

Moray Economic Partnership – Meeting Note 27th April 2012, New Mess, RAF Lossiemouth

Attendees	Jim Royan (JR) – Chair; Shane Rankin (SR) – Scottish Government; Anthony Standing (ASt) – Skills Development Scotland; Mike Devenney (MD) – Moray College; David Oxley (DO) & Lesley Gallagher (LG) - Highlands and Islands Enterprise; George McIntyre (GMcl), Richard Hartland (RH); John Ferguson (JF) & Gordon Sutherland (GS) - Moray Council; Margery McLennan (MM) – Moray Chamber of Commerce; Andrew Fowlie (AF) – NHS Grampian; Ian Gale (IG) – RAF Lossiemouth (observer).
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Presentation: Group Captain Ian Gale, Station Commander, RAF Lossiemouth outlined the operations at the station. He advised the station is an asset which can help to promote Moray. Accommodation can be provided for meetings and events to support the economy.

(i) **Membership**

JR updated the changes to the regularly attending representatives.

Action – a list of members and deutes will be circulated for confirmation (AS)

(ii) **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Audrey Sheal.

(iii) **Meeting Note 29th February 2012 – Approved**

Matters arising - ASt reported that case studies were progressing. RH reported that Gordon Castle is now a planning application and is moving forward

(iv) **Chairman's update**

- JR expressed gratitude to station commanders for link with the bases which allows him to be informed of local situations and share information with the wider community.
- Michael Moore visit. Discussed the Kinloss runway (to be retained by RAF as a relief runway for emergency landings- increases flying time of squadrons at RAF Lossiemouth which would otherwise go to Prestwick in the event of not being able to land at Lossiemouth) and the potential of any release of assets at the Kinloss Estate. Pressed for reassurance around the future of typhoons. Also highlighted the continued need for the work club for incoming Army families.
- Meeting with Richard Lochhead around the Coastal Communities fund, the European Fisheries Fund & planned outreach to Lottery funders from Moray. NB BIG Lottery Scotland Committee will be coming to Moray 19th & 20th June.
- Fergus Ewing meeting – Chamber of Commerce business breakfast.
- Business Engagement events for Tourism and Life sciences.

- Institute of Directors event at Moray College.
- JR spoke at the Joint Public Sector event held at the Moray Council annex working on change management.
- Discussions with Moray Tourism Development. Chair of MTD has been invited to next Board Meeting

(v) Communications Update

- 27th March – Enterprise Minister Fergus Ewing met business leaders at Lhanbryde – chaired by JR.
- 29th March – bid farewell to Susan Chalmers who notched up 33 years with SDS and did and continues to do voluntarily great work at the Kinloss Work Club.
- 5th April – Scottish Secretary Michael Moore visited Moray bases.
- 9th April – Chief Exec of Moray Chamber Lesley Ann Parker stepped down from post. New posts to be created in the Chamber and Margery McLennan to take a post of Executive Director.
- 18th April – Media carry line that first phase of Army families will arrive in Kinloss in June with up to 750 soldiers here by end of 2012.
- 19th April – Cultural Tourism event with the FSB.

Coming up:

- 3rd May – Innovative Business in a Low Carbon Future Seminar – Horizon Scotland.
- 4th May – Local elections.
- 5th May – turf cutting for the Moray Life Sciences Centre by Cab Sec Richard Lochhead – Moray College/NHS Grampian/HIE.
- 20th May - Stand Up and Be Kilted for Moray – Mansefield Hotel.
- 27th July to 3rd August – Orienteering Festival.

Bulletin will be produced next week. There has been an interest in Board activity so will try to give a brief feel for what we are doing in partnership.

(vi) MES Consultation Feedback - Main Points & review process

The consultation responses have been collated and an executive summary prepared. A report will be sent to the individual Community Planning Partners w/c 30th April. RH advised that responses from partners are due by the end of next month.

For the final product the following needs to be clarified: vision, governance and delivery, including prioritisation and resources.

Proposal for a workshop event to review the responses and ideas, consider any changes required and agree a fit for purpose action plan.

Discussion around how the partners move the original MES documents on and how following the consultative process how we communicate what is deliverable. Final document to be finalised with a target date in July.

Action - JR suggested getting the final date of the business engagement organised to feed into the project.

Workshop - a model to be discussed by RH, JR, GS, LG, David Duncan, David Oxley.

Any recommended revisions to the strategy arising from the consultation and recommended priorities for action to be reported to and agreed by the Community Planning Board.

