**Banchory & District Initiative Ltd**

**Board Meeting**

**27th March 2017**

**Present:** Russ Crichton, Norma Makin, Jean Henretty (chair), David Ritchie, Matt Merchant, John Fletcher, Paul Panchaud, Rebecca Glansbeek (BCC), Jan Leatham (minutes)

**Apologies**: Isla Elliott, Susan Henretty, Nicola Kenyon, Brian Smith

**Election of Office bearers:**

New directors

John Fletcher: nominated JH, seconded NM

Russ Crichton: nominated JH seconded PP

Chairperson: Jean Henretty nominated NM seconded PP

Vice chair Paul Panchaud nominated by JH seconded Norma Makin

Treasurer Norma Makin nominated by PP seconded by JH

Company secretary Susan Henretty

**Matters arising**

RBS grant for skills training has been extended through to the end of April. 6 courses held so far using the £6,000. Two young people have already gained employment as a result. Confidence to Cook also being held, and will continue with £2,000 from the food bank.

Action:- Jean to write report to thank RBS.

The Box – lease pending. Now using it for storage for market and sensory garden.

**Finance**

Bank balance £27587

Skatepark has raised £1250 MAP and Community Safety

Number One £500 from Community Safety, £940 NHS Grampian, £5000 Garfield Weston, £1000 Friday Coffees

Sensory Garden has received £7500 out of £10,000 of the Tesco Bag money

River Dee Radio have received £1500 wind farm money

Justgiving has raised £1455 for Number One costs.

Number One is £8,000 over budget at the moment. Application going into the Council small grant to fund the remainder of the refurbishment.

The Office in the Town Hall has been given up. K & D Befriending have new premises on Station Road.

Paul queried the BT bill for River Dee Radio, Action:- Norma to check

**Membership**

Susan has suggested that we write to everyone on the members list and ask if they want to remain as members to refresh the list. New membership forms will be given out at Number One and to all associated groups.

**Town Co-ordinator**

report attached.

**Skatepark:**

Plan to improve the present half pipe as it is cracked and not safe. The new group will make it safe and improve the existing park area. Initial amount sought £3,000, then looking for around £250,000. Has started to fundraise, £1250 so far, trying to do the first repair before the summer. Russ and other parents have started an interest group of young people at the school. MM original plan from 2003 was been shared. The group will have a stand at River Festival to promote their project.

**Youth Shelters:**

BCC are repairing and repainting the shelters in the park.

**Deeside Bike Collective:**

The group have been resurrected. The group has grown and have progressed their project plan. Lots of interest via social media and commencing fundraising. Looking for £100,000 tourism and sports grants. Planning application to go ahead this summer.

Community Asset Transfer potential for land from Forestry Commission for the trails. BPA are also interested, there is potential for the community to own Corsee Wood as a public amenity. JH suggested that the project is led by BCC.

Action:- JH to meet BCC to discuss CAT.

**Sensory Garden:-**

Work started on the garden. 12 cypress trees felled. Open Day in April.

**River Dee Radio:-**

Money received from the Wind Farm, new equipment has been purchased for recording and training which will be housed in Number One.

**Banchory Farmers Market:-**

Now the biggest market in Aberdeenshire and between 8 and 10 people waiting to get a stall. Up to 600 people come to the market monthly. Community stall is available. Now taking £350-£400/month. Charges for stalls are now £30 for stalls with electricity, £15 for low value, £20 for a shared stall (£10 each).

**Pipe Band competition:-**

May 14th. David Ritchie booking stalls and trade stands, market stall is now Scottish crafts.

**Community Action Plan:-**

Final meeting last Thursday, It was well attended.

**Number One - final outcome of KGV project:-**

Community Hub has been running for two months, opened in January. £4,500 rent per quarter. 100% rates relief. Norma has managed to reduce the costs of water, electricity and broadband. Need about £2,000 a month to cover running costs without staff. JH notes that they need to employ cafe supervisor for 16 hours. New ‘Love Banchory’ products on sale. We have been nominated for an Elevator Award, the Alex Buchanan-Smith award as an enterprising community.

**Next meeting:- end of May**