

**Minutes of a Meeting of Banchory & District Initiative Ltd held on
Thursday 10th January 2008
In Cruachan, Ramsay Road, Banchory**

Attendance: Sue Edwards, Jean Henretty, Anne Lamb, Matt Merchant, Tony Brown, Henry Allen, Margaret Paterson

Apologies:

1. The Minutes of Previous Meeting, held on 11th October 2007 Were ACCEPTED.

2. Matters Arising

- a) Continental Market – Arranged for 15th June during At Ternan Fair weekend. JH to confirm with Olivier that £200 is an acceptable administration fee.
- b) Car Boot Sale – Three sales held with mixed results. December poor turnout. Volunteer required if to continue in March. JH to call stall holders.
- c) Older People's entertainment – Meeting arranged with Marie Shaw, AC Arts Officer to discuss funding a co-ordinator. TB to discuss issue with Mark Hope.
- d) Royal Deeside DMO – JH to attend tourism workshop. SE to meet DMO consultant.
- e) Community Planning Forum – meeting held 22nd November – SE, TB and JH attended.

3. Administration/Organisation/Finance

TB requested new finance software. Agreed to fund from website sponsorship.

Current Financial Position –

- 3.1** Approx £7000 in bank which will cover costs of office for 12 months. Application to be made to Shell Community Planning Fund for Community Information Point - £3500. Donation offered from Round Table for Information board. Agreed to ask BBA for £200 to cover costs of creating a Business Association Web Page.
- 3.2** SE and TB met Reid Hutchison and Robert Armstrong to discuss Rural Partnership funding. Application can be made this year however AC has not yet decided this years budgets.
- 3.3 Office Issues** – No one has been present in the office throughout December.
K&D Befrienders have requested use of the office for meetings. Agreed to offer one afternoon per week. **Action JH**

4. Project Updates

- 4.1 **St Ternan's Fair.** AL had registered an interest on being a Heritage Fair.
- 4.2 **Making it Real.** Delay with BCC.
- 4.3 **Town Hall.** Group discussing scope of work.
- 4.4 **KGV.** Following a successful meeting with park users the group will now invite new members to form a project steering group.
- 4.5 **Tourism Project.** Website is live. Three new advertisers this month. New leaflet to be distributed.
- 4.6 **Swimming Pool.** TB reported on feasibility study status.
- 4.6 **Plastic Bag usage.** Christina Brown has offered to initiate a project to discourage plastic bag usage. Agreed to support Initiative.

- 5 **Charitable status.** Board agreed to the attached modification to BDI's purposes in line with its wish to obtain charitable status.
Action TB

- 6 **Transport Issues** – Cllr Jill Webster had enquired about minibus request. JH agreed to meet JW and Community Transport Officer to discuss the issue of community groups using Council minibuses.
Action JH

- 7 **BDI promotion** – MM attended the Torphins Mens group. The group were keen to learn more about BDI and how it may help Torphins community projects. **Action SE to contact Torphins CC.**

- 8 **Application for Membership**
Peter Ferguson; Lisa Eunson; Mr Bill Smith; Mrs Smith; Alexander Burnett; Jane Gray; Lorraine Lawton; Edna Leavit; Petra Vergunst
All approved

- 9 AOB
Correspondence – Community Asset Fund rejected.
JH reported that the Museum was commissioning two volunteer students to produce a heritage DVD.

Next meeting on 13th March 2008 at 7.30pm.

Approved Sue Edwards
Chair

Banchory District Initiative

The purposes of the organisation are:

- ◆ To advance community involvement and citizenship by creating and encouraging opportunities for active volunteering within the organisation and general community; to improve and advance inclusion of all citizens in the town and surrounding area through supporting the strengthening of the rural infrastructure; to work towards achieving access for all to resources, facilities and events in the town whether sports, leisure and recreational, specific services or cultural.
- ◆ To identify, develop and support initiatives to improve environmental issues arising in the town through pollution minimising projects, enhancing sustainable waste management for the community and advancing the protection and conservation of the local built and natural environment; to raise public awareness of all aspects of local culture and to support and develop projects which protect, preserve and restore local heritage.
- ◆ To identify, develop and support initiatives, and to work in partnership with all other agencies and bodies operating in the area (public, private and voluntary), in order to promote, support and advance the health and well-being of all residents of the town, and to work in partnership to support any training and educational initiatives.
- ◆ To identify, develop and support initiatives which address the specific needs, of older people, young people and of those with disabilities or other specific needs living within the town; to promote, provide and develop recreational facilities in the town and environs for the whole community.

In furtherance of the above objects but not further or otherwise the Company shall have the following powers:-

To identify, develop, support, lead and create a variety of community, environmental, cultural, heritage, recreational, leisure, health, educational, accessible and inclusive projects within the town; to undertake any activity or to support any activity that promotes and advances the health, education, well-being and active citizenship of all residents of the town; to work with all agencies, organisations, businesses and bodies operating within the town and environs to further any of the above objects.