



STONEHAVEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING

HELD ON 26th March 2019 AT 7.00PM

AT INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE, STONEHAVEN

Item

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present Trustees	In attendance	Apologies
Bill Allan Stuart Alexander John Robson (Acting Chair) Jim Douglas Jim Stephen Andrew Newton	Julie Lindeman Wendy Rudd Cllr Dickinson John Cruickshank Jane Cruickshank Raymond Christie	Cllr Robertson David Lawman Amy Barclay

2. Approval of minutes

	Action
The minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 26 th Feb were approved by JD and seconded by SA. The minutes of the November AGM will not be approved until the next AGM.	

3. Matters Arising

	Action
<i>Matters arising from the previous meeting were addressed. Please note the top3 actions are outstanding from previous month.</i>	
Prices of rent to be given to IP of AliBali – outstanding from previous meeting	JR/JD
Meeting with Charlie Sands to discuss reporting once STP Operations has been sorted.	BA/JS
Prices for ad for land train to the Horizon group	JL
Report of STP Operations Financials for next Trustee meeting.	JR/JD
Setup date for next Tenants meeting – circa end of April. Assistance from JL.	JR/JD
Contact Area Committee Officer re Area Budget for Court Room multi-media kit.	JL

Cycling Project – 2 actions – speak to landowners and speak with stakeholders and a map of the proposed area for next meeting.	JS/SA
Letters of dissatisfaction regarding the new rail timetabling to be sent	JL
Speak to the Caravan Club to discuss the number of pitches offered for camping as some confusion as to how many there are.	JS
Contact RW Thomson group to discuss use of QR codes on their sign.	SA

4. Finance Report

	Action
<p>The STP are still looking for a Treasurer to take up the role. In the absence of a Treasurer the reporting will be carried out by Charlie Sands of Corporate Solutions. JR to instruct Charlie of what is required and to set up a meeting with him.</p> <p>AN reported the balances of the three STP accounts.</p> <p>JR and JD to provide a report of the STP Operations accounts for the next meeting of the Trustees.</p> <p>Initial meeting to be held with Charlie Sands to discuss Court Building financials and after JS to set up meeting with BA and JS to discuss STP accounts.</p>	<p>All Trustees</p> <p>JR</p> <p>BA/JS</p>
JL reported that the Land Train incurred expenses to get it road worthy – new tyre and wheel remedial work from Kwik Fit, items for cleaning the Train to be held in the cab of the train and the road tax of the train.	JL

5 Business Plan Items

Project	Additional Information	Action
Court Building (JD/JR)	<p>JD reported that the ground floor works are complete. The KAMCAB have their own contractor in carrying out their own scope of work. Lease to be signed by 8th April.</p> <p>Upstairs – Pillar have committed to the premises and due to sign on 27th March. Building is now full.</p> <p>JR – a tenants meeting to be held by the end of April. JR and JD to organise with help of JL. JR and JD to organise a date and advise all tenants.</p> <p>Official opening of the building – looking to do in May – group to organise – BA, JR and JD with assistance where and when required by JL. May 16th was a date agreed by all as a possible date for holding the opening event. JS – has spoken to Andrea Brymer of STV news and she is keen to support the event.</p>	<p>JR/JD</p> <p>JR/JD/BA/JL</p>

