



**STONEHAVEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP**  
**MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2015 AT 7.00PM**  
**AT INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE, STONEHAVEN**

**Item**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

<b>Present Trustees</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Douglas Samways (DS)	Michelle Ward (MW)
David Fleming (DF)	Elizabeth Havens (EH)
Wynne Edwards (WE)	
John Robson (JR)	
Andrew Newton (AN)	
Allan Sutherland (AS)	
Jim Stephen (JS)	
Isabel Munn (IM)	

**2. Harbour Development Feasibility Study Report. Report available in Trustees Box.**

	<b>Action</b>
WE presented his suggested course of actions resulting from the Harbour Development Feasibility Study Report. Discussion followed with the trustees present and the following actions were agreed.	
1. WE will contact the stakeholders personally to ask them to consider participating as a member of a "Harbour Sustainability Group".	WE
IM to provide contact details for the SDCC, Aberdeenshire Council, ASYC, Tolbooth Museum, Tolbooth Restaurant, Marine Hotel, Ship Inn, Harbour Residents, SCI, Sea Cadets and local fishermen etc. to WE to.	IM
2. Meeting of potential stakeholders to be arranged for Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August at St James Hall to consider the report and recommendations. Report will be placed in the public domain at this point. Time of the meeting to be confirmed by WE.	WE WE
3. PDF of the report will be placed on STP website. WE will prepare a press release and a new advert will be recorded for Mearns FM. As part of placing in the public domain hard copies of the report will be made available in Library, Town Hall etc.	
4. As part of the recommendations following on from the report, public consultation and future meetings will be arranged by the new "Harbour Sustainability Group".	

### 3. AOCB

	Action
<p><b>Stonehaven Town Centre Improvement Group (STCIG) Letter</b></p> <p>The background and timeline of the meetings of the STCIG were discussed. It was noted that the trustees were made aware through the project update in February and in the minutes of meetings, particularly the June meeting, of what was happening in relation to STCIG. The February project update records the intention of the STCIG to issue a letter preceded by a Press Release, to the owners of the businesses and properties of the concerns identified and the suggested actions required of them as identified by the group. The trustees were informed in June that the STCIG were confirming the contact details of people directly responsible.</p> <p>It was the belief of the Project Leader and IM that the letters were in draft and further confirmation of the required actions was to be agreed before the letters were issued. However before this was done the letters were sent out by Aberdeenshire Council without the draft being sent to the groups involved in the STCIG with a list of addresses and concerns for final review.</p> <p>In other words, STP trustees were aware that the letter was to be sent out, but its premature release meant they had not had an opportunity to be consulted on its content, recipients or issues identified.</p>	
<p><b>Recreation Ground Trust (RGT)</b></p> <p>DF spoke of a paper he's produced after consulting documents relating to the purchase of land at the recreation grounds by the Town Council from Lord Stonehaven in 1927 (called a disposition). Among other things the document appears to confirm that the Town Council should be represented on RGT. It states that Lord Stonehaven sold the land leased to the RGT and that the new owners will be "... the said Provost Magistrate and Councillors of the Burgh of Stonehaven and their successors", and crucially it adds "as representing the community of the said Burgh"</p> <p>A discussion followed and there was a feeling that moving forward on the findings contained in DF's paper were unlikely to be productive as there is very little time left between now and the Long Leases Act coming into force on 28<sup>th</sup> November. However, DF's work was acknowledged and it was also felt that if the opportunity arose the findings should be made public. For example, if and when DS meets with Gordon Ritchie (GR) to get feedback from him.</p> <p>DS reported that he had attempted to contact GR for his feedback from their meeting in June about RGT. DS believed that RGT were discussing STP's concerns at their meeting at the end of July. Unfortunately GR is on holiday until 17<sup>th</sup> August.</p>	

### 4. Date of next meetings

25<sup>th</sup> August    29 September    27<sup>th</sup> October    24<sup>th</sup> November AGM at Dunnottar Lounge, Invercarron Resource Centre.

Meeting Closed at 9pm