

Company Number 268718

BANCHORY AND DISTRICT INITIATIVE LIMITED

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Burnett Arms Hotel, Banchory on 8th September 2005

IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Edwards; Sheila Miller; Jean Henretty; Tony Brown; John Petts; George Mennie; Henry Allen; Linda Clark, Matt Merchant, APOLOGIES were received from Kirsteen Gill, Eveline Crossan

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 5th May were approved. (Proposed by Linda Clark, seconded by John Petts).

Actions carried forward from previous minutes:

- CDG: Jean to get more information from Linda Gray and Gillian Buchanan. Kirsteen Gill to attend CDG if required.
- Correspondence - Letter from Forbes Burns re the Bellfield Park development. Action:- SE.

Office Bearers

Chair: Sue Edwards was elected (Proposed by L Clark and seconded by S Miller)

Vice Chair: Linda Clark was elected (Proposed by M Merchant and seconded by J Henretty)

Treasurer: T Brown agreed to consider taking on this role.

Company Secretary: John Keith adopted.

Projects

The Board reviewed the Project Status Report (Attached)

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

It was noted that a meeting was being arranged with Mrs Linda Chadwick from the Primary School and other interested parties. There is potential for BDI to tap into funding to support public awareness information and walking buses.

Action:- JH to discuss issue with school management.

- **Facilities Project**

Play Park:

It was noted that work was underway and that the park should be finished within the next two weeks.

Town Hall Community Resource Centre

A formal lease from Aberdeenshire Council was expected within two weeks. An application to the Common Good Fund has been successful and a grant of £1000 has been awarded to assist with refurbishment of the room in the Town Hall.

Action:- SE to contact AC legal dept.

Sporting Facilities - Bowling Club, pitch and putt and tennis courts

It was noted that discussions had taken place earlier in the year between Aberdeenshire Council and a Developer regarding the sale of the land. A meeting is to be held with representatives of Aberdeenshire Council's Properties and Leisure and Recreation Departments to discuss extending the length of the Bowling Club lease to increase the chances of success in funding applications. The Board agreed unanimously that an interest in the land, on behalf of the community, should be registered under the Right to Buy legislation, with the caveat that legal advice should be sought and local MSPs appraised of the Board's position.

Action:- SE to arrange meeting with AC Property dept. EC to investigate Right to Buy.

Sporting Facilities – Swimming Pool

The Board welcomed Hilary Duncan from BandsWim who stated that the organisation wished to come under the umbrella of BDI and be part of a coordinated approach to provision of sporting facilities in Banchory. The Board welcomed this proposal and now awaits a formal request from the BandsWim Trustees.

Action:- JH to arrange meeting with Les Allen and Rod Stone. JH to invoice BANDSWIM for 2004 donation.

- **Waste Management**

It was noted that Banchory Waste Busters had been in action at various summer events, with a lot of volunteers at 'Live on the Lawn'.

- **Business**

A survey of local businesses is underway with the objective of identifying priorities. This survey has been funded by Scottish Enterprise Grampian and is being carried out by a consultant specialising in this type of survey. A meeting is scheduled for 27th September to discuss the proposed 'Determined to Succeed Programme' at Banchory Academy.

Action:- JH to contact SEG re funding. Job description for town co-ordinator to be circulated to board and BBA.

- **St Ternan's 2006**

The event is scheduled for June 17th 2005. Eveline Crossan has booked the main venues and activities. It was noted that there was potential for St Ternan's to be part of the Deeside River Festival.

- **Community Transport**

Noted that the WRVS have indicated an interest in meeting some of the needs identified in the Rural Transport Survey.

Finances and administration

The balance of accounts stands at £12069. Funds are available to cover the cost of a part-time development worker until end of March 2005.

A grant application to Scottish Enterprise Grampian is pending.

Action: Jean Henretty to get quote for accounts to be audited.

Membership Approvals

The following were approved: Janet Seaton, Iain Seaton, Richard Lyon, Hilary Duncan, Rosemary Ramsay.

Meetings attended since last Board Meeting

- Scolty Centre Redevelopment
- Banchory Business Association
- Marr Area Partnership
- Banchory Community Council
- Towns Together Forum
- Deeside River Festival
- Scottish Enterprise Grampian
- Network of Social Enterprises

AOCB

Session Club for Young Musicians

The Board supported the proposal from Jean Henretty.

Signed:  Sue Edwards

Date: 3 Nov 2005

Attachments:

Projects Summary Status Report

Distribution:

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

Banchory & District Initiative Ltd

Summary of progress Aug 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. No progress since last report. A meeting has been arranged with new Primary Heads on 2nd September.

Banchory Paths Association is making progress with their proposed path to the Crannog and other routes are in discussion. As the group has difficulty with administration tasks they would be willing to make use of any help BDI can offer.

Facilities

Group Members and Partners

Henry Allen, 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 is being constructed this month. New trees will be planted in the winter.

Scolty Community Resource Centre

The steering group are looking for extra members with building and financial experience. The committee comprises of reps from - VOICE, Volunteer Centre, Crossroads Care, Befrienders, Mental Health Association, Forget-me-nots 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.

Town Hall Resource Office

Awaiting lease agreement.

Bowling Green and Recreation Grounds

It came to our notice that the grounds may be for sale. The Bowling Club would prefer a long term lease to allow them to improve their facilities. A meeting is being arranged with Aberdeenshire Council and the Club.

Environment and Waste Management

Group Members and Partners

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

Jennifer Cook organised a group of volunteers to help her with three events this summer: Banchory Show; Orienteering and the Live on the Lawn. Her experience indicates the willingness of groups to recycle however there is a complicated process to send the materials for segregation.

Business Engagement

Group Members and Partners

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

The Business Association has carried out a survey of most local businesses. Scottish Enterprise has agreed to fund a Town Co-ordinator who will work for BDI and BBA. Banchory Academy has agreed to work in partnership with BBA and BDI on their "determined to succeed" programme.

St Ternan Fair – June 17th 2006

Group Members and Partners

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

Plans are being prepared for 2006. The main partners have been contacted and exhibitors booked.

Rural Community Transport

Group Members and Partners

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

A separate report will be prepared. The main actions are:

- The WRVS has offered to extend their transport scheme into Deeside. This would provide a car sharing scheme for social activities.
 - Aberdeenshire Council will review their bus timetables but suggest we contact bus companies directly with problems and ideas.
 - A directory of transport providers with timetables is required.
 - Groups and events should be encouraged to consider transport as a priority.
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