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

Awaiting response from Willie Munro and Phil Mackay, Aberdeenshire Council re weight limit and opening times.

Ross Anderson, Aberdeenshire Council has been contacted re painting the barriers. They are a polyethelene plastic which is extremely difficult for paint to adhere to. Two top Marine and Industrial Paint suppliers are now in direct contact with Ross to progress.

*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 2018

*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 several comments made by residents in the PfR exercise about this area of Stonehaven.*

### **FUTURE OF STONEHAVEN COURT HOUSE BUILDING (DF)**

Scottish Courts and Tribunal Services Estates Committee have agreed the Business Plan. They are now awaiting ministerial consent. Nothing further to report this month.

*This project falls into several 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) (Including the Board walk and Harbour Illuminations)**

Last meeting held at Viewmount on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

One of the actions from the meeting in January was for STP to look at grants/funding for signage in the town and for seagull egg removal. This is currently being progressed.

J Stephen spoke of a project to erect Xmas lights along the harbour front. It was not possible to string the lights from the lampposts as they are too far apart, but he had property owners'



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permission to run the lights along the front of their buildings. However, the Street Lighting Team had objected and the project had stalled. JS asked WM to try and resolve the issues.

Rock Armour along Boardwalk – JS has been in contact with AWPR Community Planning Liaison Officer re obtaining large rocks to be placed along board walk and they are keen to assist.

Tap at Harbour slip – nothing further to report

*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.*

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

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

Nothing further to report

*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)**

Sponsorship for the land train has almost reached £4000 from the following companies who will be advertising on the carriages this year: Open Air Pool, Ali Bali, Ali Bali B, A Wee Bawbee, Scallywags, Caravan Club of GB, Ship Inn, Mojo Taxis, Arduthie House, Howdens Joinery, Charles Michie Chemist, and Dunnottar Taxis. We expect that a few more will be keen to advertise before the start date of 1 April.

A new part time driver, Paul Simpson and a new storyteller, Rosa Grenfell will also be employed this year with all the drivers and storytellers who are returning from last year.

New route information has been sent to VCA for approval.

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

### **CRUISE SHIPS (JR)**

Nothing further to report.



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*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 (DF)**

The caravan park will be opening in March this year.

#### **CYCLING PROJECT (SA/JR/JS)**

Nothing further to report

#### **GRANDE PROMENADE (JR/JS)**

Sheila Howarth has asked representatives from STP to be involved with the steering group for this project and John Robson and Jim Stephen volunteered. The initial meeting will be arranged in the next few weeks.