

**Regeneration Development Partnership
Macduff Town Hall
04/09/2017 – 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
Linda Hendry – Project Assistant (Note Taker)
David MacLennan – Team leader – Planning Information & Delivery
Fiona Thomson – Project Officer (Delivery)
Stanley West – Macduff Heritage Group
Edward Acton – Macduff Heritage Group

Apologies: Paul Thomas – All-in-House
Duncan Abernethy – NESCOL
Dr Iain Brooker – Macduff Medical Practice
Hamish McCleay – Bachlaw Projects
John McCleay – Bachlaw Projects

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| 1 | <p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u> All were welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made. Paul Thomas – Standing down due to work commitments but we will keep him appraised.</p> <p>Cllr Cassie requested that we invite Robin Wiseman (Shore fellowship) Action LH</p> |
| 2 | <p><u>Note of last meeting</u> Note of the last meeting was reviewed and agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Findlater advised that he investigated further re the free school meals and emailed Tristian walker to advise that there is a process for this that ensures anonymity.</p> <p>JE - Advise that we can get a localised piece of work on child poverty but this would not be until spring 2018. A list of relevant questions needs to be collated. Child poverty worst now than 6 months ago.</p> <p>CW - Gateway signs have now been updated.</p> |
| 3 | <p><u>Annual Report</u></p> <p>All partners were issued with the updated action plan.</p> |

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| | <p>6 monthly reports are due to go to Area Committee in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Macduff Property Grant Scheme £100k has been set aside for this for key streets to improve the visual amenity has been launched with 10 applications received with 2/3 to follow.</p> <p>Macduff Marine Aquarium options appraisal expected January 2018.</p> <p>Macduff tourism both Knowes Hotel and Park Hotel are undergoing refurbishment.</p> <p>Heritage Trail has been initiated, funds agreed and public consultations been held. Macduff Primary are on board to involve pupils in the development of the treasure trail and the app is due to be launch in early 2018.</p> <p>Digital open day for Banff and Macduff will take place in Macduff primary School on 25 November 17. The event is designed to engage with the local community and gather information which will inform an operational plan. Manned skill stations will cater for those interested in coding, robotics, 3D printing and more.</p> <p>LH presented the Regeneration booklet to show what projects regeneration had been supporting during the last year. The booklet was well received by the group and they all looked forward to seeing it in print.</p> |
| 4 | <p><u>Simplified Planning and Planning Passports</u></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 and see if the partnership were interested in pursuing these for Macduff.</p> <p>The SPZ scheme requires preparation by the local authority and details types of development and nature of uses that are permitted together with any limitations, conditions and guidelines that a development must comply with.</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> |

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| | <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>Tarlair only 4 plots of land left to sell on the 2 current phases.</p> <p>There was a good discussion about whether there was a need for either Simplified Planning or Planning Passports in Macduff. The partnership were not unanimously keen to pursue Simplified Planning and agreed to continue to monitor the progress of the Peterhead SPZ.</p> <p>There may be merit in considering Planning Passports for smaller sites such as the old depot sites in Banff and Macduff.</p> |
| 5 | <p><u>Daymarkers Project</u></p> <p>LH and CW presented the Daymarkers Project.</p> <p>This project has come from a charity named Tour de Coast who are passionate about promoting and encouraging people to travel the coastline of Great Britain.</p> <p>The vision is to install 100 ‘daymarkers’ (based on the old wayfaring devices used to navigate), the structure is one of Cor-ten and Stainless steel, each will be numbered and will also contain a i-beacon which will have Bluetooth information to people visiting which can be customised.</p> <p>The estimated cost is £10,000 which would include the cost of the marker, installation and transportation.</p> <p>The presentation was well received by the group and they are very interested in this project. With a suggestion on suitable locations at the Aquarium, Church or at Tarlair.</p> <p>More information required on how this would be and opportunities for alternative fabrication. – ACTION LH</p> |
| 6 | <p><u>Macduff Heritage Centre</u></p> <p>The Partnership welcomed Stanley and Edward to the group to give a brief overview of the Macduff Heritage Group.</p> <p>At the moment the group have had a few meetings to discuss the possibility of having a more established Heritage Centre in Macduff. What they do feel is that it is important to have a temporary exhibition next summer which would be beneficial in finding out if they can get enough volunteers and also if the centre would work long term.</p> |

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| | <p>The financial side of the centre is still in consideration. But the group feel that a heritage centre would help to benefit the town.</p> <p>A potential building for the exhibition would be the old Gas plant (near the Aquarium). Suggestions to look at old Fife Street School or Market street Hall. Ideally the group would be looking at a building nearer the town centre.</p> <p>The group do not currently have a constitution but this is something they are working towards.</p> |
| 7 | <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Invite friends of Tarlair to next meeting– Jan to pass details on to Linda –Action JE and LH</p> <p>Heritage group</p> |
| 10 | <p><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 4 December 2017 @ 7pm Macduff town Hall</p> |