



STONEHAVEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

HELD ON AUGUST 2018 AT 7.00PM

AT INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE, STONEHAVEN

Item

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present Trustees	In attendance	Apologies
Jim Stephen (JS) Andrew Newton (AN) Stuart Alexander (SA) John Robson (JR) Jim Douglas (JD)	Julie Lindeman (JL) Cllr Dickinson Karen Wood (KW) Mary Marr (MM) David Lawman (DL) Paddy Coffield (PD) Raymond Christie (RC) Lindsay Verstralen (LV)	Mike Duncan Bill Allan Cllr Robertson Amy Barclay

2. Approval of minutes

	Action
The minutes of 26 th June 2018 were approved on the proposal of SA and seconded by JR. The minutes of the November AGM will not be approved until the next AGM.	

3. Matters Arising

	Action
Creel Christmas tree On going discussions regarding Creel Christmas tree – question as to location – RW Thompson Memorial Garden or along boardwalk?	JL
Cycling In principal the cycling club are keen to get involved but are tied up with the Strive Stoney event.	SA
Improving Town Centre JS reported that due to data protection they could not get hold of list of who did and who did not pay their bill towards removing seagull nests.	JS

4. Finance Report

	Action
JR reported that bank balances are healthy now with no problems.	JR
Land train account – separate to the Treasurers account is in the process of being set up allowing the STP to operate the Treasurers account.	JL

5 Business Plan Items

Project	Additional Information	Action
Court Building (JD/JR)	<p>Leader application was submitted on time. The lowest bidder cannot commence until the LEADER funding is approved. However, First Floor funding in the form of SIS funding is in place – just waiting on tender to comeback before work can start.</p> <p>JS gave thanks to all involved in the process.</p> <p>JR reported that first tenants should be moving in by end of October 2018.</p> <p>PC asked what CAB possibly moving in to which JR replied March 2019.</p> <p>Cllr Dickinson asked about worked on ground floor with tenants on first floor- how would access and safety be affected? JR/JS reported that there would be no access or safety issues as the two are not connected.</p> <p>LV reported that work on both floors will be carried out by same contractor. JS requested that at least 2 other contractors be contacted to quote as the position of only one is not acceptable, although having the same contactor do both does make sense we really should be getting other quotes.</p> <p>KW – raised the issue of if room would be available for other groups to book office space as there is a very big shortage of rentable office space for meetings in the town. JR reported yes, the main court room would.</p>	MD/JL
Improving Our Town Centre (JS)	<p>A recent meeting of all involved was held. Locked at the issue of seagulls and bins and how we can tackle this. All agreed it there was a need for educating folk about the issue – not feeding the birds. Around Mackie at lunchtime now the schools are back is a problem area. Ongoing communication with the schools taking place.</p> <p>Sail banners – lottery funding is now in place, so this can move forward. Diane Strachan at the council is pushing this.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Dickinson reported that the Horizon Group are looking for a Convener and a Vice- Convener – all feel it best be someone involved with the group but please if anyone knows of anyone can they please tell them about this.</p> <p>RC reported that the festive light policies are now available for all. Cllr Dickinson reported that the High Street is classed as the town so there will be lights on this street.</p>	
Land Train (JR)	<p>JL reported the following figures: Since start of school holidays 3692 passengers had boarded the train – a lot of local folk and a lot of tourists. The busiest days during the holidays seems to have been Sundays. £8849 was taken in but there are wages, wear and tear, insurance and fuel to be considered.</p> <p>Conductors have raised the issue of a new microphone system that will work through both the carriages. SA reports he will look at this.</p> <p>JS – a good summer season – thanks to all sponsors and to the Land Train Team.</p> <p>JL reported Montrose Rope and Sail are giving quote for maintenance of the existing covers and for winter storage covers for which we have raised money through donations and sponsorship. JL to report back at next meeting.</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>JL</p>
Cycling Project (SA)	<p>No change – JS suggest we put this onto hold. However, the following was reported.</p> <p>Cycling club have expressed their interest to be involved however, due to the Strive fund raising events they are fully committed at this time to this.</p> <p>SA reported that there is now a cycle officer at NESTRANS. He will make contact to see about coming on board in an advisory capacity.</p> <p>SA reported that there is money out there that this project would meet the criteria for, but they just need to work on the concept. Multi use rather than cycling would widen the project up.</p> <p>Mary asked – is there an issue going through private land – the answer was no people can access.</p> <p>SA asked about the ITT – Cllr Dickinson reported that Stonehaven is next on the list but has been delayed. It is all done by funding application, but we are in the next round. JS – one of the points was to bring people to Stonehaven – perhaps a 3-castle run, family friendly and the furthest distance at any point is 1.8 miles to the centre of Stonehaven.</p>	SA
Grande Promenade (JS/JR))	<p>We now have a commissioned project with NESFLAG – drawings and plans have been drawn up and it is just out for tender. The new work will incorporate what is there already. Cllr Dickinson will see if planning permission is required for this.</p>	Cllr Dickinson

