

Fraserburgh Regeneration Development Partnership
Note of meeting held on 27 August 2019, 6pm
 At Fraserburgh Community & Sports Centre

Attendees:

Cllr Topping (Chair), Cllr Mair, Cllr Kille, Cllr Buchan
 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:

Jill Smith, Fraserburgh Harbour Commissioners

| Agenda Item | Description | Actions |
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| 1 | Welcome and Introductions The Chair welcomed all. | |
| 2 | Note of previous meeting The note from the last meeting of 28 th May was agreed. AR advised the group that the action to prepare a draft press release on achievements was outstanding. The Group agreed that this should be done when a new news-worthy story was available. All other actions had been actioned or were in progress. | |
| 3 | Project and Financial Commitment Update AR provided the normal financial overview of commitments and spend to date. We will be going through the financial statement in greater detail during the Mid-Term review session in October. New Projects agreed since the last meeting included the Beach Café Exterior Improvement Project £8,462, Frozen Fraserburgh 2019 £4,400 and Fraserburgh Movie Night £850. The financial commitment includes the £150,000 for the Fraserburgh Fitness Centre, this is secured until the end of October. The Council were continuing to support the Centre with funding opportunities, but at the current time it is felt that it was unlikely that the project would be in a position to proceed as envisaged. As part of the Mid-Term review the Regeneration funding for this project should be reviewed. AKe mentioned that one opportunity could be to increase the funding offer but that this would have an impact on other projects. | |

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| | <p>AKe – The Mid-Term review is the time to make the final decision on the funding package.</p> <p>DM – Fraserburgh South Links Sports Development Trust, Co-ordinator is there an update on this? ACTION: AR is meeting with the group this week and an update will follow.</p> <p>Super Saturday 2018 – 2019 has now been closed off. Part of the final agreement was to ensure that the storage and availability of the equipment was included, this will run until the end December 2019, when the project would otherwise have finished. The Group raised concerns as to what would happen with the assets after this time. There are various groups in Fraserburgh that would benefit from the use of the equipment. FDT will be reviewing the situation in the new year and may seek to transfer ownership to other local groups.</p> <p>ACTION: AKe advised the group that a briefing paper on the closure of the project was being prepared and would be shared with Councillors.</p> <p>CB – Glover Garden where are we with this? There are continuing legal discussions with the owner of the site to ensure that funding conditions imposed are acceptable to all parties. The project is likely to be delivered in 2020.</p> | <p>AR</p> <p>AKE / AR</p> |
| 4 | <p>Main Item: Regeneration of the Beach Area</p> <p>AR introduced the Fraserburgh Beach Draft Vision / Mission Statement which was built from feedback from local stakeholders at the workshop on 30th April 2019 and will be subject to further community consultation and testing. This document had be circulated earlier in the summer for feedback.</p> <p>Following the workshop event, attendees were invited to join a Steering Group to move the Beach Project forward. Interest in participating in this group was minimal.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Objectives / Principles that are laid out in the draft document be agreed with some minor changes. The group also felt that the Vision was too wordy. Key considerations agreed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To move the objectives and principles on to the next stage – an Action Plan of short, medium and longer-term priorities for further local consultation. This will be considered at the meeting in October; • Revise the 'Vision' to be less wordy and more locally responsive; • Important to enhance linkages with the Sports Hub / Village concept; • Colour schemes / palette needs to be considered – at the moment there are many colours used randomly; • Lighting on the promenade – AKe pointed colleagues to 'Secure by Design' standards which may be useful; • Public Art approach could be a positive way of engaging local community, schools and NESCOL. <p>Accessibility linking the beach to the Town Centre, parks and sporting facilities. Timescales are very important and we need to be mindful that the current Plan is half way through.</p> | |

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| | <p>Concerns were raised about recent incidents in the water. Water and beach safety are key issues and some new signage and education was important. The lack of accessible defibrillators is also a concern (there is one inside the Surf and Lifesaving building but this is not available when the building is closed). Fraserburgh Community Council are going to be contacting the Surf Club with regards to the Defib and to see if they would be willing to have it house on the exterior of the building. Other options could include the Café and/or the Caravan Park. AR - It should be possible to develop a 'package' of safety measures under a single project for regeneration funding rather than addressing this piecemeal.</p> <p>AKe – Advised that the Council's Landscape and Community Safety Services are working together on appropriate signage advising of the dangers and that a corporate policy on defibrillators was being reviewed.</p> <p>BT – Thanks to Ken Regan and team for the painting of the areas at the beach, which had improved the look of the vicinity. However, some concerns over lack of care and attention to finishes and the build-up of sand which obscures the views from some benches.</p> <p>The group were reminded that the Beach had £10,000 allocated from the Action Plan. It is likely that this will need to be increased during the Mid-Term review discussions. It will also be important to understand the budgets from other areas of the Council allocated to the beach area to ensure best value for money.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that developing the wider beach project is a considerable resource undertaking. There was discussion around the possibility of engaging external support to help with this project, though the Group concluded that this is better done within the Regeneration and Area Manager's teams for the time being and accessing other Council services such as professional visualizers.</p> <p>ACTION: AR and JE to progress to the next stage and report back in October.</p> | AR / JE |
| 5 | <p>Introduction to Mid-Term review of Action Plan</p> <p>AR: We are approximately half way through the current Action Plan, with the Mid-Term review due to take place in October. This will form the main part of the next meeting. We will need to review how successful we have been to date in achieving what we set out to deliver, whether we wish to change the Plan, focus on specific interventions and propose to amend notional budget allocations between Themes.</p> <p>Supporting documentation is in development and full details will be sent out to the Group in good time to allow time to read over before the meeting.</p> | AR |
| 6 | <p>Date of next meeting(s) – Confirmed 29th October 2019</p> | |