

<b>Marr Local Community Planning Group. Youth Engagement Community Forums, November 2008. Issues Arising &amp; Action Plan.</b>					
<i>A discussion document for use among Community Planning Partners to identify possible actions and agree responsibilities</i>					
<b>Issue Raised (Theme)</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Initial Responses</b>	<b>Possible Specific Actions</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Sustainable Environment:</b>					
<b>Litter</b> Lack of bins, especially on Green	Aboyne	Where do you want them? Council cannot supply endless bins but need to be in right place.	Move a number of existing bins - liaise with Youth Forum for placement.	Aberdeenshire Council	As these are playing pitches bins are difficult to site, however, will put one next to pavilion. Also questionnaire led by Youth Forum. <b>Council considering new bins for the Green in Aboyne</b>
Lack of bins, especially between Tesco and Academy	Huntly	Need to say where needed.	<b>Relocate a bin onto the route. <u>Already moved.</u></b>	Aberdeenshire Council	A bin is there and has been moved twice in order to find the best location. There never appears to be a litter problem along that stretch according to the street cleaners that operate out of Huntly. If that is correct then the pupils need to be congratulated for their efforts and if they can prove another bin is required and we get permission to change the bins in the square one of the better old ones could be used.
			Consider approaching Tesco about providing (and emptying) extra bins	Youth Forum	
		<b>Existing bins need emptying more frequently</b>	<b>Effects of new siting of bins and extra bins needs to be monitored</b>	<b>Aberdeenshire Council</b>	
		Educate community re. litter and environment. If no bin handy, take it with you!	Consider a poster campaign at school and in Huntly to Take Litter Home / Back to School	Youth Forum Community Council	
	All venues	<b>Aboyne / Ballater – might want bins close to youth shelters but do not site too close in case of fire! (GFRS)</b>	<b>Litter fines should be enforced but Police cannot staff that. Community Wardens in the Shire?!</b>		
			<b>Annual Spring Clean events should get everyone of all ages involved.</b>		
		Improve school meals offering so more students <b>stay on site</b>	Community Schools Network to discuss with Academy	CSN - who should approach and what are contact details?	
<b>Recycling Facilities</b> Always overflowing and dirty, ugly, broken glass on ground. Access to recycling for small rural communities	Alford	More frequent servicing of existing facilities and provision of more facilities needed in rural communities e.g. Tough	Explore whether this can be resourced	Aberdeenshire Council	Alford Civic Amenity facility near Co-op needs replaced and we are actively looking for a new site which will provide better access. We have purchased an additional recycling lorry which will allow emptying of community recydate at our 162 community recycling facilities to be increased by 1/3. We have a problem with drivers' hours at weekends because of European legislation which restricts the hours that can be worked.
	Alford				<b>Recycling facilities at school now improved e.g. large bins for plastic bottles and paper</b>
<b>No plastics recycling at Ballater facility, also problem with it moving to council sheds in summer – need for a dedicated site.</b>	Ballater				
<b>Planning</b> Why don't we know what is going on in our community e.g. What is planned at Hill Of Banchory? How can so many trees be cut down for building?	Banchory	Young people's views are vital and are being sought right now for input into Local Development Plan.	Young people invited to attend Making It Real Open Day at Town Hall to express views. Further discussions with Youth Forum due in February	Banchory Community Council / BDI	<b>Banchory Youth Forum attended BDI Have your Say event 22.11.08, Banchory Community Council meeting and Banchory Town Forum March 09. Did they feed back to their peers?</b>
			<b>Possible action for BCC give regular bulletins to Youth Forum and include them in meetings; BCC or YF to put bulletin on Community learning noticeboard with web Ink info for more detail?</b>	<b>Banchory Community Council</b>	

		Suggested that Council could issue a guide to schools on accessing info on AC website	Community Learning Workers could print off front news page of website weekly for notice board? Then people can go on-line to find out details	Aberdeenshire Council	
Young people's input to Planning Decisions		Shame Aberdeenshire Council doesn't "officially" encourage young people to get involved with Community Councils.	Can Aberdeenshire formalise invitation and encouragement of young people onto Community Councils or is it up to the individual councils?	Aberdeenshire Council	Planning Policy team are speaking at May Community Forums to explain consultation process for Local Development Plan. As always, Youth Forms welcome to attend.
