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BERVIE BRAES ROAD (JR)

Barriers – nothing further to report

Axle weights of the locomotive and the carriages – IM has sent Willie Munro a report on the axle weights and passenger weights of the land train together with that of comparable vehicles to establish if an exemption can be put in place to allow the land train to come down Bervie Braes next season (2018).

This will be discussed with WM at the next liaison meeting on 29th August.

The Bervie Braes Road Project is mentioned in the STP's Business Plan 2012 – 2015 and was also included in the Community Plan. There was also a comment in PfR that there should be better access for walkers and cyclists on Bervie Braes.

PLAN B

This project will be looked at again in January 2018 – Nothing further to report.

*The Plan B Project has been initiated as it was in STP's Business plan **SPORT AND LEISURE FACILITIES AT THE RECREATION GROUND SITE** – investigating the possibility of improved facilities at this site, alongside reviewing alternative locations. There were also several comments made by residents in the PfR exercise about this area of Stonehaven.*

FUTURE OF STONEHAVEN COURT HOUSE BUILDING (DF)

LEADER funding – Discussion to take place with the European Programmes Co-Ordinator, on his return from holiday to establish the further information required for the LEADER bid.

The Charity Bank will let us have their decision on Monday 21st August re funding.

Aberdeenshire Area Committee meeting is taking place on 22 August and IM will attend to discuss funding requirements from the Area Committee Budget.

STP have not been successful in getting any funding from Auquhirie Community Wind Farm for Phase 1 of the works.

STV have asked to film in the Court Building on 22 August for a 3-part documentary on the history of the Scottish Police Force.

This project falls into several STP's charity criteria. For example, to assist in the regeneration of the area through the improvement of the physical, social and economic environment to:

- *Manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the Community and the public in general;*
- *Advance Community development, including urban or rural regeneration within the community;*
- *Advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or*



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provision of environmental amenities for the community and /or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historical or other importance to the community.

IMPROVING OUR TOWN CENTRE (JS) (Including the Board walk and Harbour Illuminations)

Funding

STP have been awarded a grant of £1166 from Paths for All to be used for the signs on the boardwalk and other tourist orientation signs.

Sail Banners

Diane Strachan from Aberdeenshire Council will get quotes for art work of the sail banners. Some of the local groups have expressed interest in helping with funding the new banners.

This project commenced due to comments that were made by residents at the PfR exercises. Comments were made about Town Centre signage, the appearance and upkeep of some of the buildings in the Centre and the seagull nuisance.

STP were approached by Stonehaven Business Association to assist with Christmas lighting in the old town and the harbour area.

FORMER GAS WORKS SITE (JS)

Nothing further to report on this as SGN will not answer e mails or phone calls about the site.

This project resulted from comments made in the PfR exercises about the lack of parking in Stonehaven in general and specifically the lack of parking in the Auld Toon during busy times.

LAND TRAIN (JS)

The land train has been running almost every day. There have been 6 days since the end of May when it has been off the road, due to inclement weather and technical issues.

It has already carried over 4000 passengers this year and is running 5 trips a day from Market Square. The facebook page has over 2100 followers. Some of the students who have been working as storytellers will be leaving for university in September. Its been great to have them working on the land train and we wish them well for the future and hope to see them back next year!

As above this project came about by comments that were made during the PfR exercises that the STP undertook in 2012. It also fits in well with the STP's SCIO objectives by assisting in the regeneration of Stonehaven by bringing tourists into the Town from Dunnottar Castle and was mentioned in the STP's Business Plan of 2012 – 2015 to ease parking congestion in the Town

CRUISE SHIPS (JR)

Nothing further to report.



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This project was brought to the STP by a Community Group and is being considered jointly by an STP trustee and a member of the Rotary Club of Stonehaven.

OTHER ITEMS

QEII CARAVAN PARK (SA)

We are waiting to hear back from the Caravan and Motorhome Club to see what they can do about the area to the rear of the site which was originally planned for tents.

CYCLING PROJECT (SA/JR/JS)

Nothing further to report

GRANDE PROMENADE (JR/JS)

The feasibility study for phase 1 of the project has taken place and a community engagement event will be planned in the next month.

BEACH TOILETS (JS)

A Community Asset Transfer has been put in to Aberdeenshire Council for the Beach Toilets and there should be feedback from them by 17th September.