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BERVIE BRAES ROAD (JR)

Barriers – nothing further to report

Axle weights of the locomotive and the carriages – Willie Munro has requested an updated report for the next liaison meeting to include comparable vehicles under the 3-tonne limit.

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

FUTURE OF STONEHAVEN COURT HOUSE BUILDING (DF)

LEADER funding – Resubmission of application made with decision on 24th October.

The Charity Bank has declined the application for funding.

Social Investment Scotland have been approached and will come to see the building and discuss funding requirements in week beginning 25th September.

Aberdeenshire Area Committee took place on 22 August and £8,000 will be available as long as LEADER funding is agreed by November 2017

Additional Funding has been applied for through Meikle Carewe Community Wind Farm Fund.

SCTS have confirmed that they will wait until November before putting the Court building on the open market.

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 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)

Nothing further to report as no further meetings have taken place.

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 (JS)

IM has spoken to Kathleen Hutchinson from SGN. The current position is that although SGN are keen to do something with the site they have had some internal issues and have not advertised it for some time. There has been interest in the site by a couple of developers although SGN haven't followed anything up with them and don't think that they will be able to do so until the first quarter of 2018.

KH suggested that SGN might consider leasing the site for use as a car park but STP would have to put in a proposal to her well before the end of the year for this to be looked at with the other developer's proposals.

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 (JS)

The land train has carried over 4500 passengers this year to date.

A survey was carried out in August to see where passengers have come from and a report will be made with details from the survey at the trustees meeting in October.

Funding has been applied for, for over winter covers for the land train.

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)

JR has given the harbour master in Montrose information about tours to Stonehaven for the cruise ship that is arriving next year.



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IM has contacted tour operators to see if they would be interested in dedicated coach parking spaces in Stonehaven, which has received a positive response. This will be followed up with Willie Munro at the next liaison meeting.

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

OTHER ITEMS

QEII CARAVAN PARK (SA)

Willie Munro is looking at whether the little used area behind the Leisure Centre can be leased for tents.

CYCLING PROJECT (SA/JR/JS)

Nothing further to report

GRANDE PROMENADE (JR/JS)

The community engagement event is planned for 21st September at 7.30 in Cormacks. Feedback out the event will be made at the trustee meeting.

BEACH TOILETS (JS)

Response from Aberdeenshire Council from the CAT 1 is that they are unsure who owns the land the beach toilets are on, but are happy for STP to put in a CAT 2. STP will be requesting full information about ownership before any further action is taken.