

**Regeneration Development Partnership
Macduff Town Hall
03/12/2018 – 7-9pm**

Attendees: Cllr M Findlater (Chair)
Suzanne Rhind – Regeneration Executive
Stanley West – Macduff Heritage Group
Linda Hendry – Project Assistant
Jan Emery – B&B Area Project Officer
John Watt – Macduff Shipyards
Edward Acton – Macduff Heritage Group
Angela Allan – Senior Community Learning & Development Worker
Dr Ian Brooker – Macduff Medical Practice

Apologies: Cllr R Cassie
Paul Thomas – All-in-House
Hamish McLeay – Bachlaw Projects
Patricia Wain – Friends of Tarlair
David McCubbin – Visit Aberdeenshire
Christine Webster – Regeneration & Town Centres Manager
Corrie Mccall – Principle Officer Harbours
Tristan Walker – Head Teacher, Macduff Primary School
Debra Campbell – Community Planning Officer
Angela Keith – Acting Area Manager Banff & Buchan

| Item | Description |
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| 1 | <u>Welcome and Apologies</u> All were welcomed and apologies given. |
| 2 | <u>Note of last meeting</u> Note of last meeting was agreed. |
| 3 | <p><u>Financial Update</u></p> <p>SR – The financial report from the last meeting had an error, with monies committed for Banff Marina and Slip Way showing on the projection. Revised total committed from the Action Plan £329,888.</p> <p>Theme 3 - Macduff Ice Plant - Following the award of the tender for the work a more detailed design proposal has been undertaken which has identified additional works amounting to £45,000 to allow for alterations to the Fish Market. This takes the amount now required from the Regeneration budget to £138,800. The original award was £187,600 but was reduced to £93,800 after a larger than expected grant from EMFF was received. Work is expected to start in the New Year.</p> <p>Total fund uncommitted</p> <p>Theme 1 - Place Development: Destination Macduff £357,257 Theme 2 - Community and Well Being & Quality of Life £88,855 Theme 3 - Diverse & Forward Facing Economy £125,000</p> <p>The Action plan is from 2016 - 2021, next year will see us half way through the plan.</p> |
| 4 | <u>Macduff Harbour Update (Written report)</u> |

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| | <p>No report was available to circulate to the group. The report will be circulated once received from harbour.</p> <p>Work is due to commence on the Ice Plant on 7 January 2019.</p> <p>JW – Metering unit currently not working. There is power but the actual system has faults. ACTION CM to investigate.</p> <p>The group were advised that the harbour charge a daily rate for power depending on vessel size.</p> <p>MF – Advised that one of the guide lights was not working. ACTION LH to pass to CM.</p> |
| 5 | <p><u>Aquarium Draft Final Options Appraisal</u></p> <p>A meeting was held on 23 November 2018 with the Macduff Aquarium stakeholders to discuss the options appraisal.</p> <p>MF – Expressed that this was a good briefing.</p> <p>The draft Macduff Marine Aquarium Development Options report was circulated to the group on 30 November 2018 with all comments to be submitted by 17 December 2018. The preferred option is 6.</p> <p>JE – Raised questions regarding the brief - what we need to think is where can the market improve? What does the market want? Where are the gaps? We need to understand the opportunities. The current site is very constrained. Why was there not an option to relocate? Where has the yield come from? The group were reminded that the discussion had focused on the physical options of the Aquarium. Training contracts, increasing visitor's experiences and potential retail offerings will be some of the areas to be considered.</p> <p>MF - Confirmed that the land at the rear of the Aquarium is owned by Aberdeenshire Council not Common Good.</p> <p>After comments received from the Macduff Development Partnership and Stakeholders then the next stage will be for Councillors to comment. With the final stage going out to public consultation.</p> <p>MF – Possibility that KIMO international conference will be in the North East in October 2019. It is hoped that delegates will be able to visit Banff and Macduff. This is a great opportunity to promote the area.</p> |
| 6 | <p><u>Out of School Care Provision</u></p> <p>Written report provided by TW - Since the Community Planning Group has generously supported the Breakfast club to make it free for all children this has seen both a greater uptake from the general school population and from several identified PEF families. There are normally between 30 and 50 children attending. Some of these are enjoying a second breakfast and allowing parents to get back into work. Some of the children have had no breakfast. We are currently paying for</p> |

