



STONEHAVEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP
MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING
HELD ON 27 JUNE 2017 AT 7.00PM
AT INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE, STONEHAVEN

Item**1. Welcome and Apologies**

| Present Trustees | In attendance | Apologies |
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| David Fleming (DF) Andrew Newton (AN) John Robson (JR) Jim Stephens (JS) Stuart Alexander (SA) | Cllr Dickinson Wendy Rudd Ian Balgowan Nicci Forbes (NF) Andy Lorimer Doug Samways Margo Wilson * | James Douglas (JD) Bill Allan (BA) Isabel Munn (IM) Cllr Wallace Cllr Robertson |

*Margo Wilson introduced herself as the newly appointed community linked worker with special responsibilities for the welfare of senior citizens

2. Approval of minutes

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| On the proposal of JR and seconded by DF the minutes of the trustees meeting of May 2017 were approved. These minutes will now be placed on the website. | IM |

3. Matters arising

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| Matters Arising were dealt with as the Board progressed through the agenda. | |

4. Finance Report

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| JR reported that there is £21K in the current account and £41K in the deposit account. However, £3K in the deposit account is committed. | |

5 Business Plan Items

Report of progress on individual projects has been circulated and is on website. What follows is an update on that information.

| Project | Additional Information | Action |
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| Beach Toilets | This project was dealt with first in order to allow Nicci Forbes (owner of Aunt Bettys) to return to her shop. NF tabled extensive data on the costs of running the Beach Toilets and the | |

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| | <p>main expenditure was identified as the cleaning contract which costs approximately £1K per month. The current arrangement with the Council is due to expire in August 2017 and the consortium currently running the Toilets are looking for assistance from the wider community although they are prepared to maintain the property in the short term whilst a solution is found. NF stated the main problem was that the premises were too big and could be easily divided into two – one side to remain as a toilet facility and the other as a community room for lease to a variety of organisations. Frank Budd has been heavily involved in driving the project forward but unfortunately was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Members of the Board were concerned that if STP became involved and the Toilets failed in the future STP would be blamed for the closure. JS suggested the Frank Budd's input was essential to assess the options open to STP and the Board would welcome a presentation from Frank; at the same time an input from the Stonehaven Business Association is also essential.</p> <p>In the interim STP is willing to apply, without prejudice, for a CAT1 application.</p> | IM |
| Bervie Braes Road (JR) | STP is waiting for a response from Aberdeenshire Council over whether they will consider using axle weight as opposed to the current gross weight restriction. | |
| Court Building (DF) | Another source of funding has been identified and DF is hopeful of a successful outcome. Scottish Court and Tribunal Service and DF are meeting next week to iron out any problems before the transfer of the building. | |
| Improving Our Town Centre (JS) | <p>The third and final visit, for this year, of the team clearing seagulls' eggs occurred on Sunday 25th June. There has been good support for the scheme and STP looks forward to its return in 2018.</p> <p>New signage has been ordered for the town and should start appearing shortly. However, it has been a struggle to identify funding for the sail banners in the square and IM is now seeking donations from local business and organisations. It is noted that SBA is not very visible in this project.</p> <p>A deep clean of the Town Centre will occur during the summer.</p> <p>SBA has approached STP regarding lighting in the harbour/old town area but JS advised STP to 'hold back' until the complete scale of the project is revealed.</p> | IM |
| Former Gas Works Site (JS) | <p>It seems that no local organisation is having success in receiving any communication from the Scottish Gas Network (SGN).</p> <p>DF will contact the Scottish Development Trust to discover whether STP can make a CAT request to SGN for the site.</p> | DF |

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| Cycling Project (SA) | <p>The Council are working on this project and momentum is beginning to build. The first report of the long pathway alongside the A90 towards Aberdeen is expected shortly and funding for a more detailed report has been awarded.</p> <p>A community street audit is to be undertaken by engaging with local stakeholders. The report will be received in 2018 and fed into the wider transport strategy.</p> <p>It is believed that a new walking and cycling map will begin its distribution at the Farmer's Market on 1st July.</p> <p>JS has had a number of meetings with a number of local landowners and they are all keen to build pathways through their local estates. There is great potential for an extensive network around Stonehaven.</p> | |
| Cruise Ships (JR) | <p>Another letter has been sent to Fred Olsen and a response is awaited.</p> | |
| Grande Promenade(JS/JR) | <p>A surveyor is shortly coming up from Edinburgh to view the potential of the area between the two rivers.</p> <p>JS has spoken to Landscape Services and the latter are considering undertaking major work on the bridge over the Carron in 2018.</p> <p>Another suggestion is the creation of raised viewing platforms at the back of Number 44. This would enable a better view of the beach and sea. Funding could be raised by asking local businesses to sponsor the platforms.</p> | |

6 Business Items

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| <p>Report from/items to Community Council – IB had not been able to attend the last two meetings of SDCC so JS spoke in his place.</p> <p>The main topic was the Green Pavilion and there was an extensive discussion involving Willie Munroe and two other Council employees. It was established that AC has a spreadsheet listing all the organisations that used the pavilion and when. However, some contested that it was not up to date. It was declared that the Fitness and Judo Clubs would have great difficulty in re-locating. BA spoke on behalf of the Men's Shed and confirmed that his organisation was proceeding with a CAT. There are rumours that at least two other organisations are also considering a CAT request. <i>[Secretarial Note – JS had invited all affected organisations to attend tonight's STP meeting in order to establish whether STP could help but none attended].</i></p> | |
| <p>Report on KDP meeting (AN)</p> <p>KDP has finally signed an agreement with St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund to dispense annual grants to two local areas. Unfortunately St John's is now in voluntary liquidation and it is proving difficult to establish the new owner and source the necessary funds.</p> | |

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| KDP needs to become financially self-sustaining in the future and an application will be made to the LEADER fund for a Senior Development Worker to investigate potential areas of growth. | |
| Land Train In IM's absence it was not possible to provide any details but the Land Train is working well with a number of private hires and, of course, large number of visitors using the scheduled services. | |

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| Anchor Stonehaven has been selected as a location for one of the Anchors being distributed around the region in support of the Anchor Unit at ARI. The Stonehaven anchor is sponsored by Stewart Milne and will be located outside the Ship Inn. | |
| New Portlethen organisation? DF mentioned that there are initial plans to set up a STP style organisation in Portlethen. | |
| Water Tap JS informed the meeting that it is proposed to install a tap at the top of the slip way so that individuals can hose down sand etc. Before the tap can be installed Scottish Water need confirmation over who will pay the water rate. | |
| ST James DF announced that the Church will be closed for a number of months due to the discovery of dry rot in roof trusses. There will be a presentation in St James Hall on the proposed Wind Farm at Riccarton on Thursday 29 th June. | |
| David Harper JS paid tribute to the work done by David Harper for community and reminded the meeting that his funeral was taking place on Saturday 1 st July at Crathes crematorium | |

8 Date of next meetings

4th Tuesday of every month in the Dunnottar Lounge (Invercarron Resource Centre).

No Meeting in July

22nd August

26th September

24th October

28th November AGM

No meeting in December

Andrew Newton

Secretary STP

1st July 2017