Alford YF interested in hearing about planning and developments proposed and feel haven't heard any info yet – how can DCC keep them informed?	Alford				Oor Alford Have Your Say event 3 April – large number of young people went along to gain info and give views.
<b>Graffiti</b> What can we do about Graffiti?	Huntly Aboyne	Offensive graffiti sometimes a problem, but nowhere for "harmless graffiti" to be legally done either.	Report illegal and offensive graffiti to Council Waste Line to get it removed	All - including young people	Report graffiti to waste line 0845 600 3900. Where permission has been granted for graffiti it has been left providing that it is not the subject of public complaint or offensive, further only a relatively few areas such as purpose built skate parks are suitable for graffiti art. Clearly whether or not graffiti art is creative it must not be applied where permission has not been sought and granted. Youth Forums should in the first instance discuss possible locations with the relative land owner and may require planning permission.
		Find appropriate area for graffiti art	Evaluate suggested locations and cost it.		
			purpose-built wall at Cooper Park to edge tennis courts. Who would manage and maintain it? Would need to be painted over when filled, to start again.		Les Allan and Landscape Services had meeting Youth Forum to discuss graffiti wall and skate-park. See page 7.
		Bring in well-known graffiti artists to run art workshops?? Legitimise and convince public it can be creative form?		Volunteer to contact?	
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<b>Lifelong Learning:</b>					
<b>School Issues - Exclusion</b> The system is unfair and open to abuse by teachers - some target the same few people.	Aboyne Banchory	Needs to be reported. Student Councils said to be ineffective - needs addressing.	Consult Student Council and if no action, report to School Board.	Youth Forum members	Exclusion issues – Les Allan has spoken to Head Teacher.
		Discuss with Chair of Education Committee?	Formal complaints procedure is through Education Office in Stonehaven - if unhappy with result, Les Allan will follow up.	Pupils, Council Education Department, Les Allan	School Community Learning Worker to address with School/Community Schools Network.
	Banchory	Make rules same for everyone. Ask school to clarify them and then enforce fairly.	Need report from Community School Network on work undertaken to reduce exclusions.	Who? Contact details?	
<b>School Issues - Condition of school</b> Need more lockers, need space to socialise, need disabled access etc.	Alford	Academy could be tidied up with a paint job. A newly built school would comply with all access legislation	Can the Youth Forum organise a team of volunteers to paint? Is it possible to get more lockers?	Youth Forum ..... Who at Council?	
Some lockers unusable as locks broken – can these be fixed?	Alford Aboyne		Approach school management	Council?	
How can the school be improved in longer-term?	Alford	Alford is priority to get new schools. Young people need to be involved in consultation on new school.	Visit other schools e.g. Portlethen Academy (newest school) for ideas and features		Consultation process for new schools has started. Needs YF &/or SC input as stakeholders

<p><b>School Security system</b> Why was it put in and why did we get no say in it?</p>	<p>Banchory</p>	<p>Banchory School security system was provided as a requirement of the HMle School Inspection which highlighted the need for greater school security. Clearly the provision of security acts to restrict some activity and that is inevitable. The Student Council in the school should raise any particular issues with the management to explore whether there are opportunities to adjust the measures put in place.</p>			<p>All school security systems are of a similar design and function. A review of their operation across Aberdeenshire will take place in 2009. This may lead to operational and technical changes.</p>
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<p><b>School issues - pupil representation</b></p>	<p>All</p>	<p>between YF and Student Council or with school management. Need a strong student council to get views of students put across. All pupils need to raise issues as general USERS of the School, whether YF or SC.</p>	<p>YF and School/Pupil Council – need to set up a joint meeting to form liaison, although YF sceptical.</p>	<p>Youth Forum (Banchory and Alford)</p>	
<p><b>School Issues - Canteen</b> Teachers and other adults jumping the canteen queue</p>	<p>Aboyne Alford Banchory</p>	<p>An issue of respect. Are the queues very long? Should there be more staff serving to speed it up?</p>	<p>Student Council needs to raise issue - and be listened to. If this doesn't work it should be raised with Education Committee.</p>	<p>(Aboyne has no Youth Forum so a letter needs to be sent from this forum to the Head Teacher. Has it been addressed?)</p>	<p>Alford Youth Forum will contact School Council.</p>
	<p>Alford</p>	<p>Lunchtime queues very long</p>	<p>Options: Reduce queues in school by having more tills at school canteen or Swipe card payment – invest ahead of new schools as this is portable technology?</p>		
