

STONEHAVEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of meeting held on Thurs 16th Nov 2023
Stonehaven Bowling Club

	ACTION	BY
	<p>Present: Jennifer Davidson, Charles Sands, Martin Gray, Janice Anderson, Ruth Strachan, Steve Doidge-Harrison</p> <p>Apologies: Dawn Black, Ian Phillip</p>	
2	<p>Financial Report:</p> <p>£380 received from car boot sales.</p> <p>£5000 expense in the accounts in anticipation of the bill for Christmas lights.</p> <p>Current balance is approx £8900.</p> <p>CS is suggesting 2 payments to make: £1103.72 to Horizon for maintenance of the Community Garden; £283 to STP for Community Garden insurance.</p> <p>SBA Directors: Janice Anderson, Martin Gray & Ian Phillip added as directors at the AGM.</p> <p>Bank mandate: CS will also add Janice and Martin to the bank mandate as signatories.</p> <p>(The above changes have been minuted by CS and signed by MG.)</p>	CS
3	<p>Christmas Lights:</p> <p>Problems with power on the Market Square building (connection boxed in by new signage last year). Seven lights did not work last year – CS has been chasing Aberdeenshire Council to try to investigate & rectify this but no luck so far. Council has stated that we can't use the connection on the building as it is no longer fit for purpose, therefor we no longer have a Council power supply for those lights. Both The Haven and the Unionist Club have agreed to let us use their power supply provided we meet the costs and we hope to meet the lights switch on deadline.</p>	CS
4	<p>Christmas Shopping Night:</p> <p>Organisation underway. It was agreed we purchase an Aberdeenshire Loves Local gift card as a prize - £5 to be collected from participants. JA is creating reindeer pictures. SD-H will distribute posters to Waldies, Hyve, Town Hall & Coop. MG will create a map featuring those taking part. JD will create competition form.</p>	JD JA SDH MG
5	<p>Other Community Groups: JD will attend Community Resilience meeting; CCTV consultation is upcoming.</p>	JD
6	<p>Car Boot Sale:</p> <p>Phil Mills Bishop has requested that car boot sales run later than the 1pm finish. This would mean going to the Area Committee to ask for Council permission. The committee decided not to extend the car boot sale times. Also discussion about putting the prices up - the free week will end next year.</p>	CS

7	<p>SBA Remit: Our remit is to promote tourism and business in Stonehaven and build positive perceptions of Stonehaven town centre with locals. An online 'spotlight' on individual businesses was suggested. Website – need to email members to encourage updating of listings. Meetings – going forward we will meet at Baa and bring refreshments! We will put together a programme of events next to promote business development and create enthusiasm for the town and its businesses.</p>	
8	<p>AOB: Need a representative on the Town Centre Improvement Group (2.30pm)</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday 7th December, 6.30pm, Baa Wool (BYOB!)</p>	