

STONEHAVEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION / TOURISM GROUP
Minutes of joint meeting (and AGM) held on Monday 4th June 2018
At the Belvedere Hotel, Stonehaven

	DISCUSSION	BY
1	Present: Sheila Howarth, Jim Wands, Dawn Black, Lesley Leslie, Jennifer Davidson, Nikki Ritchie, Charles Sands, Frank Budd, Dianna Glennie, Ian Philip, Simon Cruikshank, Mhari Mitchell, Richard Cormack Corrigan Apologies: Niall Menzies Cheryl Casher	
2	May minutes approved (minor correction agreed re Men's Shed)	
3	Financial Report: SBA bank balance standing at £10532: Sums since last report: £225 (car boot), £636 (paid for insurance), £190 (car boot).	
6	Membership: New members Kip McGrath and Dash Cabs.	
7	Stonehaven Town Partnership: New Town Map discussed, corrections to be made and printing to be instructed. Fountainhall Wines to be added to map. PDF of map to go on new website, also discussed possible location for the maps throughout Stonehaven (distributors could be Open Air Pool, Tolbooth Museum, Castleton Farm Shop, Clatterin Brig Coffee Shop). Enlarged version of map could be displayed in Fountainhall Wines, Hyve Architects, Town Hall.	
8	Christmas Lights: Stewart Milne has expressed interest in sponsoring community projects such as the Christmas lights. See below.	
9	Fundraising: Possible funding available from Stewart Milne, The North East of Scotland Fisheries Local Action Group (NESFLAG), wind farm (Mhari to confirm). There was discussion about possible projects to be put forward for funding, especially a possible town sculpture project. Ideas to be firmed up at next meeting.	MM
12	Tourism: Ideas for improving tourism in the town discussed. A unique Stonehaven sculpture (see above), possible suggestion of a statue to celebrate the fireballs. Promenade project ongoing. Possible mural project along the sea wall suggested. Interested expressed in finding alternative uses for the old tourism office.	
13	Fein Market: Lions representative to be invited to SBA meeting for a de-brief of this years' Fein Market.	
14	Seagull Cull: This has now been carried out twice and eggs have been removed successfully.	
15	Twinning: Twinning of Stonehaven is progressing/ going ahead.	
16	Website: Funding being sought for development of website. The	

	<p>title "Stunning Stonehaven" tabled as a suggestion. The website will be mobile friendly, showing places to go and things to do in the local area. A survey is being carried out to collect data. Quotes being sought from designers.</p>	
17	<p>Social Media: A strategy has been done, all social media platforms set up but now needs populated with information. 5-6 admin members needed. Links to businesses planned as part of social media/ website.</p>	
18	<p>Cruise Ships: The first cruise ship of around 1400 passengers due 28 July. Excursions being discussed- Town Hall ceilidh discounted as an idea for logistic/timing reasons. Suggestion tabled to contact Aurora Highland dance for a dance display at low cost. Excursion to Dunnottar Castle being discussed.</p>	
19	<p>AOB: Bins at the beach are often full and are attracting seagulls. Letter to Council to be written from SBA to arrange additional emptying of bins on key events. Discussion about whether the key seafront businesses should be asked to contribute/ supply additional bins.</p>	SH
15	<p>Next Meeting: Monday 2nd July, 7pm at the Belvedere Hotel</p>	