	<p>All wards</p>	<p>Lunchtime queues very long</p>	<p>Staggered lunch times? Does timetabling make this impossible?</p>	<p>Meal planners with pre-booking and pre-payment as at primary schools would help queues, but older pupils may not want to commit place.</p>	
<p><b>School Issues - Bus Safety</b> Lack of seat belts on buses. Not enough seats for all to sit down. Number standing particularly bad for Banchory Academy bus to Torphins.</p>	<p>Alford Banchory</p>	<p>Council required bus companies to fit belts in all by 2010. Can't school ensure adequate number of buses based on school roll information?</p>	<p>Illegal and dangerous. Report to Education Department</p>		<p>Reported</p>
<p>Lack of supervision - bad behaviour of some kids annoys (and endangers) the rest.</p>			<p>Take up through Student Council?</p>		<p>Reported</p>
<p><b>Cinema</b> Why don't we have a cinema in Huntly?</p>	<p>Huntly</p>	<p>Set up a local alternative, e.g. Start your own film club or a Drive-In movie project!</p>	<p>Contact new Huntly Film Group and ensure they will cover films you want. Offer to help!</p>	<p>Youth Forum.</p>	
	<p>Ward 16</p>	<p>Does Aberdeenshire Council have equipment to show films?</p>	<p>If so, need contact details and details how can it be hired. If not, could Marr Area Committee invest in equipment for hire out to schools in area? Would need a Marr-wide application and would need volunteers from young people to run the project.</p>	<p>Aberdeenshire Council</p>	
<p>Why aren't teen movies shown at the Community Centre cinema nights?</p>	<p>Aboyne</p>	<p>Tell the organisers what you want to see. Make a list of films you want for Community Centre office</p>	<p>Ask for teen-only showings &amp; promote them to ensure they are a success.</p>		<p>Deeside Festival – 5 young people met with CLD staff to look at a programme for teenagers and young people</p>
		<p>Drama or film-making workshops outwith festival programme, perhaps in village halls. Contact Marie Shaw, Arts Officer at Council</p>	<p>In Huntly, Deveron Arts supports Drive-In movies, supplies grants to show films for teenagers. Approach Deveron Arts and/or Huntly Youth Forum to see how it works.</p>	<p>Young people need support as no Youth Forum – e.g. to ask for films of choice at Aboyne.</p>	<p>New Youth Workers have been recruited and started work end April 09.</p>

		What about making your own films?	Local film-maker offering to help - interested group to contact him	Aboyne Academy students / Simon Welfare - contact details from mapsupport@hotmail.com	
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<b>Youth Facilities:</b> We would like a Youth Club (but not <u>in</u> our school) Can you help us?	Aboyne	Make sure you give info on what you want to do at club and when and where you want it to be.	Community needs survey being done. Next steps are to organise selves and enlist help.	Mid-Deeside Community Council, Mid-Deeside Ltd & CLD. Youth Forum	New skate park committee, when formed, will be under umbrella of Mid-Deeside Ltd and will look at youth facilities.
		<b>Community Council query – what would their responsibility be for a youth club set up in the village?</b>	<b>Overall review of youth facilities in Aboyne</b>	<b>Mid-Deeside Community Council, Mid-Deeside Ltd &amp; CLD. Youth Forum</b>	<b>Public meeting being held in Aboyne, Monday 11th May to discuss youth facilities</b>
<b>Youth Cafe in Alford is run by young people. Information on how it works please</b>				<b>Community Learning &amp; Development</b>	
We need youth facilities in Banchory	Banchory	Committee set up in 1999 to provide this and progress now being made in King George V (KGV) Park location. Plans for £2m facility discussed.	Young people invited to attend Making It Real Open Day at Town Hall to express views. Further discussions with Youth Forum due in February	Banchory Community Council / BDI	Banchory Youth Forum attended Making It Real event, Banchory Community Council meetings & KGV meeting 22.01.09. YF now permanent presence on committee and will help fundraise
Young people would like a Youth Cafe run by Youth Workers. Young people more positive about Town Hall as a venue than one of the churches.	Banchory	Dance classes e.g. salsa / street dancing would be good – YF to canvas views from peers on what activities wanted and put together a list; forward it via CLD.	Make temporary facilities and gathering available for young people	Local Community Planning Group	Funds made available to purchase electronic equipment for Youth Club on Friday nights, probably in Town Hall. The Box opening in Banchory on Monday lunchtimes in addition to Friday nights, lap top purchased and being used for peer education. Internal improvements to Town Hall under consultation (Planning Gain money to be
<b>Youth Cafe - Youth cafe is all there is for gathering; same people always go along and it tends to be the same; people don't turn up for things - there is apathy . How to generate new ideas and enthusiasms?</b>	Alford		YF will talk to Youth Cafe about setting up a Drive In Movie night (consult with Huntly, where it is organised by Sharon Scapens CLW)		Alford Youth Forum progressing obtaining internet access.
