

**Banff Regeneration Partnership
Banff Academy – Conference Room
07/03/2017 at 1900 - 2100**

Attendees: Cllr Iain Taylor, Chair
Cllr Michael Roy, Cllr John Cox, David McCubbin, Christine Webster, Margaret-Jane Cardno, Jill Clark, Sandy Buchan, Corrie McCall, Jan Emery, Phil Hemsley

Note Taker: Linda Hendry

Item	Description
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u> All were welcomed to the meeting, introductions were made.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies</u> Julian Watson, Jill Wilson, Carol Aspnaier, Duncan Leece, John Woodside</p>
3	<p><u>Note of last meeting</u> Note of last meeting was agreed as accurate.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u> Chase video from DR Brookers– ACTION LH Accommodation Audit – David waiting for visitors centre to open so he can get figures to analyse supply and demand of accommodation. Update next Meeting – ACTION DM Councillor Roy noted that improvements could still be made to the tidiness of the town. Details on private landowner developments was requested at the previous meeting. It was discussed that it was difficult to provide updates like this as information is sensitive. Request for prompt action for property movement.</p>
4	<p><u>Terms of Reference</u> The terms of reference that were discussed at September’s meeting were not discussed at November’s meeting. Action - Terms of Reference to be reissued prior to next meeting for agreement. Add to Agenda for next meeting</p>
5	<p><u>Communication Plan</u> JE Introduced the importance of good communication with the community. The group discussed the need to have a Facebook page to help get messages to show people what is happening or alternative is to work with other Facebook pages to support Banff.</p>

	<p>Jill to make contact with the Shop Local. Eat Local. Be Local. Banff facebook page with the possibility of working together and feed messages through this way focusing on Regeneration. It will be really important to have a bank of messages to upload and strong launch feature piece. Jan to draft some content.</p> <p>Banner to be displayed at Deveron centre to show what the Partnership can do and how to get in touch with the group. – Agreed</p> <p>Banff on Course – Agreed as our Identity.</p> <p>Agreed that the following people would be spokespersons for the group; Corrie McCall and Phil Hemsley – Harbours, Julian Watson – Cultural, David McCubbin – Tourism.</p>
6	<p><u>Property Investment Fund</u> CW – The Property investment Fund - is a scheme that the council is funding to help bring redundant buildings in town centres back into use. The property needs to be vacant for 6 months to be eligible. There are 2 phases:- Phase 1 to look at feasibility. Community would get 100% of grant. Phase 2 to offer up to £100k to cover viability gap. This is towards bring building back into use. e.g. Hotel, house, etc.</p> <p>Available to community groups, Individuals or Business groups who own/wish to invest in property to bring it back into use. Agreed all to help promote the scheme to existing and potential developers and all to build confidence in Banff as a place to invest.</p>
7	<p><u>Banff Harbour</u> Updated quotes have been received for a new boat slip and lift. Reconfiguration of part of the car park will be required including the removal of a stone sculpture.</p> <p>Does anyone know the designer of the sculpture? Suggestions to been given to where it can be relocated to. – Jan to put on Facebook On 27 May the 10 year anniversary of the marina opening will be held which also ties in with Coastal Fringe.</p> <p>Everyone was asked if they could help with locating generators?</p> <p>Corrie – Action Briefing to go out to all Councillors. DM – To speak to Visit Scotland and will add the Harbour anniversary to the list of events.</p> <p>It was suggested that we look at the possibility to purchase a food demonstration area with Gazebo along with Macduff Development Partnership - Action Naomi Mason.</p>

8	<p><u>Partnership Membership</u></p> <p>There's a need to bring more partners on board. There was a discussion about inviting Estate Agents, Solicitors or other contact that could bring value to the group. Cllr Taylor to talk to his contacts.</p> <p>AD Walker – partners to make contact</p> <p>Banff Business Association- There is a members meeting to happen in up and coming weeks.</p> <p>We need people to be an ambassador for Banff and make a contribution to the group.</p>
9	<p><u>Hogmanay Celebrations</u></p> <p>Suggestion to have fireworks in castle grounds and Ceilidh in Town Hall. Financial support from the Banff regeneration action plan may be required. Round table may help with the fireworks.</p> <p>Advice was given that Billy Anderson (Castle Bar) should contact Naomi Mason regarding this.</p>
10	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 6 June 2017, 1900 at the Deveron Community and Sports Centre</p>