



# Community Planning Aberdeen

**Torry Locality Partnership**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

**Meeting Room: Resources Room, Tullos Learning Centre**

## **MINUTE**

### **Present:**

**Sergeant Ross Geddes (Police Scotland, standing in for Christopher Kerr)**  
**Shamini Omnes (NHS, Public Health Coordinator)**  
**Laura Horn (Big Noise, Team Leader)**  
**Yvonne Allan (Councillor for Torry)**  
**Margaret Wright (Community Rep)**  
**Normund Varganovs (Community Rep)**  
**Blessing Lovis (Community Rep)**  
**Fay Morrison (Community Rep)**

### **In Attendance:**

**Colin Wright (ACC Development Manager)**  
**Jade Hepburn (ACC Community Development Officer, minutes)**

### **Apologies:**

**Jenny Cranna (HT of Torry Academy)**  
**Inspector Christopher Kerr (Police Scotland)**  
**Neil Hendry (Future HT of Lochside Academy)**  
**Graham Dale (Active Schools Development Manager)**

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>
<p><b>1. Welcome, Minutes – matters arising &amp; approval</b></p> <p>SO advised she was from the Health and Social Care Partnership and not the NHS, She also clarified that pg.2 of the minute should explain she was only helping in the interim. Pg.1, FM advised there was no E in her first name.</p> <p>CW advised that Claire Abbott was working with Jenny Cranna and Torry Academy pupils and they would begin looking at branding for the group after the summer break.</p> <p>JH has a meeting with the Balnagask Parent and Toddlers group to</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p>

<p>see if there is a young parent willing to be considered for a role as community rep. YA advised that Balnagask Community Centre gained a new committee member at their last AGM and that she may be a possible candidate.</p> <p>We have not yet identified a young person to sit on the board.</p>	<p>Jade to speak with Balnagask CC- new rep</p>
<p><b>2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair</b></p> <p>No one nominated themselves for chair. RG advised that Chris Kerr had put himself forward for Vice-Chair, all were in favour of this.</p> <p>Decision – CK has been nominated as Vice-Chair of the group, he will chair the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p>All members to think about whether they would like to nominate themselves for the role of chair</p>
<p><b>3. Torry Network Event</b></p> <p>CW asked people around the table to review the event, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May.</p> <p>A ) MW advised she was disappointed with the lack of community participation at the network event.</p> <p>Bi) SO felt it was important to consider the assets that are not utilised in the Torry area and use these to drive the events. NV explained that meetings have been arranged to look at the outdoor sports centre. He explained that it is possible that the centre could be run by a community group of key holders who also create a centre programme and develop a management committee. NV advised the next meeting would be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and would welcome all interested individuals and groups, including the two that currently use the centre – a bowling group and a croquet club. He explained that Streetsports have shown an interest for their Tennis group and that he had been in touch with a bubble football organisation, he is also in regular contact with the paintball company Battlegrounds.</p> <p>MW advised that the negotiations for the Pheonix building were coming to an end.</p> <p>Bii) It was suggested that the cost to enter the swimming pool in Torry is an issue with regards of the lack of things to do for young people. CW advised there had been a meeting for the start-up of a Torry Youth Action Group (TYAG) to look at gaps in provision - this is made up of members of the youth team, the communities team, police, fire safety, community wardens and youth provision organisations such as Streetsports.</p> <p>YA advised there was a youth group running at Torry Youth and Leisure Centre which did not seem to be very well advertised</p> <p>CW advised that the TYAG group had decided to amalgamate the</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p>JH to investigate</p>

<p>youth provision over the holidays into a sheet which will then be disseminated to the community ahead of the summer break.</p> <p>YA asked about the Jesus House Youth Club that was funded through the UDecide process. BL handed out leaflets for the Jesus House Youth Club for information. She advised it was for any children in the Torry area and encouraged people to spread the word. YA was concerned that 10-18 was a vast age group but BL assured the young people would be doing different things.</p> <p>C) What should network events look like? MW felt that it would be good to use an event to encourage people to come along – narrowing it down to one or two issues to generate a captive audience, making it attractive and avoiding diluting issues.</p> <p>YA suggested linking something in with the Torry Academy year of Celebration, advising that it is needs to be an event/activity that affects or appeals to them to encourage them to go. MW suggested incorporating an older peoples tour of the academy along with a cream tea to involve older people in the process- just one idea of many! Good year to focus on provision (because of the Academy closure).</p> <p>CW suggested having shorter, more informal events to encourage participation.</p> <p>LH suggested a more creative element to ‘hook’ people in – walking into a community hall that looked like a forest for example.</p> <p>RG queried the Torry Gala, as it was a yearly event and something that was anticipated. YA explained that the Torry Fest on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September (linked to the year of celebration) was the same idea.</p> <p>NV felt that it could be incorporated into a waterslide day. He imagines the waterslide to be 100m however said it would be very expensive to hire (£10,000). He would like to incorporate a range of things into the day including activities and games such as the walker road dancers, Battleground Paintball, football, archery etc. Also, make it informative with police, fire brigade, NHS, transplant motorbike, Segways etc. He would like it to take place on the last weekend of the summer holidays. JH asked how it could be funded – Dragados Community Fund may be able to help given its proximity to the Harbour site – could be a launch event for their visitor centre?</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> Group to think about proposals for future of the network</p>
<p><b>4. Young Scot Offer</b></p> <p>Everyone was in agreement that the young scot card and liked the idea of using a youth-led approach in its aim to reduce anxiety and stigma of young people. SO commented on the positivity of co-production.</p>	
<p><b>5. Locality Plan</b></p> <p>RG- from a policing point of view, drugs and alcohol is a priority. Distribution from England and supply from Torry, along with consumption is a concern. There is the potential to set up an operation to tackle the issue. MW advised that in order to promote change we need to change our mind set- raise awareness in schools</p>	

<p>and challenge the stigma. FM suggested there could be scope to set up premises to provide non-judgemental, supportive help in the empty premises on Victoria Road at least until we have the opportunity to provide provision in the Hub that will replace the school. We need to take a holistic approach to the issue and look at all the factors. Violence associated with alcohol for example – looking at the impact and support to get recovery.</p> <p>It was decide that this would be one of the priorities that the locality board will focus on as a means of developing the drivers identified in the locality plan.</p> <p>Baselines and targets</p> <p>CW reminded the group to make sure we bring any ideas and information to the table.</p>	<p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <p>RG- info re. operation hot spur  SO – send relevant info onto Colin  JH/CW- look at current service provision in area  CW- Invite ADA to next meeting.  *All above by next meeting</p>
<p><b>6. Maintaining and developing engagement with local community</b></p> <p>MW- felt we should have a huge programme of activities to go out to specific groups – utilise a captive audience, i.e. the st fitticks lunch club. Poassibly to use a questionnaire or similar to evaluate the effectiveness. JH suggested you could use the community learning offer profile as a starting point for this piece of work.</p>	<p><b>DESCION</b></p> <p>This will be a standing item on the agenda</p>
<p><b>7. AOCB</b></p>	
<p>8. CW gave out a list of proposed dates for meetings going forward. Wednesday is the best day for each of the community reps to meet.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p>CW to circulate the agreed dates.</p>