

PARTNERS' MEETING - MARR AREA PARTNERSHIP – MINUTES
26th January, Alford Academy

<u>Present</u>	Action & by whom
<p>John Lewis Chair, MAP; Donside Community Council Jean Henretty Vice Chair, Banchory Community Council Les Allan Aberdeenshire Council Alan Young Aberdeenshire CVS – Central and South Donald Boyd Huntly Development Trust Natalie Hutcheson CLD, Aberdeenshire Council Hilda Lumsden Gill Huntly Community Council Nigel Healey Cromar Community Council George Wordie Strathbogie Community Council Patricia Fraser Crathie Community Nick Mardall Deeside Donside Development Project</p>	
<p><u>In Attendance</u> Mike Powell Development Officer, Marr Area Partnership Lizzy Shepherd Development Officer, Marr Area Partnership Alison Melville Aberdeenshire CVS – Central and South</p>	
<p>1. Welcome: John Lewis welcomed those present.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies: Cllr Rosemary Bruce Aberdeenshire Council Liz Moore Torphins Community Council</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved without change and 2010 AGM minutes noted (for information).</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising from Minutes: None</p>	
<p>5. Creation of MAP as a Company Limited by Guarantee: Over 50 membership forms have been submitted to date. The following people agreed to become Director's of the new Company Limited by Guarantee, and signed the appropriate paperwork, after outstanding queries had been discussed:</p>	
<p>John Lewis Jean Henretty Nigel Healey George Wordie Patricia Fraser Nick Mardall</p>	
<p>Donald Boyd will become a Director, subject to approval by the Board of HDT Hilda Lumsden Gill will decide in due course.</p>	

<p>6. Initiative Grant Scheme (IGS): No grant applications discussed. Les would like to have an update on uncommitted funds (approx £7,500)</p> <p>7. MAP Finance update: Deficit of £2000 in 2009-2010, due to IGS grant expenditure exceeding income, revenue costs in balance.</p> <p>Expect to break even for 2011-2012 but likely deficit in 2012-2013 due to budget cuts in Aberdeenshire Council. Impact on MAP and other rural partnerships at present unclear.</p> <p>8. Partners' Updates on Community Issues:</p> <p>John Lewis, Donside CC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Centre, following structural survey report, funds need to be raised to make roof sound • The Scout Hut project group is negotiating with Council over long term lease and will need to raise funds <p>Donald Boyd, Huntly Development Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDT involved in discussion of possible solutions to future management of Ski Centre • Linden Centre problems with Under 5's playgroup being discussed with Councillors • Issues with access to sports hall resolved • HDT has received extra years funding from Council, albeit at a lower level, and is looking at other income generation projects ie. renewable energy projects <p>Nigel Healey, Cromar Community Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on proposed closure of Logie Coldstone School • Decision on renovation of MacRobert Hall will be taken in March • Cycle track between Tarland and Aboyne being constructed • Issues about extension of graveyard in Tarland resolved <p>Patricia Fraser, Crathie Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The church is focus for community action with active involvement of Minister • Funds have been raised for Braemar Clock renovation <p>Natalie Hutcheson, CLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing levels in Alford almost at full complement • Working with MAP and Hazel McLaren on Marr Youth Action Plan • Currently working on strengthening Alford Youth Forum <p>Hilda Lumsden Gill, Huntly Community Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewarts Hall Huntly currently being used as Council office • Huntly road traffic management review to be considered at Marr Area Committee in March 2011 	<p>Mike will email 2009-2010 budget and Annual report for CED to Board</p>
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Les Allan, Aberdeenshire Council

- £54m cuts in Council budget over 2yrs
- Huntly being used to pilot service point model, big investment and expect big improvement in service for public
- Huntly pool suffered damage due to snow
- Forums focussing on needs of communities
- Council will need to work even more closely with communities in future and as they may have more involvement in service delivery

Nick Mardall, Deeside Donside Development Project

- CNPA providing training for communities on engagement with Local Plan
- Broadband funding applications DDDP involved with were not successful, working with LEADER to explore additional funding
- Meeting with Braemar and Ballater business community to explore barriers to business
- Working with Braemar hydro scheme
- Working with developer and landowner in Ballater to assist community to influence development of new homes
- Braemar shop closed, looking at possible community ownership options

Jean Henretty, Banchory Community Council

- Scotly trails project completed
- Funding for BERI finished end of March, applying for more funding
- Planning to extend Town Enhancement project
- Much work ongoing in relation to youth projects in Banchory

Alan Young, Aberdeenshire CVS – Central and South

- Concerns over cuts in arts funding in Marr and lack of consultation
- Concern over proposals for communities taking over assets and lack of time to make plans, discussions with Mike, Donald, and SCVO about this.
- Magpie Project successful and receiving visits from others learning from experience
- Working with Monymusk community on consultation about village shop and walled garden.

George Wordie, Strathbogie Community Council

- Nothing to report

10. Development Officers Report – Noted. Mike said work will refocus to support communities taking over assets. Also that Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action has been formed (CVS's and VCA) and is working with rural partnerships.

11. AOCB: None

Date of future meetings:

Next meeting is 23rd March 2011, 7pm, Alford Academy