<p>Improving Our Town Centre (JS)</p>	<p>Cllr Dickinson reported from the last meeting of the group. There were not many present unfortunately. Main discussion was around the issue of the seagulls. 66 residents/businesses have already signed up but ideally looking for 90. If they can get it to 70 they can help. Any help that could be given to encourage more to sign up would be much appreciated by the team involved in this exercise.</p> <p>JR – does the area change every year? Cllr Dickinson – no. The council have a list of who has paid but due to data protection this wouldn't be made available. The Shire council will do their own buildings including Mackie Academy. The issue of food outlets was raised and concern that they weren't doing all they could to discourage seagulls. The council are going over and above trying to educate all relating to the issue of seagulls. Posters have already been circulated telling people of the issue and encouraging no feeding.</p> <p>RW Thomson signage – the intention was for them to pay for the new sign and the council would pay for the cost of moving. No planning required and it would come from what was left after paying for the banners.</p> <p>Draught Board – designs still being worked on.</p> <p>Mackie – the issue of the ice cream van – the council are aware of the litter being left each lunchtime and they are looking at this.</p>	
<p>Land Train (JR)</p>	<p>JL reported that the Land Train is ready to go for the Easter season. VSO was received by the STP on the morning of the 26th March.</p> <p>PPE all arrived and has been distributed to all train staff. Still looking for another driver.</p>	
<p>Cycling Project</p>	<p>There is due to be a meeting of the Cycling group on Wednesday 27th March – SA to get together with JS.</p> <p>Action on the STP to put together a list of stakeholders and organise a meeting. Two separate actions – speak to landowners – JS and speak to Stakeholders – SA.</p> <p>JC Horizon – has an actual route being identified? JS – yes it more or less already there. Stewart Milne have agreed to put in a second entrance that was part of the planning conditions being granted. A footpath and a bridge. Starts from the Castle and sweeps through Stonehaven – Ury estate have their own paths and it would tie up with that. JC asked is this all on public highways. JS – answered with an</p>	<p>JS/SA</p>

	<p>explanation of the route – a good discussion by all followed and SA agreed we should get a map for the next meeting. JS to arrange.</p> <p>Cllr Dickinson – if you require any crossing that would be required must have the input of the Roads Department as any type of crossing has very strict criteria that must be adhered to – early consultation with Road Department is strongly recommended.</p> <p>BA asks if this is going to be the next STP Project? JS – not really – envisages the STP leading the initial consultation but being handed over to the Stakeholders to run with it. Both BA and SA – coordination of this would sit with the STP? As acting Chair JR asked the floor for their thoughts – all agreed – SA and JS will run with this for the STP.</p> <p>JC – by paths at the castle what do you exactly mean and are you including the path along the cliff? JS – the castle upgrade and maintain the paths there. JC – you could not co-mingle as it is surely? JR – JS has stated that Dunecht Estates are upgrading the paths at the castle. All agreed family use of the paths should be encouraged where possible.</p> <p>BA – if we are going to make this work then we must involve all the stakeholders.</p> <p>Please refer to above action on SA and JS of the STP with regards to speaking to all parties involved.</p>	
<p>Grande Promenade</p>	<p>JS to contact Sheila Howarth of the Tourism Group to see what the currently situations is with regards to the project. JS will report back at next meeting.</p> <p>Issue of a boat that has been made available. A creel boat with no engine - reality it needs to be made safe. JC from Horizon – this craft might be liability and may be far better used as a feature? Hull to be made safe, side cut out and kids could then clamber around and would serve a better use of the ground? AN – where would this be located? JS – where the dolphin is. As features already there planning wouldn't be needed. Someone has offered to use their diggers for free and the Roundtable have offered manpower. AN raised issue of the Crown Estate, insurance and maintenance of the feature. JS to progress with this.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>

Report from/items to Community Council

RC reports. A long meeting was held. The KAMCAB were due to present but they were unable to attend – plan now is for May. Cllr Dickinson – Station Travel Plan – proposals including e-bikes, but the issue of safety and possibility of a safe crossing, signs were

raised. Issue of the new timetabling of trains through Stonehaven was discussed in length. There are now no straight through trains to Glasgow. They said early days of this timetable and that it will sort itself out. All felt not a satisfactory situation. AN – this really is not a feasible situation. Cllr Dickson – they have targets to meet and y stopping at Montrose they get on to a faster service, but reality means Stonehaven have lost out. JR asks is this trial going to be made permanent? Cllr Dickinson – No. Lobbying needs to go the Holyrood. This has been pushed by targets and she suggests that everyone writes in to express their concern. JR asks who should we write too? - suggested MSP, Liam Kerr, Mike Rumbles, Mhairi Gougeon. JL to act to send letter of dissatisfaction.

