

CDO Summary December 2023

Summary: my second month was good with some more focussed activities rather than the broad, lots-of-little things that I did last month. The LPP is starting to take shape in my mind and I think that will be a useful tool to take SDC forward with many aspects of the CAP that relate to land use. The cinema project has been very enjoyable and I'm really excited to see that come to life. As to be expected, December has been a little slower with it being difficult to arrange meetings with the folks I never got hold of last month, due to busy schedules. I also had a few days holiday / compassionate so things have slowed a little there. But that's ok and I'm really looking forward to the new year.

Local Place Plan

Registered intent to prepare LPP with Highland Council

Researching LPP content and initial planning; looking at IMFLDP and NPF4. Looking into peer examples like Stratherrick and Foyers. Reading over advice and guidance from scotgov, from Planning Aid Scotland

Looking into large maps and starting to consider engagement tools and methods – comparing feedback gained in CAP to avoid duplicate consultation too.

Cinema Project

Advertising for cinema team

Met with Film Hub Scotland and carried out successful test screening; date set for first screenings on 10 Feb at Farr Hall. Beginning to cost event / think of ideas to make event special or more appealing

Considering film choice

Signed up for Film Hub Scotland membership

Hub Development

Attended second steering group meeting;

Meeting with HIE to discuss funding options for hub development, especially relating to hotdesking/ workspace/economic development; researching funding options beyond SCBF relating to decarbonising the building, recreational facilities / sport;

Looking into Design Charettes as a possible engagement tool further down the line when at the design stage in conjunction with architects etc. Researching and seeing how I could facilitate that,

researching possible locations for an exchange visit for the steering group; writing funding application for this visit though this is paused until the group decides where they want to visit

Engagement event for steering group on 27 January – thinking of ways of making that more engagement rather than wholly presentation based.

Housing – awaiting date for online meeting with Tomintoul Glenlivet Development Trust

Farr Estate – met with Lucy; made early inroads on LPP engagement and how that might relate to land use / affect land owners and managers

Whole Family Wellbeing Project – attended this session in Grantown about more joined up working between the community and agencies (NHS HC etc) to ensure better outcomes for young people. Was interesting and got me thinking, and I made some good links with other professionals

Highland Islands Climate Hub - Registered membership; arranged meeting 9 January with Development Worker. Also as a side registered for Scottish Communities Climate Action Network

Strathnairn Music Initiative – had to push back a meeting to January but keeping in touch via email

Community Café – ongoing.

Generally keeping in touch with people in the community through email, face to face.