

**Regeneration Development Partnership
Macduff Town Hall
20/02/2017 – 7-9pm**

Attendees: Cllr R Cassie (Chair), Cllr M Findlater,
Christine Webster – Regeneration & Town Centres Manager
Jan Emery – B&B Area Project Officer
Dr Iain Brooker – Macduff Medical Practice
Corrie McCall – Acting Principal Engineer for Harbours
Hamish McClay – Bachlaw Projects
Ian Lindsay – Daniels Place
David McCubbin – Visit Aberdeenshire
John Watt – Macduff Shipyards
Duncan Abernethy – NESCOL
Linda Hendry – Project Assistant (Note Taker)

Apologies: Paul Thomas – All-in-House
Margaret-Jane Cardno – Banff & Buchan Area Manager
Carl Nelson
Cllr H Partridge

Item	Description
1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> All were welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.
2	<u>Note of last meeting</u> Note of the last meeting was agreed as an accurate account.
3	<u>Summary to date</u> The partnership has created the vision and Action Plan which is a 5 year plan. Projects within the plan will progress at different times. There was good news about the Community Garden project where a £5,000.00 Bid to MEARS Care has been successful.
4	<u>Terms of Reference</u> Excellent this was agreed to be adopted.
5	<u>Plan Progress Update</u> The first 6 month progress update has been prepared and was shared with the group. The vision and format have been kept the same as the original plan to enable us to cross reference. The update shows the progress so far by using the traffic light system:- Green project live Amber working on Red not yet started Theme 1 Place Development Destination Macduff – Timescale and Leverage columns have been removed. In the Regeneration budget column we have identified only what has been approved. Outcome

	<p>column is as originally projected and will reflect actual outcomes as projects are delivered.</p> <p>Any questions please contact Christine Webster or officer named on the plan.</p> <p>An options appraisals on future developments of the Aquarium was discussed at the last meeting. It was reported that £12,000.00 had been approved to undertake this work.</p> <p>The 20th Anniversary of the aquarium coincides with the Banff Marina and coastal fringe events. It was suggested to contact Claire and discuss how to tie in the events to include the Aquarium. ACTION Corrie</p> <p>Still theme 1 – the group had agreed at a previous meeting to allocate £100,000.00 towards a small grants scheme along Shore Street and Duff Street to improve the visual amenity of the town. The final paperwork is to tie up and launch planned for March.</p> <p>Theme 2 – Community wellbeing and quality of life. No new budgets agreed.</p> <p>Macduff sports centre, someone will be in charge of marketing at the sports centre, community feedback has been very good and the facility is great. Play Park is coming along also.</p> <p>2.1 – There was a detailed discussion about social regeneration as there has been increased referrals to the food bank Jan has been working with the welfare reform group to look into this to identify background reasons so that the most appropriate interventions can be identified. It was also raised that the cost of children attending sports clubs has gone up and whether there are options to alleviate this to enable the least well off to participate.</p> <p>Theme 3 Diverse & Forward Facing economy – This action is about boosting and diversifying the economy a key part of which is Macduff harbour. Actions in the Macduff harbour master plan are being progressed and Corrie has more details to follow. A lot in theme 3 will go forward once we have new staff.</p> <p>CW - Progress on staffing - Bill Clark Strategy Regeneration Executive has retired due to ill health. His post is currently advertised and interviews are happening at the start of March. Two new posts are due to be advertised in the coming days. Regeneration Executive (Property) and Regeneration Executive (Business & Sectors) will be advertised soon with interviews in March.</p>
6	<u>North East Scotland College</u>

	<p>Duncan mentioned that the new STEM centre at the Fraserburgh Campus had opened for engineering, automotive and construction which has also allowed the college to introduce additional study options like Applied Sciences.</p> <p>Macduff Learning Centre – for the last 13/14 years this was based in Fife Street Macduff but was officially handed back to the council on 10 February 2017. As a result of funding pressures, and due to the relatively low numbers using the centre, the College is pursuing an alternative strategy and is hoping to have a presence in Banff Academy. In the meantime NESCOL are using the new Macduff sports centre along with Aberdeen Foyer to deliver Princes Trust and REACH (Recovery, Employability, Achievement, Challenge, Hope) programmes. REACH helps people with basics life skills, team working and core skills.</p> <p>NESCOL are attending Deveron centre soft opening to show the wide range of programmes that are currently available and to gauge what the general public in the area would like to see offered. Most courses can be delivered if a group of 10-12 can be found.</p> <p>It is hoped that the partnership with the Authority will enable new programmes to be offered to Banff (and surrounding) academies. It was reported that there are ongoing discussions on the future utilisation of Fife Street.</p> <p>Cllr Findlater – Suggested that it would make a good office.</p> <p>ACTION – Feed to office strategy group</p>
7	<p><u>Macduff Harbour Update/Submissions by Fisher Associates</u></p> <p>The Policy and Resources on the council agreed to spend £25,000.00 on a business case to consider the future development of Macduff harbour. The tender from Fisher Associates was significantly more than this. There was a good discussion about the balance of having ambition about the future and on the practicality of delivering a major improvement. There will also be a discussion at the harbour advisory committee and then Banff and Buchan area committee.</p> <p>There has been agreement to changes to the road infrastructure at the harbour and these were welcomed by the group.</p>
8	<p><u>Items for next meeting</u></p> <p>Social Regeneration (poverty, DWP, Health, long term unemployed, exercise)</p> <p>Active Aberdeenshire</p> <p>Invite Susie from Bayview</p> <p>Update on community Garden</p> <p><u>Later meetings</u></p> <p>Trail walks – Naomi Mason/Claudia Stuerck</p>

	Business group, Banff Academy – Jan (youth development)
9	<u>AOB</u> Jan will communicate with the Comms sub group - David and Cllr Cassie and Cllr Findlater.
10	<u>Date and time of next meeting</u> Monday 22 May @ 7pm Banff town Hall

AGREED