<b>Opportunities to reduce rural isolation of young people?</b>	Ward 15	<del>Issue concerning project</del> being undertaken across National Park by Cairngorms Learning Partnership – to reduce rural isolation – can this be harnessed for young people, for inter-Youth Forum communication?		Bell Macauley / CLD	
	Ballater	Consider approaching CNPA for extra funding for extra youth workers to support evening activities or simply to work on a trial period to study what is needed, talking to kids as they gather in Ballater.			
<b>Youth Shelters</b> Please can we have our shelter back (but stronger?)	Aboyne Ballater & Alford	Needs inter-generational cooperation - and range of ages on committee for shelter. Location will be key - where young people want to go but where will not disturb other residents. Shelter needs to be robust and have a light inside it.	Council have purchased two steel structure shelters since Forums, intended for Aboyne and Ballater, but may be Planning consent issues and right siting to be decided. There may be Planning Gain money available in Ballater.	Les Allan, Aberdeenshire Council	3 shelters purchased. Siting in Aboyne, Huntly and Ballater to be agreed then necessary permission will be applied for. Planning Gain Coordinator speaking at May forums
Is there money for a youth shelter in Huntly?	Huntly	Need to consult town to get local backing. Money will need to be sourced.	The Council are trying to find the money to provide a youth shelter. We believe the best location would be in the Cooper Park but would want feed back on that. If it is located near to the play equipment planning consent is unlikely to be needed.	Community Council, Les Allan & Donald Boyd?	See above

	Huntly	Location will be key. (One suggestion - between Square & Tesco). Police can give advice and support re. siting of a shelter. Canvas views too.	Cooper Park considered ideal by young and older reps at March 09 forum. If put fairly close to play park it could be used by parents of young children during the day.		
Youth shelter site?	Ballater	Views expressed at March forum Monaltrie Park may not be ideal as no supervision and will feel shut away; better in centre of village (on green?) where they want to hang out, but residents objecting.	BRD, Community Council and Business Assoc. Funding may be available from CNPA for a more aesthetic one for the green, then perhaps the council one could go by the new all-weather pitch		Youth Shelter located at Monaltrie Park and being used by young people. A problem on Friday 1st May night with drink and bottle smashing, litter being addressed by police, CLD. Area cleaned up by Council and concerned villagers. A bin is now in place.
Youth shelters in all the villages would be good and there needs to be consultation on the siting of shelters.					
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<b>Developing Our Partnership:</b>					
<b>Bad press for young people</b> Why do older people hate us? It would be good to see more good press about kids in our area. Why are we all seen as bad kids?	Huntly Aboyne	Need more mutual understanding. More inter-generational events like forums.	Youth reps to be invited to future forums. ..... Organise annual Youth Engagement Forum.	Suzanne Wall ..... Marr Local Community Planning Group to agree.	Young people attended Follow-up Forums in Feb/ March
		Volunteer! Be part of a group helping others e.g. Fire & Rescue Cadets.	Hold a youth forum meeting at the fire station.	Sharon Scapens (CLD) & GFRS	Done
	Aboyne	Forums attendees don't feel it's all bad press especially not locally - national press tends to sensationalise.	Contact local press and ask if can have a youth column - or at least a contact to feed stories to on a regular basis. <b>Use school noticeboard for ideas on stories and feed them to local paper – and the Communications Office of the Council</b>	Youth Forum	Appear to be more positive stories in Piper for Aboyne Academy these days, can build on that by feeding good news.
