

## **Minutes of the General Meeting of Sustainable Kirriemuir (SK) Management Committee on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7:30pm, SK Premises**

### **Present:**

Management Committee: Kate Munro (KM), Millie Stevenson (MS), Erica Duncan (ER), Terrill Dobson (TD)

Staff: Fiona Cameron (FC), Amandla Taylor (AT)

Interest Groups: Ruth Watson (RW) for Growing Food, Ann Warren (AW) & Christine Kydd (CK) for Biodiversity

**Apologies:** Clare Little, Emily Hutchison, Malcolm Rooney

### **1. Strategic Planning (TD)**

TD provided an overview of the strategic planning work that is being done. SK's goal is to complete a 5-year strategic plan in the next couple months, prior to applying to become a SCIO and the objectives of the interest groups are integral to this plan. TD shared the initial plan outline and also a summary of SK's current key funding commitments, grouped by interests.

Interest groups are asked to provide their 5-year strategic objectives (3-5 goals) as well as the measure of success for their concern. To assist with this process, each group will have support from someone from MC, chosen based on skills and interests:

- Active Travel: MS
- Biodiversity: KM
- Growing Food: KM
- Reducing Waste: TD & MS

Staff are also available to assist.

As well as key interest planning, we will also develop 5-year strategies for education (TD), communications (ED) and health & well-being (MS). These themes run across our interests, and anyone wishing in contributing to this work is welcome.

**Action: TD will send electronic copies of these documents, and Interest Groups are asked to provide initial drafts of their objectives in the next 4-6 weeks (by early November).**

## **2. Biodiversity (AW & CK)**

AW provided an overview of her report (attached) highlighting recent activities (including the success of the recent Bioblitz event), numbers involved and the Biodiversity group's goals for the upcoming year. The Bioblitz event will provide a starting point for Kirrie (the report yet to come) and an extra benefit was partnerships with other organisations which will support our future development.

CK explained that she is developing a methodology for pollination stations, using creative solutions such as social pinpoints. FC suggested we consider how we link in to the Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan when setting our bio objectives

## **3. Active Travel (MS)**

MS provided an overview of her report (attached) highlighting recent activities (including Dreamfest), numbers involved and goals for the upcoming year. The group has recently purchased 3 e-bikes and a cargo bike which will go out for monthly borrowing starting 1 Oct. Play street events have worked well and there was discussion about the hope that one day the Glengate could close for an Xmas event – plans to start by seeing if the businesses would support this. MS has also arranged for two medical students to help map out an active travel path for Kirrie. For active travel, funding is available, but engagement is the challenge.

## **4. Growing Food (RW)**

There wasn't a written report for Growing Food this time and in future Emily will prepare. The field will begin monthly meeting at the start of October and RW raised a couple areas of interest including: financial visibility, produce going to those in most need and goal to increase engagement with local community with greater diversity. Enhancing our partnerships was discussed and agreed a goal for all our work. RW also recommended keeping good contact with local councillors George Meehan who is working to get the council and Tayside Contracts to consider the 'Food for

Life Served Here Scheme' and also Serena Cowdy is the spokesperson for 'Environment and Active Travel', and also sits on the 'Communities' committee.

## **5. Financial Report for Interest Groups, Quarter 1 (TD)**

TD shared a copy of this financial report.

**Action: Questions and suggestions about the report to Clare**

**Date of Next Interest Group Meeting:** please pencil in 14 December

### **Attachments:**

SK 5-year Strategic Plan Outline

Key Funding Goals 2022

Biodiversity Group Report Sep2022

Active Travel Group Report Sep2022

Interest Groups Financial Report Q1/22