



STONEHAVEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

HELD ON 26th June 2018 AT 7.00PM

AT INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE, STONEHAVEN

Item

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present Trustees	In attendance	Apologies
Stuart Alexander (SA) Andrew Newton (AN) Jim Stephen (JS) John Robson (JR) Mike Duncan (MD)	Julie Lindeman (JL) Sarah Dickinson (Cllr Dickinson) Karen Wood (KW) Raymond Christie (RC) Doug Samways (DS)	David Lawman Cllr Robertson Bill Allan Jim Douglas Cllr Wallace

2. Approval of minutes

	Action
The minutes of 24 th May 2018 were approved on the proposal of JR and seconded by JS. The minutes of the November AGM will not be approved until the next AGM.	

3. Matters Arising

	Action
Creel Christmas tree JL made contact with the people in Ullapool who were responsible for their tree. Will report at next meeting about discussions.	JL

4. Finance Report

	Action
JR reported that bank balances are healthy now with no problems. Land Train will now operate solely from the current account with 5K in it. Deposit account is sat with 32K.	JR

5 Business Plan Items

Project	Additional Information	Action
Bervie Braes Road (JR)	This will be parked until next year. Remove from the business plan items.	JL
Court Building (JD/JR)	<p>JR reported that things are going very well – tenants are all on board and leases about to be issued. Currently trying to reduce refurbishment costs and the architects are on board with this. Tenants for the first floor. Things are looking positive to August 2018 occupation – JL asked for confirmation that is was August 2018 JR said yes.</p> <p>DS asked about the LEADER funding not getting awarded and it was said that clarification for this was being sought.</p> <p>JR confirmed that alternative sources of funding was being sought.</p> <p>JS – first floor is easier to get ready for occupation – if we can get folk in we can start to get money in.</p> <p>MD – spoke with LEADER in March 2018 the criteria changed. Working with the new criteria to make sure this next application is completing compliant with their guidelines.</p> <p>AN – be careful that no work is started before LEADER funding is in place.</p> <p>DS – could the Burns club utilise some space for small displays of items of local interest? All Trustees agreed that this is something that would be good and therefore do not see a problem with this.</p>	MD/JL
Improving Our Town Centre (JS)	<p>The disposing of nests of seagulls has been completed. No all businesses contributed and that was disappointing. Next year a bigger push to get businesses and homes from around the square on board is needed. Suggestion that it is pushed out to Ann Street and Robert Street maybe next year?</p> <p>141 nests were cleared with a total of 328 eggs.</p> <p>Messy pavements though but due to lack of rainfall this exacerbated the issue as no rain to wash the mess away.</p> <p>Will raise the issue at the next Improving Town Centre meeting.</p> <p>Awareness that it is £50 per roof not £50 per flat needs to be raised to hopefully increase take up of this. JS to get hold of a list of all those who did pay this year.</p> <p>DS – could this scheme be rolled out to the Mill Inn area? Will raise this at the next meeting of Improving Town Centre.</p> <p>JR – could we put a letter thanking all those who did take part? STP provided logistical and man power support putting out and taking in cones. Estimated approx.. £1000 was saved by using local volunteers.</p> <p>Sail Banners – Dianne has done a lot of work but still approx.. £1000 to raise. Suggestion that the SBA be involved. The Tourist group has merged with the SBA. Diane to chase?</p>	JL JS

