



## PROJECT UPDATE April 2016

### **BERVIE BRAES ROAD (DF)**

Nothing further to add – awaiting response from Aberdeenshire Council

*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.*

### **PLAN B**

This project will be looked at again in January 2017

*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**

£400 has been received from Aberdeenshire Council Community Planning to be put towards the deficit valuation report; survey now underway; report awaited. Further funding from SAB.

#### **Solicitors**

Collie have been appointed solicitors for the Court Building

#### **Architects**

Project Manager and Architect have been advertised for on Public Contracts Scotland website

#### **Tenants**

2 meetings held at Aberdeenshire Council arranged by Emma Kidd to talk to potential tenants. Starting work on fitting stated requirements of 15 interested parties into building.

All reports and meeting notes are available on the web site.

*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.*



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### **IMPROVING OUR TOWN CENTRE (JS) (Including the Board walk and Harbour Illuminations)**

JS and IM had a further meeting with Iain Welsh and Wendy McLaren. Iain will progress cleaning up the boardwalk and putting picnic benches on Shorehead.

All of the food outlets have been given posters about the seagull nuisance and booklets to hand out.

A further walk about is being scheduled for the beginning of May.

*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.*

### **HARBOUR ILLUMINATIONS (JS)**

This project will be dealt with under the Improving our Town Centre Project from next month.

*STP were approached by Stonehaven Business Association to assist with Christmas lighting in the old town and the harbour area.*

### **BOARDWALK (JS)**

This project will be dealt with under the Improving our Town Centre Project from next month.

### **FORMER GAS WORKS SITE (MW)**

Mark Skilling (Roads Strategy Manager, Aberdeenshire Council) invited to Board to discuss options.

*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.*

### **LAND TRAIN (MW)**

The Stoney Express and its carriages Cowie and Carron have had a great start to the 2016 season, despite the rain over the holidays. Over 650 passengers travelled on the train during the Easter holidays.

Stonehaven Town Partnership would like to thank the local businesses that are supporting the Land Train this year. Falck Safety Services Maritime Training Academy who have taken over SCI Maritime Training Academy at the Harbour are supplying the Land Train with fuel this year, Stagecoach are storing the vehicle for us overnight. The Ship Inn, Caravan Club, Mojos Taxis, Ali Bali and Ali Bali B, Scallywags, Molly's and Cloak Caravans are all advertising on the carriages. Duncan and Todd have provided lovely new hi vis jackets for the drivers and storytellers and Brickfield Motors unloaded the new carriage for us when it arrived from Italy.

We have employed a new driver this year and three new storytellers so we are looking forward to a great 2016.

If any businesses would like to advertise on the land train, please contact [projects@stpweb.org](mailto:projects@stpweb.org).



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The land train will now be operating on weekends up until the summer. However, if any groups would like to rent the train during the week, please contact projects on the above e mail.

The facebook page and the web site will be updated regularly [www.stpweb.org](http://www.stpweb.org) and [www.facebook/stonehavenlandtrain](http://www.facebook/stonehavenlandtrain)

*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*

### BEACH TOILETS

This project is now in abeyance. STP gave Aberdeenshire Council contact details of one of the local business owners who is interested in taking the beach toilets over, and we await feedback

*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.*
- *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.*

### 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.*

### OTHER ITEMS

#### QEII CARAVAN PARK (DS)

MKA Economics has completed an economic impact assessment (EIAs) of The QEII Caravan Park and this has been put on the web site, showing that the economic benefit of the improvements to the Town (at a conservative estimate) to be £1.2 million per annum.

The changes to the Leases agreed with Aberdeenshire Council and the Caravan Club of Great Britain have now been completed and registered. This means that STP the Company (which has not been operational since 24<sup>th</sup> November 2104) can be, and therefore has been, 'struck off' the Companies House register. STP now (since 25<sup>th</sup> November 2104) operates solely as a SCIO.

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19<sup>th</sup> April 2016