

Welcome to Stonehaven Town Partnership's newsletter. We hope you will find it informative. Feedback about any of the projects outlined below or any other comments you have would be very welcome.

May 2016

# Disbursements from STP to local groups and events

Stonehaven Town Partnership made their annual disbursements on Saturday 30th April.

Four Local Groups were allocated £1000 each. The lucky groups were the Friends of the Open Air Pool, Stonehaven Folk Festival, Stonehaven Fireballs and Stonehaven After School Club. The Disbursement Committee comprised of two STP Trustees and three people from the community who decided how the £4000.00 available should be allocated.

This cheques were presented in front of the land train which is operated by STP.

In the photo STP Treasurer, John Robson is presenting cheques to Maria Coll from Stonehaven After School Club, Pete Hill from Friends of the Open Air Pool and Charlie West from Stonehaven Folk Festival.



# **Current Projects**

#### Land Train – the Stoney Express

The Stoney Express began operation at Easter this year with its two carriages the Carron and the Cowie. The carriages were named by Shona Coull from Arduthie Primary School and David Tucker and Austin Jackson from Carronhill School. Pictured below are Austin and David receiving their certificates and Shona receiving her certificate from David Fleming Chairman of STP.



There have been a number of companies who have sponsored the Land Train this year and STP would like to thank the following Companies: Falck Safety Services for providing fuel, Stagecoach for providing storage for the land train and the carriages, Duncan and Todd for providing Hi Vis jackets, Brickfield Motors for unloading the new carriage when it arrived from Italy. The Caravan Club of Great Britain, The Ship Inn, Mojo Taxis, Ali Bali and Ali Bali B, Scallywags Soft Play, Molly's Bistro, Cloak Caravans, the Tolbooth Museum and The Open Air Pool are all advertising on the sides of the train.

There is still some availability for more advertisers, if you are interested in this please contact projects@stpweb.org.

STP would like to welcome the new recruits this year, Michael King is a new driver who will be driving with Bob McAllan and Anna Dudek and the new story tellers, Paula Hutchison, Megan McKenzie and Gaby Schon, who will be joining John Dale, John Robson, Bill Emslie, David Fleming, Mary Marr and David Forsyth Harper in welcoming the passengers on board and telling them the Stonehaven story.

An environmental Impact Assessment has being written by MKA Economics regarding the Land train and is available on the web site.

Please see the web site and facebook page for more information and we hope that the sun shines so that the land train can take as many people on the tour as possible. <u>https://www.facebook.com/stonehavenlandtrain</u> and the STP website <u>www.stpweb.org</u>.

## **Stonehaven Court Building**

The future of Stonehaven's Court Building is looking brighter with the sub group working hard to make a community asset transfer of the building to be used for Stonehaven Community Groups. The business plan will be available soon and will be placed on the website. Funding is being sought to carry out building works and a project manager and architect will be employed to take this project forward. All reports and meeting notes are available on the web site.

## Improving Our Town Centre

STP is still working with a number of other groups in Stonehaven, (Horizon Group, SDCC, Stonehaven Business Association, local Councillors and Aberdeenshire Council) on this project. The Boardwalk and Harbour Illuminations will now fall under this project.

## **Caravan Club of Great Britain**

MKA Economics has completed an economic impact assessment (EIAs) of The QEII Caravan Park and this has been put on the web site, showing that the economic benefit of the improvements to the Town (at a conservative estimate) to be  $\pm 1.2$  million per annum.

## **Other Projects**

Every month a project update is written and placed on the web site.

#### Date of next meeting

The next STP trustees meeting will be held at Invercarron Resource Centre at 7pm on Tuesday 24th May, these meetings are open to the public.

Further information can be found on our website <u>www.stpweb.org</u>. If you have any queries or would like to help with any of the projects please e mail: <u>projects@stpweb.org</u>

#### Contact us, got a Question?

Should you have questions, comments or any feedback, do not hesitate to contact our friendly team.

Email: projects@stpweb.org By Post: Stonehaven Town Partnership C/O Connons, 50 Allardice Street, Stonehaven AB39 2RA

#### Minutes of STP Board Meetings

The Stonehaven Town Partnership Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Dates of meetings can be found on the web site.

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