



PROJECT UPDATE March 2015

ALL WEATHER FACILITY (DS)

Contract is about to be awarded and negotiations are taking place to agree a start date. Construction period is likely to be 14 weeks. SCAWSF Committee is in communication with organisers of events which might be affected by the construction.

This project came about due to the Planning for Real (PfR) exercises which took place in 2012, where comments were made that Mineralwell Park could be improved and used more regularly by the inclusion of an All Weather Pitch. Also, for a number of years it was Aberdeenshire Council's intention to provide an all-weather surface for every town in Aberdeenshire and a rolling programme for this starting in North Aberdeenshire was begun but unfortunately the money ran out (was withdrawn) before Stonehaven could benefit.

LAND TRAIN (MW)

Aberdeenshire Council granted funding of £2193 on 3rd March from the Top Up Fund to assist with purchasing a rain cover, PA System, Doors, PPE for conductors and drivers, Bus stops, a heater and printing costs which will make the 2015 season more comfortable for passengers and the conductors and drivers.

Advertising for additional drivers and conductors has been carried out and there is a shortlist of candidates to interview.

All of the Primary Schools have been very enthusiastic in entering the competition to "Name the Land Train". The trustees will choose a winning name shortly.

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

IMPROVING OUR TOWN CENTRE (JS)

Aberdeenshire Council have distributed leaflets about deterring seagulls and will be bringing the hawks back to discourage the seagulls from nesting in the town centre in March.

A report about the finger pointer signage in the Town has been forwarded to Aberdeenshire Council and to the resident who raised the issue initially and to Wilhelm Hermann's who helped in the past.

Aberdeenshire Council are currently in the process of setting up the next meeting with STP, SDCC, SBA and the Horizon Group.

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.

PLANNING FOR REAL (DF)

This project resulted from the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between STP and Aberdeenshire Council in 2012 -13 specifically the requirement in the definition of service (iv) Develop a Planning for Real or other appropriate process for engagement of communities. It was also one of the Projects mentioned in STP's Business Plan 2012 – 2015



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A decision is required from trustees on whether PfR remains an active project.

FORMER GAS WORKS SITE (MW)

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.

A meeting has been held this month with an SGN surveyor, STP Trustees and a representative from Aberdeenshire Council. SGN are hopeful that a decision on how they will proceed will be made soon.

HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY (WE/MW)

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 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.

Comments were also made during the PfR exercise that the Harbour could be developed and facilities improved for locals and visitors alike. The main actions that the Council is requesting through the SLA that this project falls under is (i) Help groups in their area with information, implementation, and community engagement, to build inclusive and sustainable projects.

Comments have now been received from a number of interested parties and the Consultants will be back in Stonehaven to engage in consultation in the week beginning 16th March.

BERVIE BRAES ROAD (DS)

Aberdeenshire Council are currently carrying out work on the road. STP are awaiting response from Aberdeenshire Council on the following; negotiations on the land train exemption, relocation/removal or speed bump at the bottom of the Brae, whether there is a possibility of reducing the visual impact of the orange and white barriers.

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.

ENERGY CO-OPERATIVE INITIATIVE (WE)

Two Energy Consultants spoke at the February Trustee meeting. They have been asked to provide further information on the benefits to the residents of Stonehaven.

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.

COASTAL COMMUNITY FUND

Nothing further to report

PLAN B (DS, WE, DF, MW)



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

OLD MODEL LODGE HOUSE, COWIE LANE (MW)

Awaiting further information on how Furniture Lodge would like us to support their CAT application.

This project was originally looked at by STP as it fell into the charity objective 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.

FUTURE OF STONEHAVEN COURT HOUSE BUILDING (DF)

Moving rapidly on. SCS appear to be happy with our progress and have accepted timetable. Price not yet discussed. Larger Option seem to be a non-flyer. Smaller Options being put out for quotes for professional input. Funding requests dispatched – no positive response yet. Attending BRICK workshop 18/3. Full report will be circulated before next Trustee meeting.

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.

QR Codes (DS)

Nothing further to report.

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

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.

BEACH TOILETS (MW)



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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:

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