

LIAISON MEETING WITH STONEHAVEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP

FRIDAY 24 MARCH, 10.00AM-12NOON

IN AREA MANAGER'S OFFICE, VIEWMOUNT, STONEHAVEN

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Bill Allan (STP), John Robson (STP), Andrew Newton (STP), Jim Stephen (STP), Isabel Munn, Cllr Peter Bellarby, Cllr Raymond Christie, Willie Munro (Area Manager) and Ralph Singleton (Aberdeenshire Council), Cllr Wendy Agnew.

2. Note of Meeting held on 13 September 2016

These were agreed as being an accurate account of the last meeting.

3. Matters Arising

Progressed through agenda items

4. East Newtonleys

WM confirmed there was a new options appraisal and this will be discussed at the next area committee meeting. This is a confidential report as there are figures included in it. Three options are discussed in the report, the existing site, Redcloak and split sites.

5. Bervie Braes

Barriers

A few of the barriers will be taken to a council depot to be rubbed down and have the paint tested on them. Aberdeenshire Council are unsure whether the painting will work as the barriers are flexible and the last paint tested flaked off.

WM confirmed that the barriers are owned not hired.

Road opening

RS confirmed that the slope stability analysis would have to be revisited with a further study before opening the road for a longer period of time in the year could be considered. WM and RS made it clear that the initial report recommended that the road should be shut permanently.

WM confirmed that Legal and Governance are unlikely to allow the road to be reopened for longer periods in the year as it would be considered a high risk and would raise insurance issues.

Road will be opened at the beginning of April 2017

Weight Limit

WM and RS confirmed that the current weight limit is a stretched limit.

STP Trustees are keen for the weight limit of the land train to be based on axle weights rather than the gross weight of the vehicle. IM will send RS details of the weights for further consideration.

Any further analysis would be costly and Aberdeenshire Council have not budgeted for this.

6. Former Gas Works Site

WM confirmed he has heard nothing further from SSE despite trying to contact them on a few occasions. He will try again to establish whether the site has been sold as the sign has been removed.

It was noted that there is currently no planning application in for the site.

There is no budget for this site to be changed into a car park but there could be funds from LEADER or the FISHERIES FUND for STP to look at taking the site over. WM and IM to liaise with SSE/SGN

7. Cycle Paths

STP Trustees confirmed they would like Claudia Stuerck of Aberdeenshire Council to mirror what has been carried out in Portlethen in Stonehaven. Stuart Alexander STP Trustee will contact her to establish how far the project has progressed. Any improvements could tie in with the Grande Promenade project as well as Improving the Town Centre Project.

8. Grand Promenade

There was an update on the inaugural meeting of the projects steering group. Money is being sought for a feasibility study with costings for a study required. A public meeting will be held to establish what the Stonehaven residents would like to have included in the project.

9. Beach Toilets

WM confirmed there are no plans, currently to close any of the other toilets in Stonehaven.

STP Trustees have been contacted by Nail Menzies, chairman of the Stonehaven Business Association and asked whether they would be interested in taking over the Beach Toilets to be run by the Bay and Aunty Betty's. The trustees would like to set up a meeting with Callum Richardson and Nicci Dollar to discuss the costs involved.

Comfort payments were also discussed.

10. Council Assets – Green Pavilion etc.

WM confirmed that the Council Assets are going to be discussed at Communities Policy Committee in May. No other halls are currently being looked at for Community Asset Transfer. There is a CAT in for the Beach Pavilion (Green Hut) from the Men's Shed which STP will support if alternative accommodation can be found for the groups currently using this hall.

BA asked for confirmation that there will be community involvement after the Committee meeting, which was confirmed by WM.

11. Recycling Bins at Court Building

STP had already received a reply from Neil Rodgers, Community Waste Officer, Aberdeenshire Council, stating that permission had been received from Scottish Courts and Tribunal Services allowing them to site the glass recycling bins outside the Court Building and they had confirmed that whilst they were happy for the bins to be located there whilst the building was unoccupied, they were in discussions regarding future use of the building and any continuation would be subject to the new occupiers agreement.

12. AOCB

None

13. Date of Next Meeting

12th May 2017, 10am, Viewmount