

**STONEHAVEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION / TOURISM GROUP**

**Minute of meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Chair: Ian Philip, Secretary: Lesley Leslie**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Presented by</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Present:</b> Ian Philip, Lesley Leslie, Dawn Black, Charles Sands</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Jennifer Davidson, Sheila Howarth, Jim Wands, Steve McQueen.</p>	<b>IP</b>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Financial Report:</b> £11,087 in the bank but Christmas lights for 2020 and 2021 have still not been invoiced.</p> <p>Christmas 2021, 10 lights were not used and Scotia, who test and erect the lights, did not say why.</p> <p>Ian spoke briefly to owner of McHardy's Butchers who gave assurance that they would not be erecting Christmas lights on their premises in future, following the electrical problems last year.</p>	<b>IP CS</b>	<b>Dawn to contact 'Castle Trophies' and ask them to request feedback from the Scotia Engineers regarding the Christmas lights when they collect the garage key. le feedback in relation to their testing of the lights and reason for not using all the lights.</b>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Stunning Stonehaven App:</b> There has been an increase in the number of account holders who have been adding events and updating their info.</p> <p>Overall there has been a poor uptake of the App.</p>	<b>DB</b>	<b>Dawn to use an article in The Bellman to both promote the App and the SBA and include a simple 'How to' guide for account holders.</b>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Queens Platinum Jubilee: Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> -Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.</b> Lots events planned across the country. It was generally felt that it would be great if Stonehaven was also involved in some way.</p>	<b>IP</b>	<b>Lesley to contact Diane Henderson to find out what is going on or has been planned in our area, and then we can build on this at the next meeting.</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Travellers Through Time Project:</b> Due to lack of available manpower in the SBA at the moment it has been decided to postpone the project.</p>	<b>DB</b>	<b>Dawn to contact 'History Matters' to let them know.</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Webinar to analyse what visitors to Stonehaven want.</b> The lack of dog-friendly accommodation in Stonehaven was discussed. Most dog owner visitors have caravan/motorhomes. There are a handful of dog-friendly self-catering places but no hotels or B&amp;Bs.</p>	<b>IP</b>	<b>Ian to ask Simon of the Ship Inn if he could attend the webinar and feed back to us.</b>

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	<p><b>Stonehaven Walking Map distribution:</b> There are still box-loads of the maps in storage.</p>	IP	<p>Ian to draw up a distribution list and seek volunteers at next meeting.</p>
8.	<p><b>Feedback from Community Council:</b> Despite the petition and lobbying the Invercarron Resource Centre is to become a COVID vaccine centre. Land use planning is to start taking a much longer term view, ie 15 year forward thinking to try and achieve improved preservation of what we have already got and better co-ordination between future projects. The shorter term planning (5yrs) will also continue.</p> <p><b>Lions Club:</b> Feeing market to go ahead.</p> <p><b>STP:</b> Jim is making good progress with the Beach WC. ½ the building will be a pay as you enter WC, the other ½ a tourist information bothy.</p> <p>Land train:</p> <p><b>Horizon Group:</b> Pushing for lighting over the new community garden. Due to conservation rules, no lights can be fixed to the gable end of the Unionist Club but the arches could be used. Money remaining from the project could be used for the lighting and a mural in blocked up windows on the Gable End overlooking the garden. Ian also drew attention to the poor state of the gable end of buildings on entering Stonehaven from the North (where David Street and Barclay Street meet). Perhaps another mural project.</p>	DB	<p>Lesley to contact Steve re organizing a SBA stall to promote SBA and all things 'Stunning Stonehaven'. Ian, Lesley and Dawn have volunteered to man the stall each for 1 hour. More volunteers needed.</p> <p>Dawn to message Julie re the interest expressed by the Dunnottar development group and how they might be able to find storage for the train at Dunnottar Mains.</p> <p>Dawn has already asked Alan Jones of the unionist to seek permission for lights and mural.</p>

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9	<p><b>Future Events:</b>  Easter Panto: 'Ali Baba and the Forty Theives'  27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April  Feein' Market, Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June  Midsummer Beer Happening, 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June  Folk Festival, 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July  Harbour Festival, 28<sup>th</sup> August  All details are on Stunning Stonehaven and in The Bellman.</p>		
10	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sunday morning Car boot sale resumes 17<sup>th</sup> April. Local charities to have a stall every other week. Masks still to be worn and hand sanitizer still to be available.</li> <li>2. New SBA committee members needed. Lucelle's, Nikki's, Stepping Stones, Hairdressers To be considered.</li> <li>3. Keith Dodds has expressed an interest in lighting up the War Memorial ???</li> <li>4. Sheila Howarth has resigned from the SBA due to pressures of work.</li> </ol> <p>All members of the SBA wish her well and thank her for all the hours and all the commitment she has given to the SBA over recent years. Her local knowledge, her networking and her ability to know what's going on in Stonehaven will be sorely missed.</p>	CS	??
11	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting:</b>  Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 7pm  At Arduthie Tea Rooms.</p>		