(vii) NHS Grampian

AF gave an overview of the NHS' role in the stimulation of economic growth and its future potential in digital health. NHS Grampian Annual budget £900m with £100m in Moray including procuring services and building and maintenance programmes. With challenges to public sector resources the objective is to find more efficient ways to provide services.

Inward investment is a key goal. Looking to widen out digital health opportunities. AF highlighted a series of activities coming up.

- Cut the turf on the Life Science Centre on 4th May.
- International conference, World Health Organisation (WHO) coming to Moray to launch digital health policy .
- Event for Enterprise and Health and Technology. Innovators and clinicians coming together in a non-commercial space, with evaluation by Glasgow School of Art (GSA).
- Maverick TV – Birmingham based TV co with a health focus coming to Moray May 8 to film “No Delay Scotland” (have been to Moray twice before) to make programme on creative use of digital media in the health process.
- Danish healthcare system visiting Moray.
- 17 additional announcements.

AF set out his ideal way forward as:

- Both UK Government & Scottish Government use influence over the European Commission to site life science functions in Moray i.e. a government innovation centre. He felt there is no infrastructure problem in Moray or lack of clinicians. Recommended that need to have between 40 & 60 projects on the go using digital technology to establish Moray as a base for life science and business innovation.

SR advised the Scottish Government has formed a digital directorate and was looking to bundle applications to Europe for “test bed” Scotland

JR suggested AF should give a similar presentation to the businesses in Moray to raise the profile and make it aware of the opportunities for commercialisation of research and to identify potential career routes.

Anthony Standing offered to work with NHS on an event which would link the job market with Life Sciences in Moray. **Action - ASt to progress.**

(viii) Community Confidence

John Ferguson outlined a framework to respond to the SDS paper on Community Capacity and Confidence including a pilot proposal for the South Lesmurdie Neighbourhood. . The board supported the proposal in principle and endorsed the suggested way forward was to form a steering group of SDS, HIE, NHS, MC, JCP (Job Centre Plus) and third sector interface and work up costed proposals for the pilot including natural helpers and influencers proposal. Bring community organisations together to offer their view.

Proposal suggests creating a pilot in South Lesmurdie. Support the community, create links. Look at whether social enterprises could be developed. The Board discussed possible role of local business to incentivise community.

Action - DO to raise HIE involvement with Andrew Anderson, RH and DO will consider how to take forward likely as recommended through establishing a multi agency steering group

(ix) Marketing Moray

Gordon Sutherland outlined a “think piece” which set out the opportunities for a collaborative approach between business and public agencies to market and promote Moray. ASt pointed out that all business and agencies pull together with a common purpose to promote Orkney and Moray could learn some lessons from there. “Team Orkney”. A challenge to take that island “identity” and apply it to Moray.

Action: Meeting to be arranged between JR, GS, GMcN and MM to discuss strategy, task for Strategic Business Forum and how to take forward proposed Strategic Business Forum itself.

(x) Hot Topics

- Kinloss – 39 Regiment Royal Engineers have two senior personnel at Kinloss Lt Col. Ian Pincombe and Captain Liz Warner. Families and the first wave of families are arriving in July and 750 soldiers will be here by Christmas. Welcome pack in preparation through Moray Council.
- Workclub – SDS & JCP commitment remains. SDS, JCP & MC will meet 39 Regiment 4th May to discuss what is required for incoming families.
- Broadband - Board agreed BT should be invited to come to Moray to explore opportunities. SR suggested invite European contact too. **Action: GS, AF and DO to discuss.MM offered to host**
- Lifting the Spirit pilot - For partner awareness. **Action: DO to speak to Tony Jarvis HIE see if any additional support can be offered, SR suggested Frank Roach check if intervention rate could be 75% in this case. Lynn Forsyth has been requested to see if any Govt departments can assist.**
- Strategic Business Forum – next steps to be developed by JR, GS, AS, GMcN, MM, DO possibly also AF.

(xi) AOCB

Meeting 15th May with ASCEF to be attended by JR, GS, RH, ASt, GMcN, DO & possibly AF.

AF gave info on the name to be used with the Life Science Centre. TBA next Friday.

Board discussed support for events which will have an impact on Moray, namely, European Pipe Band Championships, orienteering championships, we need to consider how to support and how to resolve accommodation issues. **Intermediate Action: Refer to Moray Tourism Development. Refer as an issue to the current short life task and finish group (MC, HIE, Visit Scotland).**

Thanks were given from the Board to Convener George McIntyre for his role on the Moray Task Force and the Moray Economic Partnership. His efforts and those of the elected members and council officials were all acknowledged.

(xii) Future meetings

Next meeting 15 June 2012 – 9:30am – 12:30pm. Venue tbc.