		Need to generate more good news stories in press about positive things young people do. Photograph intergenerational events, e.g the forums, and send to newspaper	Aberdeenshire Council communications team can come and speak to youth forums.	Aberdeenshire Council	Photos and press release re. forums sent to local press; also featured in Council advertorial in Donside Piper
	Huntly	Inter-generational projects would help e.g. arts projects (Deveron Arts/Scottish Sculpture Workshop?) or young people teaching tech stuff to older folk	Inter-generational Project idea raised – have young people teaching elderly people e.g. how to use pcs, i-pods etc. An opportunity to be the teachers and to forge relationships	Community learning & Development?	Community Learning aim to establish Youth Forum in Aboyne whose aim is to address youth issues. New Youth workers recruited as first step.
	Banchory area	Suggest a young people's news page on Banchory website – updated quarterly?			
This issue not felt to be a problem in Alford	Alford	Alford Academy have regular page of achievements in Piper. Also, Enrichment section of Curriculum has community work as an option - this builds image of school	Other Academies could follow suit?		Inter-generational events – young people are already organising event for whole community with a Clachanyell Ceilidh on 22 May 2009
Issue of inter-generational misunderstanding –	Ballater	Suggestion made for a weekend of events for young people AND adults, linked to Ballater One Voice.	gardening?) activity for whole community, all ages, perhaps through Cairngorms National Park Authority. Possibly stage an event to show young people what they can do and how they can get involved? Volunteering? An open door isn't enough, you also need the perception of an open door!	Ballater & Crathie Community Council	

		Cross-generational projects, e.g. Young helping older people with technology	Generate ideas for projects. "Entertainment not just blether", e.g. family-friendly ceilidhs/discos with lower age limit to include 16+?	All	
Improve inter-generational communication	All wards	Suggested need stronger representation for young people	Proposal has been made for an Aberdeenshire Youth Council with a rep from each Academy. Update?		
<u>Ongoing Youth Engagement</u>	All wards	Point was made, this forum is only first step in engagement process and we need to engage with greater numbers of young people e.g. VoxerBox feedback or a text service session	Need to explore other routes and methods to reach majority	Marr Local Community Planning Group	Marr Local Community Planning Group had a session focussed on youth engagement tools. Will plan future usage.
			Inspector Ednie emphasising opportunities for schools to engage and consult through the curriculum and project work at school (Social Studies?) ...Someone needs to approach the school on this.		
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<b>Jobs &amp; The Economy:</b>					
<u>Students access to shops</u> Two at a time only rule - is it legal? It means long queues at lunchtime	Alford Aboyne	Understand shop-keeper's concerns re. shop-lifting or damage plus high volume could be off-putting to other customers. Congestion in school canteen forces people out of school.	Evaluate your options, e.g. Approach shop-keepers and ask for a chance. Consider school enterprise - run a tuck shop in the school. Or ask shops to bring in goods?	Youth Forum with Community learning Worker support	Aboyne - Youth Forum to be established and this will be an issue to address.
		Young people accept it might be intimidating for members of the public when crowded on pavement queueing to get into small shops			
<u>Public Transport</u> Buses very slow and expensive. Lack of buses when needed:	Alford Banchory Aboyne	Need youth input to Marr local Bus Forum	Organise Bus Forum invitation for Youth Forum representatives	Les Allan with Linda Gray & Sandy Mack	The Council's Transportation Officers are intending to discuss with the youth forums concerned transportation issues and hope to have a Stage Coach representative at that meeting. A questionnaire is to be circulated in Aboyne to establish exact needs. Community Learning/T&I/young people - meetings being arranged in Alford to discuss.
a) to get to work in Aberdeen b) on Sundays (our day off) c) to get home after a night out d) to/from smaller villages into Aboyne/Alford/Banchory		Try using Community Transport e.g. Dial-A-Bus. <b>Dial-a-bus not used by young people – why?</b> Use of community minibus in Ballater and Mid-Deeside. Cost charged includes a driver – could be used for trips to Aberdeen to shop and cinema, get a group together?	<b>Mid-Deeside Ltd could take the Dial-A-Bus to the school and promote it plus find out what's needed. It can be booked through Community Education Centre, but volunteer drivers needed!</b>		<b>Stagecoach coming to see YF.</b>
		Parents' lift-share rota or combined taxi mini bus usage?			
