



Community Planning Aberdeen

Torry Partnership

Date: Thursday 8th of July 2021

Meeting Room: Microsoft Teams

MEETING NOTE

Present	In Attendance	Apologies
Normund Varganovs (Community Rep)		Neil Hendry (Lochside HT)
Derek Bain (Police Scotland)		Angela Sadler (Community Rep)
Laura Young (SHMU)		Graham Dale (Sport Aberdeen)
Anne-Marie Steehouder Ross (ACC)		Bryan Nelson (SFRS)
Susan Morrison (ACVO)		Emily Story (Walker Road HT)
Fay Morrison (Community Rep)		Paul McArdle (Community Rep)
Mark Lambley (Police Scotland)		
Lorna Geller (Big Noise Torry)		
Chris Hood (Kings Foundation)		
Harry Jackson (Police Scotland)		
Colin Wright (ACC)		
Lesley-Ann Mulholland (Community Rep)		
Ian Baird (Community Rep)		
Richard Caie (Community Rep)		
Teresa Dufficy (ACC)		
Jade Leyden (ACC)		
Christian Allard (Councillor)		

ACTION POINTS	ACTION LEAD
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions Fay opened the meeting</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of previous meeting/Matters arising EU Update- x3 successful support clinics set up to provide support and guidance to people who needed it. The deadline has now passed. Love Torry – Going to use the page for information sharing Social Enterprise- referred to next meeting.</p>	
<p>3.Kings Foundation</p> <p>Building works. Works on the building got under way in April 2021. We have completed Phase 1 of the works which involved Fixing the drainage system for the building. This involved laying new pipe for what's going to be the new kitchen and for the new disabled bathroom. New doorways and windows have been made and walls have come down which provides a new layout. Within our next phase of works due to start in mid-July to early August, we will be completing the rest of the works. This will include new walls and new flooring to bring the place into a good state. A new kitchen will be getting installed and a new disabled bathroom will be kitted out with what's required. The whole space will be getting painted. In the reception area we will be making a hatch so when people come in, they will be met by a staff member. The bathrooms will be getting redone as they are in a bad state at the moment. The outside will be getting cleaned ad painted.</p> <p>Programme</p> <p>We have been working to get various charities and companies to link with us. So far, we have Bethany Christian trust, who will use the space to support the community. With a recovery worker, a housing officer and a family worker. We are partnering with Princess trust and possibly the Foyer. Scarf will be using our space as a base for linking to the community. A community café will be in place which will provide cooking classes and cooking on a budget. We will have foodbank based out of our building. We are in conversations with various groups from the council that would like to use some space. We will run some programmes ourselves with the likes of kids clubs, a connect group, debt advice and various others.</p> <p>proposed community engagement</p> <p>With the community café it will very much rely on volunteers to run so will be looking to the community to fill this role. We are looking into starting up a</p>	

<p>steering group to get input from those local and involved in setting up various projects. I have attended some meetings set up by Anne-Marie which is engaging with locals and taking on board what concerns they have.</p> <p>towards the launch</p> <p>We have already had a spread in the local newsletter. We would like to continue to use that route to spread the word about progress and possible open dates. I have linked with Teressa who mentioned a Torry open day that we could be a part of to show our presence. We will also be having our own open day, inviting the council, the contractors and all that will be partnering with us and the local community.</p> <p>Susan asked if they were looking to connect with other orgs, could maybe feature in the ACVO newsletter.</p>	
<p>3. Local Assets</p> <p>Number of buildings that could be developed in the city.</p> <p>Anne-Marie advised there is an old building that is behind Tullos Primary looking at how it might be developed along with the school for youth work resources. Lots of things to consider re. ownership/running.</p> <p>Torry Outdoor Sports Centre- Scout group (Hacerstwo) got police funding and would like to use it as a base and want to open up for community use- working with Sport Aberdeen to try and get it back to a useable state.</p> <p>Derek advised there is a budget set aside for a CCTV system to cover Tullos Primary. The CCTV may not cover this building but may be worth checking if there is budget enough for it to be covered. Mark Wilson is overseeing the CCTV for this project.</p>	
<p>4. South Locality Plan/Torry Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Published plan – This Wednesday the CPA endorsed the plan after consultation with the community.</p> <p>Looking for the partnership to have a look at the plan through the link – consider as a partnership what identify the priorities to initially take forward and consider how we share the plan to make it more accessible to the wider community.</p> <p>Decided to have a separate meeting to discuss this. Before next scheduled meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Allard asked - should we invite wider community to separate meeting? Lesley-Anne- Perhaps also invite local businesses. Open meeting, widely publicised. 4 weeks from now as a minimum – perhaps toward the end of the school holidays</p>	<p>Separate meeting set up to look at the priorities within the plan – Jade and Colin – one month from now- make it a Tuesday.</p>

