

# **PROJECT UPDATE**

**June 2014**

## **QE2 CARAVAN PARK (DF)**

Following discussion at May Trustees meeting, letter sent to Colin Mackenzie 9/6. Response re 18/6, with partial completeness:

- a) Lease variation document attached, but plan yet to arrive; STP lawyer briefed, and cost estimate requested for submission to AC
- b) Acknowledgement that planting unsatisfactory. Original specs re-sent; site meeting due w/c 23/6
- c) Still awaiting full details of very erroneous invoice; AC claim all is correct; clearly not so

## **OAITS (MW)**

Peat Bog Faeries have been booked as support act, still to confirm headline act.

## **ALL WEATHER FACILITY (DS)**

Draft tender document is with Aberdeenshire Council and sports Scotland for comment K & M Area Committee given authority to Council's Legal Dept. to draw up lease and have agreed to release grant allocated to project by Council.

Arrangements for future management of the facility are being considered.

Later this summer consultation meeting will be carried out with clubs and the local community who are interested in using this facility to discuss usage and charges. During the day Active schools and school usage being considered.

## **TOWN HOUSE/CLOCK TOWER (DS)**

After the project being delayed, building warrant is now agreed and work should have restarted with the aim to be completed in the first week of July, subject to no further unforeseen issues. Date is critical as the Clock Tower has been shortlisted for the Aberdeenshire Design Awards and the judging visits are on 11th July.

## **LAND TRAIN (MW)**

Adverts/press assistance has attracted replies from 5 people for the conductors role and 2 for the drives role. Interviews to take place asap. STP continues to work with Aberdeenshire Council on related matters such as the bus parking bay at the Square and other issues. Route and timetables to be finalised. 3 Insurance companies have been requested to quote for land train cover and employers liability cover.

Advertising through Visit Scotland and the local Tourist Information office to be done once start date is known. Mackie Academy have offered overnight storage. Arduthie,

Mill O Forest and Dunnottar Primary Schools have all prepared posters for a "Bus Stop" sign for the Land Train, these will be judges next week.

### **IMPROVING OUR TOWN CENTRE (DF/JS)**

Beach clean-up/litter pick due to the last one being cancelled due to inclement weather took place 20.6.14. Project plan for other items to be drawn up.

### **GAS WORKS CAR PARK (MW)**

Currently "For Sale" through Ryden.

### **HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT (DS)**

Grant application to AEF to cover some of the cost of the feasibility study has been successful. Funding - £5000 from Harbour Services, £6250 from Economic Development and £11250 from AEF with STP's contribution being £2500

### **BERVIE BRAES ROAD (DF)**

DF has continuing discussion to establish details of how the decisions have been made, so far without any conclusion. Road Order goes before K&M Area Committee on 1/7/14

DS attended Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 12/6/14 to highlight:

1. To keep weight/speed limits under review with community.
2. All year round opening
3. Barriers

No movement from policies and resources committee although they have agreed to install a barrier for use in times of adverse weather (stability issues on slope) and to look at extending opening at both ends of the season.

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

Nothing more to report

### **COASTAL COMMUNITY FUND**

Funding to purchase the train has been released and a cheque sent to UK Loco. Funding for the PDC's salary and the wages for the land train drivers and conductors for the first quarter of the first year has also been released.

### **PLAN B**

Nothing more to report

### **COWIE LANE (MW)**

Nothing more to report

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

Scottish Courts Service contacted:

- Building will be advertised for sale in July
- Preference may well be given to 'community' interests
- STP interest noted
- Plans received
- Site visit organised, and took place with MW and Willie Munro on 17/6

Make notes about building plans/layout, and start evaluating suggestions as to use. Anyone with suggestions and/or other information please let DF know

### **OTHER MATTERS**

None

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