

**MINUTES OF LIAISON MEETING WITH STONEHAVEN TOWN
PARTNERSHIP AND ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL**

TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2016 AT 10.00-11.15AM

IN AREA MANAGER'S OFFICE, VIEWMOUNT, STONEHAVEN

**Present: Aberdeenshire Council Area Manager Willie Munro (WM);
Councillors Graeme Clark (GC), Raymond Christie (RC) Wendy Agnew
(WA) STP Trustees David Fleming (DF), John Robson (JR), Jim Stephen
(JS), Bill Allan (BA) Other Isabel Munn (IM)**

Item	Detail	Action
1.	<p>Purpose of Liaison Meeting (STP/AC) WM welcomed the attendees. DF explained the reason for setting up the meeting was at the suggestion of a member of the public at the January STP trustees meeting. The meeting should be used to identify any problems/problem areas with STP projects and look for solutions with Aberdeenshire Council Officers and the Councillors so that the projects can be completed.</p>	
2.	<p>East Newtonleys Depot (STP) There was some discussion on the application and the Public Consultation already carried out by Aberdeenshire Council (AC). WM confirmed that AC are following the process and that further public consultation will take place. WM agreed on DF's request to speak to the other area managers about Aberdeenshire Council's manner of consultation (over and above statutory consultations) during major public project development.</p>	WM
3.	<p>Recreation Grounds Trust (STP) STP had requested information from Aberdeenshire Council about the burdens that had been placed on the RGT on the transfer of ownership from AC to RGT. In particular what would happen to the site if the RGT folds. WM agreed to supply the information requested.</p>	WM
4.	<p>Bervie Braes Road (STP) The red and white rhino barriers, the opening of the road all year round and the weight limit were all discussed. WM confirmed that the quotes AC received were much more than estimated. The Roads engineers told the Cllrs last week that they are looking at options including cleaning then pairing, and screening the barriers with netting.</p>	

	<p>WM will discuss the weight limit with the director shortly and set up a meeting with JR, possibly George Strang and Steven Archer to discuss the weight limits and the need for closing the road in light of the additional work which has been carried out on the Braes since the last report was commissioned by AC.</p> <p>It was thought that the road closure discouraged people who had visited the Castle from coming into the Town Centre.</p> <p>Footpath signage will be discussed with Dunecht estates to direct people from the Castle to the Town Centre. Also to discuss the path from their car park to the viewing point to make access for wheelchairs and buggy's. STP will set up a meeting with them.</p> <p>JS mentioned that the cliff footpath from Dunnottar to Stonehaven was in need of repair after the winter. WM to find out what the costs are for repair. GC wondered whether community payback could be used to assist in the repairs.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>STP</p> <p>WM</p>
5.	<p>Former Gas Works Site (STP) SSE/SGN have a preference to lease the site to AC although after the consultation on car parking there would not be enough income from car parking at this site to pay for the lease. WM is keen to involve STP and will ask Mark Skilling to contact STP to see how this project can be progressed.</p>	<p>WM</p>
6.	<p>Use of Lampposts for Christmas Lights (STP) JS has had meetings with AC's lighting engineer and showed WM and the Councillors the mock ups of the lights he has. JS has received pledges of £6000 for lights at the harbour from local businesses and organisations. WM agreed to find out what's in place for changing out current light bulbs to LED and what AC's stance is on taking electricity from the lampposts and attaching the lights to public and residential buildings.</p> <p>GC thought there might be money available from the Scottish Government's sustainability committee and will look into this.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>GC</p>
7.	<p>Cruise Ships - update (STP) Updates on this project will be discussed at Trustees meeting and put on the STP website</p>	
8.	<p>Beach Toilets (STP)</p>	

	<p>AC will be closing the Beach Toilets and will place signs on the toilets indicating where the nearest public toilets are. Leisure Centre staff are to be told that the Toilets are available for public use.</p> <p>RC agreed with the view that the Leisure Centre toilets need repair/maintenance. WM to investigate.</p> <p>JS reported that Neil Graham the owner of Scallywags is interested in taking the toilets over and JS will give WM contact details to progress.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>JS</p>
9.	<p>Harbour - any further role for STP? (AC) STP confirmed that they support the idea of a Stakeholder Group as discussed at Area Committee on 1 March, but would not be involved in this unless asked to do so. They welcomed the proposal to investigate the piers.</p>	
10.	<p>Disbursement - update (AC) Updates will be discussed at Trustees meeting and put on the STP website</p>	
11.	<p>Land Train - update (AC) Updates on this project will be discussed at Trustees meeting and put on the STP website</p>	
12.	<p>Coastal Communities Funding - update (AC) Updates on this project will be discussed at Trustees meeting and put on the STP website</p>	
13.	<p>Court Building - update (AC) Updates on this project will be discussed at Trustees meeting and put on the STP website</p>	
14.	<p>Liaison with SDCC (AC) DF is attending the SDCC meeting tonight.</p>	DF

Dates of next meetings:

Tuesday 10 May 2016 at 10am

Thursday 28 July 2016 at 10am

Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 10am

Tuesday 8 November 2016 at 10am