Torry Branding video – update with new info and report back at open meeting	Jade
<p>5. TYAG</p> <p>Youth ASB during April saw an increase and again in May. Hotspots include Torry Academy and the Victoria Road school site – patrols have been increased. Patrols have noted an increase in misbehaviour generally also. ASB calls in June have dropped again though Mark is anticipating a rise during the school summer holidays.</p> <p>At present, there have been no further incidents with Stagecoach-Community bus idea ongoing, Mark is waiting for Stagecoach to respond.</p> <p>Pump track – potential funding options may be available – looking to express interest before end of 2021 providing the Sport Scotland Fund reopens. Halfords are on side to support with bike maintenance. Ade and Mark are hoping to go live with a survey to the whole community in the coming weeks to get some feedback on what thoughts are on the installation of a pump track in the area.</p> <p>Harry introduced himself, he is the new school-based Police Officer at Lochside Academy. He will be linking in with ASB work and the feeder Primary schools. Welcome Harry!</p> <p>ACC planning to put additional youth work provision in Torry academy and surrounding areas – these paid posts are now advertised on the My Job Scotland website. Possible opportunity to increase youth activity in the area. Very much links into the proposal of bringing together the community representative groups across the ASG. The posts are full time and staff will be required to work some evenings too.</p> <p>Derek & Susan expressed concerns that these posts had not been consulted with partnership/third sectors</p>	
<p>6. Summer of Play</p> <p>Well attended, very few incidents and generally very well received by children and young people with an average 9.5/10 enjoyability score!!</p>	
<p>7. TRRAG</p> <p>The TRRAG meetings have continued over last few weeks and are still subdivided into three groups – food poverty, income maximisation and training/employability/digital skills. A varied range of partners have met and here are some updates –</p> <p>Food poverty – need to find out underlying cause – as some using facilities multiple times. Fareshare is in dire straits since Brexit and covid. Churches doing a great job but some with complex needs need a lot of support. Word of mouth and building relationships is crucial and signposting to the correct agencies for further support.</p>	

Income maximisation – “Are you Worried about Money?” leaflet distributed in Torry to the schools, community outlets, shops and food banks. For those whose first language isn’t English there are further barriers to negotiate when faced with an income crisis. Importance of the one to one relationship as highlighted by a Big Noise case study. Income maximisation post linked to the schools due to start after the holidays. Kings Church hoping to be in by September and can host Social Security Scotland and other partners – plus they are aiming to open a pantry near the centre too.

Training/employability/digital skills – linking in well with schools, family learning Shmu etc. Roll out of the digital skills devices. This group is looking at a shop front idea where more intensive work can be done to support people and build confidence.

All three groups are using social media to boost the initiative.

Cllr Allard asked - Is there any way we can put something together with groups who want to help so save the duplication? Susan elaborated by saying that people are going from pantry to pantry to cover all their needs and meals for the week.

Susan advised that there are problems with getting lorries and drivers for Fare Shares distribution – don’t know when things are coming in and struggling to distribute fresh produce.

Chris advised that they would be happy to take any produce that might go to waste and use it to create cooking classes.

CFINE received funding for producing a leaflet called ‘worried about money’ being handed out with food parcels.

Partners to share information widely

Teresa to Link up Chris with Sean McVay

8. Information Sharing

Torry People’s Assembly

Lesley-Anne – looking into how people can take part in discussion on the ETZ through the use of the Peoples Assembly. The Peoples Assembly would be a opportunity to hear everyone’s view for or against the ETZ to have a discussion and have their say. This is open to anyone who has an opinion and wishes to share it/have their voice heard. The email address to note interest is: TorryPA@protonmail.com

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Lesley-Anne- everything is growing well in the new planters- first potato flowers! A good few people coming to weds/Sat sessions. Also summer sessions for kids happening during the week. Anyone welcome!

Derek – Could ACC get in touch with anyone on the list for an allotment to get involved in community plots to try and come and participate. Pat Bain

Jade to raise with rest of the

<p>manages city allotments officer is the person to contact in relation to this.</p> <p><i>Water Main (St Fittick's Park)</i></p> <p>Being laid by HB for the new harbour, warned that it might have detrimental affect on birds and architecture- this has been addressed. Still waiting on confirmation on when the work will start.</p>	<p>CDO team</p> <p>Jade to chase this up.</p>
<p><i>Energy from Waste plant progress</i></p> <p>Richard has noticed the rate in which the incinerator building is going up– having been given planning permission developers can build the building but cannot operate the plant until they get permission from SEPA. At this point SEPA can still request modifications to the building. At present, there are questions to be answered before a permit can be given. Answers were due by March, though a 3 month extension was given until June. Again this has passed, but these answers have not been fully addressed so a further extension has been granted until 19th of July.</p> <p>ACC plan to start on the heat network this year but SEPA will not be able to progress until October. Therefore the Heat Network work might be delayed.</p> <p>Example of issues with the building being erected without operational consent: The chimney has already been erected–though it could be that SEPA (George Smith) require a taller chimney for it to be compliant with their regulations.</p> <p><i>ETZ</i></p> <p>Richard expressed some concern about the Energy Transition Zone. There are no Councillors on the board of directors. There is 53 Million pledged for the project, but no one seems sure on what that has been pledged for/to. Information can be found on the companies house website, number: SC697431.</p> <p>STV reporters are saying they have been engaging on a monthly basis – though there is no evidence of this.</p> <p>Cllr Allard advised he has had no sight of any money being given to ETZ Limited from the Scottish Government.</p> <p>The group agreed to arrange a Special meeting of the Partnership as soon as possible to look at the progress of the ETZ. Invite staff and folk from across the area, wider than Torry, for example, Mike Duncan from Cove. Arrange for meeting to be held during the day.</p> <p>The proposal does also affect Doonies Farm. Cllr Allard advised that the Torry Community see Doonies as part of their community.</p>	

<p>Following on from a matter arising from the previous meeting, Jade advised that the Community engagement referred to included two individuals, a few times between Sept-Dec 2020 engagement focused on concerns of community, to better understand methods of engagement to use in the community and what good engagement looks like.</p>	
<p>9. AOCB</p> <p>Parklets – next meeting, graham had to give apologies.</p> <p>Fay - £100k from Scottish Government £50k from ADP, unsure where it is/what it is being spent on? Derek thinks the £50k was spent via a Participatory Budgeting exercise? Cllr Allard- agrees that we need to source the £100k so that we know how public money is being spent.</p>	<p>Colin to make some enquiries.</p>
<p>10. DONM</p> <p>Tuesday the 17th of August 2021, Teams, 6-8pm – Note this is a special meeting to look at the Torry Plan.</p>	