

A practical and deliverable way forward for Nairnshire with NICE playing its role in ensuring integrated, joined up strategy and delivery.

This the right time for Nairnshire to speak with one voice. Nairnshire has been given international scientific and banking support from Meg Lowman and Victor von Klemperer for its wetlands, woodlands, natural environment, historic buildings and sites, and both our Championship golf courses - a view echoed by members at both courses. We have to thank our previous generations for how well they have looked after our Royal Burgh of Nairn's Common Good.

The English Community Hospital Association in a recent international quality review about Covid covering England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland found that Nairn Hospital had put in place the best infection control earliest of all and the building had allowed up to eight hundred patients to be vaccinated in a day. It is widely seen as one of the leading sites in the UK for integrated health and social care and a model for the rest of the UK to follow.

In listing all the various projects, I am seeking to show despite their complexity they are all inter-related and that having done so much of the groundwork they are all deliverable.

I will be circulating this paper widely to reassure all the interested parties that Nairnshire can be a very positive model for this green sustainable and affordable way of involving the local population, the voluntary and charitable sector and the statutory bodies.

Project 1

Completion of the Links/Team Hamish work.

Sam has sent a list of NICE directors and supporters to give a wide range of practical help.

Tom is chairing the meeting to ensure delivery, Malcolm is finalising the engineering report. He has also volunteered to help find matched funding x5 (say) to top up the original £200,000 from Team Hamish.

This work should be completed this winter.

Project 2

Local Place Planning

NICE will be leading on this. A large amount of work has already been done in preparation for this. The next stage is to resume the discussions with Scott Dalgarno, Douglas Chisholm and Mike Atkinson about the core DATA sets and then collaborate with the wider community to deliver both a Nairn and Nairnshire led Local Place Plan.

We are having ongoing discussions with Don Murray, Des and Nick Wright about how best to deliver this.

We are also in discussions with HIE and the Davidson Trust about funding and support

We are also talking to STP and DTS about their support and ongoing help.

We will also be approaching our MSPs for their support.

We need an infrastructure first approach with no more new building until we have a by-pass, solved the sewage and flood risk problems, regenerated the town centre and delivered new school premises.

This work complements the vision for Inverness work discussed in Friday's Inverness Courier and they are complementary and both of great benefit to the Highlands and its economy.

Timing starts now

Project 3

Health and Social Integration.

Nairn Healthcare is seen as an ideal model to develop the Scottish Government's thinking as we move to prioritise integrated community care and deliver clinical quality of care for each individual and their community.

We are in ongoing discussions with the Scottish Executive, Nairn Healthcare, Reform Scotland, the BMA and other important GPs and NES.

This all links to the Cost Cube/IRF work we contributed to and highlights Fair Shares for all localities.

The minimum Fair Share budget for the 15,000 patients @£3,000 each is £45 million. The last figure I was given by our IJB was £12.6 million. The point being that we can provide world class health and social care within existing budgets.

Timing started

Project 4

Regeneration/Heritage Conservation area appraisal

Nairn's built environment including the town centre, High Street, Cawdor Road, Vennels, Viewfield, West End as well as Fishertown are all of significant heritage and conservation importance. They play an important part for both the residents and visitors to Nairnshire.

We will be collaborating with Highland Council on their heritage appraisal work as part of Local Place Planning. This could be done by funding a suitable company to do this work

We already have too many empty properties and we must follow best Scottish government policy in bringing these properties back into use.

Timing over winter

Project 5

I attach the paper from Don Murray setting out the potential for Nairnshire to have this green sustainable future. This builds on all our previous work on the wetlands and woodlands we have a duty to preserve and sustain. This also will be joint working with all the conservation groups and the schools. It will also involve Canopy Meg and all her fantastic memory bank. The wetlands will play a significant role in helping all year round visitor attractions and boosting the local economy.

Timing starting now

Project 6

Common Good

The Royal Burgh of Nairn's Common Good must be under the control of the inhabitants of the Royal Burgh. NICE is willing to play its full part in ensuring we all work in the Common Good and make best use of our fantastic Common Good inheritance.

We think this will be best done by an elected Common Good Committee acting as Trustees of our Common Good. The Common Good is a massive asset for Nairn and Nairnshire

Timing already underway.

Project 7

Leisure and recreation including paths and sports facilities.

We have been in discussions with a wide range of groups who are interested in the future provision and maintenance of all our leisure and recreation facilities. This ranges from the ongoing work with Peter about our fair share budget to the complexities of using our Common Good asset for Highland Council statutory duties.

Our path subgroup is awaiting the outcome of the meeting they had with Mark Smith over a year ago.

The green sustainable model would deliver Murd's bridge and complete an all ability walk on the lower River Nairn banks for example as part of the Team Hamish project plans

We are also working closely with the Lido group on green sustainable energy sources for our water features. This has involved High life Highland and the hydrotherapy pool in discussions about their long term plans and sustainable heating and energy sources. This could also result in a significant new tourist attraction for all year round tourism

We have also had wide ranging discussions with the Sports Club, various football clubs, athletic club and this overlaps with the planning for the new school properties and multi-use facilities

Timing underway and ongoing

Project 8

Jobs network

One of our directors has led the job network and several of our directors have attended regularly.

The whole thrust of this green sustainable Nairnshire is to have as many good well paid local jobs as possible. Within our Fair Share budget allocation, we will deliver many more of these jobs reducing commuting and benefitting all our local businesses.

We have been working with the BID since we were part of the initial development group and are committed to footfall footfall and enabling our local businesses to prosper.

Timing in place and ongoing

Project 9

Working with Cantraybridge College to ensure that former students have ongoing support. housing and jobs.

We envisage that Nairnshire will have gardening and maintenance squads again and that suitably trained and skilled former students will be working there. We have also been in discussion with Cap Gemini on future job training.

Also, the tourist business will provide more job opportunities as it grows and develops

Timing underway and developing

Project 10

Tourism and advertising

We are pleased to see that the BID and Visit Nairn have acknowledged one of our director's valuable contribution to Nairnshire tourism. We will continue to work with the BID to make Nairnshire an even better tourist destination and increase our well paid number of jobs

Timing ongoing