

Community Planning Aberdeen

Sustainable City Outcome Improvement Group

Meeting on 22nd July 2020

- On Teams -

Present: Andy Buchan, Ann Wakefield, Allison Swanson, Dave Kilgour, David Mackay, Joanna Murray, Kelly Wiltshire, Lawrence Johnston, Steven Shaw, Sinclair Laing, Sue Lawrence, Jacqui Bell and Jillian Evans.

Apologies: Maggie Hepburn, Pam Walker, Lavina Massie, Joanne Riach and Emma Williams.

Welcome to Lawrence Johnston and David Mackay from Scarf, replacing Thane Lawrie.

Farewell to Andy Buchan, who is moving to a new role and handing over membership of this group to his replacement.

1. Reflections and taking stock

Everyone reported back on life during COVID.

Positives – volunteer response, increase in walking and cycling, reduction in emissions, reconnection with outdoor spaces, working from home, speed of change, mass uptake of energy saving measures and bee hives on North Anderson Drive!

Negatives – increase in poverty, fear of public transport, mental health issues, litter, traffic problems, reduction in consultation/engagement and social isolation.

Several people mentioned the need to align our charters with ACC's Socio-economic Rescue Plan (it will be incorporated into the LOIP refresh in July 2021).

Charter updates:

CFINE: temporary closure of pantries and food bank and operating a delivery service. Hoping to re-open end August/Sept.

Food growing: very little workplace growing but schools outreach has gone well and other community growing has continued. CFINE involved in seeds project.

Resilience: Interaction with communities is not possible this year but will continue with 'back room' work.

2. Improvement Plan

Timing of re-starting work and submission of charters discussed. December submissions are planned for: carbon emissions, at-risk database and waste management. Walking charter has been submitted and will go for approval in September. JE and AS to agree Improvement Plan and circulate to the group.

3. AOB

AS suggested inviting Angela Taylor to the next meeting – she has experience of aligning charters with the Socio-economic Rescue Plan in Prosper group.

Next meeting – in a couple of weeks.