NOTE OF PETERHEAD DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, 5th December 2017

The Chamber, Buchan House, Peterhead

Present: Councillors Stephen Smith (Chair), Anne Allan, Dianne Beagrie, Alan Fakley, Norman Smith, and Iain Sutherland; Martin Danziger, Robert Emslie, Alison Gardner, Elaine McCarron, Robert McGregor, Christine Webster and Chris White.

Apologies: Phyllis Mundie and Stephen Paterson.

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Welcome and apologies

Councillor S Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Phyllis Mundie and Stephen Paterson.

Minute of Last Meeting (19th September 2017)

The Minute of meeting held on 19th September 2017 was approved by Councillor N Smith, seconded by Martin Danziger.

Membership – discussions have taken place regarding the membership of the Development Partnership and a couple of names have been suggested. Christine will personally visit and fully brief the proposed members and report back to the next meeting.   CWeb

Education Service Update – Unfortunately the results from the survey which was carried out by Tim Stephen's Team over the summer have not been received yet.

Encounter and Drumming Up Reports

Martin Danziger presented his Encounter and Drumming Up Reports.

Community Hub – a contract was issued to Modo to ascertain the medium/longer term aspirations for Peterhead. Christine confirmed that the focus will move from Fraserburgh to Peterhead and it is planned to work with colleagues in Environmental Planning for a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) type project.

Drumming Up – started in 2015 and a series of events were carried out on a Saturday afternoon in the town centre bringing people in and helping the locals feel safer and proud of what they have. 45 events have been held and 40 groups have participated. It is thought a total audience of 36,000 have visited during the events and an additional 20,000 additional hours spent in the town centre.

Oot and Aboot – following concerns regarding antisocial behaviour and youth annoyance incidents, Modo in partnership with Aberdeenshire Community Planning and Safety Partnership have worked on the Oot and Aboot project to make spaces in the town more useful for the whole community.

Choose Peterhead – the Scottish Government funded Charrette was held over the summer of 2016.

Encounter – the Encounter Café opened in June 2016 providing an indoor space for youths to congregate. Over 600 youth visited Encounter last year (some evenings have 50 participants). The Language Café and Conversation Café is also going from strength to strength. The Opportunities Café has now stopped following the opening of Compass Point. Police Scotland have reported a 15% reduction in crime in the town centre following the start of Encounter.

Encounter Culture – have worked with a number of organisations and groups for various events, for example - Scottish Opera, On Mass, Lustumo, NEAT and Ticking of the Clock.

Martin confirmed that the most valuable partnership created from the work of Encounter is with the people who live within 500 metres of the town centre.

In Martin's opinion, an unmet need for the town is a Community Cultural Hub – a venue which would stimulate change.

Suggested properties for a Hub would be the Drummers Bar/Gala Bingo/nightclub or the Muckle Kirk which are obvious venues. It was agreed the owners should be approached and basic questions would need to be answered before any views can be formed. A guide price would also be very useful. Martin will find out as much as possible and report back to a future meeting.   MD

Martin was thanked for his report.

Rediscover Peterhead

Robert passed on John Pascoe's apologies – he was unable to attend the meeting (John is the BID Chair). The BIDs first meeting was held on the 19th October and they have been meeting once or twice a week since then. The BID Board still require a financial director and the BID Manager will be starting in the new year.

A couple of projects will be ongoing during the run up to Christmas – a "Finding the Elves" competition for the kids and every business has been issued with a small Christmas tree for outside their property.

Sports Network Development

Your Voice Your Choice has run for the past two years and one of the outcomes from the Big Vote Events was that members of the public found it very useful for finding out what was going on in the community, how the groups could work together and promote each other's work. The development of the Community Sports Hub for Peterhead very much came from the community and Aberdeenshire Council have agreed to facilitate setting one up for Peterhead. There are currently eight Community Sports Hubs throughout Aberdeenshire. The next meeting of the Community Sports Hub will be held on 12th December, where they hope to identify a number of priorities and start to pull together an action plan.

Drummers Corner Status

Elaine gave an update on where we are with the Drummers Corner project. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Brief which Elaine has prepared will be circulated to the Development Partnership for comment. It was agreed by the Group that it would be better to delay the works until following Scottish Week '18 and get everything right. An Interim Development Partnership meeting will be held on 16th January 2018 to agree the final Brief. Once the Brief has been agreed it will be circulated to Landscape Architects.

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Artventure – Steph advised that the Artventure AGM was held on 4th December at Peterhead Academy during their Design Awards Event. The quality of work on display was amazing. Steven Rae's commissioned piece was also unveiled.

Artventure have new members of the group and office bearers were elected.

Light Up Peterhead – Councillor Beagrie updated the Partnership on the very successful Light Up event.

Date and time of next meeting

An interim meeting of the Peterhead Development Partnership will be held on Tuesday, 16th January.

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The next meeting of the Peterhead Development Partnership will be held on Tuesday, 27th March at 12noon in the Chamber, Buchan House, Peterhead.

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