	<p>AN reported that cruise ships are in Aberdeen and buses came down to Stonehaven and were parked for 5 mins at the harbour then went away. JR spoke to Frank Budd about bringing something into Stonehaven that will keep these people here. MD we need to get someone to take the lead on this group and a tourism strategy – all stake holders need to be brought together. DS reported that a visitor centre will probably happen</p> <p>Action: MD and/or AN to attend the next SBA meeting to discuss this. JL to arrange their attendance.</p> <p>We need to pull together on this. JS said the harbour needs to be included. Works need doing after the bad weather such as line painting, parking bays.</p> <p>JS raised the issue about speaking to landscape services. Cllr Dickinson could the week killer round King Street and down to the harbour as it is bad. Could Cllr Dickinson check with landscape services to see what the timescale is like to be for this please?</p> <p>Cllr Dickinson reported that she was recently approached by the community policing team about parking round the schools. This is an ongoing issue that a solution for is not an easy answer.</p>	<p>MD/AN/JL</p> <p>Cllr D</p>
<p>Former Gas Works Site (JS)</p>	<p>JS reported that there has been no contact, so the situation is the same. JR raised the issue that this be discussed within the Community Action Plan to gauge public opinion. Subject of cruise ships was brought up with suggestion the Tourism group are contacted. MD with are missing formal engagement with the public about this site. Suggestion was made to park this just now due to the lack of communication with owners of the site.</p>	
<p>Cycling Project (SA)</p>	<p>No change – JS suggest we put this onto hold. Once idea was to route round Stonehaven – Castle to the golf course? SA council is behind schedule o their integrated transport plan. Cllr Dickinson to check status as we do need their input. Keep on the agenda for now but was discussed that the STP running with this is not really feasible just now. Best speak with Willie Tulloch although they are currently tied up with the Strive Event for early August.</p>	<p>JS/MD</p>
<p>Grande Promenade (JS/JR)</p>	<p>Report about the NESFLAG funding and the proposed project – AN asked who was applying for the money? JS to speak with Lindsay from the project. AN to be invited to next meeting with NESFLAG to discuss procedures</p>	

	Discussions started re something like the Creel Christmas Tree in Ullapool. Wait until JL has spoken with them. Council contractors are to be asked for ideas of what could be done in the areas – this it to be classed as Phase 1. Hopefully this will create momentum. JS - if we were to redo it we would have had to find funds, this way we get input but at no cost to ourselves. It is to celebrate and recognise our coastal and fishing heritage. MD – we need community buy-in to this scheme.	JL
Land Train	Land Train needs to be added to the Business Plan JL raised, once again, the issue of getting a mechanic onto a call out contract. JR to assist. All agreed to send a card to Bryan the Land Train Driver	JL JL

Report from/items to Community Council	
<p>Raymond Christie attended on behalf of the SDCC and reported that he was elected the new chair of the SDCC. He reported that he had been approached by members of the council and members of the public to stand for the position of Chairman. He is hoping to devolve decisions to groups within the council rather than a one-man band and by doing this hopefully get more people involved into the SDCC. He reiterated the fact that Mearns FM Community radio station is very happy to work with the STP and to help promote anything we are doing.</p> <p>Re the Acheres Visit for twinning – Phil Mills-Bishop is running with this. RC wishes PMB well with the twinning visit. AN raised concern that he had seen a visit up the Clock Tower was planned – this is not something that would be able to be done and it had not been spoken about to anyone who would need to be involved. AN asked who was the Twinning Group.</p> <p>JS – chair congratulates RC on his election and on behalf of the STP wishes him well and offers support where we can.</p>	
Report from/items to KDP	
<p>AN reported last meeting was held at Drumlithie. Wind farm – St Johns – has made its first payment. AN reported that the KDP are setting up an employability group for young people.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held in Durris.</p>	

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SA – a public meeting is planned to discuss public transport and TRAK with NESTRANS.	
SA – all weather pitch meeting it was reported that there had been a small amount of damage to the gates. However, since the installation of the new, smaller gates there has been no further damage. Discussed that the netball clubs aren't really using the pitch. Rugby juniors are wanting to use the pitch more and it is hoped an arrangement can be sought that will keep everyone happy. DS reported that they are hoping to set up a system where by folk pay up front. Concern has been raised about the fact the pitch is used primarily for football.	

7 Date of meetings

Next Meeting – 28th August 2018

Subsequent

4th Tuesday of every month in the Dunnottar Lounge (Invercarron Resource Centre).

25 September 23 October 27 November (AGM)