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**Priority Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Wednesday 27th January 2021 9.15am – 11.15am**

**M I N U T E S**

**Present:**

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| **Name** | **Title Agency** |
| Garry McNulty (Chair) | Resident, Northfield |
| Martin Smith (Vice Chair) | Locality Inclusion Manager, Aberdeen City Council |
| Alex Priest | Depute Head Teacher, Northfield Academy |
| Angela Newlands | Stakeholder Engagement Co-ordinator, Farrans |
| Anna Gale | Public Health Co-ordinator Aberdeen City Council |
| Bert Donald | Resident & Community Councillor |
| Bryan Nelson | Station Manager Altens and North Anderson Drive Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue |
| Carol Hannaford | Development Officer, Housing, Aberdeen City Council |
| Cllr Jackie Dunbar | Councillor, Aberdeen City Council |
| Cllr Gordon Graham | Councillor, Aberdeen City Council |
| Craig Murray | Locality Sergeant, Police Scotland |
| Derek Bain | Police Constable – Police Scotland |
| Grant Dudgeon | Engineers Representative, Jacobs |
| Helen Graham | Middlefield Community Project Manager |
| Jennifer Macrae | Primary Care Link Practitioner, NHS |
| Laura Young | Community Media Development Worker, SHMU |
| Mark Galbraith | Project Manager Farrans |
| Mike Melvin | ACVO & local volunteer |
| Paul McMenemy | Northfield Community Council |

**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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| Kara Chapman | Inspector, Police Scotland |

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

Garry McNulty welcomed all to the Priority Neighbourhood Partnership meeting (previously the NTP Locality Partnership Board)

# ****2 Minutes of Meeting 4th March 2020****

Approval – last meeting so long ago difficult to remember however some of the work has been able to continue through the pandemic, will work through the agenda and be able to see what has been happening.

**3** **Farrans Update – Mark Galbraith & Grant Dudgeon**

* **Mark Galbraith** - progressing well timescale for completion is now winter 2021 due to the pandemic and having to shut down for 3 months.
* **Mike Melvin** - difficult for residents of Manor Ave as have to go up to Middlefield Place to find first crossing across North Anderson Drive – any getting about is particularly difficult for parents/disabled can something be done to help with this? **Angela Newlands** –keeping residents and traveling public up to date about changes –getting information out to wider audience via radio (SHMU) social media/notice boards etc.
* Continuing to go to Pathways/Jobcentre/College and schools for staff requirements and employability skills remotely – hoping to further engage – engaging with local groups – wanting to further assist where possible and wanting input – Alex Priest passed on his contact details to assist
* **Cllr Jackie Dunbar** – communication – as a resident on Manor Ave information comes out either got as either resident or councillor but not both – sometimes said a letter is coming but not received it just to flag this up – **Angela Newlands** will look into this – on a positive says road gets cleaned every night which is a huge help – sometimes cleaned more than once.
* **Martin Smith** – there are opportunities for Farrans to make impact on the community to create extra curricula entertainment whole raft of opportunities – very valuable in terms of moving forward.
* **Helen Graham** – impact of traffic going onto Provost, traffic building up at roundabout, anyway it can be dealt with by lights or sign saying please leave gap for traffic to get out.

**4 Carol Hannaford, Tenant & Community Engagement Officer ACC**

* **Wants to revisit the tenant participation strategy and link up with people in the localities to bring citywide participation and localities engagement together. Currently doing tenant satisfaction survey looking for articles to communicate more effectively. Want new people to get involved and link together.**
* **Jennifer Macrae – Denburn and Aurora medical practice work with a lot of people who would like to be more involved with community projects or regeneration in the area, can put out anything like posters case - lot of queries to do with housing happy to swap details**
* **Anna Gale – LEGs in early stages of development can link up.**
* **Fiona Gray – emails sent are bcc’d may be a way of sharing email details if needed.**
* **Carol Hannaford - willing to keep coming to meeting to help with communications.**

**5 Locality Annual Report 19/20**

**Martin Smith**

* **Expansion of nursery and early years programme**
* **Food and fun hopefully will expand - delivered during pandemic.**
* **Identification of vulnerable kids through the hubs.**
* **Food element is a huge challenge - expanded community food outlets.**
* **Now a Management Committee at Cummings Park Community Centre.**
* **Special thanks to Kev Donald, Community Development Officer ACC for working with them on that.**
* **Family Learning working with families towards John Muir award.**
* **Steering Group involved with Participatory Budgeting (PB) through Northfield Academy - youngsters involved, really valued work recognised as one of few that delivered PB last year.**
* **Council wants to deliver 2000 houses - completed new build at Manor Walk and nearly 200 houses in the greater Northfield area.**
* **Progress at Haudagain and some work at Middlefield triangle**

**Great work in collaboration with partners with opportunities to develop further in coming campaign, it has been endorsed through government mechanisms such as the Community Planning Management Group, Community Planning Board and then the Strategic Commissioning Committee - universal feedback was a huge well done to community and board as well**

