

Company Number 268718

## **BANCHORY AND DISTRICT INITIATIVE LIMITED**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Burnett Arms Hotel, Banchory on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2005

APOLOGIES were received from Martin McCrone

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 3rd January were approved.  
(Proposed by Jean Henretty, seconded by John Petts).

### **Actions carried forward from previous minutes:**

- CDG – Jean Henretty suggested rethink on joining Community Development Group in the light that it links with the Community Planning Partnership.  
Action:- Jean to get more information from Linda Gray and Gillian Buchanan. Kirsteen Gill to attend CDG if required.

### **Projects**

The Board reviewed the Project Status Report (Attached)

- **Paths and Cycle Infrastructure/Safer Routes to School**  
It was noted that the traffic management review was due to be made public. BDI and BCC may facilitate a public consultation. Henry advised BBA had an interest.
- **Facilities Project**  
*Play Park:*  
It was noted that work would start soon after St Ternan Fair. Jean advised that further consultation was required before trees could be removed.  
*Town Hall Community Resource Centre*  
It was noted that Jim Christie of Raeburn & Christie had given advice on proposed lease. Now awaiting reply from Aberdeenshire Council. The result of grant application to Common Good Fund was awaited.  
Action:- Jean Henretty to engage Jim Christie as BDI legal advisor.  
Action:- Jean Henretty to get further information about Common Good Fund from Alan Campbell and Les Allen.  
  
*Sporting Facilities:*  
Matt Merchant declared an interest in a planning application which has been submitted for residential development adjacent to the KGV Park.  
Letter from James Burnett of North Banchory Company received.  
Board agreed to support proposal for new playing field in central Banchory and development at Woodend.  
Action:- Henry Allen to reply to James Burnett.  
Action:- Henry Allen to write letter of support for KGV 2000 to planning department.
- **Waste Management**  
Noted Scottish Enterprise Grampian is supportive of waste initiative.
- **Business**  
Noted that the BBA has received a grant to carry out a survey of local businesses from Scottish Enterprise Grampian.
- **Rural Transport Survey**  
It was noted the survey was complete. Meeting to be arranged with Aberdeenshire Council community transport to discuss recommendations.  
It was noted that the Council are to hold a public consultation on Local Transport Strategy.
- **St Ternan's 2005**  
Eveline Crossan introduced as project co-ordinator, her post is funded by Awards for All. The proposed programme of events was noted. £1200 of additional sponsorship from local businesses has been raised.  
Board congratulated Eveline on her progress.

**Finances and administration**

The balance of accounts stands at £4663.40.  
Noted that the RSSF grant application was unsuccessful.  
Grant applications for Scottish Enterprise Grampian and Local Rural Support Fund pending.  
Noted that year end accounts were due. BBKS to provide statement of accounts.

**Membership Approvals**

The following members were approved:  
Alistair Watt, Ann Gilligan, Alastair McQueen, Jenny MaQueen, Tony Brown, Fiona Brynes, Karen Griffiths, Andrew Ramsay, John Ramsay and Kate Merchant.

**Community Councils**

Noted that a board member attends Banchory Community Council.  
Written communication being maintained with Feughdee West CC.

**Meetings Attended since last Board Meeting**

- Scolty Centre Redevelopment
- Banchory Business Association
- Marr Area Partnership
- Banchory Community Council
- Towns Together Forum
- Deeside River Festival
- Robert Armstrong
- Scottish Enterprise Grampian
- Network of Social Enterprises
- Banchory Academy – Determined to Succeed
- Banchory Tennis Club
- K&D Drug Forum

**AGM**

Date of AGM arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 in Douglas Arms Hotel.  
Action:- Sue Edwards to ask John Keith about audited accounts.

**AOCB**

**Town Hall Group**

Agreed to send group business plans to Steve Welsh for advice.  
Action:- Jean Henretty


Thanks to Banchory Guides who donated a photocopier for the new office.  
Thank to the Marr Area Committee for the award of £500 towards core costs.

