

# STONEHAVEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP

## MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2016 AT 7.00PM

AT ST JAMES CHURCH HALL, STONEHAVEN

### Item

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present Trustees	In attendance	Apologies
David Fleming (DF) Bill Allan (BA) John Robson (JR) Stuart Alexander (SA)	Cllr Peter Bellarby (PB) Cllr Graeme Clark (GC) Cllr Raymond Christie (RC) Douglas Samways (DS) Mitch Mackay (MM) Sheila Howarth (SH)	Andrew Newton (AN) Isabel Munn (IM) James Douglas (JD) Elizabeth Havers Jim Stephen

#### 2. Election of Chair Designate

	Action
DF asked for nominations of Chair designate. There were no volunteers.	ALL

#### 3. Approval of minutes

	Action
On the proposal of JR and seconded by SA the minutes of the trustees meeting of 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 were approved. These minutes will now be placed on the website. Matters arising from these minutes are detailed in section 5 below.	IM

#### 4. Matters arising from minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

	Action
<b>Court Building</b> DF stated pictures of the court building were received from Phil Mills-Bishop.	
<b>Recreation Ground Trust</b> The Recreation Grounds had issued a questionnaire to gauge support about possible future options and facilities however there was no request for assistance forthcoming.	
<b>Renewables</b> DF had obtained copies of the SEAS reports which have been passed to JS. It was noted that SEAS is no longer trading	

#### 5. Finance Report from John Robson

	Action
JR stated that £23,699 present in current account, £50,800 in deposit. The Land train is taking between £1500-£2000 a week. £8,613 due from the Caravan Club, £3,850 already received – This is 3% of gross pitch fee income.	

#### 6. Strategy – David Fleming

<b>Business Plan 2016 -19</b>	<b>Action</b>
Not progressed	ALL

## 7. Business Plan Items

Report of progress on individual projects has been circulated and is on website. What follows is an update on that information.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>	<b>Action</b>
Bervie Braes Road (DF)	See below under 10.	
Court Building (DF)	DF meeting this week with court service. Grant applications ongoing e.g. Heritage Enterprise Fund. Heritage packs for schools could be prepared. Architects working on plans before funds are ready. Question from the floor – ‘who holds the liability of the property?’. DF replied that an STP subsidiary company will take over the operation and liability of running the court building. It is likely that there will be a clause in the handover contract stating that if the venture fails then the building will return to the court service or another community body and that no profit is to be gained from the property.	
Improving Our Town Centre (JS)	No progress reported	
Former Gas Works Site (MW)	See below under 10.	
Cruise Ships (JR)	JR stated that he had received a list of requirements for Stonehaven to be considered as a destination for their cruises.	
CAT for Beach Toilets	See below under 10.	
Plan B (DS)	No progress	
New Cycling Project	DF stated that KDP could be approached as they cover the area surrounding Stonehaven. SA stated that he had approached the Aberdeenshire Council employees that were involved with the Integrated Travel Town project but without a response as yet probably due to holidays. Issues include reducing car congestion at schools by setting up safe cycle routes, ensuring safe passage through area on NR1 and any impacts the AWPR is having on the route.	
Grande Promenade	JR spoke to a landscape architectural firm in Edinburgh who offered help and wanted to get started but it had to be made clear that there was a long way to go before breaking any ground.	

## 8. Business Items

	<b>Action</b>
<b>Report from/items to Community Council</b>	
<b>Items to CC</b>	
None	
<b>Items from CC</b>	
None	

<b>Report on KDP meeting (AN)</b> Not reported as AN on holiday	
<b>Land Train</b> From MM – the financial success of the Land train should be emphasised and published – DF will do so once accounts completed. MM – a land train uniform below the staff high vis could be supplied by the STP. DF said it will be considered.	

#### 9. Items from STP/Aberdeenshire Council meeting 28<sup>th</sup> July

<b>Update from William Munro, Aberdeenshire Council on 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Action</b>
DF said it was regrettable items were not being cleared off the list as this was why the meeting was set up. Cllr PB urged that the liaison meeting should continue. DF responded that the meeting does not seem to be finding solutions to the issues.	
<u>East Newtonleys</u> – previously proposed site not suitable, others including one near the EN site are to be considered.	
<u>Bervie Braes</u> No opening/closing strategy, barriers not painted, land train still not going down the road.	
<u>Gas Works site</u> – Car park unlikely to be financially viable.	
<u>Beach Toilets</u> – Issue closed	
<u>Invercarron WiFi</u> – Aberdeenshire Council progressing	
<b>Cycle Paths and Grand Promenade on list for next liaison meeting</b>	

#### 10. Sheila Howarth, Chair of the tourism Group gave a presentation on the Grand Promenade Plan

Sheila Howarth, new chair of the Tourism Group and owner of the Belvedere gave a presentation on the Grand Promenade plan proposed by John Finlay after a request by Gordon Ritchie in the Stanehive Magazine. Ideas proposed included raised benches behind the Royal Hotel allowing people using them to have a view not restricted by the concrete sea wall. This would be of an accessible design. More activities for children and landscaping. Sheltered stops for inclement weather. Improved signposting and an integrated route between Cowie and Dunnottar castle with waypoints, distances and information local sights and shops. Boardwalk should be improved and widened. Beach perceived as dirty with flotsam and dog waste – needs improving. Naming of the 3 beaches – Old Town beach, central beach, Cowie shore. Harbour area. Shorehead cove could have beach huts / café / zipwire.

Sheila stated she would be happy to make her presentation to other clubs that might be interested. DF to arrange for IM to draw up a list of member organisations who may be interested e.g. Lions.

Sheila was thanked by DF and the rest of the STP members for her presentation.

#### 11. AOCB

	Action
<b>Street Art for Fireballs</b> Some of Isabel Munn's time has been requested to help progress this. Approved.	JS

12. **Date of next meetings** - 4th Tuesday of every month

All to take place at the Invercarron Resource Centre in Dunnottar Lounge.

27<sup>th</sup> September      25<sup>th</sup> October    22<sup>nd</sup> November AGM

No meeting in December

Meeting Closed at 9 pm.