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**Priority Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Wednesday 8th September 2021 9.15am – 11am**

**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 |
| Anna Gale | Public Health Co-ordinator Aberdeen Health & Social Care Partnership |
| Bert Donald | Resident & Community Councillor |
| Cllr Gordon Graham | Councillor, Aberdeen City Council |
| Helen Graham | Middlefield Community Project Manager |
| Laura Young | Community Media Development Worker, SHMU |
| Mike Melvin | ACVO & local volunteer |
| Terence Brady | Sergeant, LOIP team, Mastrick and Northfield – Police Scotland |

**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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| Cllr Jackie Dunbar | Councillor, Aberdeen City Council |
| Angela Newlands | Stakeholder Engagement Co-ordinator, Farrans |
| Derek Bain | Police Constable – Police Scotland |
| Bryan Nelson | Station Manager Altens and North Anderson Drive Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue |

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

Garry McNulty welcomed all to the Priority Neighbourhood Partnership meeting and apologies were given.

# ****2 Minutes of Special Meeting 6th June 2021****

# ****Martin Smith** – last meeting was a focused session about final draft of Locality Plan due to deadline of submission.**

**3**  **Farrans Update – update on road/community networking**

There is a contact email address for Farrans if anyone needs to get in touch.

**Martin Smith** – Due to impact of COVID19 revised timeline is now end of year.

There have beenwater mains and gas pipe issues affecting utilities – connected effort to ensure people were provided with sufficient provisions until the problem was resolved. Development partner Dandara looking to get early access to the site, when it’s safe to do so, to assist with their preparations for their planning application.

**Mike Melvin** – wants to give credit to Scottish Gas Network who spent a lot of time and effort fixing the issue with water/gas due to crack in water mains pipe.

Itemto be kept on the agenda to get regular updates and group receives oversite.

**4 Membership review**

**The group seems to be down on community representation.**

**Laura Young – SHMU is now working on the winter edition of community magazines and could add an article on what being a community representative is about - maybe get quotes from members in group or if they want to record something for the ‘Why don’t you?’ show.**

**Lack representation from Cummings Park area and Heathryfold, maybe another person from Northfield.**

**Problem could be for some people that meetings are virtual and through teams, not face to face.**

**May be people with specific ideas – they could perhaps drop in as guests.**

**Will be looking for venues when we get back into face-to-face meetings.**

**Community Councils are up for renewing so may be changes to representation soon.**

**5 Locality Plan Update/Community Connectors**

**Martin/Anna** – The last session concentrated on the locality plan – delighted to say it’s been approved with some really good feedback from all the partners.

**Anna Gale** showed the group a PowerPoint to better explain the function of Community Connectors – this was forwarded to members after the meeting.

Any thoughts/ideas to get in touch with Martin Smith or Anna Gale.

**6 Locality Recovery Plan update**

**Martin Smith** – limited in engaging with the community due to COVID19 – would like to advise that our Locality Recovery Plan was fully endorsed with all outstanding work completed.

There was a great amount of work in response to the crisis undertaken over the last 18 months by the team and wider partners, they deserve a huge pat on the back, even though most staff were working from home. The completed recovery plan will be shared with group to show what has gone on.

**7** **Locality Empowerment Group Update/Vaccination Programme**

Vaccination programme has left TECA and is now moving to John Lewis. There will be pop up clinics across the localities – information about community clinics to be shared.

There was Locality Empowerment Group meeting two weeks ago with five expressions of interest to step forward as community connectors.

**8** **Tesco Project update**

It has been a big success with an article in the Press and Journal. A lot of great feedback. The link to the article will be emailed out. Police Constable Derek Bain was heavily involved. Results in December was that there were 93 anti-social calls however since May there have only been 5. Someone is needed to pick up as the youngsters are looking for other sites to paint ‘They want to leave a legacy’. This project is the first of its kind in Scotland with a real partnership approach. A great outcome and a testament to people involved for all the work done.

1. **Report back from Northfield Partnerships**

* Police Update – **Terence Brady** – Police Scotland are running a number of different operations to try and cut down antisocial behaviour/drugs using different initiatives, there are contact emails if anyone has issues - COP26 is coming up and will have a massive effect on Police Scotland, it runs from 23rd October to 18th November. There will be demonstrations in Aberdeen so this will have a knock-on effect. Interested in getting people from the community to come and work/volunteer/join police – sessions at Nelson Street to do bleep tests – probably around December/January time.
* Partnership Forum – **Fiona Gray** – Northfield Partnership forum had their first meeting of the new session last week – Alex Priest will be leaving to a new post, his replacement will join in October. Schools are easing back in after the summer break, there will be a six-week review on how things are doing with more peripatetic teachers in and out of schools. There has been more money given from the government for education recovery. Family learning and youth work posts are available but time limited to ten months. Family learning gave a presentation and went through the large amount of work that has been done in the area during the pandemic, there are three family learning workers in the area and a lot of the work was done outside such as ‘Walk and Talk’. The group needs to ensure that the Northfield Partnership forum keeps in close contact. Fiona will check who receives emails from the forum to ensure that community links are updated and no one is missed out.

**10 Community Council Updates**

* Mastrick, Sheddocksley and Summerhill – elections coming up October nomination forms need to be in by Friday 10th September, if not enough nominations usually another round of elections. The next meeting will last one before the elections. Some items brought up at the previous meeting involved the cost of bins and painting the container at Sheddockley park, how is this gone about? Also, when we go back to community rooms, if held in high rise buildings, how is cleaning done there? – Cllr Gordon Graham was able to give some information about this.
* Northfield – **Helen Graham** – it’s important that community workers speak to people about getting on a community council and give them some support as the councils may die out if nothing done. Aberdeen City council have done a video clip that can be shared through Facebook to alert people about the elections coming. Northfield Community Council have not met since before COVID19, it covers a large area. Maybe useful to get some posters, it’ll stop everything being too virtual –Fiona will contact Karen Finch regarding posters for any places open. **Garry McNulty** –Byron Square notice board is back in place possibly put something in there - keys used to be with Northfield Community Centre – **Terence Brady** – what are we doing to encourage young people to join the council? **Mike Melvin** – Karen Finch can help encouraging wider participation in community councils - **Bert Donald** – provision for getting young people is there though often they are students stay a short while and then they move on – **Helen Graham** – community councils run a specific way, how can the voices from young people be fed into them.

**11**  **AOCB**

**Helen Graham –** Healthy Hoose are doing 1st and 2nd vaccinations on Tuesdays and Wednesdays @Middlefield Hub.

**Mike Melvin–** A new Community Empowerment network inaugural meeting is on 30th Sept between 6pm and 8pm, information has already been emailed out, it’s part of CAN week. The community team involved has lots of workshops with various sessions running from 27th September to 2nd October information has been emailed out with full programme. All is free and a good opportunity to get together

**Terence Brady –** Is there a support line from council for COVID19?

Aberdeen City Council has a free support line. The number is **0800 0304 713**

You can contact them for welfare advice and emotional support, including what to do if you are struggling to get food, prescriptions or pay bills. Also, Grampian Psychological Resilience Hub is open to everyone as well as Chest Heart and Stroke.

**Fiona Gray** – this is her final meeting as she is on annual leave on the 3rd November and will be retiring at the end of November.

**Martin Smith** – wishes it to be on record to thank her for all the enormous help she has been to him in his role and best wishes for her retirement.

**12** **Date of next meeting –** Wednesday 3rd November 2021 – venue/online to be decided