

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Transition Community Planning Partnership
Community Planning Workshop held on Friday 14 October 2016 at 10.00am in the
Everglades Hotel Derry ~ Londonderry**

Present

Fergal Leonard, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service
Gordon McCalmont, Police Service of Northern Ireland
Theresa Molloy, Western Health and Social Care Trust
Lynn Bruick, Libraries NI
Tara Herron, Invest NI
John News, Sport NI
John Cassidy, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Barbara McAtamney, Department of Justice
Leo Murphy, North West Regional College
Jim McColgan, RAPID
Gavin Killeen, Londonderry Chamber of Commerce
Sinead McLaughlin, Londonderry Chamber of Commerce
Catriona Donnelly, Junior Chamber
Jim Roddy, City Centre Initiative
Tom Reid, Department of Infrastructure
Pauline Campbell, Department of Communities
Nichola Creagh, Department of Communities

Martina Anderson, MEP
Raymond McCartney, Sinn Fein/Foyle MLA
Gary Middleton, DUP MLA

Councillor Hilary McClintock, Mayor, Derry City and Strabane District Council (in the chair)
Councillor Martin Reilly, Derry City and Strabane District Council
Councillor Kieran McGuire Derry City and Strabane District Council
Councillor Dan Kelly Derry City and Strabane District Council
Councillor Elisha McCallion, Derry City and Strabane District Council

John Kelpie, Derry City and Strabane District Council
Karen McFarland, Derry City and Strabane District Council
Stephen Gillespie, Derry City and Strabane District Council
Karen Philips, Derry City and Strabane District Council
Rachael Craig, Derry City and Strabane District Council
Karen Mullan, Waterside Local Community Planning Area
Jarlath McNulty, Strabane Local Community Planning Area
Paddy McEldowney, Sperrins Local Community Planning Area
Kenny McFarland, Faughan Local Community Planning Area

Wendy Gibbons, Foyleside Local Community Planning Area
Gerry Quinn, The Moor, Local Community Planning Area

1. Apologies

Michael Graham, CCMS
John Collings, Education Authority
Mary Black, Public Health Agency
Alderman Drew Thompson, Derry City and Strabane District Council
Pat Doherty, MP
Mark H Durkan, MLA, SDLP
Maia Tylor, Department of Agriculture
Professor Deirdre Heenan, Ulster University
Colm Gallagher, Strabane Chamber of Commerce
Mehal McLaughlin, Strabane Trades Council
Kenny McAdams, Derry Trades Council
Gordon Speer, Castledearg Local Community Planning Area
Colin Devine,
Eamon McCann, MLA

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Official Welcome

The Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Alderman Hilary McClintock, officially welcomed those present to the Transition Community Planning Partnership Community Planning Workshop for the Derry City and Strabane District Council area, for what was a significant milestone in the Community Plan process.

The Mayor described the co design of the plan as immense in terms of scale - with over 5000 people engaging from all ages and backgrounds commenting on what needs to happen to improve the social, environmental and economic wellbeing of everyone in Derry and Strabane.

The Mayor stated that partnership was the key to the plan's success and thanked all the partners for their ongoing commitment to the plan and for recognising it as the opportunity to initiate a process of change in our society by collaborating on essential areas such as infrastructure, economy, unemployment and health.

The Mayor added that the draft plan has been developed with the knowledge and experience of a wide range of experts from all sectors and asked the

partnership to consider the draft Community Plan and feedback before the plan was prepared for public consultation. The Mayor also outlined that the plan had taken into account the emerging programme for government.

The Mayor then thanked the Co-Chairs involved in the process who had been working on identifying the eight outcomes, actions and indicators within the plan and explained that the plan was open, inclusive and cohesive with the real potential to shape a better future for all our citizens.

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Driving Inclusive Growth

The Chief Executive of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Mr John Kelpie provided the Partnership with a detailed presentation on the draft content of the Community Plan to date. He gave an overview on the milestones for the Plan from Summer 2014 when the co-design process commenced involving over 5000 people.