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| | <p>staff through our PEF budget which hopefully will continue, dependent on the amount of funding school receives (which should be roughly similar). The cost of food is at around £100 per month dependent on uptake during the month e.g. Summer months are slightly cheaper due to children wanting to play outside rather than being indoors.</p> <p>Additional breakfast club funding grants are often difficult to source for our school as we do not meet the FSM criteria they normally stipulate of over 40%. We have been asked by two other schools to talk them through the process of setting up a club like ours which we were pleased to help with. We have advertised through school communications leaflets and in doctor's surgeries. Thank you to everyone who supports our club.</p> <p>JE – What type of breakfast is being provided for a very low amount? It was confirmed that the children were being provided with toast.</p> <p>IB – Suggested with a small increase in spend, that children could be given a wider choice for breakfast that could include protein.</p> <p>The group feel that a course encouraging confidence to cook and feed your family on a budget would be of great benefit for both towns. Both Banff and Macduff have facilities that could be used for cooking/teaching/social eating. SR said that this would link in with the Vinery project and that the Foyer may be interested in supporting this type of activity. It was also suggested that an event would be a positive way forward to help educate and inspire. IB said that he would be happy to share information with community nurses if anything was to develop.</p> <p>AA – Reported that she is working to not only to sustain the breakfast offering, but to potentially provide homework-style clubs, with some refreshments. The key benefits there would be to allow parents to work longer/more flexible hours, knowing that their children were being taken care of. Additionally, the children would benefit from doing homework in a collaborative manner which is both supportive, helps develop social skills and encourages team effort at the same time.</p> <p>The group then discussed wrap around care and how this may be delivered. PEF funding - how much does the school get from this?</p> <p>Debra Campbell – Update from JE – Debra is currently finalising a five year plan with an emphasis on health and wellbeing that needs to be aligned with locality planning and regeneration. This will result in a Place-based Asset plan. Part of this will be a new approach called 'Booster Planning' – putting a specific and focused effort into key themes/projects.</p> <p>ACTION – Invite DC to attend next meeting to discuss.</p> |
| 7 | <p><u>Action Plan Next Steps</u> Discussion on potential 'quick win' projects that could be implemented next:</p> |

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| | <p>Health & wellbeing part of the plan needs looking at. This could build on the discussions talked about in item 6 such as a cooking with confidence course or 'Being active and healthy' promotions working with Active Schools. ACTION – JE, SR, DC and AA to meet to discuss further.</p> <p>Farmers Market – Officers have been working with the Farmers Market to identify new premises. They are looking for a new home as there will be reduced space in their current location when the work is completed. Although venues have been proposed, to date nothing has been suitable, due to location, the need to be indoors, provision of car parking or access to power etc. Additional awning / marquee may be a solution. JE continues to work with them on the search.</p> <p>Harbour - It was felt that more regular meetings of the Harbour Advisory Committee were needed to discuss general maintenance as well as the bigger projects. The next meeting is in January. MF advised speaking to RC.</p> <p>A suggestion was made for joining up the various farm walks and other walks in the area. IB suggested by putting the walks together this would appeal more to serious walkers looking to spend longer in the area.</p> <p>The Heritage Trail website can be used to upload information about additional walks so that all the information is in one place.</p> <p>JE – Working with owners and community groups to look maximise the recreational value of the land around Alvah. There is potential for community ownership in the longer term with volunteers setting up a trust for the community wood?</p> <p>MF - Thank you to all involved with delivering the Property Grant Scheme – this has made a real impact.</p> |
| 8 | <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>JE – AA and JE supporting the Men's Shed to achieve charitable status and find suitable premises. They are meeting weekly and have over 30 members. If they do find premises there may be opportunities to share with other groups.</p> <p>Annual report and promotional video will be circulated to the group for comment.</p> <p>The group unanimously agreed to have a youth representative from Banff Academy on the group.</p> |
| 8 | <p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 4th March 2019 Monday 3rd June 2019 Monday 2nd September 2019 Monday 2nd December 2019</p> <p>All in Macduff Town Hall from 1900 until 2100</p> |