BA – we are a major town and we no longer have direct access to the central belt after 9am. Cllr Dickinson – it is more about inter-city travel and again stressed importance of writing to convey our concerns. BA – is this weekend or weekdays - weekdays only after 9am. JC from the Bellman – did they look at passenger numbers? Cllr Dickinson – not sure but knows there are more people benefiting going North than people travelling south. Issue of poor station facilities at Montrose were raised. RC – waiting areas I Stonehaven are covered. This led to discussions about the proposed redevelopment of the Stonehaven Station – they will be coming back with proposals that are in keeping with what is already there.

Issue of the upkeep of the land – Denis Roger Lane – JR are Network Rail going to do something about this? Cllr Dickinson – reported that she has asked for dates and a commitment for this to be done. Scot rail are responsible for the platforms and the access path is the responsibility of Network Rail. The council are responsible for the cutting back and all the vegetation. Agreement on who does what but no agreement on timing as been made. The Access path at the moment no one seems to be taking responsibility. Community Liaison person recognises that the barrier needs to be done. Network Rail are going up Brickfield Road and the banking between the railway and fence is Network Rails. Cllr Dickinson reported that she is still waiting on the final bits and pieces to come together to get this issue resolved.

JC Horizon – the fabric of the building is in a shocking state. Horizon maintain the planters and a lot of work has been done and is planned to be done. RC – the SDCC are pushing this.

The tunnel – SA spoke to the survey people about the tunnel – some problems in other towns and improvements had made a massive difference. As it stands this tunnel is sometimes the first impression people have of Stonehaven. It is dark, smelly and some feel wary using it especially at night. WR agreed with this.

Aberdeenshire Council participatory budget with Mental Health – Ian Hunter is working on this with the Mearns community councils.

Community Council election time is coming up – new constitution and the Shire Council are organising this. The whole council is up for re-election. 2nd-21st May to be nomination period – it will be 2 weeks before the AGM on 11th June. If a ballot is needed it will be held then. BA asks election of who? RC members – if not more than 20 then they will all get on – if more than 20 then there will be a vote. BA – why change? RC – there needs to be a vote every 3 years. BA – who dictates this? RC – the council can specify a time.

RC reported that the Hannah Dyson award with the SBA was held. A good evening was had by all who attended.	
<p>Report from/items to KDP</p> <p>AN – not much to report since last meeting as the KDP meeting runs after. Court Room- a very successful meeting was held by the KDP in the Court Room and a lot of good feedback as to what had been done. Talk on the Mill of Benholm – people involved were trying to do a CAT transfer and a request went in 6/7 months ago – they have asked for an extension on this.</p> <p>An observation from the meeting held in the Court Room was the door had been wedged open and any possible security issues relating to this? JR took on board point and explained they are currently in the process of reviewing this. Plan is to have a swipe card system in place on the Court Room doors.</p>	JR

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<p>RC – Court House – the SDCC would be interested in using this for their monthly meeting. Is there a date for when it would be ready? JS – currently working on putting together a costing to get all the things in place. Looking at a multimedia setup approx.. 4K to get a proper projector screen. RC will ask Ian Hunter to speak to JS. JS reported that we already have pledges from the Roundtable and a couple of other businesses in the town. RC reported that the SDCC will help with any requests to the Common Good Fund.</p> <p>JC from the Bellman – are you going to generate a profit from the rent to out back into the building? JR – in the future we will be able to create a sinking fund for the update of the building, but this will be after a couple of years.</p> <p>JS – this is such a lovely building so hopefully once the facilities are there more people from within the community would be able to use it. Cllr Dickinson reported that the Area Budget is now open for requests and where it can be determined that it is of a community benefit a top up would be offered. Best person to speak to would be Emma Storey for advice.</p> <p>JL to arrange meeting with Emma and JS to get full cost breakdown of what would be involved. Application to the Area Budget to be made.</p>	JL/JS
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7 Date of meetings

Next Meeting

Tuesday 23rd April 7pm.

Subsequent

28th May 25th June No meeting July
27th August 24th September 22nd October 26th November AGM