

STONEHAVEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

HELD ON 27th MARCH 2017 AT 7.00PM

AT INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE, STONEHAVEN

Item

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present Trustees	In attendance	Apologies
Jim Stephens (JS) Stuart Alexander (SA) John Robson (JR) Jim Douglas (JD) David Fleming (DF)	Raymond Christie (RC) Graham Clark (GC) Isabel Munn (IM) David Harper (DH) Phil Mills-Bishop (PMB) Mitch MacKay (MM) Ian Jerrit (IJ) Stonehaven & District Angling Club	Andrew Newton (AN) Bill Allan (BA) Ian Balgowan (IB)

2. Ian Jerrit Stonehaven and District Angling Association

Ian Jerrit is a Committee member of SDAA and standing in for Martin Webster the SDAA President. The SDAA was formed in 1937 and has 137 members. Day tickets are available for visitors to the area from the Pet Shop.

IJ spoke about the SDAA's plan for improving the River Cowie for fishing. They currently have a 4 point plan to encourage more salmon, lampreys, eels and trout,

1. Improve road bridge,
2. Improve pool north viaduct.
3. Hobb seat upper Cowie
4. Dam dykes. Which is near the old toilet block at Mineralwell. There is a low weir concrete structure, held together with chicken wire. River Dee Board and SEPA have recommended a report , estimated cost is £8k . SDAA are asking for backing from STP to get report carried out. Stonehaven and District Community Council have given their support. IJ confirmed that the risk assessment for flooding would be improved in the report.

STP Trustees are in agreement to support SDAA

DF suggested SDAA apply for disbursement funding and suggested more could be done to encourage visitors to fish in the area. Requested numbers of day tickets from IJ.

There was a brief discussion about getting information out to let both locals and visitors know where to get tickets from etc.

3. Approval of minutes of Trustee Meeting held on 28th February 2017

	Action
On the proposal of JR and seconded by JS the minutes of the Trustees meeting of 28 th February were approved.	

These minutes will now be placed on the website.	IM
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4. Matters arising from the meeting on 28th February 2017

	Action
These were dealt with as the committee moved through the agenda	

5. Finance Report from the Director of Finance - John Robson

	Action
JR reported that the current account contained £24K and £49K in the deposit account for salaries.	
There will be disbursements to make in the next month, once JR has returned from holiday.	
Deadline for applications to be put on website.	IM

6. Strategy – Jim Stephen

	Action
<p>Business Plan 2016-17</p> <p>Trustees agreed to take this item off the agenda.</p> <p>The projects that STP will be concentrating on are:</p> <p>IOTC Court Building Grande Promenade Cycling Paths.</p> <p>RC mentioned that SBA don't attend the IOTC meetings. It was thought this should be bought up again with Diane Strachan.</p>	JS
<p>Disbursements</p> <p>see above under Treasurer's report.</p>	

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.

Project	Additional Information from Liaison Meeting with Aberdeenshire Council 24 th March 2017	Action
Bervie Braes Road (JR)	Opening the road all year is unlikely to happen. Land Train only running in Summer so will concentrate on weight restrictions. Gross weight limit is 3 tonnes and trustees have asked Aberdeenshire Council to look at axle weights of the Land Train. Aberdeenshire Council will speak to consultants to ask for an exemption specifically for Land Train. Stuart Young will ask Dunnottar Castle to promote Land Train to Visitors.	

	<p>Aberdeenshire Council will be trying paint as advised by BA to see if it will work on the barriers. RC clarified there is no money for additional work on painting so it will come from elsewhere in roads budget.</p> <p>Project to be led by JR instead of DF.</p> <p>JS thought the barriers on AWPR can they be swapped out with the Bervie Brae barriers at some point soon.</p>	
Cruise Ships	Nothing further to report.	
Court Building (DF)	<p>HLF application was not successful. Sub Group are looking at Plan B and another way to finance the work required. They will be meeting after this meeting.</p> <p>STP have until 1st August to confirm funding is in place to Scottish Courts and Tribunal Services</p>	
Improving Our Town Centre (JS)	<p>Sail banners for Market Square were discussed briefly.</p> <p>Trustees thought that Dunnottar Castle/Dunecht Estate might want to sponsor one for the Castle.</p> <p>The Grande Promenade Project will also be included with part of this project.</p> <p>JS was very complementary about the Council officials working on IOTC.</p> <p>A question was raised as to whether the hawk was coming back and whether it was effective last year. IM to ask Diane Strachan.</p> <p>Harbour illuminations – Aberdeenshire Council will not allow any funding for this project.</p> <p>JS is looking at the Tolbooth to the Harbour Hut. Scotia Animations will give a price for the lighting and residents have been spoken to and seem keen. RNLI might be able to run lights depending on cost. LED lighting is much less expensive than traditional lighting.</p> <p>Lions, STP, Round Table have all been approached for funds. Approx. £2000 is required.</p> <p>SA mentioned light pollution. EG Clock tower lights are very bright and JS confirmed the lights would be much softer than this.</p> <p>PMB – reported that a defibrillator will be placed at RNLI station.</p>	
Former Gas Works Site (JS)	<p>Willie Munro has had no response from SSE</p> <p>STP have received nothing back from Mark Skilling</p> <p>JS to be project lead for this.</p> <p>GC will speak to Mark on STP's behalf</p>	GC

New Cycling Project	<p>SA not heard back from Aberdeenshire Council. JR suggested getting a project plan in place to send Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>GC mentioned Stonehaven to Muchalls is being surveyed and there could be Sustrans money available</p> <p>JS Suggested getting a meeting with SA and the cycle club. They will know where routes are required. Cllr Clark and David Harper want to be involved with this project and any meetings.</p>	JR/ SA
Grande Promenade	<p>Various groups attended first meeting. Funds are required for a feasibility study.</p> <p>JS showed the attendees the animation made by Cadherent and this is to be shown to the public</p> <p>Dunecht Estates are also interested in seeing animations</p>	

8. Business Items

	Action
<p>Report from/items to Community Council AWPR Community team agreed to come to SDCC meeting on 11th April - Public forum. Royal Bank of Scotland closure - there will be a Breakfast meeting at Number 44.</p>	
<p>Report on KDP meeting (AN) AN was not at meeting to give an update</p>	
<p>Land Train IM was thanked for her hard work to get the train ready for this year. Sponsorship/advertising has almost reached £4000 Translation of the commentary has been made into French, German, Spanish, Polish and Italian for this year with Russian to come.</p>	

9. Items from STP/Aberdeenshire Council.

	Action
Last meeting 24 th March 2017 – see above	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Newtonleys • Bervie Braes • Gas Works Site • Cycle Paths • Grande promenade 	

10. AOCB

	Action
<p>Beach toilets – STP have been approached by Niall Menzies to see if STP would take over the Beach toilets and Calum and Nicki would continue to run them.</p> <p>Action to set up meeting with Naill, Callum and Nicci</p> <p>Action let Niall Menzies know STP wants meeting with them.</p>	IM

<p>ST James Church DF reported that St James Church have received funding from Heritage Lottery Fund.</p>	
<p>Green hut SA has spoken to some groups who use the hut and they have confirmed they have heard nothing from Aberdeenshire Council about it being closed. Aberdeenshire Council's Community Policy Committee will be meeting to discuss the options for the Green Hut.</p>	

Date of next meeting

25 April

Date of future meetings

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

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

Meeting Closed at 21.30 hrs.