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— Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership newsletter —

Welcome to the new Community Planning newsletter

This newsletter will keep you in the loop about anything related to Community Planning in Aberdeenshire. We are planning to publish four editions throughout the year with both Local and Shire wide info and articles. We'd really like to know what you think of it from the layout to the content. Please forward any comments, good, bad or ugly, to the central Community Planning team - contact details are at the bottom of this page and we'll take it from there...

What is Community Planning?

Community Planning is all about ensuring that public organisations work together and with people in local communities. The Community Planning partnership listens to, communicates with and involves communities in decisions on how services can better meet local needs.

The aim of Community Planning Partnership is to work together for the best quality of life with happy, healthy and fulfilled people, living in a healthy, safe and sustainable environment with a vibrant local economy. Working together for everyone in Aberdeenshire by listening, involving and responding to the people in our communities and by working in partnership with our communities and local organisations to deliver more efficient and improved services, which meet local



needs. It is something that happened in Aberdeenshire long before it was officially called 'Community Planning', but has been made a statutory duty through the Local Government Act (2003).

The partners...

In Aberdeenshire, there are ten main community planning partners; Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeenshire Councils for Voluntary Service Network, Community Councils, Grampian Fire and Rescue Service, Grampian Police, Local Rural Partnerships, Nestrans, NHS Grampian, Scottish Enterprise and Skill Development Scotland.

Are you already involved in community planning?

You may already be "doing" community planning without even knowing it if you, possibly as part of a community group or community organisation, put forward the views and wishes of your community into local projects. This could mean any project that affects your community and is being undertaken in partnership.

We are keen for the community planning partnership to be aware of these types of projects. The easiest way of making sure of that is to contact either your Local Community Planning Group, or one of our community and voluntary partners mentioned above, i.e. Community Councils, Councils for Voluntary Service, and Local Rural Partnerships. Support or advice may be able to be provided.

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FRASERBURGH DEVELOPMENT TRUST....
a membership organisation, formed by the community for the benefit of the community

Fraserburgh Development Trust wants to bring improvements to Fraserburgh and the surrounding area. We want a place that people want to (and are able to) live in, work in and visit. We want to have an active and vibrant economy with opportunities for all. We want to have a colourful, clean and safe environment with well connected public spaces. We want our community to be healthy, active, integrated and confident - and one that people of all ages can be involved in. We want a lot... but **WE** are going to do our best to achieve our aims.

So just exactly who is Fraserburgh Development Trust? It is the new group set up in succession to Fraserburgh Futures Partnership, the local delivery vehicle for Aberdeenshire Towns Partnership, which has over recent years been helping the principal communities in north east Scotland, providing funding for

projects, office space and coordinators. Aberdeenshire Towns Partnership ceased in Fraserburgh (along with the other towns in which it was operating) in December 2008. However, in the preceding April a well-attended public meeting was held in Fraserburgh when there was a strongly expressed view that the community here wanted something to continue.



As a result of the community's desire, a working group of like-minded people who wanted to build on what had been achieved and to bring further improvements to Fraserburgh and the surrounding area was formed, incorporating as a not-for-private-profit company in December last year.

There are some key differences between Fraserburgh Development Trust and its local predecessor, Fraserburgh Futures Partnership. Firstly, Fraserburgh Development Trust is a membership based organisation. Secondly, its area of operation covers not just Fraserburgh but also the whole of the AB43 area that it serves.

Finally, the Trust has to have a much more commercial basis.

We will follow development trust principles. Development trusts are owned and managed by the local community and the aim is to generate income by some commercial activity that enables them to move away from dependency on grant support. While this does involve making a profit, it is available only for reinvestment in the organisation and the community. There is a growing movement of development trusts throughout Scotland.

Aberdeenshire Council are making transitional funds available to assist in the Trust's running costs and project development costs, based on a sound development plan and business case. As this is time-limited, Fraserburgh Development Trust's first priority is to achieve at least a level of self sufficiency and we are currently developing various projects which have the prospect of being able to generate funding. This will require dedication and resourcefulness but

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we are sure that, together, we can.

As mentioned earlier, Fraserburgh Development Trust is a membership organisation. Membership is open to anyone who shares our aims and lives or works in Fraserburgh Development Trust's area of operation, i.e. Fraserburgh and the AB43 district it serves. There is an annual membership fee of £1 and we are urging anyone with a keenness to bring improvements to our community to join. We already have almost 100 members and will continue to grow our membership as much as possible.

We are fostering links within the community with individuals and groups, working with all partners who can help to achieve our shared aims. We are pleased to be able to work alongside Banff & Buchan Local Community Planning Group; our aims are very much complementary to community planning themes.

So, that's us - Fraserburgh Development Trust. We hope to be able to let you know how things are progressing in the future. However, in the meantime,

we'd be delighted to hear from you:

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PHOTOGRAPHS SET SCENE FOR CHANGE

Images captured by local groups were on display at the official launch of the Banff and Macduff Community Trust (BMCT) during the COAST festival at Bridge Street Community Centre.

Over 30 local organisations captured what they like most about the area – and the things they want to change, by photographing images with single-use cameras provided by BMCT.

The aim of the Trust is to rejuvenate the Towns recreating them as a focus for good living and attractive visiting on the Northeast coast and Directors of the Trust were on hand to welcome members of the public.

Ian Hardie, Chairman of the BMCT, said, "We are encouraged by the response

from local groups and delighted with the turnout at the official launch. The photographs set the scene for areas people want to see improved and we will be looking at the results with the view to developing a couple of improvement projects."

Anyone who lives or works in Banff or Macduff can become a member or stand for election as a Director. The Trust is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, owned by the membership, which elects the Directors.

Ian continued, "We already have 44 members with around 30 joining at the launch. The more people who join, suggest projects and participate the more we can achieve for the Towns in a way the whole community want and I would urge everyone to sign up and be part of a brighter future."

Anyone who wishes to become a member or would like further information should contact BMCT's Operations and Development Manager, **Fiona Poustie** by emailing banffandmacduffct@btconnect.com

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REACHING OUT PROJECT FRASERBURGH

The Reaching Out Projects in Fraserburgh & Peterhead were recently awarded the Best Team and also the Silver Award in the Advancing Community and Citizen Well-being category at COSLA Excellence Awards. Staff, volunteers and Council representatives received the award at a ceremony in St Andrews followed by a dinner.



The Award is currently being displayed in turn by some of the projects who have been supported by the Reaching Out Projects.



A showcase event was held in the Dalrymple Hall to give partners and projects an opportunity to show their community what has been accomplished and the future

work that is planned.



Local Community Wardens, Fraserburgh Development Trust, BRIDGE CVS, Community Learning, NHS Grampian, FRANRA, Credit Union, Community Link and Link-up were among those on hand to talk to members of the public about their projects with presentations and photos showing the difference they can make.

Aberdeen Foyer's stall was very popular, selling gift items with a fairy theme and their Lifeshapers Our Space team provided complimentary healthy soups and tasty puds.



CFINE's stall sold competitively

priced fresh fruit and also donated the fruit and veg for the lunch.



The Practical Health Project showed how helping children to eat well, take part in lots of activities and help their local environment could be great fun as well as good for them!

Beautiful hampers were raffled, filled with items generously donated by local businesses.

A Celebration Dinner was held at the Leisure Centre in Fraserburgh where volunteers, projects and partners were treated to a meal, with entertainment provided by local groups who had received funding.

For more information about the Reaching Out Project in Fraserburgh, contact **Diane Marshall** on 01771 624811 or email diane.marshall@bridgecvvs.org.uk

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