

**Regeneration Development Partnership
Macduff Town Hall
03/09/2018 – 7-9pm**

Attendees: Cllr R Cassie (Chair)
Christine Webster – Regeneration & Town Centres Manager
Suzanne Rhind – Regeneration Executive
Stanley West – Macduff Heritage Group
David McCubbin – Visit Aberdeenshire
Linda Hendry – Project Assistant
Jan Emery – B&B Area Project Officer
Keith Anderson – Head of Development, Aberdeenshire
Voluntary Action
John Watt – Macduff Shipyards

Apologies: Paul Thomas – All-in-House
Hamish McLeay – Bachlaw Projects
Dr Ian Brooker – Macduff Medical Practice
Patricia Wain – Friends of Tarlair
Edward Acton – Macduff Heritage Group

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 agreed.</p>
3	<p><u>Financial Update</u></p> <p>CW – A total of £901,000 has been allocated to the Macduff Action Plan with £422,388 committed to date over the 3 Themes.</p> <p>Theme 1 Place Development: Destination Macduff Total committed to spend £285,243. This includes Marina Slipway Extension and Boat Hoist, Macduff Property Grant Scheme, the Heritage trail and a number of other projects that have been completed.</p> <p>RC - Can you advise when we are due to get the options appraisal for the Aquarium?</p> <p>CW – The appraisal is moving to draft shortly and we will have an update before the next Development Partnership meeting.</p>

Theme 2 Community Wellbeing & Quality of Life

Total committed to spend £4,145. This has helped with the TURF Fits New event and the Macduff Revival Fieldshare project. There is still significant budget available.

RC – With the roll-out of Universal Credit imminent 100% of housing tenants on Universal Credit will go into arrears. There is a need to speak to officers in the Housing department to see if there are plans in place to help with arrears. There is a report going to committee in January 2019.

Are there other interventions the remaining funds can be used to support? There is a need to work more closely with our partners.

RC - Can I ask what interventions can be put in place to help assist under Community Wellbeing & Quality of Life? **ACTION** JE and SR meeting to discuss.

Theme 3 Diverse & Forward Facing Economy

£133,000 committed to date in relation to Harbour improvements. This theme will also include a new project being developed with RGU (see AOB).

ACTION - LH to circulate finance update.

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Macduff Harbour Update

Ice plant update work is due to commence shortly. The contract has been awarded and the aim is to have the building works completed in 6 weeks, with the ice plant installation to follow on straight after.

This will reduce the overall size of the Fish Market which will also affect the Farmers Market. RC - Can I ask that assistance is given to help locating new premises for the Farmers Market if required.

Suggestions were given that maybe a tidy up of the existing area and reorganising of the layout may free up some space which could be of benefit.

JW – We are still waiting for the Fishers report on deepening of the harbour. The cost benefit of deepening is fairly significant. North pier is on the radar for electrification and is not reliant on the deepening report. CW to speak to Corrie to see where we are with the tech aspect of this.

CW – The Harbour Deepening report is in circulation within Aberdeenshire Council and is under consideration. Average cost was £42.5 million. Unfortunately there is no budget allocated for this type of work. There would need to be more work done on technical

	<p>and consultancy. JW felt that general maintenance work on the harbour was not being undertaken which could lead to much larger bills if left unchecked.</p> <p>Options for longer term funding could be similar to a Region Deal.</p> <p>ACTION - CW to check where the report is sitting. RC – Suggested that we get an update before next meeting please. Update – RC has spoken to the Leader and he has not seen the report.</p>
5	<p><u>Macduff Small Grants Scheme Update</u></p> <p>LH – Macduff Property Grant Scheme was launched last summer with target areas of Duff Street and Shore Street as the main thoroughfares. All successful applications were advised of their Grant award in September 2017. The scheme is now in its last few weeks with all Grant to be paid out by the end of September.</p> <p>With a budget of £100,000 we issued 14 Grant awards to businesses as well as private property owners. The works varied from new doors, exterior painting, re-harling of exterior, pointing of walls and some roof repairs.</p> <p>The group commented on the positive improvement made due to the funding being available. It was also noted that a number of individuals had carried out their own works.</p>
6	<p><u>Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action</u></p> <p>Keith Anderson from Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action spoke to the group about how AVA could help unlock the potential, that exists everywhere, for every community to become self-sufficient in providing activities, facilities and the support and encouragement that may be required, to promote the health and wellbeing of local people of all ages in Macduff.</p> <p>Fiona Ingleby is the Development Worker that covers the Banff and Macduff area. It is Fiona’s aim to meet as many people as possible regarding volunteering opportunities. She can also offer help to organisations that are in need of volunteers. AVA can also provide business support, training, and support in completing application forms for volunteer groups and social enterprises.</p> <p>The work of AVA fits into Theme 2.1 of the Macduff Action Plan (Community leadership development to strengthen local third sector organisations: Enabling and motivating community groups to be even more active / resilient). Keith suggested that AVA could help deliver these objectives for a fee, using the existing community networks</p>

	<p>and social capital in Macduff to help strengthen and build collaboration between existing groups.</p> <p>A short discussion took place around the table and the group were made aware that the Rotary group had supported 17 charities in Macduff. It is important that volunteering is recognised. It was felt that there are currently lots of groups doing great things but are hidden and working in isolation.</p> <p>AVA is involved in a partnership running the Here for You centre in Fraserburgh where over 600 people a month make use of the support on offer. There is potential to have similar in Macduff. This would benefit the whole community.</p> <p>CAL TO ACTION - circulate Fiona's details to the groups.</p>
7	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>SR and CW working with RGU who have submitted a LEADER bid for a pilot project with Aberdeenshire Libraries. The project is to provide dedicated space within libraries to be used by businesses for free where they can come together to network and collaborate. This will be supported by mentorship and training etc. in part provided by RGU alumni. There will be no financial cost to Aberdeenshire Council. Once more details are made available we will share with the group.</p> <p>RC – Food and Drinks Sector - Can we encourage ONE to consider the possibility of hosting an event that is not Aberdeen City based?</p> <p>SW/JW – Macduff Heritage Society are looking for a building to house the collection. Naomi did show the group some potential buildings but none were suitable. JE - the group need to have a formal constitution before they can look at funding for premises.</p> <p>Silversmith opening is Friday 21 September for Officials with an open doors event for the public on Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd September.</p>
8	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 3 December, 1900 – 2100 Macduff Town Hall</p>