

**Banff Development Partnership
Deveron Community & Sports centre, Banff
27/06/2017 at 1900 - 2100**

Attendees: Cllr Glen Reynolds – (Chair), Cllr John Cox, Cllr Michael Roy, Christine Webster- regeneration & Town Centres Manager, Sandy Buchan (Banff Business Association), Jan Emery – B&B Area Project Officer, Phil Hemsley (Banff Harbour), Mary Arnold – Senior Community learning Worker, David MacLennan – Team Leader-Planning Information & Delivery, Jill Wilson (Tourist Information), Morna Harper – Service Manager – Business & Community, David Locke (Churches Together), Aoife Murphy – Project officer (Delivery), Jill Clark (Banff Business Association)

Note Taker: Linda Hendry – Project Assistant

Item	Description
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u> All were welcomed to the meeting, introductions were made. Cllr Reynolds will be rotating chair for the first year.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies</u> David McCubbin, Carol Aspnaire, Margaret-Jane Cardno, Julian Watson, Duncan Leece</p>
3	<p><u>Note of last meeting</u> Note of last minute was agreed as accurate.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u> Cllr Cox – noted that the area was still unkempt with regards to weeds. It was also mentioned that a group of local businesses might be interested in participating to tidy up the town. It was suggested that this matter be dealt with by Councillors off table directly with Landscape services. Businesses interested in getting organised should contact Economic Development directly.</p> <p>Forward link of Dr Brookers promotional video to Cllr Reynolds – Action LH</p> <p>David McCubbin – Now has last year’s figures. Jill Wilson Banff Tourism Group – keeping a record of the reasons why visitors are not staying in the area. Report on supply and demand of accommodation - Action DM</p> <p>Property Investment Fund – Thanks for the participation we have had a few new contacts and applications being sent in.</p>

	<p>Cllr Roy to introduce Billy Anderson to Naomi Mason with regards to a Hogmanay celebration. Naomi can discuss the potential for support. – Action - Cllr Roy to pass Billy Anderson details to Naomi.</p>
4	<p><u>Scene setting and progress to date</u></p> <p>Christine presented the role of the regeneration partnership, key activity to date and there was a discussion about communications in the early stages with many in the community expecting quick, visible results whilst the reality is that regeneration is long term and early work is invisible to most. The role of the Partnership is for public, private and third sector collaboration in setting the vision and delivery of regeneration in Banff. The partnership's role is to be ambassadors for the future of Banff and in developing public buy in to the plan.</p> <p><u>Terms of reference</u></p> <p>The membership of the partnership is out of date on the Terms of Reference document and should be changed prior to approval. Action LH – Invite David Locke and Jill Wilson to the Heritage Trail Discussions.</p>
5	<p><u>The bigger picture – facilitated session</u></p> <p>Mary Arnold gave a presentation to the group: Giving an overview of the work being undertaken in the Banff Network. This was done using a visual representation, showing how partnerships were working together to deliver work that addresses some of the main issues affecting individuals. An example used was the delivery of the parenting programme Triple P which is being delivered in Macduff Primary and also an English for Speakers of other Languages course that is also being delivered in Macduff Primary.</p> <p>Groups like Early Years forum, Community council also share the same vision as the development partnership.</p> <p>What we are finding is that all groups are coming back to us with the same message. You will find that various groups are working towards the plan in various ways.</p> <p>An example of proposed activity is that Banff Tesco are keen to get accreditation for Banff to become a Dementia Friendly Town. This would be a good positive for the community, led by businesses.</p> <p>There was some discussion regarding health care services for the elderly. It was explained that Dementia Friendly Towns did not replace health care services but was a community initiative to improve understanding of those suffering from the disease.</p>

	<p>The TURF group (Twin towns united regeneration Forum) are planning a community engagement event in September to invite ideas for the development of the town.</p> <p>Tourist information centre is willing to be a hub for the community.</p> <p>Action Point – Visit Aberdeenshire - Business to get information to Banff Tourist Office – Raise action with Visit Aberdeenshire - Banff Tourist Coast with regards to material at the centre.</p> <p>Visit Aberdeenshire – take off table to discuss further</p> <p>Action LH- Community confidence building – Item for next agenda Action LH - Invite Ainsley from Eat Local. Shop Local. Banff to next meeting. Also invite Naomi Mason to next meeting with regards to the Heritage Trail. Action CW– Look at the possibility of a Banff Facebook page. Discuss with Jan and Naomi Action – Linda to send electronic copy of the Action Plan to all members of the group for distribution to relevant other groups and individuals. Issue copies of action plan to Tourist office.</p>
6	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Phil Helmsley – the harbour had a fantastic day celebrating the 10 year anniversary, this is definitely worth repeating next year.</p> <p>Harbour wall – need to look after the harbour structure not only the wall that has issues, several other areas require attention. Need to look after this. Communication leaflets were circulated from Aberdeenshire harbours service regarin</p> <p>Action LH - Community representation – invite David Acton of Motive engineering to the next meeting Charitable sector – It was also suggested that Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action and Aberdeen Foyer may be able to participate in the partnership at the appropriate time.</p> <p>An update on Aberdeenshire Council’s office strategy was requested for not next meeting but the one after that.</p>
7	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>12 September 2017- Learning room 3 – Deveron Community & Sports Centre.</p>