

Levenmouth LTA

Fife College, Levenmouth Campus

12th July 2017

10am – 12pm

Attendance:

Michael Morris – MLS Leisure

Cllr. David Alexander – Fife Council

Ann Camus – Fife Council

Dominique Robertson - Fife Council

John Murray – Fife Council

Brian Robertson - FEAT Trading Community Interest Company/Silverburn

Lorna Archer – Bright Green Hydrogen

Apologies:

Jan Kerr – Homelands Trust

Chris Wragg – Fife Council

Verdi Clark – Fife Cultural Trust

1.	<u>Welcome/Introductions</u> Following a tour of the campus kindly hosted by Bryan McCabe of Fife College. Unfortunately, Christopher did not arrive so Michael Morris agreed to chair today's meeting.	
2.	<u>Minutes and Matters arising</u> Logo design worked up and appears on the new Fife's Energy Coast brochure. David Mach quote attained by John, thanks to Verdi for contacts.	
3.	<u>North Street Plans and Shorehead to Bridge Street plans</u> The finalised plans for the Shorehead to Bridge Street Upgrade work were approved by the Levenmouth Area Committee in January. The project was competitively tendered, and a contractor selected in June. Subject to formal appointment, works are forecast to start by August 2017, and last for 22 weeks. The winning tender price was significantly less than was budgeted for, increasing the scope to bring forward other public realm work planned to	

	<p>uplift another key gateway on the other side of the town centre, along Commercial Road (between High Street & Aitken Street).,</p> <p>Some progress has been seen with the regeneration of vacant & derelict sites on North Street, adjacent to the Shorehead- Bridge Street scheme. The former gas showroom site is being redeveloped for affordable housing, comprising 14 units that are a mix of one and two-bedroomed room cottage flats and two and three bedroomed houses. Six units have so far been completed and are now occupied, with the remainder due for completion by the end of July.</p> <p>JD Wetherspoons interest in the former Three Ways Inn on North Street was terminated and they sold the property at auction in February 2017. The Present owner, SSS Commercial Scotland Ltd, has since been attempting to resell. The auction deadline has been postponed several times, and is currently 7th July 2017. https://www.futurepropertyauctions.co.uk/property_details.asp?id=2067625</p> <p>McDonalds are currently seeking planning consent to redevelop the former Gasometer site at nearby Riverside Road, as a drive-in restaurant. Concerns over road layout/road safety & flood risk will need to be addressed before the scheme could be supported.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Fife Pilgrims Way</u></p> <p>New development officer in place, Ed Heather-Hayes. John to invite Ed to the next meeting.</p> <p>Map to be obtained showing the route in the Levenmouth area.</p> <p>Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) stage two application was successful with funding of £399,000. There is approx. £50k still to be found.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Fife App</u></p> <p>John stated that the Fife App was launched in May and despite Levenmouth featuring, it would be great to have more trails on the area or linking the area to wider trails. Cllr Alexander suggested murder trails as well as linking into themes written by Leonard Low. John to contact Leonard Low.</p> <p>The app can be found on Google Play on Android and App Store on Apple.</p>	<p>John</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Brochure</u></p> <p>Brochure has been designed and printed. They are in VisitScotland iCentres in Fife and some local businesses. There is now a digital copy which can be found at: https://www.fifetourismpartnership.org/brochures/levenmouth/</p>	

	<p>The brochures are currently held at Buckhaven Office and must be taken out as soon as possible. Michael Morris agreed to take some away. Businesses can contact Dominique on Dominique.Robertson@fife.gov.uk</p> <p>John to ask for Press release to appear in East Fife Mail to highlight the new brochure and call for businesses to host them.</p> <p>John to ask Peter Wilson, Cruise Forth Project Manager, if they are willing to host some in the Ferry terminal.</p> <p>John to ask transportation about hosting in area's bus stations.</p>	<p>John</p> <p>John</p> <p>John</p>
<p>7. <u>AOB</u></p>	<p>The group felt there was a lack of places to eat on the coastal route in Leven/Methil/Buckhaven and it was measured half the users are international with an 11% increase in Leven since last year.</p> <p>There is an unused climbing wall in the town of Leven (near Scoonie Road), could this be resurrected?</p> <p>Silverburn – John to add back on to main agenda – Easter opening delayed to Easter 2018. There will be 12 Camp spaces, 3 Camping Pods and 4 Campervan spaces. Flax Mill design team now appointed, project on target for 2022. Design landscape survey to be undertaken which will bring historic and archaeological background to light. Fife Council has established links with Poland and is looking at a proposal to use Silverburn House as a residential training centre and Polish forces memorial/museum. Training facilities will be available aiding employability. Silverburn festival to take place on 5th August 2017. Mindfulness classes will occur on site.</p> <p>Group to spread the word on the group to increase membership. The group agreed that each member should try and bring someone to the next meeting.</p> <p>Leven Promenade – project ideas welcome – members of the public will be invited to come up with suggestions.</p> <p>Central Fife Open Studios to be added to WelcometoFife.com</p> <p>Plans for a bear statue in Letham Glen plus related activities like a bear trail – possibly linking to Polish connections (Wojtek - nicknamed the "Soldier Bear")</p> <p>Fife Gingerbread started three decades ago with the objective of supporting lone parents in the Kingdom. However, it has since grown and</p>	<p>John</p>

	<p>evolved, and in 2016-17 it helped more than 1500 vulnerable and disadvantaged families. This year, Gingerbread celebrates it's 30th Anniversary.</p>	
	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 14th September 10am – 12pm. Venue: Letham Glen Craft Centre</p>	