<b>Need practical bus times to allow time to shop and cinema in Aberdeen and still get home</b>		<b>Would Park &amp; Ride help with this? (Banchory)</b>	<b>Need bicycle parking at a Park &amp; Ride to allow everyone to use the buses into town. Youth Transport issues should be included in the Park and Ride discussions (Banchory)</b>		<b>Consultation taking place on Park &amp; Ride draft feasibility report</b>
Not enough bus stops in smaller communities		Need to collate information on what's needed	Undertake survey of needs by area. Bus co's will need to see viable demand.	Youth Forums & Youth workers - with Community Councils?	

		Would it be possible to set up a Taxi voucher system for outlying villages? (as in Angus and Fife?)	Try contacting local taxi firms to see if can help.		
<b>Local Employment</b> Look at jobs for young people in the area so don't have to commute	Alford	Work experience may require organisations coming forward to offer opportunities	Youth forum visit to Fire & Rescue cadets to see how it works.		
		Suggestions made e.g. Deeside Gliding Club? / Archeological Digs or restoration work in the area / Cairngorms Outdoor Access / Glentana Rangers Service / Grampian Fire & Rescue Service (Recruit more to Fire Cadets or train young people to help with Home Fire Safety Visits?) / Police cadets / Forestry Commission	Consider getting groups together to form a competition e.g. on a path-building or -repair project		
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<b>Wellbeing:</b>					
<b>Sports Facilities</b> Need for new / improved skateboard facilities	Aboyne Huntly Alford Banchory	For upgrade of facilities - get a contractor costing and seek funding.	Contact Sports Trust or Aberdeenshire Council Recreation Officers for funding advice. (Huntly: Glens of Foundland Windfarm Trust)	Youth Forums. Aberdeenshire Council Recreation Office Contact: Susan Raeper (CLO) Tel: 013398 86222	
	Aboyne	Point made that there seem to be less skateboarders around the village – is it still what young people want? Need a poll to find out what demand is for.	Survey young people	Mid-Deeside Ltd, CLD, Community Council	Money already raised by Skatepark Committee is now held ring-fenced by Mid-Deeside Ltd pending new committee being formed. It may be possible to apply for Planning Gain money as has been in Ballater for All Weather Pitch.
Banchory skatepark is dangerous with cracked concrete.	Banchory	Repair or replace? Is it used much? Do Banchory's young people actually want it replaced?	Could YF add this to survey on temporary town hall activities and KGV facilities? (Possible part of KGV project? If so, need to lobby committee)		Youth Forum now has permanent presence on KGV committee and willing to help fundraise
Cooper Park issues - including play equipment, tennis court, skate ramp, youth shelter	Huntly	Ramp problem dangerous - needs repair.	Inspection has not taken place but will take place once the snow clears.	Landscape services. Youth Forum could ask to meet Sandy Grant.	Cooper Park - Area Manager and Landscape Services Officer met with Youth Forum. New play equipment planned for park and youth forum consultation on whether the park should be rearranged and where youth shelter should go. Discussion about problems with the skate-park has made the issue clearer. Landscape Services looking at solution and will discuss problem with half pipe further with YF. Ideas about the way to provide an easy solution to developing a graffiti wall discussed as well as possible solutions to issues with the tennis court. Potential opportunities for a number of park improvements discussed. Wider community consultation will need to take place on some of the more significant proposals to get wider community buy-in.
