

**Regeneration Development Partnership
Macduff Town Hall
05/03/2018 – 7-9pm**

Attendees: Cllr R Cassie (Chair), Cllr M Findlater,
Christine Webster – Regeneration & Town Centres Manager
Karen Wiles – Interim Area Manager
Jan Emery – B&B Area Project Officer
Naomi Mason – Project officer
Linda Hendry – Project Assistant (Note Taker)
Stanley West – Macduff Heritage Group
Edward Acton – Macduff Heritage Group
Lorraine Smith – Friends of Tarlair

Apologies: Paul Thomas – All-in-House
John Watt – Macduff Shipyards
David McCubbin – Visit Aberdeenshire
Hamish McLeay – Bachlaw Projects
Tessa Fitzjohn – Macduff Revival

Item	Description
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>All were welcomed and apologies given.</p>
2	<p><u>Note of last meeting</u></p> <p>Note of last meeting was reviewed and agreed.</p> <p>Call to Action was circulate to all after our last meeting. Thank you for forwarding on to your contacts.</p>
3	<p><u>Macduff Vison & Action Plan Overview</u></p> <p>CW – Reminded the group that the plan was constructed in 3 parts.</p> <p>Place Development a lot of the projects are physical so it's hard to see the changes been made immediately but these will become apparent.</p> <p>Community well-Being and Quality of Life</p> <p>Diverse and Forward Face Economy</p>

	<p>The plan is progressing well with £174,700 legally committed to date. With a further project agreement subject to Council Committee approval of £187,600 from Regeneration funding. If this is agreed the total amount committed £362,300 which comes to a third of the funds.</p> <p>Early estimates for the harbour projects are coming in over budget. . We are looking for a steer on how we move forward. All were happy for the work in the harbour to continue and understood that the project will come in over budget.</p> <p>Theme 2 £4,000 has been committed.</p> <p>It was noted that a variety of local groups are struggling to get people to participate.</p> <p>ACTION – Social Welfare to be added to the next Agenda. Invites to be sent to Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action, Rev Hugh O’Brien and Robin Wiseman.</p> <p>JE – A number of iPads have become available within Aberdeenshire Council. At this moment the project is just getting underway but the vision is for the iPads to be made available through partners in suitable locations. It was agree that the use of the iPads will be much need with the role out Universal Credit changes due at the beginning of June 2018.</p> <p>It was suggested that contact should be made with Brighter Horizons. ACTION - JE</p> <p>ACTION – JE to pull information together and share with the group at the next meeting. Where the gaps are in the provision of support on the Social agenda.</p> <p>CALL TO ACTION – All to share the information to be circulated by Linda about the up and coming workshops in March and May 2018. The workshops have come from feedback that Naomi received from businesses.</p> <p>Enterprising Challenge Fund has also been relaunched. This fund aims to encourage business and community groups to organise and work together. Contact Naomi or Linda for more information.</p>
4	<p><u>Participatory Budget Model</u></p> <p>JE – There is a range of digital tools that can help with public engagement. A steering group is currently looking at how and on what topics participatory decision making might be most beneficial for Banff and Macduff, it was explained that this was part of a participatory democracy movement. As we know that the</p>

	<p>communities in Banff and Macduff are very exercised in landscape related matters we are proposing to start there. The group were asked if there were other concerns at community level that might benefit from this type of participatory decision making.</p> <p>To help understand what we are aiming for the officer steering group has been looking at landscape services. So the need to approach works in a different way by asking the public what they think of the proposal. So by creating a model digitally we can give scenarios along with the budget.</p> <p>Concern was raised that not everyone has access to PC's/iPads. The data can also be collected in hardcopy so all are eligible to be involved.</p> <p>What about a tool to map out community groups/ volunteer time etc. Are residences aware of the number of groups that there is in Macduff. Maybe a democracy of the groups needs to be formed so all groups work together.</p>
5	<p><u>Heritage Trail</u></p> <p>NM - Phase 1 was a digital treasure trail project from Banff and Macduff primary school, 93 pupils worked with Global Treasure Trail. Where they learned about their towns, digital skills and how to write questions.</p> <p>In December there was a launch of the digital app at Duff House with a formal launch to take place end of May beginning of June.</p> <p>Historic Environment Scotland were late joining the trail programme but it's been good having them working in Partnership. Feedback from the teachers was excellent. The children commented on how they have enjoyed mixing with the other school. A large number of children had never been in Duff House.</p> <p>CALL TO ACTION – Details on how to access the app will be sent to all and all to send to network's to increase awareness and encourage use.</p> <p>Phase 2 of the Heritage Trail we will be looking at a combined physical, interpretation and digital trail throughout both towns.</p> <p>Possible application to NESFLAG once more details have been confirmed. No funds have been formally agreed for phase 2 yet.</p> <p>The group suggested working alongside Moray Council in promoting each other's trail.</p>

6	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>MF – Farmers Market, are an established group looking for sign to show that it's there. Details to be forwarded to NM.</p> <p>MF – Reminded the group that there is a variety of History items located at the Mintlaw storage facility.</p> <p>JE – The Strategy Regeneration Group met in January and discussed Tarlair. Key data that is on file should be revisited before agreeing to new consultancy work. There is a further meeting due to take place at the end of March.</p> <p>ACTION - Invite Tristian walker to next meeting</p>
7	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 28 May, 1900 -2100 at Macduff Town Hall</p>

agreed