	<p>JS – a lot of new bins down at the seafront and Cllr Dickinson confirmed that these will be emptied as per the agreed schedule of twice a day during the holidays and weekends as per requirements and per staff availability.</p> <p>JS – the rocks that were dumped along the seafront – currently trying to get this sorted. Working with Landscape Services.</p> <p>AN – clarified that the 60K is for a commissioned project that that area only. This first draft is the design. The applicant is Aberdeenshire council and the funding is by NESFLAG. SA asked is planning application? AN not sure – Cllr Dickinson to check.</p> <p>SA – what is being done in terms of public consultation? JL to talk to Sheila.</p> <p>Any further work on the boardwalk needs funding sourced and approved. Cllr Dickinson to speak with Cllr Robertson re the funding from the Scottish Government. Landscape services are looking at alternatives for the boardwalk such as concrete. JS reported that the beams beneath the decking are starting to rot now. WR asks is the plan still to raise it into one section? JS replied yes, it is.</p> <p>Cllr Dickinson reports that the bridge is getting raised and will confirm how high it will be raised as part of the flood protection. Work on the bridge for floor prevention scheme to start in January.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>Cllr D</p>
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<p>Report from/items to Community Council</p> <p>RC – making some changes. With regards to cutbacks we are going to be working with them rather than against them to see how best to manage the cuts for the good of the community. A plan to hold a community action plan session over 4 days in October is going ahead in the old coop travel building. RC reported that they are short of 4 Community Councillors and anyone wishing to stand should put their name forward. In September an associate member will be co-opted on to the council – this is a specialist in mental health. LV asked what is driving these changes? RC replied a change in leadership with a new chairman being elected.</p> <p>Defibrillators – JS reports use of one. DL asks that a list of them be made available for everyone in the community to see. RC and JS reported that all are being listed by call handlers for the emergency services.</p>	
<p>Report from/items to KDP</p> <p>AN – nothing to report.</p> <p>Cllr Dickinson – KDP bulletin TRAK are in process of looking at setting up a group on environmental issues. KSP office to be contacted with anything or any questions.</p>	

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SA reported that at a recent meeting of the all-weather pitch it was reported that it is financially healthy. Ongoing negotiations with the rugby club about their requirements. Netball court has been vandalised – but it is not really used. Basketball court is well used. CCTV installation is imminent. Ground keeper reports mess left after football tournaments/training – this is an overall problem and a letter will be issued to all parents.	
DL – the STP exposure on social media is very poor – JL accepts this and stated that she is working with SA to look at ways of improving profile.	JL/SA
RC – all signs around the town are currently pointing the wrong way. JS acted to speak to Diane Strachan about this.	JS
AN reminds all that there is the annual Open-Door Days on the 15 th and 16 th September.	

7 Date of meetings**Next Meeting – 25th September 2018****Subsequent**

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

23 October 27 November (AGM)