



STONEHAVEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

HELD ON 22 AUGUST 2017 AT 7.00PM

AT INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE, STONEHAVEN

Item

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present Trustees	In attendance	Apologies
Jim Stephens (JS) John Robson (JR) James Douglas (JD) Stuart Alexander (SA)	Isabel Munn (IM) Andrew Diansangu (AD) Aberdeenshire Council Wendy Rudd(WR) Friends of the Open-Air Pool Mike Duncan (MD) Resident Ian Balgowan (IB) SDCC Phil Mills Bishop (PMB) SDCC * arrived	Bill Allan (BA) David Fleming (DF) Andrew Newton (AN) Cllr Dickinson (SD)

2. Andrew Diansangu Strategy Development Officer, Infrastructure Services, Aberdeenshire Council Transportation

	Action
<p>Andrew was invited to the meeting to give an update on what is taking place in his team. The teams remit is walking, cycling and active sustainable transport. AD handed out the new walking and cycling maps for Stonehaven which have 4 local walking routes, one of which is a treasure trail. There will be a launch event with geo caching on 16th September.</p> <p>AD plans to be in Stonehaven on Thursday and is looking for people to be included in the photos.</p> <p>AD reported that the long-distance cycle route - Stonehaven to Aberdeen is moving forward. In the last 6 months, a feasibility study has been carried out, funded through Sustrans. The original route looked at following A90 but consultation showed people liked the idea that route would be moved away from A90 and would connect the settlements en route. Grant funding approval has been given for next level of study and to obtain the costing details.</p> <p>In the longer term – Integrated Travel Project will be developed to include Stonehaven. There is no firm date yet when Stonehaven will be included but likely to be early next year. They will be undertaking community street audits to highlight any issues or good points already in place in October.</p> <p>JS said the work done to date is very encouraging.</p>	

<p>Signage in other parts of the town was bought up to see if there was any funding that might be available from Sustrans. AD thought it might be a possibility within the wider project.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council are working with Aberdeen City Council to join up the cycle paths.</p> <p>City bikes were mentioned as MD confirmed there are 2 further providers, MO bikes and O Bikes.</p> <p>*PMB arrived</p> <p>AD reported that Huntly have city bikes and a car club with a booking system. (Huntly and District Development Trust Donald Boyd). IM will contact him to see how this is run.</p> <p>JS showed the outer bike route which is approximately 15 miles in length but all parts of route are no more than 3 miles from Town Centre. Fetteresso is the only part of the route that needs a bit more work than just signage.</p> <p>AD confirmed that Community planning will be at the liaison meeting next week.</p> <p>JS stressed that the wider route will be good for tourism as well as locals.</p> <p>MD mentioned that part of Netherley Road has no paths leading to and from Stonehaven for residents living in Kirkwood homes. AD thought this might fall into safer route for school's area - Sustrans funded he will find out.</p>	<p>IM</p> <p>AD</p>
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3. Approval of minutes

	Action
On the proposal of JR and seconded by SA the minutes of the trustees meeting of 27 June 2017 were approved. These minutes will now be placed on the website.	IM

4. Matters arising

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Matters arising were dealt with as the Board progressed through the agenda.	

5. Finance Report

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JR reported that there is £20k in the current account and £38k in the deposit account which is ring fenced for salaries. Salaries are due on Friday 25 th August.	

