



PROJECT UPDATE May 2017

BERVIE BRAES ROAD (JR)

The Roads Department at Aberdeenshire Council are working on the paint trial of the barriers.

Axle weights of the locomotive and the carriages has been sent to Ewan Smith, together with axle weights of other vehicles that are likely to currently be using Bervie Braes, to establish whether the land train can be exempt from the weight restrictions currently in force.

WM confirmed that there is no budget to commission another report re the opening of the road all year.

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 require further information by 22 May for the application, with the decision on funding being made in August.

Additional funding is being sought from Aberdeenshire Council's, Area Committee Budget and the Auquhirie Wind Farm which closes for applications on 30th June with decision on funding being made in August 2017.

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 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)

First visit of company to take seagull eggs was carried out during the weekend of 13th and 14th May.

The next IOTC meeting is 15th June at Viewmount.



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Nothing further to report on the boardwalk and harbour illuminations– Boardwalk will be dealt with under the Grande Promenade project

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)

SSE have been contacted and asked whether the site is still for sale as the sign has been removed or whether it has been sold. Nothing has been heard back from SGN/SSE.

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 carried over 500 people already this year and has several private hires organised in the lead up to the summer holidays.

It was hired for a wedding at the end of April and photos and videos can be seen on the facebook page.

There has been considerable interest by school leavers wanting to work on the land train over the summer and we have employed a further 2 drivers. There are now 3 regular drivers and 3 who are available at weekends in emergencies and 15 storytellers who can work this season.

The facebook page and the web site will be updated regularly www.stpweb.org and www.facebook.com/stonehavenlandtrain with details of any changes to running times.

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.

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 (DF)



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Nothing further to report.

CYCLING PROJECT (SA/JR/JS)

John Robson and Stuart Alexander met with Willie Tulloch from Stonehaven Cycling Club after the last Trustee meeting.

At the last liaison meeting with Aberdeenshire Council and STP on 12 May, a council officer Andrew Diansangu (AD) gave an update on the Integrated Travel Plans that Aberdeenshire council are working on which includes cycling.

AD reported that Aberdeenshire Council have received funding from Sustrans for 2017/18 for a Stage 1 Feasibility Study and Nestrans are involved in an Active Travel Plan to provide good cycle links into Aberdeen City from the A96, Formartine and the A90 North and South.

Aberdeenshire Council will commence work on Stonehaven's Integrated Travel Plan in October/November 2017

GRANDE PROMENADE (JR/JS)

The area between the Rivers' Cowie and Carron will have a Feasibility Study carried out in the next few weeks.

BEACH TOILETS (JS)

Nothing further received regarding the costs. Part of the building and land is owned by Stonehaven Recreation Ground Trustees with the remainder being owned by Aberdeenshire Council.