**6 Refresh of Locality Plan**

* Already touched on some bits and aware there are gaps - COVID has been a significant factor.
* Looking to have dedicated focus to see what went on before and see where the gaps are.
* Have Population Needs Assessment (was emailed) to look at, need to be a phased approach to contribute, opportunity to influence it.
* Would be useful to have different groups to develop and then come back to the group - specific areas targeted and then fed back to group.
* People have no money to travel but want to be more involved in the local community, do not want to go to a different area.
* Lot of social isolation
* Issues about tenants repairs not getting done - no housing officers in offices due to strict government rules.
* Home schooling - iPad and laptops made available but often more than one child in family.
* Locality Empowerment Groups about to host a series of virtual workshops over next month for local people - will send details to all.
* Will send out flyer explaining a bit more about LEG’s.
* Education and home-schooling details of contacts who can help families can be passed on.
* ASG partnership paid for extra well-being sessions from family resource worker, just completed a run of 6 virtual sessions and will run again. Children 1st are coming into city area can be asked to come and speak to group.
* Point raised about how information comes out of the hubs, will ask for more information or invite to do presentation for better explanation - lot of families had intense support from April last year.
* ‘Fit like’ hubs in priority areas are likely to be long term- get someone to come in and talk about them.

**7 Locality Rescue Plan – Tracker Review/Update**

* Will email out tracker to all.
* January update some information in – goes up to Community Planning document still in draft, will be a working document – people to endorse or update.
* Food poverty much worse since lock down –could be one of the priority projects.
* Digital agenda – different projects that can support finding ways of helping during Covid – no longer any doorstep visits, looking at how to make people feel included.
* Public bodies need to be flexible as people tend to use what they are used to i.e. Zoom.

**8** **Locality Empowerment Groups**

Covered earlier, will send out recruitment flyer and information about sessions coming up.

**9 ADP & Police Funding opportunities**

* ADP - £50000 available to support activity in locality - keen to get localities influencing spend. Funding links will be sent after meeting. Any proposals, email Martin Smith.
* Increase in domestic abuse.
* Rather than handing out money how about something to inform people about what is happening - how would money be best used in area?
* Funding available - many ways it can be used will share process to follow – also funding by Police Scotland about £9000 for each locality to be spent by end of financial year - what can benefit from this? No set criteria, time critical
* Lockdown a hinderance – staff are still visible and carrying out visits in exceptional circumstances – when restrictions eased opportunities to prepare new projects.
* Still trying to get funding for youth outdoor hub at Tesco for Northfield and Mastrick.
* Lot of people coming out of custody not coping, is there something that can support them? Focus solely on what we can do to stop them going back into custody.
* Mike Melvin – Kaya from their office can also help with some funding, can provide details.

**10 Report back from Northfield Partnerships**

1. NYAG/Police Update - Craig Murray – NYAG started June last year not been any meetings – Engaging in antisocial patrols in Mastrick, difficult to do things with lockdown – unrealistic until lockdown eased – issue is drugs in local area - focusing on supply of drugs in area. For a local approach Northfield email is: [NorthfieldCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthfieldCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)

and Mastrick/Hilton/Stockethill/Cornhill: [HiltonStockethillCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HiltonStockethillCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk) emails are monitored daily any investigations can be done discreetly.

1. Partnership Forum - last meeting few weeks ago - lot of questions about rise in domestic abuse – teachers anxious about how it was affecting children – training being offered pick up on issues – one concern is about inadequate transitions due to Covid and how this affects children moving to primary school or secondary – got contact of someone who may know how many children were getting online – need to keep a fine balance of support.
2. **Community Council Updates**

Mastrick, Sheddocksley and Summerhill - some Zoom meetings not a lot of business. One main item discussed was availability of funds for food poverty, maybe should be a coming together of funding available all the year round rather than just specific times. A survey has been put out so hopefully some information will come back from that. There is a Food Poverty Action group in the city – will try and find out what is happening citywide and pull together.

1. **AOCB**

**Derek Bain** – met with group looking at provision for youths in Mastrick and Northfield area, what is currently available, what they might like and how can we find this out? Anyone who wants to be part of discussion send email about how you would fit in to discussion Need to know who needs what, what is where etc.

**Cllr Jackie Dunbar**- Byron Square car park belongs to Aberdeen City Council housing account. Looking to see how repairs can be done so tenants not solely paying for it as it is a community carpark.

**Helen Graham** – There’s a lot of frustration about no one manning the housing offices not fair having to go into city centre – **Cllr Jackie Dunbar** - local housing offices still closed due to Covid for safety, Scottish government advice is to work from home where possible. Once restrictions ease will look to open offices.

Tenants frustrated as repairs taking so long, seems to be a breakdown in communication – **Martin Smith** - looking at call handling arrangements to tackle long waiting times – also more clarity on what is classed as an essential repair - looking at solutions.

**13 Date of next meeting –** Wednesday March 24th 9.15am – 11.15am (maybe another meeting earlier for refresh of LP)