

TITLE:	Area Tourism Partnership Meeting	
DATE:	3 rd October 2007	
VENUE/TIME:	Buccleuch Hotel Moffat	
PRESENT:	J Mitchell, D Holland, L Chambers, T Gillespie, L Vickers, M Hannay, D Smith, I McLatchie, R Soutar, M Scott, S Garnsworthy, T Brown, M Dickie, L Buchanan, C Kennedy, C Matheson, A Oldroyd, D Macleod, J Hudson, Mr & Mrs Michel Mazouin,	
IN ATTENDANCE:	S Hellowell, T Smeaton	
		ACTIONS
1. <u>WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS</u>		
Joan Mitchell welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the following people who would be giving presentations on Tourism Skills.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Board Training – Liz Buchanan, Chief Executive • SEDG – Caroline Kennedy, Development Executive • Springboard Scotland – Caroline Matheson, Project Manager • D&G College – Alison Oldroyd, Senior Programme Manager • University of Glasgow – Dr Don Macleod, Head of Tourism & Heritage 		
It was agreed that a skills subgroup will be set up to work with the training providers, with DS taking the lead.	JM/DH/DS/ SH	
2. <u>APOLOGIES</u>		
Apologies were received from John Denerley, Patsy Gilroy, Tony Fitzpatrick, Gordon Hood, Lynn Walker and Allison MacColl.		
3. <u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u>		
The Minutes were proposed by DH and seconded by MH.		
4. <u>MATTERS ARISING</u>		
4.1 Solway Coast Marine National Park – JM wrote to Environment minister, Mike Russell, and other South of Scotland MSPs re the Solway's bid for a marine and coastal national park. Supportive letters were received from Elaine Murray and Jim Hume. The Minister acknowledged the local support for the Solway bid but indicated that the issue had been postponed until after the enactment of general marine conservation legislation.		
4.2 Gatehouse of Fleet Update – a special workshop was held in Gatehouse on the 22 nd of August. This event focused on a solution for Gatehouse of Fleet and at the wider challenges across the region. Invitations for expressions of interest for GoF will be requested during October, followed by interviews by the Project Team. It is anticipated that a delivery solution will be in place prior to next season.		
4.3 LC met with Karen Wilson to comment on local print but found it difficult to improve on current format. Where to Stay and See and Do will be available for circulation in early December.		

CONTINUATION SHEET	ACTIONS
<p>5. <u>ROLE AND REMIT SIGN OFF</u></p> <p>The Role of ATP has now been agreed by Members. Confidentiality statements have also been signed – confidential discussion will in future be minutes separately.</p> <p>6. <u>ACTION PLAN UPDATE</u></p> <p>A report of the chair’s activities since the last ATP meeting was circulated and is attached.</p> <p>Updates were provided by Rob Soutar and Liz Chambers. Louise Vickers to forward SEDG update to TS.</p> <p>7. <u>KIRKCUDBRIGHT ABROAD</u></p> <p>John Hudson who is Chair of Kirkcudbright Abroad, set up to link with other small ‘artists’ towns attended the meeting with Michel Mazouin, President of the Charentes Maritime Tourist Board. He gave a talk on the purpose and role of the group in encouraging other artists towns like Kirkcudbright to share best practice and to get together to hold exhibitions of artists from around the world.</p> <p>8. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>This will be held on Wednesday 9th January at 10.30am at Solway House, Heathhall.</p> <p>J Mitchell, Chair 16 October 2007</p>	<p>LV</p>