

BANCHORY AND DISTRICT INITIATIVE LIMITED

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Burnett Arms Hotel, Banchory on 3rd March 2005

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

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 6th January were approved. (Proposed by Matthew Merchant, seconded by John Patts).

Actions carried forward from previous minutes:

- A job description for a BDI administrator has been prepared. The job description will be circulated when funds are available. (Secretarial services are currently being provided by BBS.)
- Engagement with Community Councils: No progress in making presentations to local community councils. However BDI is working with Feuchdee CC (AA Box).

Projects

The Board reviewed the Project Status Report (Attached)

• Paths and Cycle Infrastructure/Safer Routes to School

It was noted that the possibility of a river viewpoint in St Ternan Park is being investigated. BDI affirmed its support of this project. It was resolved that BDI should contact the School Boards regarding the report summarising the results of the recent survey. (Action Jean Henry)

• Facilities Project

It was noted that equipment has been purchased and that work would start soon. (Action: Jean Henry)

Group Business Plans:

It was noted that the plans will be submitted to Aberdeenshire Council. (Action: Jean Henry). The groups have been advised.

Pool

Bandswim have requested BDI's assistance to seek funding for the preparation of a specification for a community pool. It was again noted that there should be some discussion with Aberdeenshire Council about the Community Land.

Sporting Facilities:

Matt Merchant declared an interest in a planning application which has been submitted for residential development adjacent to the KGV Park. The proposed development could result in a playing field owned by KGV2000 on behalf of the Community.

• Waste Management

It was noted that a meeting had been arranged with SEG for 4th March to present the results of the waste survey carried out in 2004. It was resolved that BDI should meet with Aberdeenshire Council to explore the possibility of assisting with Community Engagement in waste management issues.

• St Ternan's 2005

It was noted that plans were well underway, but that it was proving difficult to incorporate the energy aspects into this year's events. It was resolved to develop this theme in to a project which could be funded for 2006.

• Business

It was noted that Banchory Business Association (BAA) was formed on 28th February, with four office bearers and approximately 20 committee members. (Action: Sue Edwards to liaise with BAA Chair (Jonathan Sheilbourne); Jean Henry to attend the next Towns Together Forum with the BAA representative).

- **Rural Transport Survey**
It was noted that this project has resulted in a much better understanding of local transport needs.

Finances and administration

The Board reviewed the balance sheet as of March 3rd 2005.

Membership Approvals

The following members were approved:

Mrs S Leslie; David Innes; Jane Innes; Edna Harris; Alistair Forsyth; Keith White; Graeme Clark; Aileen Black; John Lewis; Moira Brown; Jean Irvine; J K Leslie; Taylors of Banchoy; Angela Muir; Jonathan Shelbourne; Kath Richards; Fiona Stalker; W Smith; Mrs Ann Addlessee; P Mutch; D J Ainsworth; KM Ainsworth; Miss Nora Esslemont.

Lease of Office Space in Banchoy Town Hall

It was resolved to lease one room on the ground floor in Banchoy Town Hall subject to legal review of the terms and conditions set out in the lease offered by Aberdeenshire Council. *Action: Sue Edwards to notify Aberdeenshire Council to progress for early entry.*

Community Development Group

The content of the letter from Alison Ritchie was noted. While fully supporting the Community Development Group in Banchoy BDI was unable to provide any nominations for members as all volunteers are fully occupied with ongoing projects. *Action: Sue Edwards to reply.*

Staffing

It was acknowledged that current funding does not allow BDI to recruit a paid coordinator. It was noted that there is a requirement for project support of at least 30 hours per week. A decision is awaited from the Scottish Executive regarding an application to the Rural Strategic Support Fund for core funding for three years.

AA Box

It was noted that a letter had been received from Feuchdee Community Council requesting BDI's assistance in protecting the Box. It was agreed that at the present time and with limited resources this is not a BDI priority (refer to Banchoy Action Plan in BDI Business Plan). However BDI would assist where possible. *Action: Sue Edwards to respond to Feuchdee CC.*

Meetings Attended since last Board Meeting

- Scotly Centre Redevelopment (attended by Jean Henretty and Linda Clark)
- Banchoy Business Association
- Marr Area Partnership
- Banchoy Community Council
- Towns Together Forum
- Deeside River Festival

Signed:  Sue Edwards

Date: 5 May 2005

Attachments:

Projects Summary Report

Distribution:

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

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

Safer routes meeting to be arranged by Aberdeenshire Council.

John Pettis idea to create a river viewpoint in St Terman Park is taking shape. Site visit carried out with BPA and Landscape Services. Funding may be available from Aberdeenshire Council.
BPA AGM is March 21st

Facilities

Group Members and Partners
Henry Allen, Martin McCrone, Matthew Merchant, John Pettis, Linda Clark
BANDSWIM, KGV 2000, BCC, VOICE, Scouts, Bowling Club, Town Hall Group, Aberdeenshire Council, Scolty Centre, HOB Ltd
Council Officers – Steve Welsh, Norman Boal, Alison Thomson

Aberdeenshire Council Marr Area will contribute £5000 towards the Play Park with a further £20,000 budgeted for installation and landscaping. KGV will contribute at least £15,000 from their funds. The equipment has now been purchased. A site visit will take place to decide where equipment will be installed and what landscaping is required.
A meeting was held on February 24th at Scolty Centre with Social Services and Voluntary Organisations to discuss the possibility of forming a Community Trust which would refurbish the centre and provide a community resource centre.

Environment and Waste Management

Group Members and Partners
Henry Allen, Jean Henretty, John Pettis, Jennifer Cook,
PGL, Aberdeenshire Council, Scottish Enterprise Gramplan
Council Officers – Graham Mann, Alistair Black, Jack Clark

Meeting to be held on March 4th with Scottish Enterprise Gramplan to discuss the waste survey. Henry Allen, Jean Henretty and Jennifer Cook to attend.

Business Engagement

Group Members and Partners
Jean Henretty, Sue Edwards, John Pettis
Council Officers – Robert Armstrong

A meeting was held on February 1st with local business owners to discuss the formation of a Business Association. A decision was made by those attending to reform the Banchory Business Association which folded in 1988. Dick Taylor and others to arrange further meetings
The Business Association can represent Banchory at the Towns Together Forum – next meeting March 21st.

Banchory Community Council is proposing to purchase hanging baskets and tubs for the High Street this summer. They are preparing two project options dependant on the funding available.

St Terman Fair – May 21st

Group Members and Partners

Jean Henretty, Anne Lamb, Sue Edwards.

Banchory Community Council, Banchory Heritage Society

A programme of events is forming. More local groups would like to participate this year. Three evening presentations will be held during the previous week, waste aware; energy efficiency and local history. Awaiting notification of grant applications from Awards For All and Forward Scotland to fund a co-ordinator, venue hire and publicity.

Rural Community Transport

Group Members and Partners

Jean Henretty, Sheila Millar, Banchory Senior Citizens, Deeside Youth Forum

Council Officers – Marion Mackay

The project will be completed at the end of March. Focus groups and questionnaires have provided evidence of local needs which will be shared with Aberdeenshire Council and Scottish Executive. The pilot bus has been a useful service to the cinema in Aboyne but the Saturday shopping service has not been popular.