

**Regeneration Development Partnership
Macduff Parish Church Hall, Macduff
02/12/19 – 7-9pm**

Attendees: Cllr R Cassie (Chair)
Christine Webster - Regeneration & Town Centres Manager
Christina Wright – Visit Aberdeenshire
Linda Hendry – Project Assistant
Martin Robertson – CLD worker, Aberdeenshire Council
Stanley West – Macduff Heritage Group
Edward Acton – Macduff Heritage Group
Hugh O’Brien – Minister Macduff Parish Church
Andy Simpson – Session Clerk Macduff Parish Church
John Watt – Macduff Shipyard

Apologies: Suzanne Rhind – Regeneration Executive
Dr Iain Brooker – Macduff Medical Group
Hamish Mcleay – Bachlaw Projects
Angela Keith – Interim Area Manager
Jan Emery – Project office Area Managers Office
Matt Lockley – Service Manager
Pat Wain – Friends of Tarlair

Item	Description
1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> All were welcomed and all members of group introduced.
2	<u>Note of last meeting</u> Note of last meeting was agreed.
3	<u>Financial Update</u> As per note of the last meeting no changes to report on spend or committee figures.
4	<u>‘Community Works’: Presentation from Martin Robertson, CLD</u> MR presented Community works which is a Community Development project to help improve living experience and work experience in the area for all. Ensuring that the correct services are been accessed from childcare, to support in ensuring that wage levels are maximised. The project is designed to encourage a whole community approach. Welfare seminars have already taken place with more happening in 2020 for practitioners working in Macduff and Banff on Universal Credit, It is key to increase income maximisation awareness with the schools to help increase the up take in free meals, clothing grant and free music tuition. There is a focus group with a handful of parents looking at childcare and its affordability and if there is adequate provision that is genuinely accessible to all. This is still in the planning stage with an aim to start work early 2020. Community Learning and Development (CLD) are investigating Corra Foundation funding of £20K for local projects a local steering group will be

	<p>formed to help inform a mini public process to award funding to local groups. There will be four themes: Children Survive & Thrive, gender Justice, Mental Health Matters and A safe place to be.</p> <p>A networking event will be held in 2020 with multiple partners working with children and families across Macduff and Banff to help build awareness of support available.</p> <p>Future plans – the project would like to explore the living wage and increasing the volume and success of this in Macduff. Holiday hungry working with the current foodbanks in Banff and Macduff. Continuing to build networks to empower communities to take control locally.</p> <p>ACTION – MR to send presentation to RC for tomorrow.</p> <p>CW – How do you as a community feel you can engage with the programme. Focus has been on action research wider work will commence in the new year. As both communities are different.</p> <p>RC- Living wage how would you envision this evolving? MR – By starting small and working with a couple of business as ambassadors and build momentum from there.</p> <p>There has been an increase in poverty in the last 12 months since the roll out of Universal Credit. Which has seen as rise of 100% at the foodbanks.</p> <p>Network event will be advertised via the schools, social media, business, local forums. HO'B – The church is happy promote this event via their networks.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Tour of Macduff Church Hall, Revd. O'Brien (approx. 19.30)</u></p> <p>The group were given a tour of the hall which had recently underwent a refurbishment of £138,000 raised by the congregation and a grant from the common good fund. The church is looking to utilise the facility more for the local community.</p> <p>Many thanks to Aberdeenshire Council for their support.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Mid-Term Review Update</u></p> <p>CW – Last meeting we discussed the Macduff Vision and Action plan that started in 2016. How we were progressing in the plan and where we are today, all attendees were asked what priorities they wished to take forward, with limited attendance at our last meeting SR is arranging to speak to the members of the group that were unable to attend.</p> <p>The review is not a detailed evaluation it is more about overall direction and prioritisation rather than an in depth analysis and evaluation of progress.</p> <p>ACTION LH to Circulate Draft Report to the group. Please let us know your thoughts on this document.</p>

	<p>A recent data review took place in April 2019 and this data was used to consider any significant changes. The data review indicated new factors around depopulation and income changes. Improvements from the data review were to develop the Libraries Innovation Network Aberdeenshire Project in Macduff to facilitate the growth in the self employed and digital sector. Inclusive growth agenda. Penetration of regional initiatives to the north coast – discuss with all strategic economic partners more effective delivery models for stretching initiatives to the area.</p> <p>Immediate issues being addressed include the living wage with a meeting arranged between CLD and Business development to explore how best to take this forward.</p> <p>RC – Figures very impressive</p> <p>CW – The main targets that are behind schedule are leverage, in kind contributions and on increase in visitors. Volunteer contributions have been counted via number of hours, rather than number of people, meaning a disparity in the figures, despite having a good volunteer contribution to the plan.</p> <p>RC -Wellbeing aspect isn't measurable in finance so no true figures.</p> <p>Outputs and outcomes are largely on track at this mid way point and no particular increased focus is needed as projects deliver the balance of the outputs.</p>
7	<p><u>Projects Updates</u></p> <p>Macduff Harbour A consultant has been appointed for the study of the North Pier electrics. RC – A programme has been produced but unsure if the harbour group have seen it and has feedback been received. Lack of harbour advisor committee meetings. ACTION – CW to speak with harbours direct about the concerns regarding the consultation as a matter of urgency. Confirm date of next harbour meeting as an exceptional meeting maybe required prior to February.</p> <p>JW – It would be advisable for the consultant to look at the power points at Peterhead and Fraserburgh harbours.</p> <p>The ice machine is expected to be operational within the next 2 weeks. JW – Spoke to Graeme at harbours about the ice machine which is still waiting on approval. There are safety concerns about the operation of unit and longevity concerns about the infrastructure itself.</p> <p>Structural repair to West Pier and improvements to barrier at the slipway works are been carried out. The working prototype of the website is being tested.</p>

	<p>Macduff Aquarium</p> <p>CW – Thanks to members after last meeting to help push forward the decision on the options appraisal. We have asked for the Aquarium to confirm if they will be requiring the funding but no real response has been given. RC would speak to the Head of Service to get an idea on where they are.</p> <p>‘Oor Watter’s – Year of Coasts & Waters’ ACTION- SR Update to be sent to the group along with the note.</p> <p>LINA Imitative has been launched with Macduff launching in January 2020 Up take has been good. ACTION – DR to share information to the group with regards to the launch.</p> <p>Macduff Business Survey CW – Debbie is starting to engage with the business in Macduff on what their business needs and opportunities are.</p>
8	<p><u>Community Event 2020 Discussion</u> Move to next meeting</p>
9	<p><u>AOCB</u> JW – The current ship lift is limited to support 350 tons. A quote has been sought to increase to 400 tons with an approximate cost £30,000. An email had been issued but no response on this request. ACTION - CW and RC to check this.</p> <p>Update on the above given 3 December 2019 - CW spoke to Graeme about the project and funding has been secured for an investigation.</p>
10	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 2 March 2020 Monday 8 June 2020 Monday 31 August 2020 Monday 30 November 2020 Macduff Town Hall, time of meetings 1900 - 2100</p>