



Minutes of  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
(unapproved)

held in the Dunnottar Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven  
on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Doug Samways (Chairman), David Fleming (Company Secretary), Dennis Collie (Treasurer), Niall Menzies (Director), Andrew Newton (Director), Jim Henderson (Director), Mike Robins (Director), Cllr Peter Bellarby (Director)

**Some 10 Member Representatives:**

**In attendance:** William Munro, Area Manager, Aberdeenshire Council

**Apologies:** Frank Budd (Director), Michael Innes (Director)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Chairman Doug Samways welcomed everyone to the 2012 AGM.

Apologies received as noted above.

**2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM**

Minutes of the AGM held on Monday 22 November 2011 were available to view at the meeting. Approval of them was proposed by Dennis Collie and seconded by Mike Robins, and agreed.

**3. Chairman's Report**

STP continues to raise its profile within the community and adding to its reputation as an organisation which gets things done and has the best interests of the people of the town at heart.

Our greatest success is undoubtedly the handover of the Queen Elizabeth II Caravan Site, after a successful season, to the Caravan Club of Great Britain. Not only does this transfer ensure that Stonehaven continues to boast a touring caravan and camping site but it also enables long overdue and much needed investment in one of the town's major assets.

No less successful has been our involvement with the Tolbooth Museum. We are proud that, working with others, we have played a part in saving this valuable asset, which, under new management, is going from strength to strength. The STP wishes the Stonehaven Tolbooth Association, the town's new SCIO, best wishes for the future.

Two Planning for Real exercises have been undertaken this year, one in June focussing on Stonehaven North, the other just recently looking at the Auld Toon/harbourBraehead area. Findings from the first have been collated and we are now ready to move to the next stage in the process where we look at what is possible and how it might be achieved.

One thing highlighted by the Planning for Real exercises is the need for the town's sports, recreation and leisure facilities to be enhanced and improved. Again the STP has been actively involved in progressing this identified need, working in partnership with

Stonehaven and District Community Council on the development of a much needed all-weather pitch and associated facilities.

There is a variety of other projects under way, with the objective of improving the Town for all.

The Chairman thanked all the directors for their support, help and advice over the past year, and particularly acknowledged the contribution of the four directors who are standing down at this AGM.

#### **4. Secretary's Report**

##### Formation of SCIO

Following the Health Check, it was decided that STP should move towards becoming a SCIO. A SCIO Constitution has been worked on, for which our thanks are due to Andrew Newton, and is now almost ready.

The next step is to hold a formation meeting at which a number of people need to be nominated as initial Trustees, and an application can then be submitted to OSCR. OSCR seem to take about a couple of months to approve the constitution.

##### Caravan Park

Leases have now agreed between Aberdeenshire Council and STP, and between STP and the Caravan Club of Great Britain (CCGB). Eight Static owners have been offered places for next year.

Building work on the site started on time, but of course is very subject to weather. Currently the end of the contract date is 25th May 2013. So it is quite likely that the Park will open late in 2013. The situation will be kept under review.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary for his report, commenting he had done far more than fulfil the role of Company Secretary.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Dennis Collie reviewed the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2012, copies of which were available to view at the meeting having been previously emailed to members in the week before the AGM.

Dennis Collie thanked Lesley MacDonald of MacDonald Accountancy Services for preparing the Statement of Accounts.

A discussion followed whereby a number of questions were asked by member representatives/members of the public relating to the grant received from Aberdeenshire Council and the potential for STP to access/distribute funds to member organisations.

#### **6. Election of Directors**

The Chairman intimated that the following Directors had chosen to stand down:

- Dennis Collie
- Andrew Newton
- Niall Menzies
- Jim Henderson

In the light of the dissoions within Aberdeenshire Council, Cllr. Bellarby stood down as a Director, but will continue to attnd meetings as one of the Area Councillors. The invoitaion to the other three Area Councillors to attend had been issued.

Those standing for election were:

Doug Samways	Fatherland Burns Society
Wynne Edwards	Netball Club
Allan Sutherland	Camera Club
David Fleming	St James' Church
Michelle Ward	Stonehaven Events and Festivals
Ray Milne	Fireballs
Frank Budd	Business Assoc and Tourism Group

Since there were 12 vacancies, these people were elected unopposed. It was hoped that the Stonehaven & District Community Council would be nominated one of their members. That would leave 4 vacancies which could be filled by co-option.

(Note: The election to the positions of officers of the partnership would be done at the first Board meeting, to be held immediately after the SAGM.)

## **8. Appointment of the Examiner**

It was confirmed that Lesley MacDonald of MacDonald Accountancy Services was willing to continue as the Examiner for next year's accounts.

## **9. Guest Speaker – moved to after AOCB**

The Chairman welcomed Willie Munro as guest speaker. He gave an entertaining and enlightening talk based of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Copies of a précis of the speech have since been produced.

The Secretary proposed the vote of thanks to the guest speaker.

## **10. AOCB**

In response to a question, it was stated that the arrangements for any distribution of funds arising from the Caravan park lease had yet to be determined. That income was not due to start until later in 2013.

The meeting was then closed.