

Strategic Planning Reference Group
Workshop feedback and evaluation notes
21st June 2018, Elgin Town Hall

Feedback / evaluation comments on workshop overall:

What went well

- thoroughly enjoyed the networking with people from different areas
- friendly and talkative groups felt like a collaborative process
- the informality of the group thankyou
- Participation, sharing of information collaboration
- one of the best workshops I have ever been to
- Enjoyed hearing about the many things happening around Moray
- great opportunity for networking –
- interested to see common issues from other groups
- Keeping people moving to reinvigorate discussion
- Good, clear information
- Groups worked well
- Networking opportunities
- Open discussion – representation of many groups across different sections
- Moving around and being sag with a mix of people
- F.A.C.T. a good source for connections and partnerships and consultation with the community
- Conversation inspiring
- Made a couple of good contacts
- Increased knowledge
- Helpful to hear other people's problems and solutions
- Structured, useful conversations
- Networking was encouraged
- Solution-focussed discussion
- Connecting with people who actually live in our localities and connect with local services and hear their stories and ideas
- Good to move around all the tables
- On to one communication
- The two leads, Heidi and Elidh created a good working environment, plus they were funny !
- Really useful to network and contribute.
- People able to speak freely, views mainly respected.
- Good mix across communities and good networking opportunities.
- Enjoyed conversations.
- Finding out that we all suffer from the same problems and we all want the same thing – Keith and area are not alone !
- Positive discussions going down interesting byways.
- the variety of community reps and lived experiences
- great diversity at table

- good networking event

What could be better

- How better to communicate, including parking?
- We talk about valuing community resources, but the support systems in place are being cut! Talk a good game but not investing in it
- Improve acoustics – couldn't hear at all
- How can we gain a greater influence from our kids; the upcoming generation?
- How do we communicate with the Forces at Kinloss?
- started on Speyside/Keith table but it wasn't very clear what we were meant to be discussing facilitator seemed a bit quiet
- The need to communicate is important, how have we got the will to do it?
- Difficult to hear some discussions – noisy room
- The geographical focus was patchy – recognise what was intended, but for some was difficult to contribute 'out of area'
- I was unaware that the topic was to be Community Asset Management – that detail was not on the agenda. I did read the email – maybe I forgot, but others commented the same. More detail on the agenda – who speakers are, topics etc.
- Three tables identified the area being discussed – one did not. This was fine in a way as discussion tended to be across Morayshire as people were not from the places.
- Some voices very dominant on one matter (at each discussion table)
- Needed an explanation of the purpose
- Needed to improve the focus of the groups, tended to be the same.
- Acoustics – I am hard of hearing.
- Networking with others.
- When tackling isolation need to remember that 'groups' are not for all, some people like one to one situations rather than groups.
- Isolation discussed in rural areas. Isolation is just as applicable in larger communities. If you are physically or mentally unable to leave the house to 'attend' anywhere due to shyness or anxiety you will be isolated.

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- Sometimes difficult to hear your own group discussion as distracted by other tables!
- Buckie running questionnaire about sport and physical activity at present
- Ewan and Chris on Elgin/Lossie table were good facilitators 😊