**North**

**Priority Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Wednesday 10th November 2021 9.15am – 11am**

**M I N U T E S**

**Present:**

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| **Name** | **Title Agency** |
| Garry McNulty (Chair) | Resident, Northfield |
| Andrea Gilmartin | Public Health Co-ordinator, HSP Adult Social Care, Health and Social Care Partnership |
| Bert Donald | Resident & Community Councillor |
| Cllr Gordon Graham | Councillor, Aberdeen City Council |
| Paul McMenemy | Vice Chair Northfield Community Council, Housing Volunteer Aberdeen City Council |
| Laura Young | Community Media Development Worker, SHMU |
| Mike Melvin | ACVO & local volunteer |

**Also Present:**

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| Fiona Gray | Development Manager, Aberdeen City Council |
| Jeni Wardrope (minutes) | Administrative Officer, Aberdeen City Council |

**Apologies:**

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| Cllr Jackie Dunbar | Councillor, Aberdeen City Council |
| Martin Smith (Vice Chair) | Locality Inclusion Manager, Aberdeen City Council |
| Helen Graham | Middlefield Community Project Manager |
| 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 |
| Leanne Ritchie | Deputy Head Teacher, Northfield Academy |

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

Garry McNulty welcomed all to the Priority Neighbourhood Partnership meeting and apologies were given. Chance for Andrea Gilmartin - Public Health Co-ordinator North - to meet the other members of the group as she has just joined the group as a replacement for Anna Gale.

**2 Minutes of Meeting 8th September 2021**

**Laura Young from SMHU - work on the winter edition all finished but spring editions will be next if anyone wants to send in anything, contact details** [laura.young@shmu.org.uk](mailto:laura.young@shmu.org.uk) **and mobile 07752586312. Helen Graham may know someone who has something to contribute. Garry McNulty is also willing to contribute.**

**3 North Locality Plan:**

1. [Final-Aberdeen-City-Locality-North-1.2.pdf (communityplanningaberdeen.org.uk)](https://communityplanningaberdeen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Final-Aberdeen-City-Locality-North-1.2.pdf)

1. Community Connectors – SHMU assigned to one or two projects, Angela Newlands, from Farrans, hoping to attend Local Empowerment Group meeting next week. There is a hope that for each of the projects there will have a community connector identified. Some of the projects identified for the programme are quite specific and about target figures. The Kickstart project and Auchmill golf club helping with community service work. There is a need to recognise the ongoing work and a way of sharing who does what. Looking at a profile/terms of reference for community connectors. Progress updates will come back to the groups. Links are on agenda.

**4 Representative Updates**

**Paul McMenemy - Northfield Community Councils first meeting was yesterday –might ask if anyone willing to join at next meeting. People can be invited in specifically for discussion on particular issues.**

**Locality Empowerment Group – vaccinations still being done in some local clinics – advertised on social media and usually shared. Andrea Gilmartin can find out and pass on information to group.**

**Bert Donald – about vaccinations and booster jabs – he found it very difficult to go onto sites and find out specific information from NHS websites.**

**Community Council updates, both Northfield and Mastrick/Summerhill and Sheddocksley Community Councils still here after the local elections. New start up 13th October – Karen Finch chaired the meeting and gave information on how it would work to the new community councillors. Then table officials were elected with the first actual meeting scheduled for next Wednesday. There are still some vacancies.**

**Paul McMenemy – Last night eight people were re-elected onto the Northfield Community Council – a good meeting. Paul now Vice Chair and Cllr Ciaran McRae and Cllr Gordon Graham re-elected on the committee. Hopefully in the new year will be able to get started again in full.**

**What’s happened to the new Northfield surgery? Nothing yet been heard – most of NHS staff will have been reassigned – it will be called Newburn Health Care. Build not started yet. Cllr Gordon Graham – housing strategies in front of committee, still down as high priority – not sure about medical centre will keep group advised. Any updates it would be helpful to share.**

**5 Any other business**

**Cllr Gordon Graham - secured a budget for new pathways around Auchmill community woodland – working with Ron Bird (and another community worker, both from Middlefield Community Project - money from the mental health fund) who has been making sculptures which will go around the walk – speaking to contractors and hoping to get logs and bits of granite to have a little classroom for children – other people/groups keen to help develop the area. Friends of Heathryfold Park Group having meeting to bring things like park benches etc. All being done by local people.**

**Mike Melvin – Ellie Hepburn now works with ACVO doing project covering the north area – funding through NHS Together fund – supporting people who have been discharged from hospital and making it easier for them to connect to the community and projects. One is the Hospital Homecoming project, there’s a community engagement event coming up at Mastrick Community Centre Friday 19th November from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Refreshments will be provided and people are very welcome – link will be emailed out – it’s just to find out a bit more about the project and how they help support people being discharged from hospital, still a lot of room for people to help influence how it can assist those in need in the local area. Project is being funded for two years then hopefully it will be rolled out across the city if it is a success.**

**Scottish Government has announced new funding from the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing fund, Aberdeen’s share is £571000. ACVO has got a share, funding targeted at grassroots groups, adult mental health, looking at priorities in Aberdeen. Funding should be released in the next couple weeks – a link will be sent to encourage people to apply and there will be workshops to give ideas and help with paperwork – this ties in with all our local aims and would be great for the area as to what has already been done by community groups. One year funding available and depending on parliament reapproval funding might be for a second year. Credit due to the community groups with all their good work in the area as this is what’s making it happen.**

**Fiona Gray – Partnership Forum – more to do with education/school groups – Leanne Ritchie has just started, group meets tomorrow – Aberdeen City Council has an education recovery grant so there is an increase in youth and family workers in schools, Northfield Academy and local primaries – the outdoor space will be a great benefit to the children.**

**HMIE Inspectors coming back 24th and 25th November mostly governance of CLD, some Northfield visits but predominately schools and family learning.**

**This happens two days before Fiona Gray retires – everyone wished her a happy and well-deserved retirement.**

**Garry McNulty would like to thank Fiona Gray personally for her help with the group and his role in the group.**

**It was mentioned that the next meeting would really be appreciated if face to face.**

**6** **Date of next meeting –** Wednesday 12th January 2022 – venue/online to be decided – however face to face would be preferred.