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QR Codes (DS)

Nothing further to report

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

ALL WEATHER FACILITY (DS)

Draft constitution for the future management of the facility has been produced and should be ratified at the next SCAWSF meeting along with an agreed programme of use for the coming season. There are concerns about the delay in agreeing the lease. Aberdeenshire Council are apparently responsible for the delay and local Councillors have been asked for their help. Construction is going to plan. The organisers of the annual events that use Mineralwell Park will be informed of any issues should they arise.

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and a rolling programme for this starting in North Aberdeenshire was begun but unfortunately the money ran out (was withdrawn) before Stonehaven could benefit.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.

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)

Sub group (DF, EH and JR) met on 22 June. Project plan is in place. Three companies have quoted provide input into development. EH will produce a scoring matrix for next meeting of sub group on 30th June. Heritage Lottery Fund meeting will take place in Edinburgh on 7th July DF, JR and EH to attend.

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:



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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)

Meeting held on 28th May to prioritise the work required resulting from walkabout earlier in the year.

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.

FORMER GAS WORKS SITE (MW)

STP and Aberdeenshire Council met on 16th June to continue discussions on how best to take this project forward. Aberdeenshire Council continue to maintain contact with SSE to ensure this site can benefit Stonehaven.

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)

Land Train has been running over weekends. It is very weather dependant. It will be running on additional days in July, August, September and October. Sponsorship has been sought from local businesses 2015/16 Application for routes has been applied for from VSO. Income and expenses for April May and June and prediction for July to October to be discussed at Trustee meeting.

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 (MW)

Aberdeenshire Council have confirmed that the restriction is that the land has to be used for recreational purposes. Anything that is done that is not recreational would have to be ancillary to recreational use. If there was a proposal to convert the building to residential or some form of retail or commercial development which was not consistent with the recreational use of the area then there would be an issue. MW will confirm if STP want to proceed to stage 2 CAT which involves a business plan.

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.

STONEHAVEN HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY (WE/MW)

Steering Group meeting held on 22 June. Steering Group will ask the Consultants for clarification on some of their points in the draft report to allow the final report to be issued.



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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)

Nothing further to report

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.

CRUISE SHIPS (JR)

Letters have been sent to cruise ship companies and awaiting replies.

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.

HARBOUR ILLUMINATIONS (JS)

Aberdeenshire Council Area Committee Budget form for top up funding to be completed, additional funding is being sought from local businesses.

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

OTHER ITEMS

CARAVAN SITE

An application was made to Aberdeenshire Council for funding from the Developer Contribution but did not meet their criteria so alternative funding for the economic study is being sought.

COASTAL COMMUNITY FUND (DS)

A 12 month monitoring form has been sent to CCF to enable this year's funding to be released. CCF have suggested there might be additional funds available from the Crown Estates. CCF will confirm in July

BOARDWALK (JS)

Nothing further to report

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