



PROJECT UPDATE October 2015

WIFI/QR Codes (DS)

Proposal to be presented to Trustees at the October meeting regarding the planning permission costs and receiver costs of this project.

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

ALL WEATHER FACILITY (DS)

Recommendation to trustees that this project is considered complete.

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and a rolling programme for this starting in North Aberdeenshire was begun but unfortunately the money ran out (was withdrawn) before Stonehaven could benefit.

BERVIE BRAES ROAD (DS)

DS received a reply from Martin Kitt-Hayes, Chair of Aberdeenshire Council's Policy and Resource Committee confirming that after taking advice from both Roads and Legal Services that Aberdeenshire Council are unable to accede to the request to keep the Bervie Braes Road open over the winter although this will be kept under review.

DS is still waiting for a reply about the unsightly barriers and revisiting the weight limit exemption for the land train.

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 on the future of this project is tied to the outcome of the meeting between Aberdeenshire Council, SDCC and STP regarding the future of the Recreation Grounds (see below)

*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)

Work is proceeding rapidly. Plans of existing building are now complete. The heating system has been surveyed and the report will be available shortly. The draft conservation report and draft business model have been received. Agreement has been reached with the Scottish Court and Tribunal Service (SCTS) about process for potential agreement of the transfer of the building. Major community and business engagement event is planned for Friday 4th December (16:00 to 21:00) and Saturday 12th December (10:00 to 15:00). Progress report to go to SCTS for their November meeting (report to be approved by STP Board at 27th Oct meeting).



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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.

IMPROVING OUR TOWN CENTRE (JS)

Awaiting date of next meeting.

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)

Nothing further to report.

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 has had a successful year with the last weekend of normal operation being the 24th and 25th October. It has only been running over weekends in September and October and has been unable to run for a weekend in September and 1 day in October due to lack of conductors.

Bob McAllan will be fixing the doors on the cab and carrying out a service in the week beginning 26th October.

Decision to be taken at October Trustees meeting for agreement of up to £2000 to be spent on commissioning a report from MKA for an Economic Impact Assessment showing the benefit of the QEII Caravan Park and the Land Train to Stonehaven (See QEII Caravan Park below)

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)

STP member groups have been contacted to establish if there are any innovative ideas for taking this project forward.

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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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 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)

Aberdeenshire Council's policy is to support Christmas lighting in main shopping areas, so the application to the Area Committee which was to be heard in October for the Harbour/High Street illuminations has been withdrawn. JS is to contact Aberdeenshire Council's lighting officer Keith Melvin to see if there could be any opportunity to apply for future funding.

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)

Decision to be taken at October Trustees meeting for agreement of up to £2000 to be spent on commissioning a report from MKA for an Economic Impact Assessment showing the benefit of the QEII Caravan Park and the Land Train to Stonehaven (see Land Train above)

BOARDWALK (JS)

Nothing further to report

RECREATION GROUNDS (DS/DF)

DS and DF to attend follow up meeting with Aberdeenshire Council representatives and SDCC on 26th October and feedback to Trustees at October meeting.



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