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QR Codes (DS)

Awaiting response from Alan Craig on his discussions with Susan Hayward Manager at Clashfarquhar House.

This project was brought to the attention of the STP by a resident of Stonehaven.

ALL WEATHER FACILITY (DS)

The construction is now scheduled to begin week commencing 27th April due to technical issues such as a meeting with a specialist pitch consultant.

This project came about due to the Planning for Real (PfR) exercises which took place in 2012, where comments were made that Mineralwell Park could be improved and used more regularly by the inclusion of an All Weather Pitch. Also, for a number of years it was Aberdeenshire Councils intention to provide an all-weather surface for every town in Aberdeenshire and a rolling programme for this starting in North Aberdeenshire was begun but unfortunately the money ran out (was withdrawn) before Stonehaven could benefit.

BERVIE BRAES ROAD (DS)

Nothing further to report.

The Bervie Braes Road Project is mentioned in the STP's Business Plan 2012 – 2015 and was also included in the Community Plan. There was also a comment in PfR that there should be better access for walkers and cyclists on Bervie Braes.

COASTAL COMMUNITY FUND (DS)

Nothing further to report.

PLAN B (DS, WE, DF, MW)

Nothing further to report.

*The Plan B Project has been initiated as it was in STP's Business plan **SPORT AND LEISURE FACILITIES AT THE RECREATION GROUND SITE** – investigating the possibility of improved facilities at this site, alongside reviewing alternative locations. There were also a number of comments made by residents in the PfR exercise about this area of Stonehaven.*

FUTURE OF STONEHAVEN COURT HOUSE BUILDING (DF)

Funding – applications have been made to 12 funders, currently awaiting responses

Community –Aberdeenshire Council's Education Department will set up meeting with Dunnottar Parents to explain current options

Tenants - Have received detailed requirements from 3 potential tenants who could use the whole building but awaiting funding before doing anything more

Professionals - 4 firms have been approached, awaiting funding before doing anything more



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Mentoring - Awaiting outcome of application to Princes Regeneration Trust and DTAS

Scottish Courts Service – appear to be happy with progress, awaiting next step before pressing them further for various items of cooperation (e.g. archived information, further survey of building, use of sheriff's coat of arms) plus discussion about detail of our proposal.

Management Group - John Robson and Elizabeth Havens have agreed to join. Meeting to be arranged.

This project falls into a number of STP's charity criteria. For example to assist in the regeneration of the area through the improvement of the physical, social and economic environment in order to:

Manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the Community and the public in general;

Advance Community development, including urban or rural regeneration within the community:

Advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the community and /or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historical or other importance to the community.

IMPROVING OUR TOWN CENTRE (JS)

The Hawks have been in Stonehaven over the last few weeks to discourage the seagulls from nesting.

A survey of Stonehaven looking at the buildings, shops and pavements around Market Square, Allardice Street, Barclay Street, Ann Street, Rodney Street, Mary Street, Margaret Street, David Street, Beach Road, the promenade and the Boardwalk, the Old Pier, Shorehead and the High Street took place on 14th April to establish what improvements can be made. Aberdeenshire Council, Councillors, STP, SDCC, SBA and the Horizon Group took part in this survey, a follow up meeting will be arranged by Aberdeenshire Council to collate the results.

JS has met with Ian Thompson to discuss improvements to the boardwalk and with Steve McHaffie from Scotia Access to discuss Christmas lighting.

This project commenced due to comments that were made by residents at the PFR exercises. Comments were made about Town Centre signage, the appearance and upkeep of some of the buildings in the Centre and the seagull nuisance.

LAND TRAIN (MW)

The Land Train commenced its 2015 Season over the Easter weekend and was very busy over the Easter holidays with the good weather bringing people out. It will continue operation over the weekends in May. There is still a need for additional drivers and conductors.

David Tucker from Carronhill School is the winner of the "Name the Train Competition" with "The Stoney Express". The name will be put onto the Land train and David and his classmates win a trip on the train.

Funding is still being sought for an additional carriage and for equipment.



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As above this project came about by comments that were made during the PfR exercises that the STP undertook in 2012. It also fits in well with the STP's SCIO objectives by assisting in the regeneration of Stonehaven by bringing tourists into the Town from Dunnottar Castle and was mentioned in the STP's Business Plan of 2012 – 2015 to ease parking congestion in the Town

FORMER GAS WORKS SITE (MW)

A further meeting will be arranged once SSE have more information on the value and potential for redevelopment of the site

This project resulted from comments made in the PfR exercises about the lack of parking in Stonehaven in general and specifically the lack of parking in the Auld Toon during busy times.

BEACH TOILETS (MW)

Aberdeenshire Council are currently looking at the CAT that STP have applied for and more information will come from them shortly.

Improving the Public Toilets was one of the projects mentioned in STP's 2012 -15 Business Plan. One of STP's charity objectives is to assist in the regeneration of the area through improvement of the physical, social and economic environment in order to:

Manage Community Land and associated assets for the benefit of the community and the public in general.

HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY (WE/MW)

The Consultants had a meeting with the interested parties from the Harbour area on 16th March and their comments have been noted. The consultant's report is due at the end of April and will be circulated to the steering group for comment. The report will be available at the May meeting together with the steering groups recommendations.

Aberdeenshire Council asked STP to carry out a Harbour Development Feasibility Study and have assisted with funding for this project. One of the reasons the approach to STP from Aberdeenshire Council was made was that STP can apply for grant funding for the Feasibility Study which would reduce the cost to the council tax payer.

Comments were also made during the PfR exercise that the Harbour could be developed and facilities improved for locals and visitors alike. The main actions that the Council is requesting through the SLA that this project falls under is (i) Help groups in their area with information, implementation, and community engagement, to build inclusive and sustainable projects.

ENERGY CO-OPERATIVE INITIATIVE (WE)

The Energy Consultants have confirmed that all Stonehaven postcodes would be covered in the initiative. They will supply additional information to enable the trustees to discuss whether to take up the project.

This project falls under the STP's Declared Charitable Purpose for the advancement of environmental protection or improvement in the reduction of energy use in Stonehaven and the reduction of CO2 emissions. There will also be a financial benefit to Stonehaven as there is the possibility of money becoming available for disbursement through the savings made in energy use.



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CRUISE SHIPS (JR)

Nothing further to report.

This project was brought to the STP by a Community Group and is being looked into jointly by an STP trustee and a member of the Rotary Club of Stonehaven.

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