



## PROJECT UPDATE December 2015

### **WIFI/QR Codes (DS)**

Nothing further to report

*This project was brought to the attention of the STP by a resident of Stonehaven.*

### **BERVIE BRAES ROAD (DS) (decision required on who will take this project over)**

No further responses from Martin Kitt-Hayes.

*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 (DS, WE, DF, MW) (decision required on who will take this project over)**

Second meeting with Aberdeenshire Council and SDCC held and Recreation Grounds discussed at last SDCC meeting.

*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 a number of comments made by residents in the PfR exercise about this area of Stonehaven.*

### **FUTURE OF STONEHAVEN COURT HOUSE BUILDING (DF)**

The Open Days on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December (16:00 to 21:00) and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December (10:00 to 15:00) were a great success with over 500 people coming into the Court Building to look at the Building, watch the Mock Trial, listen to some live music and singing, visit the craft stalls and give some feedback on what they thought the Building could be used for. The information received will be added in to the Business Plan.

We are now waiting for the completed Conservation Report and the Business Plan will be completed as far as possible, for discussion at the January Trustees meeting (5<sup>th</sup> January 2016).

All the condition surveys of the building are now complete, and reports are available on the website.

Discussions with potential tenants have started, but we need more. If you have any contacts of potential tenants please let us know on [projects@stpweb.org](mailto:projects@stpweb.org).

*This project falls into a number of STP's charity criteria. For example to assist in the regeneration of the area through the improvement of the physical, social and economic environment in order 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 provision of environmental amenities for the community and /or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historical or other importance to the community.*



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### IMPROVING OUR TOWN CENTRE (JS)

Nothing further to report

*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.*

### FORMER GAS WORKS SITE (MW)

DS to contact Mark Skilling of Aberdeenshire Council for update

*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 (MW)

The Land Train picked Santa up from Stonehaven Harbour on 12<sup>th</sup> December and took him and some children who were competition winners to Michies Chemist, where he'll be in his grotto for December.

The Economic Impact Assessment showing the benefit of the Land Train to Stonehaven has been started and will be available early next year. After this report the Economic Impact Assessment of the QEII Caravan Park will be commenced.

Stonehaven Town Partnership have been awarded £87,419 from the Coastal Communities Fund, Big Lottery Fund. This funding will be used to purchase an additional carriage for the Land Train for the 2016 season as well as providing continued salaries for the Land Train Drivers and Conductors as well as the Project Development Officer's position up until December 2016.

Local Companies will be asked if they would like to advertise on the Land Train in 2016. Please get in touch with STP through [projects@stpweb.org](mailto:projects@stpweb.org) if you would like the opportunity of advertising on the Land Train. We will also be looking for additional drivers and conductors for part time positions 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*

### BEACH TOILETS (MW)

Nothing further to report

*Improving the Public Toilets was one of the projects mentioned in STP's 2012 -15 Business Plan. One of STP's charity objectives is to assist in the regeneration of the area through improvement of the physical, social and economic environment in order to:*

*Manage Community Land and associated assets for the benefit of the community and the public in general.*

*Aberdeenshire Council asked STP to carry out a Harbour Development Feasibility Study and have assisted with funding for this project. One of the reasons the approach to STP from Aberdeenshire*



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*Council was made was that STP can apply for grant funding for the Feasibility Study which would reduce the cost to the council tax payer.*

### **ENERGY CO-OPERATIVE INITIATIVE (WE)**

Nothing further to report

*This project falls under the STP's Declared Charitable Purpose for the advancement of environmental protection or improvement in the reduction of energy use in Stonehaven and the reduction of CO2 emissions. There will also be a financial benefit to Stonehaven as there is the possibility of money becoming available for disbursement through the savings made in energy use.*

### **CRUISE SHIPS (JR)**

Nothing further to report.

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

### **HARBOUR ILLUMINATIONS (JS)**

Nothing further to report

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

### **OTHER ITEMS**

#### **QEII CARAVAN PARK (DS)**

MKA Economics will conduct two separate economic impact assessments (EIAs) of (1) the Land Train and (2) The QEII Caravan Park.

#### **BOARDWALK (JS)**

Nothing further to report

#### **RECREATION GROUNDS (DS/DF)**

Nothing further to report

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15<sup>th</sup> December 2015