

Community Planning Aberdeen – Sustainable City Group

Extraordinary Meeting

05 October 2018

12.30 pm CFINE, Poynerook Road, Aberdeen

Attendees:

Jillian Evans – (JE) - Chair
Kelly Wiltshire (KW) - Minutes
Gavin Clark (GC)
Keith Gerrard (KG)
Sinclair Laing (SL)
Dave Simmers (DS)
Neil Carnegie (NC)
Andy Buchan (AB)
Gale Beattie (GB) – Vice Chair

Agenda item	Action	Owner
1. Welcome, apologies and introductions	JE welcomed group and everyone introduced themselves,	ALL
2. Overview of Taking Stock Event	Taking Stock Event. Was positive but needs definition on what projects we are doing or going to take forward. Need to take that positivity into action. Group needs to pull together, where we are, where we are going and what our stretch target may be. Needs to have multiple benefits towards the Sustainable Development Goals.	

	<p>Something that could be scaled up and strengthen our network of partners and community planning in general. Our main areas proposed at the event and their feedback included:</p> <p>Aim 1: Helping our city to be grey and green. Was a positive message. Group should develop this. Possible improvement projects include:</p> <p>(i) Community Run green spaces. Impacts on many sustainable goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civic pride (life on land) - Biodiversity (climate action) - Identifying with nature and science (quality education) - Growing and healthy consumption (good health & wellbeing; reducing poverty) - Socialisation (well-being) - Green gym (health & wellbeing) - Contributes to land & flood risks <p>Particularly topical with media coverage of NHS Shetland are doing green prescriptions. Great stories from Steven at last meeting on community initiated projects.</p> <p>Need to make this productive and purposeful – avoid ‘green deserts’</p> <p>Could envisage benefits and contributions from all partners, including SFS who could use it as an opportunity to reach people, community engagement and help get messages across.</p> <p>(ii) Active Travel</p> <p>High car ownership but also significant proportions of population do not have access to a car. Issues with social inclusion, physical activity, modal shift, linking communities, access, air quality, reducing emissions. Therefore, impacts on many of the sustainable development goals.</p>	
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	<p>Could we develop a walking and cycling Active Travel Hub? Active Travel hubs in Stirling, Falkirk and Inverness seen as good practice. They involve awareness raising, building confidence, training etc. Funding may be available. Smarter Choices Smarter Places? Sustrans, Sport Aberdeen, ACC Living Streets, Paths 4 All, Nestrans Cycle Parking fund.</p> <p>Could we initiate/support projects that link cycle routes from the city centre to the localities (Seaton, Woodside, Tillydrone, and Northfield)? Could the Community Links Project in Tillydrone be rolled out wider? Current projects & partners Community Links, Sustrans, Nestrans, Sport Aberdeen, Living Streets.</p> <p>Aim 2: Food Security</p> <p>Essentially this is about tackling poverty. Dave made the point that the Welfare Reform Board should be a tackling poverty group. Our efforts need to have a trajectory that considers the short, medium and long term contributions we can make. Some considerations:</p> <p>Food Poverty Action Plan – series of Actions that need to be done (will be circulated by Dave). How can we complement these/add value?</p> <p>Social prescribing – Link workers in GP practices will go a long way towards this</p> <p>No current baseline on food insecurity.</p> <p>Fuel Poverty</p> <p>This was identified as a gap at the Taking Stock event. Some existing practices: Angus CPP – Warm and Well project, home visits, eight volunteers. Led to lots of sign posting and helping vulnerable people.</p> <p>Fire and Rescue Service do home safety visits. Adult protection form is completed, if fire officer feels additional services are required.</p>	
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	<p>Keith highlighted the importance of support for maximising benefits. Perhaps the link workers and other existing initiatives are tackling this?</p> <p>Heat Networks going into Torry, can we tie into these projects to give added value?</p> <p>Home visits – use of Housing Officers and Making Every Opportunity Count – is this already happening?</p> <p>There is a lot already happening here and it was felt that we needed to find out more before considering if there are gaps that can be addressed through the Sustainable City Group.</p> <p>Our action is to get informed beginning with asking SCARF to do a presentation at a future meeting.</p> <p>Aim 3: Reducing Waste</p> <p>Feedback from the Taking Stock event was low/little interest. Our interest is in reusing, recycling.</p> <p>Speak to Joanne Riach about efforts in public sector organisations promoting everyone to do their bit to reuse, recycle manage energy</p> <p>Is there more we can do to support CFINE here?</p> <p>Aim 4: Resilient Communities.</p> <p>Our aim should be to help communities take more ownership of their lives/environment. Find out more what communities want/need. Gritting, salting, green space, street design.</p> <p>Supporting initiatives include participatory requests, participatory budgets. – Community Empowerment.</p>	
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3. Dates of next meeting and venues of meetings for next year	20 th November 2018, 10am, Central Fire Station	
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