

Stonehaven Court Building – Team Meeting

3rd August 2015

Present: David Fleming (DF), John Robson (JR), Isabel Munn (IM)

1. IM phoned Elizabeth Haven who was unable to attend meeting. EH has contacted NESCU and will contact Citizens Advice Bureau on her return later this week.
2. DF and JR will meet Deborah Mayes from Heritage Place on 17th August and will make arrangements for her to see the Court Building.
3. DF confirmed that Lorna Elliot and Barbara Mathie have offered to help. Job list to be completed at a later date.
4. JR will confirm with Gary Black what format the report will be in, for ease of viewing and circulation
5. DF met Charles Sands last week regarding the financial modelling and CS will confirm what further information he requires to complete this task.
6. DF contacted events companies who thought that the court room would be too small for dinner dances although it could be used for dinners, there is no kitchen close to the court room so equipment would need to be bought in to make this option work. Also, comment was made that the entrance to a function in the Court Room 1 is somewhat awkward, and no significant parking is available. However, other ideas for the room include:
 - Standby court – used by Scottish Courts (!)
 - Public Enquiries
 - Mock trials for schools
 - Training trials for university courses
 - Debating Chamber
 - Committee room
 - “Museum”
 - Wedding venue
 - TV/film set

Readers are invited to add to this list.

7. Susan O’Connor will come up for a day at the end of August to discuss other uses.
8. DF contacted FLN Consulting Engineers re the heating pipes. They will visit the court building to assess the pipes and boiler and look at any service reports from the Scottish Courts to establish what the “risk” is to STP of the heating system failing.
9. DF spoke to the Lottery Fund and the Heritage Fund about using different consultants for focussed advice and they were both happy with this approach.
10. DF was unsure what the best way of managing the Court Building would be, i.e. Like the Tolbooth Museum as a separate Association or like the Caravan Park which is leased out. Further research is required with information about any risk to STP being noted at the next Trustees meeting.
11. Dunnottar parents will be contacted this week to arrange a meeting during the first week back at school by DF.
12. Date of next meeting Monday 10th August 9.30am, at Weaver’s Cottage.