

Company Number 268718

BANCHORY AND DISTRICT INITIATIVE LIMITED

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Banchory Town Hall, Banchory on 6th January 2005

APOLOGIES were received from Sheila Miller and Kirsteen Gill. (Absent: Martin McCrone, Patricia Jay)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 28th October were approved. (Proposed by Linda Clark; seconded Matthew Merchant).

Actions carried forward from previous minutes:

- The Waste Management report has been prepared and will be circulated to Scottish Enterprise Grampian and Aberdeenshire Council. (*Action: Waste Project Team*)
- A job description for a BDI administrator has been prepared and will be circulated for comment before the next Board meeting.

Projects

The Board reviewed the Project Status Report.

- **Paths and Cycle Infrastructure/Safer Routes to School**

It was noted that Kath Davis, on behalf of BDI, had worked with Aberdeenshire Council to analyse the responses to the questionnaires and produce the report. The report will be passed to relevant Aberdeenshire Council Departments for action.

- **Facilities Project**

Play Park:

It was noted that a second application to Fresh Futures for funding for the Play Park had once again been denied.

Group Business Plans:

It was noted that several business plans had been received from individual facilities groups. The plans will be submitted to Aberdeenshire Council. (*Action: Jean Henretty*). It was resolved that it was not necessary at this stage to hold an evening meeting or workshop to provide expert guidance.

Leisure and Pool Facilities:

With regard to the proposed development of a leisure centre at the Hill of Banchory, the Board recognises the need to have the pool as part of the centre's core facilities in any leisure development. The Board resolved to seek recommendations from BandsWim on how BDI can take this forward. BDI recognised that there should be some discussion with Aberdeenshire Council about the Community Land.

Scolty Centre:

Jean Henretty had attended a meeting on behalf of BDI at the Scolty Centre with senior Social Work officers, VOICE and other community groups to discuss the proposal to extend the building to include a Community Resource Centre.

- **Waste Management**

The application to the Lottery Transforming Waste Fund (£50,000) has been denied. A meeting is to be arranged with Aberdeenshire Council to discuss the Waste Management Project report and what can be done next.

- **St Ternan's 2005, River Festival 2005**

St Ternan's festival 2005 will take place on 21st May. A volunteer is preparing publicity material for the event. The Board resolved to support and participate in the Deeside River Festival. It looks likely that St Ternan's would be the first event of the Festival.

- **Business Survey**

It was resolved to send a copy of the survey results to all participants and to invite them to a meeting to discuss how BDI can assist in addressing the concerns raised.

Finances and administration

The Board reviewed the profit and loss account April 1st 2004 to January 6 2005.

Membership Approvals

The following members were approved: Dornan, Margaret; Davidson MSP, David; Halliday, David; Banchory Paths Association; Finlayson, Lizzie; Finlayson, Ian.

AA Box

It was resolved that further information is needed before BDI can take a decision to become involved the preservation of the Glen of Dye AA Box. *(Action: Sue Edwards to contact the various groups to clarify the position regarding the AA box (legalities, land ownership, financial onus etc.)*

Engagement with Community Councils

It was resolved that BDI should make presentations to local community councils *(Action: Jean Henretty to contact Community Council secretaries)*.

Meetings attended

- Proposed leisure centre at the Hill of Banchory (attended by Linda Clark, Henry Allen.)
- Scolty Centre Redevelopment (attended by Jean Henretty and Linda Clark)
- Representatives of Rural Strategic Support Fund (attended by Jean Henretty and Sue Edwards)

AOB

- It was resolved to write a letter of support for a proposed tourist development at Inchmarlo. *(Action: Henry Allen to circulate a draft)*.
- It was resolved to write a summary of progress for the Deeside Piper *(Action: Henry Allen)*.

Signed:  Sue Edwards

Date: *3 March 2005*

Attachments:

Projects Summary Status Report

Distribution:

John Keith (Company Secretary)
Secretary, Banchory Community Council
Banchory Library
Judy Aylett, Marr Area Partnership
Robert Armstrong, Aberdeenshire Council
Reid Hutchison, Aberdeenshire Council
File

Banchory & District Initiative Ltd

Summary of progress January 2005

Paths and Cycle Infrastructure. Safer Routes

Group Members and Partners

Kathy Davis, Mark Hagger, Henry Allen, Jean Henretty
Banchory Schools, Banchory Community Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Banchory Paths Association
Council Officers - Marilyn Gardner, Mike Paterson

School questionnaire results have been analysed and a report is being published. The survey has highlighted danger points along routes around the school. The information will be fed to the Roads department.

Facilities

Group Members and Partners

Henry Allen, Martin McCrone, Matthew Merchant, John Petts, Linda Clark
BANDSWIM, KGV 2000, BCC, VOICE, Scouts, Bowling Club, Town Hall Group, Aberdeenshire
Council
Council Officers – Steve Welsh, Norman Boal

The Fresh Futures application for the Play Park was unsuccessful because the project did not meet their criteria for disadvantage. A meeting is to be arranged with Council Landscape Services to discuss a way forward.

Meeting has been held with Hill of Banchory Co, Aberdeenshire Council and community representatives including BDI to discuss the construction of a sports facility at the Hill of Banchory.

Environment and Waste Management

Group Members and Partners

Henry Allen, Jean Henretty, John Petts, Jennifer Cook,
PGL, Aberdeenshire Council, Scottish Enterprise Grampian
Council Officers – Graham Mann, Alistair Black, Jack Clark

The Transforming Waste application was unsuccessful because the project was not thought to be sustainable.

Business Engagement

Group Members and Partners

Jean Henretty, Sue Edwards, John Petts
Council Officers – Robert Armstrong

The business survey has been analysed. The report will be sent to local businesses with an invitation to attend a meeting in January. It is hoped the business community will form a business association which can work in partnership with BDI to initiate projects which will enhance the town centre and encourage tourism.

St Ternan Fair – June 19th

Group Members and Partners

Jean Henretty, Anne Lamb, Sue Edwards.
Banchory Community Council, Banchory Heritage Society

An organisation team will be formed in January. An application has been submitted to the Lottery Small Grants to fund the extra administration and venue costs. Because of a clash with the Emmerdale Charity Event the Fair has been brought forward to May 21st.

The Royal Deeside Partnership have asked us to participate in a River Festival celebrating the local culture and environment by the. The proposal is at an early stage however they have secured funding for a cultural co-ordinator and hope to hold the first event in August 2005.

Rural Community Transport

Group Members and Partners

Jean Henretty, Sheila Millar, Banchory Senior Citizens, Deeside Youth Forum
Council Officers – Marion MacKay

The project co-ordinator, Louise Reid, has organised focus groups and questionnaires to assess local transport needs. In conjunction with the survey a subsidised community bus service has been organised to take passengers from the rural communities to social events in Banchory and Aboyne.