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	Action
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Bervie Braes Road (JR)	IM put report in to Aberdeenshire Council about the land train axle weight, passenger weights and comparable vehicles. This will be bought up at the liaison meeting next week. JS mentioned introducing a height restriction barrier to the top of the braes to stop larger vehicles coming dome them.	
Court Building (DF)	IM was at the Area Committee Meeting this morning to answer questions on the Court Building Project, Phase 1. The Area Committee Budget has awarded STP £8,000 towards the cost of Phase 1 works today (22 August). The offer will expire at the end of November if STP do not have further funding in place. EG LEADER Charity Bank - an application is with them. Alasdair Cunningham, LEADER is meeting IM on Thursday. PMB requested that if there is any other information about LEADER funding he would like to know.	IM
Improving Our Town Centre (JS)	STP have been awarded a grant for £1166 from Paths for All. Signs have been refurbished and sail banners will be looked at next. QR codes were bought up and SA will revisit the project with Alan Craig	SA
Former Gas Works Site (JS)	JS reported that the fireballs had contacted SGN but have received no reply. STP and Aberdeenshire Council have not received any response from their communication to SGN.	
Cruise Ships (JR)	JR reported that Fred Olsen had been written to but there is no response to date. There is a Cruise Ship going to Montrose next year, and JR has given the harbour master information on a bus excursion to Stonehaven which has been passed to cruise company. There was some discussion about the bus bay and this is on the agenda for the next liaison meeting with Aberdeenshire Council. JS suggested that this project should include Tour operators not just cruise companies to encourage tourists into Stonehaven	
Cycling Project (SA)	See above under 2	
Grande Promenade(JS/JR)	JR confirmed that the landscape architect came to Stonehaven last month. The information he provided will be put onto foam boards for a community meeting and the public will be asked for their opinions. Date to be arranged for the event. JR also mentioned that the Edinburgh architects might have information about funding for the project. It was noted that Dunecht Estates have started improving the track from the car park to the gate near the castle steps. PMB suggested putting info to the community plan in November and will advise when the meeting will take place.	IM/JR PMB

Beach Toilets Update (JS)	A CAT 1 has been sent to Aberdeenshire Council, AC will respond by mid-September. JS confirmed that at this stage the CAT has been sent to establish who owns the building.	
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7. Business Items

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<p>Report from/items to Community Council</p> <p>PMB reported the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Plan <p>There will be a meeting in November with Pierce Blaxter and he has invited STP representative to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He wants STP and SDCC to work closer together. Acheres twinning project <p>He has spoken to the Rugby Club, anglers and the tennis club who are supportive of the project as are some land owners including David Strang Steel. He is looking for support from STP for this project.</p> <p>JS reiterated that PMB must get all groups and the community involved and STP would be supportive of public consultation for the twinning project.</p> <p>PMB suggested he could gauge interest with letters of intent from groups and see what issues they raise.</p>	
<p>Report on KDP meeting (AN)</p> <p>AN was not at the meeting to give an update</p> <p>JS mentioned the new wind farm.</p> <p>PMB confirmed that there is no planning application in yet.</p> <p>JS is keen that STP are involved with the new wind farm to administer it.</p>	
<p>Land Train</p> <p>IM reported that to date income from passengers and advertising totals £18,560 and its carried just under 4000 passengers. Some of the storytellers will be going to university next month. The land train does not have drivers from the 4th to the 8th September but all days and times it will be operating will be posted on the facebook page. The Tourist Information Centre, the Caravan Park and the Castle will be told when the train will be running.</p> <p>JS has asked Ivan Groundwater if the Land Train can be stored under cover for winter at their site. JR to speak to Ivan.</p> <p>Quotes have been received from Montrose rope and sail makers for 3 covers for the land train that will cost approximately £1250 incl of VAT</p>	<p>IM</p> <p>JS</p>

8. AOCB

	Action
<p>Wild camping in camper vans</p> <p>JS had circulated a photo of a Coop car park in North England that was being used (for a small cost) by wild campers overnight. IM will send the Coop the photo to see if they would be interested in doing a similar thing.</p>	IM

<p>Dog fouling WR brought up the subject of dog fouling and how it is getting out of hand again in the town centre. This will be brought up at the Improving the Town Centre meeting and the liaison meeting next week. IM to let WR know what the outcome is.</p>	IM
<p>Nippy dippers PMB asked for support from the STP for the event. Will be brought up when all the trustees are back.</p>	JS

9. Date of next meetings

4th Tuesday of every month in the Dunnottar Lounge (Invercarron Resource Centre).

26th September 24th October 28th November AGM
No meeting in December

Meeting closed at 21.45

Isabel Munn

23 August 2017