

**Northfield Total Place**

**Locality Partnership Board Meeting**

**Manor Park Learning Centre**

**Wednesday 4th March 2020 9.15am – 11.15am**

**M I N U T E S**

**Present:**

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| **Name** | **Title Agency** |
| Garry McNulty(Chair) | Resident, Northfield |
| Alex Priest | Depute Head Teacher, Northfield Academy |
| Angela Newlands | Stakeholder Engagement Co-ordinator, Farrans |
| Arthur Forbes | Resident & Civic Forum Member |
| Bert Donald | Resident & Community Councillor |
| Charmaine Mackenzie | Health Improvement Officer - Neighbourhoods |
| Cllr Gordon Graham | Councillor, Aberdeen City Council |
| Derek Bain | Police Constable – Police Scotland |
| Elisabeth Barry | Resident & Chair of Middlefield Community Project |
| Helen Graham | Middlefield Community Project Manager |
| Laura Young | Community Media Development Worker, SHMU |
| Mike Melvin | ACVO & local volunteer |
| Paul McMenemy | Northfield Community Council |
| Ron Bird | Middlefield Project |
| Simon Lewis-Dalby | Inspector – Northfield Community Policing Team, Police Scotland |
| Tristram Browne | Project Manager, Farrans |

**Also Present:**

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| Fiona Gray | Locality 2 Development Manager, Aberdeen City Council |
| Jeni Wardrope | Administrative Officer, Aberdeen City Council |

**Apologies:**

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| Martin Smith (Vice Chair) | Locality Inclusion Manager, Aberdeen City Council |
| Bryan Nelson | Station Manager Altens and North Anderson Drive Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue |
| Cllr Ciaran McRae | Councillor, Aberdeen City Council |
| Cllr Jackie Dunbar | Councillor, Aberdeen City Council |
| Susan Hislop | Resident & Vice Chair of Middlefield Community Project |

# ****1 Welcome and Introductions****

Garry McNulty welcomed all to the Locality Partnership Board meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

# ****2 Minutes of Meeting 8th January 2020****

* Approval – Arthur Forbes, seconded by Mike Melvin
* Matters arising – Item 4 – Derek Bain online safety gaming – spoke to Aberdeen Law Project and they are happy to upscale, looking for other schools to work with. Partnership Forum meeting at Northfield Academy on 24th March – will bring one of the Aberdeen Project Law people to the meeting
* Item 12 – AOCB – Training on Quality Improvement Charters – spoke to Sacha – who’s moved on – there are half-day boot camps or 2-hour overviews for people to book sessions. Two hours may be a better option as not so in depth for the Board to consider
* No attendance was taken at last meeting, please get in contact if you attended but were not included as being present

**3 Farrans – Update on A92/A96 Haudagain Improvement Project**

* Construction progressing well
* New link road will be created
* Utilities to be diverted hopefully in next month or so, still a lot of diversions
* Next big phase - closure of Manor Drive (Manor Avenue will reopen)
* All information will be advertised in advance
* Robert Gordon University students been to construction site as have Aberdeen University students
* Hoping to link up with Northfield Academy regarding developing the Young Workforce
* Doing well with Arts Group with young people designing boards
* Is the board interested in visiting the site? – Contact Fiona Gray/Jeni Wardrope to give available times and put forward to members

**4 LOIP/Locality Improvement Project Updates**

* Men sheds would be a great idea for area – Board willing to support
* Does not always seem to be something for people who want to volunteer
* Money from PEF being using to fund school breakfast clubs as no longer any other money. Depends on school budgets – Cllr Gordon Graham will investigate
* Cubby at Cummings Park Centre – will it expand to wider area?
* Children entitled to free meals not taking because do not like choices offered
* Police Scotland – special project concentrating on community attitude, what do people tolerate in the area
* Figures recently out show that Northfield is still an area of deprivation
* Lot of movement in the area, figures out before all the new construction work in area

Ron Bird – gave information about his Project Charter regarding mental health issues with young people aged between 11 – 25 years old. Present funding for Youth Worker runs out in June 2020 – wants Board to endorse project. Willing to share paperwork and methodology.

**ACTION** There needs to be a special meeting to go over charters as soon as possible – Martin Smith needs to be present.

**5 U Decide 20/21 – progress report**

Northfield Academy pupils will be voting on bids on 6th March with letters to successful bids going out on 10th March. There will be feedback from school assemblies on 16th, 17th and 18th March. Bert and Arthur advised how they found the pupils at Northfield Academy very good to work with. Alex Priest acknowledged and agreed to pass on.

**6 Report Back from Northfield Partnerships**

* NYAG/Police Update
  + Has not been a recent meeting
  + A request from PC Brian Cumming looking for a constituted group of young people aged between 12 – 16 years old to help show that not everything is about antisocial behaviour
  + Looking for a project charter for adults – internet safety
  + School vandalism over the school holidays – where do we divert children during this time?
  + Need to encourage a sense of place – looking for suggestions
* Partnership Forum
  + New Head Teacher for Northfield Academy – Douglas Watt – should be in place after Easter
  + Been a lot of staff changes at Academy – still staff shortages – citywide problem
  + Barnardo’s – SHMU – SACRO – Children 1st – MCR Pathways and many others all working within the Academy to give support to pupils
  + Looking at increasing support and time to pupils for transition from primary to secondary
  + There will be a new PC to take place of PC Minty who has moved on
  + SHMU – would it be possible for pupils to come and talk on radio about all positive things happening at the Academy?
  + Newly out Positive Destination statistics show a jump from previously 70% to 89.1% - a huge improvement and commended by the Board
  + All the positive things in the Academy should be shared to increase a greater sense of achievement

**7** **Community Council Updates**

* Mastrick, Sheddocksley and Summerhill
  + Raising funds for a defibrillator – local councillor offered to train local community council on usage
* Northfield
  + Now have a representative from Northfield Community Council coming to the group to give feedback – Paul McMenemy

**8 Priorities for Local Plan – notes from special meeting 14th August 2019**

* Went through notes from special meeting with board
* Early Intervention makes an impact
* Mastrick Shops being added to PLACE – Specific Projects
* Board members happy with keeping everything discussed as relevant to the Locality Plan

**9 AOCB**

**Fiona Gray** – meeting with David Brands from Children 1st – working with the Academy but also in the community. Looking to find out what is going on in the local area regarding mental health and wellbeing, bringing together Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and Police and building a picture of what’s available.

**Bert Donald** – snippet in Press and Journal about Aberdeen City Council budget meeting – ‘bread no longer being given the children?’ Cllr Gordon Graham – it will be replaced with something healthier.

**Mike Melvin** – handed out leaflets from Citizens Advice about help with Council Tax - <https://www.checkmycounciltax.scot/>

Pathways to Health and Social Care **–** sign up days taking place from 12th March -

Phone or text ‘call me’ to 07483 380749 for details.

Development Awards – up to £300 available – for conditions and more information Phone or text ‘call me DA’ 07483 380749.

Best Start Foods – for more information call 0800 182 222 or visit <https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/>

**Helen Graham** – What is happening with Triangle site? Cllr Gordon Graham – ongoing but no planning applications in yet.

Middlefield Church– closed and to be sold privately – updates will be given when available.

Started parent anxiety groups funded through the Health Board.

**Laura Young** – Middlefield Mirror looking for content for spring edition.

**13 Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 29th April 2020, 9.15am – 11.15am at Manor Park Learning Centre