

**Banff Development Partnership
Deveron Community & Sports centre, Banff
19/06/2018 at 1900 - 2100**

Attendees: Cllr Glen Reynolds – (Chair), Cllr John Cox, Christine Webster-Regeneration & Town Centres Manager, Phil Hemsley (Banff Harbour), Morna Harper – Service Manager, Business & Community, David McCubbin – Visit Aberdeenshire, Angela Wiseman – Granny Bakes.

Note Taker: Audrey Michie, Strategic Town Centre Executive

Item	Description
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>All were welcomed to the meeting, introductions were made. Apologies: Jan Emery, Area Project Officer, David Acton, Motive Offshore, Cllr Roy, David Locke, Churches Together, Linda Hendry, Project Officer, Karen Wiles, Acting Area Manager</p>
2	<p><u>Note of previous meeting / Call to Action</u></p> <p>Note of meeting was agreed.</p> <p>Call to action – CW thanks to all that have circulated last call to action.</p> <p>GR Day markers – CW - We are still waiting for an update on the questions that we have asked, no further correspondence has been received.</p> <p>CW – Nesflag application has been submitted. Tourism Strategy from Visit Aberdeenshire has been circulated.</p> <p>Harbour – MH spoke to Richard Cormack Corrigan and Duncan Mackie regarding small tenders, both think this could be possible the reasons it hasn't happened to date could be cost and awareness of the Banff product offering. MH also spoke to Duncan Mackie. PH agreed and commented that harbours would have to be staffed, that more promotion was required and the web cam should be repaired. JC suggested that we look at the product we have and go more for high end yachts offering the products we have in the town. CW updated that marketing is in progress and Jan Emery is organising an event around tailoring products for the cruise industry. Information on this will be circulated. A request for an update at next meeting on outstanding actions from the harbour and a discussion around marketing.</p>

JC – Procurement Training. MH updated the group on the Fraserburgh meet the buyer meeting where businesses from Banff and the surrounding area were invited. It was agreed we will organise relevant meetings on procurement.

CW noted that a video is being produced and a brief developed on Banff from Invest in Aberdeen. JC requested the brief or progress report be brought to the next meeting.

ACTION –

- DM to circulate information on cruise tourism event.
- Invite Corrie Mccall to next meeting to update on harbour and marketing progress.
- Add brief or progress update on Invest in Aberdeen video for next meeting.

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Financial Summary

notes:

Additional monies still to go on from the paper approved at Area Committee for 49-53 Bridge Street. This project will depend on a complex funding package which the partners are seeking.

Update on Smiddy

The lease for the building is awaiting final signatures. Vanilla Ink will apply to Leader for funding which the regeneration action plan will match fund. Once Lease is in place Vanilla Ink will be invited around the table as a partner. JC commented that this is quite a risk as substantial monies have been invested. CW It is the responsibility of the partners to put their own funding arrangements in place.

Scottish Government Capital Grant Fund.

Calls have been issued by the Scottish Government for a stage one application. There are strict criteria that stipulate community involvement or community led applications. Two possible applications – 1. Bridge Street Public Realm – this may be too early for this year, it will be discussed and a plan put in place for an application for next year. 2. Vinery project, feasibility already undertaken, a little more work to be done however a phase 1 application will be progressed. This is not detailed within the action plan however would fit into theme 3. If successful at a stage 2 approval would be given for works to start in 2019 for completion in 2020. CW asked if the group were adverse to an application in regards to match funding from the regeneration action plan.

GR agreed that the vinery would be a good project to put forward.

	<p>DM agreed that any project like the vinery would boost the tourism offering in Banff. JC agreed with Vinery however disagreed with Bridge Street public realm works, as in his view all investment has to be holistic and has to increase jobs or footfall and economic activity.</p> <p>ACTION – CW to submit application to Scottish Government for Vinery with a match fund from the Regeneration Action Plan.</p>
4	<p><u>Local Data Company</u></p> <p>Local Data Company Draft reports were circulated in advance of the meeting, AM talked through the main points and gave three main outputs which will be delivered on Naomi Mason's return.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify why the high level of churn. Look at any intervention that can create better quality, longer lived business openings. • Showcase the services and products of Banff highlighting brands and products that all commercial businesses offer. • Work up enterprise projects. And market the gaps in Banff and Macduff to independent investor and developers. <p>JC welcomed this report, wording requires some tweaks. Can we measure in Square Meterage rather than individual vacancies? AM Yes this has started to be implemented in other towns. JC Query on oversupply of accommodation terminology in the report. GR Commented that this was a valuable piece of work that should be expanded and asked if this could be circulated to other elected members</p> <p>ACTION: AM and DM will take comments regarding accommodation to amend wording. AM to work with LDC to amend report. Naomi Mason will work on outputs plus a PR piece on her return.</p>
5	<p><u>Presentation from Granny Bakes</u></p> <p>JC can we look into the lack of premises for businesses like Granny Bakes expanding? If we look at the premises built for these circumstances they are inhabited by one organisation.</p> <p>ACTION: CW/MH Discussion with property regarding Macduff small industrial units and whether there is an opportunity to release these for small businesses.</p>

8	<p><u>Invites to next meeting</u></p> <p>David Acton – Business perspective on the economy Invite Claudia Cowie - Climate change - Environmental Impact – renewable energy David McCubbin – Accommodation overview Corrie Mccall – Harbour and marketing progress report</p>
8	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 18th September 2018 @ 1900 Deveron Community and Sports Centre</p>

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