



Welcome to Stonehaven Town Partnership's newsletter. We hope you will find it informative. Feedback about any of the projects outlined below or any other comments you have would be very welcome.

January 2016

New officers at STP

After the AGM in November a number of Trustees stood down making the way for some new trustees to be welcomed on board to continue the work on the projects in hand. There are a few spaces for additional trustees so if you are interested in joining the STP and working for the benefit of Stonehaven please contact Andrew Newton the Secretary by e mail andrew@stpweb.org. A full list of trustees can be found on the web site. STP will continue to work closely with other groups in Stonehaven, the public and Aberdeenshire Council to promote improvements in Stonehaven.

Disbursements from STP to local groups and events

The STP have money to disburse to groups in 2016. If your group requires funds please write to STP stating what you require money for. The deadline is 15th March 2016. After this date the applications will be looked at by the disbursement sub group who will decide which groups get funding. More information about the criteria and process can be found on the web site.

Current Projects

Land Train – the Stoney Express

The Stoney Express had a good year last year and we are in the process of receiving funding for an additional carriage which will be in place for the start of our season on 25th March. We had to turn away a lot of people from the train as we didn't have enough room in 2014 and 2015 so are looking forward to be able to take more people on the train this year.

STP have commissioned and received a report showing the Economic Benefit of the land train to the businesses in Stonehaven. It shows that around 8,600 paying passengers boarded the Stonehaven Land Train over the period from August 2014 to October 2015 and that the net direct spend of these passengers in Stonehaven was £234,135. With the additional carriage we expect more people to use it bringing in even greater revenue to Stonehaven. There is an opportunity for local businesses to advertise on the Land Train.

We are still looking for more conductor/storytellers for this year and drivers with a PSV/PCV licence and CPC. Please see the web site and facebook page for more information. Fares and timetables will also be posted shortly.

<https://www.facebook.com/stonehavenlandtrain> and the STP website www.stpweb.org.

Stonehaven Court Building

STP held two open days in December at the Court Building. This was to enable any one to come and see the building, watch and participate in Mock Trials put on by Mackie Academy Mock Trial Team, enjoy some refreshments, listen to some music, see some craft stalls, enter a competition and visit an art show, with the main objective being to get “your” ideas on what the building could be used for. The result of these open days and the work of the sub group has led to the production of a Business Plan which will be sent to Scottish Courts and Tribunal Services. There is a short film from the day available by following this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSZCamxKQ5c> The report is available on the web site. If you are interested in getting involved in this exciting project, please contact david@stpweb.org.

Bervie Braes Road

STP are still in discussion with Aberdeenshire Council about what can be done with the unsightly barriers and the weight restriction exemption for the Land Train.

Improving Our Town Centre

STP is still working with a number of other groups in Stonehaven, (Horizon Group, SDCC, Stonehaven Business Association, local Councillors and Aberdeenshire Council) on this project. The Boardwalk and Harbour Illuminations will now fall under this project.

Former Gas Works Site and Beach Toilets

STP are working with Aberdeenshire Council to see what can be done with these sites.

Other Projects

A number of Projects are now complete or in abeyance. These include the All Weather Facility which is now up and running with a new committee. The Wifi Project which is being looked at by the SDCC; Plan B will be revisited next year; the Energy Coop Initiative and the Clock in Market Square are in abeyance.

Date of next meeting

The next STP trustees meeting will be held at Invercarron Resource Centre at 7pm on 23rd February, these meetings are open to the public.

Further information can be found on our website www.stpweb.org. If you have any queries or would like to help with any of the projects please e mail: projects@stpweb.org

Contact us, got a Question?

Should you have questions, comments or any feedback, do not hesitate to contact our friendly team.

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Minutes of STP Board Meetings

The Stonehaven Town Partnership Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Dates of meetings can be found on the web site.

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