

**STONEHAVEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP  
MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 AT 7.00PM  
AT INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE, STONEHAVEN**

**Item**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

<b>Present Trustees</b>	<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Andrew Newton (AN) chaired meeting Stuart Alexander (SA) John Robson (JR) Jim Douglas (JD) David Fleming (DF) Bill Allan (BA)	Isabel Munn (IM) Cllr Graham Clark (GC) Phil Mills-Bishop (PMB) Wattie McDonald – Husky Haven (WMcD) Sarah Dickinson (SD) Julie Linderman – Lions Club Douglas Samways (DS) Nigel Taylor – resident (NT) Cllr Peter Bellarby (PB) Wendy Rudd – Friends of the Open-Air Pool (WR)	Jim Stephens (JS) Raymond Christie (RC)

**2. Wattie McDonald – Husky Haven**

	<b>Action</b>
<p>Wattie McDonald came to speak to the trustees and give a bit of background about his business and how he would like to develop it. His business, Husky Haven is close to Mikel Carewe Windfarm on the Netherley Road. Between 2008 and 2012 he spent time racing his dogs across Alaska. He’s had dogs in Stonehaven since 1999. His site is 3.3miles from Market Square and he is considering ways of attracting tourists to his site from Stonehaven and further afield and for them to use facilities in Town. During the Summer, he is running Kennel Tours as it’s too warm for dogs to run during the day. The tour consists of talks about the dogs, his time in Alaska, a short film, there is a small museum and dogs and puppies to see. He’s interested in working with STP to see if we can run the Land Train up to his site during the summer for the kennel tours.</p> <p>IM to contact Aberdeenshire Council and the Police to establish whether the Land Train can travel on the Netherley Road.</p> <p>Wattie has already done a Groupon deal, which was successful and has good feedback on facebook and trip advisor for his tours.</p>	IM

IM has fliers from Husky Haven for the Land Train and will also let the schools who use the land train for their school trips that there is the option of going to Husky Havens Kennel Tours.	
The trustees were all in support of the idea.	

### 3. Approval of minutes of Trustee Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

	Action
On the proposal of SA and seconded by JD the minutes of the Trustees meeting of 27 <sup>th</sup> March were approved. These minutes will now be placed on the website.	IM

### 4. Matters arising from the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

	Action
<b>Minutes</b> Minutes of meeting 28 <sup>th</sup> February have been placed on the website	
<b>Disbursements</b> Application deadline for disbursements was included in the Disbursement Policy	
<b>Business Plan 2016 17</b> Business Plan 2016-17 has been removed from the agenda	
<b>Former Gas Works</b> Cllr Graham Clark was going to speak to Mark Skilling re the report on the former Gas Works to establish whether it could be used as a car park. GC hadn't managed to speak to him but it is now thought that there is an application in for flats on this site. Aberdeenshire Council to be contacted to see if this is the case.	IM
<b>New Cycling Project</b> JR/SA meeting with Willie Tulloch from Cycling Club on 26 <sup>th</sup> April. Objective is to discuss cycling infrastructure in Stonehaven.	
<b>Beach Toilets</b> IM Confirmed that JS and IM met with Callum Richardson from the Bay and he was going to provide a breakdown of costs incurred for the Beach Toilets.	

### 5. Director of Finance - John Robson

	Action
JR reported that the current account contained £22.5k and there is £48k in the deposit account to cover salaries. The sub-committee for disbursements still has to be formed. JR reported that there are approx.. 12 applications to date.	

### 6. Business Plan Items

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

Project	Additional Information from Liaison Meeting with Aberdeenshire Council 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Action
Bervie Braes Road (JR)	<b>Weight limits for the Land Train</b> Trustees are still waiting to hear back from Aberdeenshire Council. All the weights have been sent to Ralph Singleton	

	<p><b>Barriers</b></p> <p>DS asked about the colour of the barriers. It was thought that grey ones might be available from AWPR. JR to ask them.</p>	JR
Court Building (DF)	<p>LEADER Funding has been applied for. Wind Farm and Area Committee Budget funding will be applied for.</p> <p>DS mentioned that at the Breakfast Pow wow an idea that the Banks which are shutting down in the Town could potentially use space in the Court Building? DF reported that there is spare capacity at present in the plans.</p> <p>SA mentioned that at the Hustings the lack of Art display spaces and halls for rehearsals was bought up. This was in the STP's Business Plan which had been submitted to SCTS.</p>	
Improving Our Town Centre (JS)	<p>PMB reported that at the last Area Committee meeting, the Recreation Ground Trustees had been awarded £8000 to mend the broken fence running along Beach Road where the static caravans are sited and along the promenade.</p> <p>Area Committee had also awarded funds for the seagull eggs to be removed again this year as well as the replacement of the Interpretation boards and the refurbishment of the frames.</p> <p>Hawks will be coming back to Stonehaven again this year to move the seagulls away from the Town Centre.</p> <p>It was thought the best thing to do would be to educate people to stop them feeding the gulls.</p>	
Former Gas Works Site (JS)	<p>IM sent e mail to Kathleen at SSE and have had no response, also asked WM if he had contacted her and have had no response from him as yet.</p>	
Cruise Ships (JR)	<p>Nothing further to report.</p>	
New Cycling Project (JR/SA)	<p>See above under item 4.</p> <p>SA will contact Claudia Stuerck again. SA will be seeing Willie Tulloch tomorrow with JR, they will collate ideas.</p> <p>AN asked GC and PB if they have heard anything further about the integrated travel plan for Stonehaven, they have nothing further to report at present.</p> <p>SA confirmed that the initiative includes walking as well as cycling. Ian Hunter has set up a group called TRAX who meet in Community Centre and they will also be contacted.</p>	SA/JR  SA/JR
Grande Promenade (JS/JR)	<p>JR asked company in Edinburgh for costs for a feasibility study. They have suggested concentrating on boardwalk area initially.</p> <p>Meeting to be set up next week with Sheila, Jim S and John once JS is back from holiday to progress the project.</p>	
Beach toilets update (JS)	<p>See above under item 4</p> <p>DS questioned who owns the beach toilets and what piece of land was transferred to Recreation Grounds last year.</p>	IM
Caravan Club	<p>AN asked whether the piece of land at the rear of the Caravan Club was suitable for camping. The fence near the boundary</p>	

