

**STONEHAVEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**@ Baa Wool**

	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>BY</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Present: Jennifer Davidson, Charles Sands, Martin Gray, Janice Anderson.</b> <b>Apologies: Dawn Black, Ian Philip.</b> <b>January minutes approved.</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Financial Report:</b> <b>Two members are not renewing their subscriptions but otherwise, subs are coming in slowly, with around 20 members still to pay. Around £150 paid in last month – bank balance is at £11146.</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Christmas Lights:</b> <b>The committee intends to ask for a quote from Scotia for next year and get the current bills in asap so we are aware of costs. CS has asked Scotia to separate out the faulty lights but this has not been done yet. Neither The Haven nor the Unionist Club took payment for power used by the lights erected on the Market Square building.</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Other Community Groups:</b> <b>MG dialled in to the Town Centre Improvement Group meeting, which discussed the state of buildings in town – should the SBA get involved? The committee thinks not, aside from maybe relaying a general message from the Improvement Group re looking after buildings. Also discussed: should we be doing something with floodlights in the Square?; Horizon want businesses to get involved with beach cleans etc.</b>	<b>MG</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Stunning Stonehaven:</b> <b>DB forwarded an email re ongoing costs. The committee’s initial feeling is that it is going to be too expensive. MG will contact George Baird and Dawn Black re the website and look into this more. Certainly worth keeping the domain name at the very least.</b>	<b>MG</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Lets Celebrate Towns Competition:</b> <b>MG looked at this but the SBA doesn’t seem to fit into the required criteria and it looks as though we cant really apply. CS will email KDP re funding available from them.</b>	<b>MG</b> <b>CS</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>AOB:</b> <b>CS sent out an email re seagulls following last month’s discussion.</b> <b>Hilary Fleming (Aberdeenshire Council Place Economy Executive) will be visiting various groups on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b> <b>The committee discussed a publicity campaign – we need a postcard or similar to hand out to potential members. Ideas for member talks: digital marketing, Business Gateway, retail round table, spotlights on a particular business, wine tasting / social.</b>	<b>CS</b> <b>JD</b> <b>MG</b> <b>JA</b>
	<b>Next meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm at Baa Wool</b>	

