

**Minutes of a Meeting of Banchory & District Initiative Ltd held on
Thursday 13th March 2008
In Cruachan, Ramsay Road, Banchory**

Attendance: Sue Edwards (chair), Jean Henretty(mins), Anne Lamb, Matt Merchant, Tony Brown, Margaret Paterson

Apologies: Henry Allen, Cllr's Webster, Clark and Clark

1. **The Minutes of Previous Meeting, held on 10th January 2008 were approved.**
2. **2.1 Town Forum :-** All accepted the Town Forum proposed by TB. TB & JH to present proposals to community groups as part of the Making it Real exercise. **Action TB & JH**
- 2.2 BBA:-** concerns about the future of the BBA. To discuss at next meeting. **Action SE**
- 2.3 Rural Partnerships:-** SE had attended meeting with other Aberdeenshire Rural Partnerships. New money was now available No details as yet about application process.
- 2.4 Rural Development Programme:-** TB had investigated European funding streams provided by the new RDP. Banchory did not appear to fit many of the programme themes though TB would make further enquiries. **Action TB** contact Anne Robertson and Martin Brebner
- 2.5 Village Hall Seminar:-** TB reported
3. **Administration/Organisation/Finance**
Current Financial Position –
 - 3.1 £7134 in bank.
 - 3.2 Awaiting news from Shell Community Planning grant
 - 3.3 Banchory Bags Campaign holding £2600 in BDI account
 - 3.4 Charity status forms to be completed with K&D VOICE support.
 - 3.5 Small Business Rates relief fund – rebate received on rates.
 - 3.6 Office agreement with K&D Befrienders being finalised
4. **Office Issues –**
New keys required for Directors and other user groups. **Action TB & JH**
5. **Project Updates - Report attached.**

5.1 Decision made not to carry on with Car Boot Sales or Afternoon Concerts due to lack of spare capacity.

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6.1 Sue to attend meeting with the DMO consultant Ken Glass to discuss a Deeside Music Festival on 24th March.

6.2 **BBA calendar** – SE reported that the BBA were unable to continue publishing the Banchory Calendar. Agreed BDI will take this on and aim to deliver May 2008. **Action SE**

6.3 **Determined to Succeed** – Henry reported that the Academy was a pilot school for a Young Chamber of Commerce. He would like ideas of projects that they may take on.
Suggestions:- help with the cinema study; KGV youth café;

6.4 AL reported that the Academy had visited the museum and were requested to help compile a Rough Guide to Banchory. **Action – AL to follow up.**

6.5 **History information** – TB would like more historical information on the website. **Action - TB to talk to John Hargreaves and Woodend Barn and the Heritage Society who provided input for the current pages**

6.6 **Making it Real** meeting to be arranged for April. **Action – JH**

6.7 **Mid Hill Wind Farm** – JH reported that the BCC had been informed of a possible £5000 annual donation for the community from the Mid Hill developer.

Next meeting on 8th May 2008 at 7.30pm in Cruachan.

Approved

S. D. D.

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