this strategic steer back to the Council’s property service.</b></p> <p>AKe – There will be a number of conversations with the Harbour and their requirements for the future and a working group has been established to support the Harbour. Agreed that DM would represent the Councillors on this group.</p>  |
| 7 | <p><b>Key Projects and Roundtable Update</b></p> <p>AKe – Discussions have started with regards to Gulls and the perception that they are getting more aggressive. Aberdeenshire Council are committed to find solutions – control and education, but this will need to be done with the support of local businesses and residents. The Council requires an accurate picture on where the gulls are nesting, so partners are asked to report local intelligence to Jan Emery. This focus was welcomed.</p> <p>DM – asked that if cranes are to be used, would it be possible to install preventative measures at the same time?</p> <p>DA - Historic buildings and maintenance courses continue at NESCOL (funded through F2021) and are proving popular. Contact the college for more details.</p> <p>The partnership invited Pamela Neri to attend future meetings and become a formal member of the group.</p> |
| 8 | <p><b>Items for Future meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach</li> <li>• Fraserburgh Fitness Centre</li> <li>• Fraserburgh Development Trust</li> </ul>  |
| 9 | <p><b>Date of next meeting(s) – All from 18.00 – 20.00 at Fraserburgh Community and Sports Centre</b></p> <p>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (beach workshop)<br/> Rescheduled Meeting TBC in May<br/> Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019<br/> Tuesday 29<sup>TH</sup> October 2019</p>  |