The Chief Executive added that the vision was for a 'thriving, prosperous and sustainable City and District with equality and opportunity for all' and explained there were eight outcome based storyboards placed in the room that summarised the key actions, indicators from each of the outcomes.

He reported that the strategic projects within the plan included the expansion of the University of Ulster at Magee, the development of our regionally significant sites; Ebrington, Fort George and Strabane Town Centre. Enhancing our external and internal connectivity including development of the A5, A6, Dublin to Belfast railway link, rural broadband and the A2 Buncrana Road which the Chief Executive described as an economic corridor that had the potential to drive jobs, growth and bring the region forward. He added that these are key projects that must happen in this process as they will have a definite outcome and impact in this Council area.

The Chief Executive went onto describe the risks that may be involved as there is a reliance on external sources of funding. He reported that the Council is looking at new methods of funding projects such as; partnerships with other Councils and the private sector. He informed the partnership that the Council had obtained efficiencies in the first 18 months of the formation of the new council of £2 million per annum which can be directed to the actions within the Community Plan.

Finally he asked members to go over the plan as it is hoped to collectively sign off on the content and move forward to the public consultation exercise in advance of April 2017.

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Turning the Economic Curve

Richard Johnston, Associate Director, University of Ulster Economic Policy Centre, gave a presentation on the economic impacts of the draft Community Plan.

He thanked everyone for their contribution to the plan and reported on the key findings of the overall impact the Plan, if the projects in the plan were successful, will have on the local economy including;

- Over 9700 jobs by 2025 and 10000 by 2030
- Allowances bringing £500 000 of GVA (Gross Value Added) and £200 million worth of wages.
- Average wage increase above the baseline and the generation of more tax revenues.
- A further 10,000 jobs over a 15 year period with capital investment.

He explained that these forecasts were pre-Brexit and hoped to have a post Brexit report in the coming weeks.

He reported that if the key projects in the Plan – the expansion of University of Ulster Magee and the development of the A5, A6 and A2 roads, this will bring up to 50% of the projected employment to the area, such is the magnitude and potential impact on the movement of these significant projects.

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Outcome based workshop

Members then had the opportunity to join three outcome tables for a 15 minute discussion on the indicators and actions of arising from each of the eight outcomes. The tables were hosted by the Co-Chairs of the thematic groups.

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Cross-thematic feedback on draft Community Plan

Colm Bradley, Director, Community Places reported that he had been listening to opinions and feedback regarding the outcomes, indicators and actions. He added that the partnership should fully consider the draft content within the following weeks and feedback to ensure that the plan is made ready for public consultation.

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Colm Bradley, Director, Community Places gave an update on the progress of local community planning processes.

He reported that the Derry City and Strabane District Council area would have 8 Local Community Planning areas aligned to the Electoral Area's; Faughan, Sperrin, Derg, Foyle, Moor, Waterside and Ballyarnett and Strabane Town.

He outlined that a number of workshops had been held to date to draft local community plans. He added that the priorities that people emphasised at a local level were broadly the same priorities within the Community Plan.

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Representatives from a range of organisations heard the closing summary from the Co-Chairs of the event and Conal Fagan, Head Boy of St Columb's College who has been engaging with Council in the development of the community plan and the European Youth Capital 2019 bid.

The Co-Chairs thanked everyone for their active participation in the workshop which was aimed to brief the TCPP on the draft content of the community plan and seek their feedback.

A representative from the Community sector reported that people are realistic and have identified the different needs between urban and rural and it was encouraging to see everyone from the different groups and agencies coming together and being represented at the Workshop.

A representative from the business community reported that he had chaired the Education and Skills Group as part of the One Plan and a common theme was looking towards the future with skills being emphasised as critically important in the Community Plan to make it part of the global workforce.

He added that feedback will be recorded to shape the Plan and a further workshop was scheduled to take place on 30 November 2016 on Outcomes Based Accountability.

The Co-Chairs thanked everyone for their support, guidance and feedback and stated that they are looking forward to moving towards implementation of the Plan.

Close

Thanking partners for their input, the Chief Executive declared the meeting closed at 12.10pm