**North Priority Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Wednesday 26th January 2022 9.15am – 11am**

**M I N U T E S**

**Present:**

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| **Name** | **Title Agency** |
| Martin Smith (Vice Chair) | Locality Inclusion Manager, Aberdeen City Council |
| 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 |
| Laura Young | Community Media Development Worker, SHMU |
| Mike Melvin | ACVO & local volunteer |
| Derek Bain | Police Constable – Police Scotland |
| Alan McKillop | Farrans |
| Grant Dudgeon | Jacobs |

**Apologies:**

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| Cllr Jackie Dunbar | Councillor, Aberdeen City Council |
| Gary McNulty (Chair) | Resident, Northfield |
| Helen Graham | Middlefield Community Project Manager |
| Angela Newlands | Stakeholder Engagement Co-ordinator, Farrans |
| Bryan Nelson | Station Manager Altens and North Anderson Drive Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue |
| Leanne Ritchie | Deputy Head Teacher, Northfield Academy |
| Paul McMenemy | Vice Chair Northfield Community Council, Housing Volunteer |

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

Martin Smith welcomed all to the Priority Neighbourhood Partnership meeting and apologies were given.

**2 Minutes of Meeting 10th November 2021**

No matters arising and minute approved. Martin Smith placed on record his appreciation for the sterling service and support that Fiona Gray had given both him and the partnership and wished her a happy retirement.

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

Angela Newlands wasn’t present but Farrans were represented by Alan McKillop, Project Manager and Grant Dudgeon from Jacobs. Alan gave an update on the road programme and also made reference to the various community projects that Angela had been involved in.

**4.** **Membership Review**

Martin Smith spoke on this and remarked that he had noticed a reduction in attendance at these meetings. They have gone from a healthy and regular presence to low numbers. A discussion took place on this, with the pandemic, turnover of staff at partners and the meeting method (virtual) being highlighted as contributing factors. Agreement that Martin would reach out to the existing membership and seek returns on whether individuals or partners wished to continue with their membership.

**5. North Locality Plan:**

[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)

Community Connectors – Steady progress being made here but a further appeal made for more interest. Martin & Andrea gave an overview of the role of a Community Connector and advised any interested parties to contact them so that they could explain the role in more detail.

**6. Locality Empowerment Group update/Vaccination Programme**

**Andrea gave an update on the Locality Empowerment Group and made reference to the low turnout for the last meeting. Very similar to the issues that Martin had highlighted for this partnership. A review of Locality Planning will hopefully pinpoint how we can overcome these challenges.**

**On the vaccination programme, Andrea advised that there is focus on this for her and the two fellow colleagues meantime that she advised that she would share the programme with the group.**

**7. Report back from Northfield Partnerships**

**Police update. Derek Bain asked Martin if assistance could be found to provide the USB ports at the Tesco site. Martin to check with colleagues but confident that this was doable.**

**Derek asked for City Council support on the Northfield Hub concept and advised that he would share background with Martin to see if something could be done to progress this.**

**Partnership Forum – Martin advised no update but that group were to meet next week so an update could be provided at the next meeting.**

**8. Community Council updates**

**No updates for this item since last meeting.**

**9. Any other business**

**Mike Melvin – Mike gave a detailed update on each of the projects that ACVO were involved with and provided an overview on the funding opportunities that existed. This would be shared through the normal circulation.**

**10. Date of next meeting –** TBC but physical meeting preferred.