	needs to be moved to make it suitable for tents. Estates Manager to be contacted.	IM
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## 7. Business Items

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<p><b>Report from/items to Community Council</b> PMB reported the following to the Trustees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 40 people attended the AWPR open forum. Mike Duncan a new SDCC person will be liaising with them.</li> <li>• Pow wow breakfast meeting was held last week at Number 44, it was well attended and the main topic was the closure of the RBS and Clydesdale Bank and the future of Stonehaven.</li> <li>• A defibrillator will be placed near the RNLI at the harbour this week. Mackie pupils will be on the SDCC stall at the feein' market and will demonstrate the defibrillator.</li> <li>• Archeres have been in touch about twinning</li> </ul> <p>It was thought that the signage at the AWPR could be improved at the new South bound link road and to show where the community liaison office is located.</p>	
<p><b>Report on KDP meeting (AN)</b> AN reported the following to the trustees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Service Level Agreement has been signed with Aberdeenshire Council for 2017 to 2018. There is no increase in money available but there is the possibility of funding for further 2 years after 2018.</li> <li>• There are 4 new members to KDP</li> <li>• St John's Hill windfarm will have approximately £11k available for funding</li> <li>• Hillhead of Auquhirie Wind Farm open for applications from 1 April.</li> <li>• KDP are running Community Cash events where a local cause can "win" £300.</li> </ul> <p><b>Andew can you add a bit more onto these 2 below please. I missed them.</b> Precipitaory budget Inverbervie and St Cyrus Airmaines Company Ltd by Guarantee</p>	
<p><b>Land Train</b></p> <p>Flasher unit breaking meant the land train was off the road for 8 days in the Easter holidays waiting for parts, it has now been fixed and is running on weekends until the Summer holidays. Group trips will be marketed for schools, nurseys and other groups. Inquiry for 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from Kaimhill School in Aberdeen for 4 trips.</p> <p>From 1 April to 23 April there have been 437 passengers. Income from fares has totalled £1705 and the income from sponsorship and hires has totalled £3830 with a further £1170 to come from sponsorship and hires.</p> <p>The German translation is to be typed up and Russian translation is to be put on land train.</p>	

3 further CV's have been received from potential storytellers. One of the drivers from 2 years ago has asked if he can be considered for occasional hours over the holidays and we have another driver interested who is retiring from Stagecoach.	
DF thought there is the potential to put a map inside the train so passengers could see the route. IM to look into this	IM

### 8. Items from STP/Aberdeenshire Council.

Next meeting 12 May 2017	<b>Action</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Newtonleys</li> <li>• Bervie Braes Land Train weights</li> <li>• Former Gas Works Site</li> <li>• Cycle Paths</li> <li>• Grande promenade</li> <li>• Beach Pavilion</li> </ul>	

### 9. AOCB

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Green hut</b></p> <p>Information from Aberdeenshire Council has been in the paper regarding the potential closing of the Green Hut. The Committee met in CAMRA with no public consultation and no user groups were contacted. The user groups haven't been told that the building will be closed and some have been given contracts for future use.</p> <p>There was a lot of discussion about the Hut and it was thought that the best way forward was to write directly to William Munro addressing all the concerns DF to draft a letter to be sent.</p>	DF
DTAS – DF has received a renewal for membership. The trustees agreed that STP should remain a member.	
PB reported that expenditure has been approved for £250,000 coastal defence system capital and £10,000 for access to the Arbutnott Drain.	
<p>PB mentioned he has been involved with the STP for many years both as a trustee and latterly when the organisation become a SCIO in his role as a Councillor. This will be PB's last meeting as he is not standing for re-election. He wished STP all the best for the future and emphasised that it must continue.</p> <p>DF thanked PB and GC who are both standing down, for their support, time and effort.</p> <p>AN noted that although STP is not a political organisation it appreciates what GC, PB and RC have done over the years and thanked them all.</p> <p>GC and PB were encouraged to continue coming to the meetings!</p>	

#### Date of next meeting

23 May

**Date of future meetings** 4th Tuesday of every month –All to take place at the Invercarron Resource Centre in Dunnottar Lounge.

27 June            No meeting in July  
22 August        26 September   24 October       28 November AGM    No meeting in December

**Meeting Closed at 20.40 hrs.**