

**Fraserburgh Regeneration Development Partnership**  
**Note of meeting from 13 June 2017**  
At Fraserburgh Community & Sports Centre

Attendees:

Cllr Topping, Cllr Buchan, Cllr Mair & Cllr Kille  
Jill Smith, Fraserburgh Harbour Commissioners  
Karen Paterson, Brown & McRae  
Margaret-Jane Cardno (Banff and Buchan Area Manager)  
Morna Harper (Service Manager, Business & Communities)  
Jan Emery (Area Project Officer)  
Linda Hendy (Project Assistant) – Note taker  
David MacLennan – (Team Leader)  
Fiona Thompson – (Project Officer)  
Duncan Abernethy, NESCOL

Apologies:

Norman Reid  
Christine Webster (Regeneration and Town Centres Manager)  
Michael Bates, Scottish Seafood Association  
Caroline Smith (Community Planning Officer)  
Lynda McGuigan, Fraserburgh Area Tourism Group  
Gillian Bain (Regeneration Offer)  
John Burnett, Gray & Adams

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Good evening and welcome to all.
<b>2</b>	<b>Note of Previous Meeting</b> The minute of the last meeting on 21 February was agreed.
<b>3</b>	<b>Communications Plan</b> The difficulties around securing press coverage on F2021 have been long-standing and was ultimately taken to the Strategic Planning Meeting. Chair, Stephen Archer, directed that since GL had now returned from Australia, he should be given an opportunity to address the pace of response. However,

	<p>difficulties persist and elected Members asked that M-JC re-address the subject again. If there is no positive response, then they will speak directly with Stephen Archer”.</p> <p>It is important to keep the public informed of the stages we have reached for each of our projects.</p> <p>Social Media and 2021 page is working very well.</p> <p>The Ward councillors are going to arrange to meet up to discuss how best to update Fraserburgh facebook page.</p>
4	<p><b>Planning Approaches – Simplified Planning and Planning Passports</b></p> <p>DM and FT gave a presentation on Simplified Planning Zone (SPZ) and Planning Passports.</p> <p>The purpose of the presentation was to explain the difference between SPZ and Planning Passports.</p> <p>The SPZ scheme requires preparation by the local authority and details the types of development and nature of uses that are permitted together with any limitations, conditions and guidelines that a development must comply with. A SPZ scheme is generally in place for 10 years but Councils do have the right to propose alterations to the scheme including to add to, remove or otherwise alter the planning controls. In accordance with the regulations, alterations will be subject to further public consultation.</p> <p>SPZ are not appropriate for areas of natural heritage. Also for Conservation Areas listed building consent is still required.</p> <p>A Plot Passport is similar to an SPZ but is generally used on a much smaller scale. A plot passport is a simple and succinct summary of the design parameters for a given plot. They add value by acting as a key reference for the purchaser, including relevant information from the planning permission, design constraints and procedural requirements in a simple format.</p> <p>Passports are very clear about the number of dwellings that can be built which is generally only one. They are also very detailed on all other information including car parking and access location.</p> <p>The Scottish Government have four pilot schemes at the moment with one being the Energetica Industrial Estate in Peterhead, as this is a very new pilot we do not have any data on this at the moment.</p>

	<p>There is currently a lack of evidence surrounding SPZs which is one of the reasons that the government are conducting the four pilot studies in order to gain information on their effectiveness.</p> <p>Not suitable for Fraserburgh at this time. Let's wait until more evidence is available.</p> <p>Offshore wind – SPZ would be good for this. But we would need to know demands for next 10 yrs. Outcome with regards to Offshore Wind will be known in the next month.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Community Safety</b></p> <p>Councillor Topping declared an interest in this subject due to his roles in the local Community Safety and CCTV working groups. He also reminded the group that a bid for funding had been prepared for the upgrade and expansion of existing CCTV facilities.</p> <p>Under theme 3.2 in the action plan - Town Centre Community Safety – reduce anti-social behaviour and improve community safety and wellbeing in the town centre. Increased sense of safety and reduce petty crime/vandalism.</p> <p>We now have a detailed report from Police Scotland Analyst. The four main topics :-</p> <p>Violent crimes, Domestic Violence, Anti-Social behaviour and Shop lifting.</p> <p>Over 300 incidents in the town centre - The evidence shows that over 50% of these incidents does not involve alcohol</p> <p>Shop lifting – 7 persistent offenders. With the top offender committing 21 accounts of shop lifting. Over the last year Asda had 129 thefts followed by the Coop and then Tesco.</p> <p>The statistical information requires further analysis. This will be followed by an action plan to address prevention, early intervention and then enforcement. <b>Officers will be in a position to deliver this at the next meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Fraserburgh 2021</b></p> <p>The work is underway in Saltoun Square with the build expecting to take 18 months as it's a Historic build programme.</p>

	<p>The council will be moving from Mid Street to Maconochie Road in September 2017.</p> <p>Planning permission for 39 properties. This remains in negotiation with former John Trail and Nobel Gilbert. (CARS) Small Grant Scheme lots of interest - 4 at quote stage and 39 notes of interest. (Jan please pass on thanks to the group from Fraserburgh Regeneration Development group.)</p>
7	<p><b>Mini Public Community Engagement Exercise</b></p> <p>Within theme 2.2 in the Action Plan– JIC building</p> <p>It was agreed to recruit a cross section of the local community profile to participate in a Mini Public research exercise. From this they set up a focus group of approximately 14 participant. From this three sessions were designed to allow the representative panel of local people to discuss their view on the level of community activity and groups in the north of the town and the sustainability of current facilities like the JIC building.</p> <p>They look at pros and cons:- Basic refurbishment of the JIC building, full refurbishment of the JIC building, rebuild of the JIC on the current site or Rebuild of the JIC on another site. They felt after the 3 day process although more expensive a new build on the current site would be the best option. But only if existing building could remain open during the operation. The function of the current JIC building is still viable.</p> <p>The views above are only of the people involved in the initial process.</p> <p>The information gathered at the Mini public will be put forward at the “Your Voice, Your Choice” event in Fraserburgh on 17/6/17. Ultimately, AC is looking for public endorsement of the key themes which emerged from that exercise.</p>
	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>JE- Regeneration Economic Development with regards to the Fraserburgh Action plan and the digital economy.</p> <p>A small Working Group of stakeholders has been created with the primary task to create suitable Open Events across Fraserburgh, Banff and Macduff, with two key objectives – (1) to create awareness that the Digital Economy is being addressed within the Regeneration Plan, and this is the very early stages; and (2) to ascertain the level of skill, interest, appetite for skills development and proactive design/entrepreneurship currently operating within the environs of these towns.</p>

	<p><b>Action</b> - Jan to email more information out.</p> <p><b>For noting that any reports should be circulated prior to meetings.</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 26 September 2017 at 1800 at Fraserburgh Community and Sports Centre.</p>

AGREED