



## STONEHAVEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP

### MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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) David Fleming (DF) Andrew Newton (AN) Stuart Alexander (SA)*	Isabel Munn (IM) Wendy Rudd (WR) Friends of the Open-Air Pool Ian Balgowan (IB) SDCC Cllr Dickinson (SD) Douglas Corbett Douglas Samways	Bill Allan (BA) Cllr Dennis Robertson Cllr Sandy Wallace

#### 2. Approval of minutes

	Action
On the proposal of JR and seconded by JD the minutes of the trustees meeting of 22 August were approved These minutes will now be placed on the website.	IM

#### 3. Matters arising

	Action
Matters arising were dealt with as the Trustees progressed through the agenda.	

#### 4. Finance Report

	Action
JR reported that there is £22,200 in the current account and £33,500 in the deposit account which is ring fenced for salaries. Salaries are due on Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September. The ½ year payment from caravan club has been received	

#### 5. 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
<b>Bervie Braes Road (JR)</b>	Nothing further to report until after the next liaison meeting. IM has a report to update regarding the weights of vehicles going down the Braes.	IM

<p><b>Court Building (DF)</b></p>	<p>DF reported that the Charity Bank will not lend to STP as STP doesn't fall within their lending portfolio as having the building in a Ltd Co with STP as single shareholder wasn't a fit with their criteria.</p> <p>This issue was raised with Social Investment Scotland today who seemed quite happy with this.</p> <p>The Charity Bank have passed information over to Social Investment Scotland (SIS). Derek Gardener from SIS was shown around the court building today. He clarified some points with JR, JD, DF and IM.</p> <p>He has requested a couple of documents and should let STP know the outcome by the end of October</p> <p>LEADER funding, will know if successful by the end of October</p> <p>Cllrs are having conversations with LEADER's Martin Bremner as there have been complaints by several groups about how it is being administered.</p> <p>Stuart Alexander arrived*</p>	
<p><b>Improving Our Town Centre (JS)</b></p>	<p>QR codes were bought up at the last meeting and SA will revisit the project with Alan Craig.</p> <p>Sail banners will be looked at next by the IOTC Group.</p> <p>New signs have highlighted the RW Thompson memorial sign in Market Square needs to be revamped. JS confirmed that RW Thompson have money to replace it.</p> <p>Horizon Group will be taking down planters next week.</p> <p>IM to contact Diane Strachan to arrange a further meeting</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>IM</p>
<p><b>Former Gas Works Site (JS)</b></p>	<p>Response from Kathleen Hutchison was discussed and it was agreed that a letter should be drafted by IM to note an interest in the site for use as a car park.</p> <p>DF suggested putting a proposal in to SGN and then hold a Community Consultation event. It was thought that the issues raised would include whether it should be a one way area, whether there could be some green space included at the site or something for children and there was not much room for emergency vehicles. The expressions of interest might change because of community engagement. JR will speak to planning department regarding a change of use.</p>	<p>IM</p> <p>JR</p>
<p><b>Cruise Ships (JR)</b></p>	<p>JR reported that there will be a Nigg Bay 2020 Cruise Scotland meeting 2 weeks' time. He is planning to take a hand out with STP heading, showing what Stonehaven has to offer.</p> <p>IM reported that there have been several replies from tour companies who are interested in coach parking bays in the Town.</p>	<p>JR</p>

	<p>This is to be bought up with WM again to get them in place for Cruise ships coming into Nigg Bay. Area thought possible for use as coach parking bays include:</p> <p>Spurryhillock  Mackie Rugby Ground (potential for development of toilets and café?) SA to speak to the Chairman  Forest View  Area up towards Dunnottar Castle  Beach Boulevard  DC mentioned that Portree in Skye has a central area for coach parking.  AWPR surplus land  JR and JS will speak to developers</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>JR/JS</p>
<b>Cycling Project (SA)</b>	<p>JR reported he has spoken to the cycle club and shown them the proposed route which they are happy with.</p> <p>SA has been to a Trak meeting with Ian Hunter.</p> <p>JS gave an update on route around Stonehaven.</p>	
<b>Grande Promenade(JS/JR)</b>	<p>JR confirmed that there had been a successful meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September.</p> <p>The results of the survey and report were put on posters showing what could be done with the initial stage of the project.</p> <p>DC asked what was planned as he was unable to make the public meeting. JR confirmed what the initial thoughts were but nothing was planned at present.</p> <p>DC mentioned that there were some drug users in the boardwalk area who had been causing some problems, as had the early morning dog walkers and jet skiers and the light pollution.</p> <p>SD mentioned that the instruments at Arduthie School were taken away as they were being used at night by teenagers.</p>	
<b>Beach Toilets Update (JS)</b>	<p>JS reported that the CAT 1 has been approved by Aberdeenshire Council. A letter saying no further action will be taken by STP until Aberdeenshire Council confirm ownership has been sent to WM.</p> <p>JS mentioned that the two businesses who are running the toilets have done a good job.</p>	

## 6. Business Items

	Action
<p><b>Report from/items to Community Council</b></p> <p>IB wasn't at the last meeting, therefore there was nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>Report on KDP meeting (AN)</b></p> <p>AN mentioned that the last meeting was 4 weeks ago  Scottish Rural Partnership – was thought to be just a talking shop.</p>	

<p>Our Mearns Tourist Association, KDP have submitted an application for a development worker to LEADER</p> <p>St Johns Hill Windfarm has £11K after 4 years of negotiations and is now owned by an investment company. There is no method to dispense money yet in place.</p> <p>There is a rumour that Development Obligations money will be centralised to Edinburgh.</p> <p>KDP AGM 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 19.00 Bettridge centre and there will be an opportunity for a community cash bid of £500.00 on the night.</p>	
<p><b>Application for membership Dalriada Properties Ltd</b></p> <p>The trustees accepted their membership. IM to let them know and put their information on the web site.</p>	IM
<p><b>Land Train</b></p> <p>IM reported that income from passengers and advertising totals £21,580 and its carried 4600 passengers to date. It's been a very quiet month due to adverse weather conditions so is now only running on weekends until the tattie holidays.</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>IM has applied for funding for covers</p>	JR

## 7. AOCB

	Action
<b>AGM in November</b> –All trustees to approach other people. DF will not be standing again due to church and family commitments.	All trustees
<b>Accounts</b> -For board meeting in October JR to ask Charlie to provide	JR
<b>All Weather Pitch</b> – it was mentioned that the rugby club have stopped using the pitch and it's now run by football clubs. There are no other groups on the board apart from the football clubs. SA to get further information about this. There are 2 seats for Community representation and there is their AGM coming up soon. DS to send info to IM	SA
<b>Nippy dippers</b> - STP can offer no support for this event as there are too many other things going on at this time of year.	JS
<b>Beach Pavilion</b> - Recreation Grounds are looking into taking it taking it over.	
<b>Cowie lane</b> – Furniture Lodge had applied for LEADER Funding but have not heard anything back.	

## 8. Date of next meetings

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

24<sup>th</sup> October 28th November AGM No meeting in December

**Meeting closed at 21.20**

Isabel Munn

26<sup>th</sup> September 2017