

Community Planning Aberdeen
Sustainable City Outcome Improvement Group
Notes from meeting 29 August 2019 10am until 12 noon
Fire and Rescue Service, North Anderson Drive, Aberdeen

1. Welcome and apologies

Welcome to Davie Howieson from Police Scotland, replacing Martin McKay and to Thane Lawrie, CEO of SCARF – both new members on the group. Welcome also to guests Ancor and Sandy.

Present: Jillian Evans, Sinclair Laing, Lavina Massie, Anne Wakefield, Gavin Clark, Dave Kilgour, David Selkirk, Davie Howieson, Kelly Wiltshire, Joanne Riach, Steven Shaw, Thane Lawrie

Apologies from Andy Buchan, Gale Beattie, Joanna Murray, Karin Bloodworth, Neil Carnegie, Pam Walker, Sacha Will

2. Updates/presentations

Mapping the Sustainable Development Goals – Ancor Armas Martin

Ancor explained the drive by the UN to ‘localise’ the SDGs across the world, and his work in Aberdeen to help raise awareness of these. His research has involved talking to key people to understand how their work contributes to each of the goals. In this way, he has been able to identify gaps i.e. goals where local efforts do not seem to be happening. Ancor presented his initial findings and heard some suggestions from the group on how these could be developed further. Ancor will share the presentation and groups are encouraged to discuss. We will get the full report when it is available. There was full ‘buy-in’ to the goals from the group, seeing it as a great way of explaining what we are trying to achieve through community planning and the LOIP.

Granite City Growing - Sandy Gustar

Sandy raised awareness of the imminent food growing strategy “Granite City Growing” which is a statutory duty of local authorities. It will be subject to internal consideration before public consultation. Our group is keen to contribute during the internal consultation stage. The strategy has been informed by workshops, surveys and strategic assessments. It presents a five year vision that everyone will have opportunities to access quality food. We will put this on our agenda when the strategy is available for consultation.

Workplace growing Charter– Steven Shaw

Steven reported that we will be ‘piggybacking’ on an NHS event in Oct – Granite city food growing. Our first test of change is to get six leaders to make a pledge about workplace growing. So far it is looking good for Aberdeen Inspire, ACC, Grampian Housing, SFRS. Jillian is speaking to the CEO of NHS Grampian and Thane is considering whether SCARF can commit. A short video from leaders is great – being at the event even better. Steven will keep us posted.

Community resilience adverse weather – Andy Buchan (not in attendance)

Jillian will get a separate update from Andy. Davie H offered to make contact with the Local Resilience Partnership so that we can get direct input to Andy's community resilience work.

3. Charters for development

Healthy Start and Smile Charter – final draft was attached

This was approved to go to CPP management office for comment (note it still needs project timelines). The launch of the pantry is on 7th Oct. Some ideas for partnership working still evolving eg SCARF and fuel poverty.

Active travel – refined ideas were attached

These are a mix of short and long term ideas including:

1. Raising awareness and uptake of initiatives and support through development/enhancement of a new or existing digital platform
2. Personalised journey planning (walking and cycling) using trained volunteers
3. Build/create active travel hubs alongside the development of the bike hire scheme
4. Extend network for recycling bikes eg men's sheds

We discussed the possibility and practicalities for refurb bikes and preventing them from going to landfill. Sport Aberdeen has looked into start up business case which would include initial capital and ongoing revenue for storage, training. David S to explore further. Some funding sources mentioned including zero waste Scotland and possibility of matched funding (SUEZ?). We thought we could add regeneration of garden tools alongside the bikes (for community growing).

Continued interest in personalised journey planning using trained volunteers. Cycling UK may be able to help us. Kelly pursuing social prescribing using link workers. This could be a quick test of change.

Main action is to firm up these ideas to produce an overarching charter for active travel. (*I have a feeling we may need to convene the little group looking at active travel*).

Reducing regeneration of waste – for discussion (Pam)

Pam couldn't be with us today but she is gathering data on the numbers of bikes going into landfill. This item will be on the agenda for fuller discussion at next meeting.

4. Confirm future dates

These are confirmed:

9th Oct 10-12 at Sport Aberdeen (thanks David)

21st Nov 9.30-11.30 at SCARF tbc (thanks Thane)