How can we get new nets for the tennis courts?	Huntly	Approach the Council!	We believe this is a problem with the nets around the perimeter of the tennis courts rather than the nets for the individual tennis courts. If so the cost of replacement of these nets is prohibiting and we are therefore looking at an alternative solution.	Landscape Services	
Alford tennis courts get broken glass on them. Nets and fencing needs fixing, line painting needed. Basketball hoops need replacing – lots of people play basketball at school.	Alford				

Tennis nets also need replacing in Aboyne. Consider seeking local sponsorship?	Aboyne				
Would it be possible to get a dry ski slope or an all-weather pitch in Aboyne?	Aboyne	Ski slope probably not viable business. Would you use Alford one if was accessible by bus at appropriate times? All-weather pitch project started in Ballater	Feasibility of bus to sessions at Alford? Explain what has been done at Ballater and see if there are volunteers to organise and fundraise?	Initial contact had been made from local football group to CLO regarding a MUGA. No further progress at this point. <b>Define acronyms please.</b>	
Childrens' play equipment in park - in poor condition	Huntly			Aberdeenshire Council	Play equipment in Huntly being replaced
More sand needed on ground in Ballater play area, as steel edges are exposed	Ballater			Landscape Services	
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<b>Community Safety:</b> <b>Police presence</b> Why aren't there more Police on the streets especially on a Friday night?	Banchory	But Banchory is safe! Police resources are stretched across Deeside. Have you ever reported anything to the Police?	Everyone needs to report things, e.g. Anti-social behaviour or under-age drinking. <b>If every incident is reported, might it eventually increase police presence? As things stand there will be no more police available</b>	All	Grampian Police are looking into portable CCTV for Marr area to help crime revention and community safety
		Alcohol the big problem	age alcohol consumption becoming an increasing problem. Alcohol is confiscated if found on young people and parents informed. But parents sometimes providing the alcohol so they need educating		Alcohol action group formed in Banchory. Youth workers being out and about at weekends, keeping contact, is seen as a positive thing. New youth workers recruited
Local Community Beat Officer in Alford is great, police are about and we feel generally safe. We just don't like the ill-lit lane through to Fish & Chip Shop and the toilets in the car park, or the lane behind the Bistro and the one behind Donside Heating – all poorly lit)	Alford				
<b>Safe nights out for young people</b> Why can't there be a safe night out for young people? (Bring back "Hotsteppers" Disco for young teenagers)	Aboyne	Problem is older teenagers and trouble-makers, some coming from other villages. Can it be tried again with age-limit and stewards? (costly though)	Police can give advice on security but not provide it. Discuss at South Marr Community Safety Group. Can youth workers help organise something?	Inspector Stuart Ednie, Ed Bushnell and South Marr Community Safety Group. .... Linda Gray, Community Learning & Development	Youth workers will support young people if they want to organise a disco.
			Mid-Deeside Community Council will raise the need for night out and support it. Need joint communications, e.g. young people to go to CC meetings.	Mid-Deeside Community Council	
We'd like help to organise nights out (safely)	Alford	Discos could happen if young people got together and had help – young people to agree rules and run it with support.			Youth workers will support young people if they want to organise a disco.
<b>Housing:</b> How can we afford to stay local? Need for more affordable housing	Banchory Alford	This is a nation-wide problem, not just here, although type of houses built are dictated by market and there has been high demand here for large houses	Make sure your views are put to consultation on Local Development Plan. Write to the Council, go along to Community Council meetings.	All	Planning Policy team are speaking at May Community Forums to explain consultation process for Local Development Plan
<b>Health:</b> <b>Public Toilets</b> No facilities open on a Friday night when many young people are out. Too far from where young people hang out, closed at 7/8pm, too dark/smelly/dirty to use.	Alford Banchory Huntly		Approach Community Council re. option of community-run toilets maintained by volunteers (council buys consumables) Is scheme where Council makes nominal payment to businesses for public use of toilets an option?	Youth Forums to approach: Donside Community Council/ Banchory Community Council/ Huntly Community Council/ Aberdeenshire Council	Toilet in Alford recently upgraded but suffers from vandalism. Banchory toilets are attended and due for an upgrade. Community Run Scheme is for existing open toilets that the community wishes to run. Huntly Toilets being modernised; Castle St due complete in June and Market Muir after this

		Toilets closed at night due to cost of supervision (and the history of vandalism). It costs £30,000 a year to run an attended public toilet.	Campaign to ask businesses to allow use of their toilets. Try to get the local paper to help you.	Youth Forum	
	Huntly	Could improve existing but would need fund-raising to get match-funding.	Council could evaluate cost of having Cooper Pavilion toilets open on Friday nights.	Aberdeenshire Council	Cooper Park Pavilion run as a youth club. Up to organisers to decide on opening times.
	Banchory	<del>Not just a youth issue, also</del> relevant to tourists in summer - approach it as a total issue. Longer-term solution is planned through new £2m facility.	Can King George V Pavilion or Town Hall open on Friday nights?	Youth Forum to approach Jean Henretty	CLD looking at having a youth club in Town Hall again on Friday nights. Toilets would be available.
<b>Issue Raised (Theme)</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Initial Responses</b>	<b>Possible Specific Actions</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status</b>
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