

Key discussions and actions from PCLF meeting held on Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 17.00

Forum Attendees						Apologies
Alan Caldwell	AC	Dawn Fuge	DF	Steve Stewart	SS	Thomas Kinney Nicol
Barbara Renton	BR	Gareth Ruddock	GR	Alyxs Dellaquaglia	AD	Nick Rowan
Brian Kemp	BK	Iain Hutchison	IH	Guests		Tricia Fox
David Howe	DH	Jackie Brierton	JR	Anna Day	AD	Councillor Grant Laing
Councillor Murray Lyle	ML	Mike Robinson	MR	Clare Hamilton	CH	

1.0 Welcome and apologies

MR welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies have been received from Nick Rowan, Thomas Kinney Nicol and Tricia Fox.

2.0 Meeting minutes from 09/03/2021

No comments were raised and the meeting minutes from the meeting on 09th March 2021 were approved.

3.0 Spotlights

(1) UNESCO City of Craft – Anna Day

- AD advised the group that there was no ask required from group, the spotlight session is an awareness session.
- AD provided the forum with an introduction of UNESCO City of Craft, Dundee has City of Design award, Edinburgh City of Literature, Perth is the first city to apply for City of Craft. The UNESCO awards have been in place since 2004 and there are currently 206 awards across the world.
- City of Craft is well aligned to the heritage of Perth, the group have been looking at the authenticity of the City, there is a clear narrative through from Dundee, along the way into Perth and the City Hall.
- Unesco can only put forward two cities, the competition is tough, UNESCO UK will make their decision in May 2021, if they approve, the application will go to UNESCO Paris later this year for final decision.
- Once you get accreditation you can decide on the scope of what Craft is, may include gastronomy if this is something which we as a city want.

(2) Zero Carbon Working Group – Alan Caldwell / Clare Hamilton

AC thanked Barbara for her support in getting letter through for Powering Perth Project. £5.6m project is now proceeding at pace.

- Establishing a Climate Commission paper
AC referred the forum to the supporting paper which was distributed as part of the meeting papers. AC is seeking an in principle decision from the forum to proceed as per paper.

Question from the forum:

ML – Need to be clear on where on boundaries, is the scope Perth city / Perth and Kinross or Perthsire.

P&K Council have set up a climate group (not an emergency climate). ML happy with the in principle commitment outlined in the paper. AC confirmed that the boundary is the local authority boundary.

BR – comfortable with the principle.

Decision: Forum agreed with the in principle commitment outlined in the paper.

Action: AC to come back to the next forum with net zero roadmap.

- “Sustainable Perth” events
Following up on the November / December conferences the suggestion is that we build on the momentum from the events and do a series of events. The first one could be at the end of May, the proposal could be for one per working group on the progress and if held regularly could cover a specific topic, this would be an ideal way to capture appetite to get the community involved. AC has volunteers who would be willing to help lead and organise the events.
Decision: PCLF are supportive of the proposal outlined in the paper.

- Sustainability Festive
CH provided the group with an update on the sustainability festive:
COP26 cultural site, this would be building on the COP26 event but promoting musicians in Scotland and Perthshire area, bringing their music to the world stage whilst coinciding with COP26 in November. There are a few dates which are being held at the moment in Perth Horsecross as well as some outreach locations.
CH advised that they are also looking at holding a 24hour climate concert which would go round the world using the Celtic Connections model and would raise awareness and generate income to the musicians.
CH can bring more information to the forum as it develops.
ML observation : be careful not to be totally consumed Glasgow as they think they have it all stitched up. Is there the potential to do the event the week before COP event to maximise opportunity?
DH asked whether there is an alternative, by way of the Green streets week, Scottish climate week Mid Sept and get ahead of the curve and bring it more local and relevant to Perth?
CH to explore options.

4.0 General Focus Items

- Doughnut Cities – CamDEAG (Steve Stewart)
SS has made contact with Cambridge counterparts who are happy to arrange a bespoke session or join one of our scheduled forums. SS to canvas views and take recommendation forward with contact in Cambridge.
Note: each working group P&K lead – all have P&K lead aligned with the exception of Inclusion and Social Justice.
Action: BR and GR to pick up and align P&K lead to working group.
- COP 26 (Mike Robinson)
MR advised that this was covered as part of CH Sustainability festive update.
- Photo competition (Mike Robinson)
MR advised that Tricia/Nicky to pick up and launch in the next few weeks.
- Historic timeline (Mike Robinson)
MR has shared his thoughts and ideas with Nicky.
DF suggested that a walking tours of Perth of the key historical points could be an option, now that things have started to open up, this could also align to the new historical signage. Specific day or time to tie it all together. MR advised that Ordnance survey have approached him and he has shared his views and ideas.
GR – historical food walk could also be explored, Outdoor Explore runs historical outdoor walking tours of the city centre. Sept some foodie type trails wider into the local authorities.
Action: GR to send details to BK who will circulate with the minutes.
- SCIO registration (Jackie Brierton)
JB has spoken to Sarah Brown who have provided costs £1500 plus VAT – name for trusts and words for inclusion in the SCIO are required. Could P&K to fund??. JB advised that the process will take between 4-6 weeks.

Youth Forum

AD provided the forum with an update, couple of zoom meetings have taken place with young people who are keen to join the forum, some are also keen to join the working groups as well, which working groups have space? MR advised that the intention was that each working group would have a young person representative.
Action WG Leads advise AD if they don't have a young person as part of their working groups. AD will then reach out to the interested parties and align desires to working groups.

5.0 PCLF Working Group Priorities

By exception... any updates (Nick Rowen, WG lead on shaping a growing city has provided email update. Action: BK to attach Nick's update to the meeting minutes)

- Connected City – transport and digital – David
DH confirmed that the working group were coming to the end of the ideas phase, 12 key projects identified which are significantly influential:
 - Festival of green street for perth – week long activity on active travel and reduce cars – traffic free weekend – viability being looked at
Action : DH Let Gent know and reach out as connection made from conference
ML: need to have local consultation with traders before proceeding too far and consideration will need to be made on the economic impact .
 - Green Christmas project – instead of removing car parking – active use of public transport aligning to the sustainability themes.
 - Digital hubs – stumulus into the city and towns in Perth & Kinross
- Inclusion and Social Justice (Gareth)
 - Draft being developed, Working Group at the ideas phase and what this means locally, there are some strong ideas. Staring at the research stage and pulling in the data, hopefully by next WG will be able share draft.
Action: GR to share ideas and priorities at next meeting.
- Enterprise and Prosperity (Iain)
 - Started at pace and fell away IH to document priorities Steve Petrie is working on ideas, working on rural areas is as importance. Funding to be worked on, collaboration with number of forums to help and encourage eg Scottish Enterprise. Lots of areas to focus on...
Action: IH to share priorities next meeting.
- Revitalising the City Centre (Dawn)
 - DF – fruitful meeting last week, fleshing out priorities.
 - City centre – people, shoppers and living in city centre (housing); good conversation on heritage to renovate buildings instead of flattening & rebuildings. Need more people living In the city..... whats our role? Is it to find investors or help with the regeneration. There is funding available but it is small.
 - Culture offer – when people come into the town they know what they want to do / see.
 - Pop up shops for entrepreneurs to start up new ideas, could bring change and vitality to centre.
 - The city centre revilaisation working group has a number of dependencies and cross overs with other working groups, DF will pick up with working group leads individually.

6.0 AOB

- Date of next meeting Tuesday 29th June 2021 @ 1700
- Sustainable event by the end of May 21.