

**Regeneration Development Partnership  
Macduff Town Hall  
04/12/2017 – 7-9pm**

Attendees: Cllr R Cassie (Chair), Cllr M Findlater,  
Christine Webster – Regeneration & Town Centres Manager  
Jan Emery – B&B Area Project Officer  
David McCubbin – Visit Aberdeenshire  
John Watt – Macduff Shipyards  
Pat Wain – Friends of Tarlair  
Joan Rumens – Friends of Tarlair  
Edward Acton – Macduff Heritage Group  
Hamish McCleay – Bachlaw Projects  
Karen Wiles – Interim Area Manager (Banff & Buchan)  
Tessa Fitzgerald – Macduff revival  
Saskia Gibbon – Arts and heritage Manager  
Stanley West – Macduff Heritage Group  
Linda Hendry – Project Assistant (Note Taker)

Apologies: Duncan Abernethy – NESCOL  
Dr Iain Brooker – Macduff Medical Practice  
John McCleay – Bachlaw Projects  
Anna Vermehren – Macduff revival  
Robin Wiseman – Churches Together

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	<p><b><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></b></p> <p>All were welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.</p>
2	<p><b><u>Note of last meeting and call to action</u></b></p> <p>Note of the last meeting was reviewed and agreed.</p> <p>Call to Action after last meeting – The Digital Open Day was extremely successful with over 400 people attending the event. Thanks to all for distributing the information to your associates. Opportunity North East (ONE) along with The Wood Trust are aiming to accelerate the development of the digital economy within Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.</p> <p>Cllr Cassie – with regards to item 2 on the note can you advise if this is still on track? JE – I can confirm that the piece of work is still currently on track for Spring 2018.</p>

	<p>CW – Update on the Daymarkers we are still waiting on more information with regards to the fabrication, also more information is required as to what details can be added to the microchip. Current feedback from Tour de Coast suggests that the microchip will not be installed in the first phase. Once more details are available the Partnership will be advised.</p>
3	<p><b><u>Tarlair</u></b></p> <p>JE advise that she gave a brief update at the Banff and Macduff Towns meeting on how we can move forward with regards to Tarlair. The concept and options of the feasibility study will now go to the Regeneration Strategy Group who will meet in January.</p> <p>PW -Friends of Tarlair (FoT) have been working with Friends of Macduff Aquarium (FoMA) who are helping them with fundraising activities.</p> <p>The longer term aspirations of the site were discussed.</p> <p>The overall ambition for FoT is for an outdoor centre like “Go Ape” or “Ancrum”. It was noted that this would need to be financially sustainable.</p> <p>MF – Funding is out there from LEADER for example. Heritage centre, Aquarium and Tarlair – Could all possible work together on one big project?</p> <p>JE is investigating how this could be done and is taking a strategic paper to a senior officer meeting in January.</p>
4	<p><b><u>Tourism</u></b></p> <p>DM - Gave an outline of Key developments.</p> <p>One of the biggest thing that is currently happening is the work around Aberdeen harbour 2020 and the capacity to take cruise ships. We need to capitalise on the tourists. As a Partnership what product does Macduff have to offer? – Local knowledge is key. A Cruise Project Manager is to be employed by VisitAberdeenshire to manage work which will focus on collaborative working. So we need to think how we can facilitate businesses to be involved.</p> <p>NE250 which was launched at the beginning of November as a private enterprise. There are lots of opportunities for business to get involved with this venture.</p>

	<p>Potential opportunities discussed included art studios, surfing and boat trips.</p> <p>Action – All to encourage existing and potential new businesses to recognise and plan for tourism opportunities.</p>
5	<p><b><u>Macduff revival</u></b></p> <p>TF – On the 7 November the launch of Macduff Revival, a contemporary art, heritage and food project took place and was well received by all that attended.</p> <p>Alicja Rodalska, artist has been commissioned to deliver the Blethering project which will give the community of Macduff the opportunity to celebrate and share their memories and stories. This is a collaborative project between Sue Morrison an Oral Historian and Alicja. So please get in touch if you have a story to tell.</p> <p>Katy Stewart is the artist for Bread &amp; Butter. This part of the project will look into the sources of food in and around Macduff to make visible routes from farm to fork.</p> <p>An invitation to the community of Macduff to meet the artists who will give a talk about their work will be held on Thursday 11 January from 1200 – 1500 in Macduff Town Hall Room 5</p>
6	<p><b><u>Cultural Discussion</u></b></p> <p>SG – The three sections in the action plan are Arts Centre, The Macduff Aquarium, The Royal Scottish Conservatorie.</p> <p>The Aquarium – The tender document for the feasibility studied is currently with Friends of Macduff Aquarium once this has been approved the tender will go on public tender Scotland by January 2018.</p> <p>Due to essential upgrade and maintenance the Aquarium was closed for 3 months over the summer months. The re-opening was very successful and over the 2 days there was more than 1000 visitors, which was the busiest October holiday's to date. A pop up event at Aden farming museum has attracted 2080 visits. The website has been up graded and is more interactive.</p> <p>Macduff Arts Centre – The recording equipment has all been set up in Macduff Arts Centre and has already been used. A couple of key pieces of equipment need to be replaced so this is currently been looked at. Looking at potential partners like NESCOL. Unique building as have preforming area. Live broadcasts with Deveron FM.</p>

	<p>The Royal Scottish Conservatorie – are co funding a pilot project in the North East with a new hub in Fraserburgh. The junior Conservatorie encourages young people aged 11-18 to look at performance related art forms.</p> <p>Update to be provided to Christine on numbers participating.</p>
7	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>Due to time restraint if you wish to email AOB to Christine or Cllr R Cassie.</p>
10	<p><b><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>Monday 5 March 2018 @ 7pm Macduff town Hall</p>

AGREED