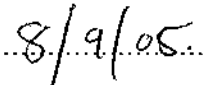
**Board Member resignations**

It was noted that Martin McCrone and Patricia Jay had resigned from the board.

**Correspondence**

Letter from Forbes Burns re the Bellfield Park development. Action:- Sue

Signed: .....  ..... Sue Edwards

Date: .....  .....

**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
- Les Allen, Aberdeenshire Council
- File

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Summary of progress May 2005

## **Paths and Cycle Infrastructure. Safer Routes**

### **Group Members and Partners**

Kathy Davis, Henry Allen, Jean Henretty

Banchory Schools, Banchory Community Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Banchory Paths Association  
Council Officers - Mike Paterson, Linda Mathieson

Safer routes meeting still to be arranged by Aberdeenshire Council. Since no progress has been made we assume they are awaiting the arrival of the new head teachers for the Primary Schools.

The Council Roads Dept is carrying out a survey of the roads around the school before they install traffic calming. They propose a twenty mile/hour limit on both Arbeadie and Raemoir Roads.

Three new viewpoints are to be constructed along the paths in St Ternan Park which were suggested by John Petts. There is potential for the siting of interpretation boards beside the viewpoint indicating the points of interest in the area.

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## **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, Scolty Centre, HOB Ltd

Council Officers – Steve Welsh, Norman Boal, Alison Thomson

### **Play Area**

The new play area will be installed adjacent to the Guide Lodge before the summer. The area will be fenced and made large enough to accommodate more equipment as funds become available. Some of the existing conifer trees in the middle of the park will be replaced by broad leaved trees. The existing play area in KGV Park will be removed and the area reseeded.

### **Community Resource Centre**

Following a successful meeting the Scolty Centre and Volunteer Organisations are progressing with the proposal to create a Charitable Trust which will manage the refurbished centre. A further public meeting will be held on June 8th at the Scolty Centre. The community groups who have expressed an interest in moving to the centre are:- VOICE, Volunteer Centre, Crossroads Care, Befrienders, Mental Health Association and the Advice Centre.

### **KGV Playing Fields**

KGV 2000 is awaiting planning permission to construct a playing field on land presently owned by Neil Gray to the east of the existing playing fields.

### **Woodend Playing Fields**

The Hill of Banchory Co is proposing to construct 6 new sports pitches adjacent to Woodend Barn.

### **Town Hall Resource Office**

Most of the funding is secured for the refurbishment of the reading room in the Town Hall. Groups who have noted an interest in using the office are:- Befrienders, BCC and Banchory Advice Centre. We are awaiting a revised lease from Aberdeenshire Council.

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## 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

Scottish Enterprise Grampian is interested in supporting a waste management project.

## Business Engagement

### Group Members and Partners

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

The Banchory Business Association was reformed and is chaired by Jonathan Shelbourne of Inchmarlo Golf Centre. The Association will represent Banchory on the Towns Together Forum which will offer them a grant of up to £1000 per year for projects and admin.

Scottish Enterprise Grampian has offered the BBA a grant of up to £10,000 to carry out research to identify business needs and priorities.

## St Ternan Fair – May 21<sup>st</sup>

### Group Members and Partners

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

We have been given an Award for All grant of £4500 to fund a co-ordinator and pay for entertainers and venues. Eveline Crossan has commenced work as co-ordinator and she has put together an interesting programme. She has also sourced additional sponsorship from local businesses.

The "Back to the Future" event on renewable energy and waste management will now be held as enough companies came forward to participate.

There is also a craft fair, Christian Aid Fair and the Farmers Market being held which should encourage many locals and visitors to the town centre.

## Rural Community Transport

### Group Members and Partners

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

The project was completed at the end of March. A report has been written and will be available to the public later this month. The research recommendations are attached.

A meeting is being held with Marion MacKay of the Council's Transport unit this month.