



PROJECT UPDATE June 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)

Work is progressing apace on the Court Building Project and we have reached a stage where we can circulate the current plans, in the form of drawings of the proposed layout and the Business Plan.

Project Manager and Architects

Gary Black, Inspired Design has been appointed and is working closely with the Court Building sub Group.

Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service

SCTS have been sent the Business Plan which will be discussed with their Estates Committee in the next few weeks.

Tenants

Tenants have been sent the current drawings and Business Plan and asked to comment by the end of the month.

Funding

Heritage Lottery Fund, Greggs Foundation and the Auquhirie Wind Farm have been applied to for funding. Other funders will also be approached.

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)

A further meeting was held on Thursday 2nd June. Unfortunately no STP trustees could attend.

Harbour Illuminations – nothing further to report

Boardwalk – 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)

STP have been asked to look at this again. Waiting to hear back from Aberdeenshire Council at present.

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 Stonehaven Land Train has already carried over 1300 passengers this year and has had bookings from primary and nursery schools, guides, a wedding, a ladies group from Aberdeen and from Mowat Court.

From Saturday 2nd July the hours will be extended and it will operate daily from Market Square at 11.00, 12.00 noon, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30 and 5.30. The last trip will coincide with Dunnottar Castle's closing time to bring visitors from the Castle into the Town. The Land Train will operate daily throughout July and August but will start later on Farmers' Market days 2nd July and 6th August, when it will start at 1.30. Please check the facebook page or website for any changes to operation.

www.facebook.com/stonehavenlandtrain or www.stpweb.org

The Land Train is now listed on Trip Advisor. If you have travelled on the land train and enjoyed the experience, please leave a review on https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g793710-d10398998-Reviews-Stonehaven_Land_Train-Stonehaven_Aberdeenshire_Scotland.html.

We are looking for additional storytellers for later in the summer from August. If you are interested in becoming a storyteller, or know someone who is interested please get in touch by e mail on projects@stpweb.org.

Most of the advertising spaces have been taken up by local businesses this year but we still have a couple of spaces left. If you would like to find out more about advertising, please e mail us.



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The facebook page and the web site will be updated regularly www.stpweb.org and 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.

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)

Nothing further to report

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