

NOTE OF PETERHEAD DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, 12th June 2018

Peterhead Academy

Present: Councillors Norman Smith (Chair), Dianne Beagrie, Stephen Calder, Anne Simpson (sub for Alan Fakley) and Stephen Smith; Heather Barclay, Rachel Boal, Max Booth, Martin Danziger, Alison Gardner, Robert McGregor, Audrey Michie, Phyllis Mundie, Iain Sutherland, Christine Webster and Chris White.

Apologies: Councillor Alan Fakley.

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Welcome and apologies

Councillor N Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Fakley.

Minutes of Last Meeting held on 27th March 2018

The Minute of the meeting held on 27th March 2018 was approved by Councillor D Beagrie, seconded by Councillor S Smith.

Education Service Update – Max Booth confirmed that a paper will be reported to the Buchan Area Committee on 19th June. The Peterhead Campus has been included in the Capital Plan for £71m.

The report which was presented to the Buchan Area Committee back in February 2017 gave options for a new build on the same academy site or Kinmundy. A lot of work has been done on assessing the two sites, however, a decision has not been made on the preferred location yet. Ritchie Johnson, Director of Business Services is leading a Working Group looking at the Peterhead Masterplan. More detailed information will be included in the report to the Buchan Area Committee next week.

The consultation process will include an engagement strategy which covers the wider public and groups. We need to ensure we are not raising unrealistic expectations. The statutory consultation can take 18 months to conclude before the Scottish Executive makes a decision. Sports Scotland will also have views. Max added that Officers try to have the most effective engagement strategy as possible – including the press, schools, libraries, social media, health visitors etc – but they will also be looking for everyone to promote the consultation.

Sports Consultation – Rachel Boal advised the 1,415 people were consulted over the summer last year and the results were circulated at the meeting. It was interesting to see the range of sport / leisure users and the theatre was highlighted as very important to everyone.

Terms of Reference

A copy of the Peterhead Development Partnership Terms of Reference which was agreed back in March 2017 was circulated with the agenda.

It was agreed that the Peterhead Development Partnership was collaborate working and will be outward looking with robust and positive debates. Each theme on the Peterhead Action Plan will be discussed over the next few meetings to ensure the Plan is being monitored.

Changes to Membership – Councillor Norman Smith is the Chair for the next 12 months. Councillor Anne Allan has been replaced by Councillor Stephen Calder. Ian Laidlaw has left Peterhead Port Authority and Simon Brebner, the new Chief Executive will be added to the mailing list. Peterhead Community Council should also be added. Christine will discuss a representative from Peterhead Scottish Week Committee joining the Group with Terry Moran. It was agreed an additional representative from the business community should be invited to the meetings. Councillor N Smith will speak to Craig Finnie from Finnie 4x4.

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Communication - Extracts of information will be issued to the press via Economic Development staff as they know what and when information can be released and will ensure positive stories are shared for the best interest for Peterhead.

Once the minutes of the Peterhead Development Partnership have been agreed they are added to the Aberdeenshire Council website and made publically available.

The Terms of Reference were agreed by the Peterhead Development Partnership.

Review of Priority Theme 3 – Peterhead Town Centre

Christine advised we are 18 months into the 5 year Action Plan.

Business Assists – Heather advised that there was not a strong need for support at the moment following the results of a questionnaire which was circulated. 34 businesses were e-mailed and 20 paper copies of the questionnaire had been circulated and businesses were visited. 26 businesses responded and concerns were raised regarding the academy possibly moving from the town centre.

There have been a reduction in the gull nuisance complaints and the cleanliness is being worked on by Waste Services and BID.

Property Investment Fund (PIF) – there are a few properties in the pipeline for PIF.

Retail Overview – Christine and Audrey gave a presentation on the Retail Overview. There is a decline in the national stores across the country due to a number of reasons including high rents and rates and the increasing competition from the internet.

Footfall Counters have been installed in various locations in the town centre. The data gathered will be sent to operators and food retailers. The highest record of footfall was during Scottish Week.

It was agreed we need to be supporting the existing businesses as well as trying to encourage new businesses into Peterhead. CWeb / AM

Drummers Corner – short update

Christine advised that Fairhurst have been instructed to obtain a structural survey. Mark Elliot from TGP will be presenting further drawings to the Peterhead Development Partnership and Area Committee on 19th June.

Clerkhill Shops – short update

Robert advised that two tenders had been received back for the Clerkhill work. One was £10,000 over budget and the other was £30,000 over budget. The costs can be reduced by removing the speed table and one tree. Work is still ongoing with the project.

A.O.C.B.

Regeneration Capital Grants Fund – potential projects are being encouraged to apply for Regeneration Capital Grant funding. Peterhead Area Community Trust (PACT) along with Fraserburgh Fitness Project are two possible applications. Representatives from the Scottish Government will be in the area at the end of the month to look over the projects.

Staffing Situation – Elaine McCarron has moved to a new job based in Woodhill House. Elaine's post has been advertised and interviews will take place next week.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Peterhead Development Partnership will be held on Tuesday, 25th September 2018 at 12noon in the Chamber, Buchan House, Peterhead.

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