

Project No 0123062015 : Gateway Signage – Fa’side Area Partnership

It was agreed at the last Area Partnership (AP) meeting that I (Simon Davie, Area Manager) investigate two possible projects as quick wins, which I would report back to the AP and seek approval to take them forward, if we could guarantee spend before 31/3/16.

The two projects that were identified at the last AP and that I have been investigating are as follows:

1. Core path signage through the AP areas, including signage for places of interest etc. This was linked to the Active Travel Sub group and a number of themes seeking to encourage our communities to use the existing paths and places of interest.
2. Seeking to renew the Gateway signage to our main town and villages. Providing a welcome to all and possibly informing/signposting people to what’s on in the town/village.

For No 1, I contacted colleagues in our Countryside team and asked if they had an audit of what signage needed renewed, was missing or needed to be added. Unfortunately, our colleagues do not have this information and therefore this is not a project that could be delivered before 31/3/16. This is not to say the project does not have its merits and this is something that the AP will consider.

For project No 2, this seems to have more mileage and should be deliverable on or before 31/3/16. This is a project which could symbolise the work of the partnership and give us a physical point of reference in terms of the impact we can make in our communities, making the link between our local communities and the AP and their particular heritage, character or history. It also marks the start of a journey and impacts on our main town and each of our villages, showing parity and equity to each community. There would also be an opportunity to place on the signage that these have been created and provided by Fa’side AP and have media events for their unveiling.

As a result, I have attached a list of options and examples that are possible for the town and each village all with costs attached; that could be considered by the AP. Please note that these are examples only and a detailed design brief would be required for each including investigating their positions and any permission related matters.

The idea would look at the gateway signage and surrounding it in some way with planting, there are also options to consider the creation of cairns/stonework beside each of the signs, which could be linked to the particular village or towns history or character i.e. farming or mining (or both) for Tranent etc. This would bring in some of the heritage links that have been considered and explored as part of the Charette. For example you will see on the attached file, there is a cairn in Port Seton which has an anchor attached to it identifying the communities fishing connections.

In addition, one village has asked me to look at the cost of providing a solar powered speed reactive sign. Speeding seems to be an issue that a number of community groups have raised with me for their areas. I have added some information to the attached in terms of cost which may be of interest to other members of the AP.

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GATE WAY SIGNAGE PROPOSAL FOR FA'SIDE AREA PARTNERSHIP

OPTIONS

2015

1. The approximate cost of supplying and erecting one of these signs including the posts is £900 (Roads). Example of Gateway signage and posts below:



2. The approximate cost of providing a stone planter bed (including preparations of the ground, provision of stone and plants) is £4000.00 (Amenities). See example of circular stone planter below:



3. The approximate cost of creating and providing a stone cairn (including the preparation of the ground, provision of the stone and creation of the cairn) is £5300.00 (Amenities). See example below:



4. The cost for providing a bronze name plate for a Cairn is approximately £200 (Amenities). No example provided however, plate sits on or in cairn.

5. The cost of creating and providing an anchor (metal) type addition to the Cairn is approximately £500. (Amenities).



6. The cost of creating and planting of a herbaceous bed (including ground preparation, provision of planting and labour and machinery) would be approximately £25 per M2 and you should work on average size of 50m2 to sit well in a verge location. See example below at Loch Road, Tranent to give you an example. Therefore approximate total of £1250 (Amenities).



7. The approximate cost to purchase and install **one** solar powered speed reactive sign is approx £4500-£5000. This will include the labour and all material including the sign, solar panels, battery, pole and socket and commissioning of sign (Roads).



a new park and car park

The town centre has a great deal of open space areas, which are currently not used to their full potential. For example, the areas of ground to the east of Winton Place and south of Sanderson's Wynd represent an opportunity to create a new community park for the town centre which could provide space for flower gardens, children's play areas, growing food and tree planting. The future of the former Infant School on Sanderson's Wynd is uncertain at the moment but it could be used as a resource centre for the new park and other community-facing uses, as well as a base for business start-ups responding to the aim of retaining people in Tranent.

A community park in this area would also act to tie together the potential cluster of community facilities in the area: the George Johnstone Centre, the Old Infant School (proposed change of use), Town Hall and the proposed redevelopment of the Fraser Centre which may create an entrance on Lindores Drive linking into this area.

Parking for the town centre is an issue that emerged as a priority during the charrette, especially the boost to town centre shops that might result from more convenient parking with good footpath links to High Street. It is possible that the open space at Balfour's Square could be used on a temporary/overflow basis for parking with its excellent links to High Street. The additional benefit of this site is that it could relieve parking and access pressure to Forrester's Park during football matches.



Create new access from Balfour Square into the rear of Lindores Drive and close access at other end of Lindores Drive (instead of option shown). Offers an opportunity to create new public car park to support Local Transport Strategy, linked to Town Centre Regeneration and Charette outcomes. Issue already identified as a possible Area Plan project. **SD note**