

**Minutes of a Meeting of Banchory and District Initiative held on 3<sup>rd</sup>  
November 2005 in the Douglas Arms Hotel, Banchory at 7.30 pm**

**Attendance:** Sue Edwards (in the Chair), John Petts, Linda Clark, Jean Henretty, Matthew Merchant, Tony Brown, George Mennie, Henry Allen  
**Apologies:** Sheila Miller  
**In Attendance:** Eveline Crossan

It was NOTED that Kirsteen Gill had resigned from BDI.

1. **The Minutes** of the previous meeting, held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2005 were APPROVED.
2. **Matters Arising**  
A formal request had been received from Bandsim to come under the umbrella of BDI. Adoption was AGREED, proposed by LC and seconded by JH.
3. **Activity Reports** – previously circulated.  
**Paths/ Cycle Paths Infrastructure**  
JP REPORTED that the St Ternan Path viewpoints and seating would soon be completed. He was keen that this project should be attributed to BDI.

**Facilities**

**Town Hall** – SE announced that a lease had finally been received. It was NOTED that Jim Christie had sought amendment to Clause 13, which did not appear to have been changed. SE would check with JC. **Action SE**

**Sporting Facilities**

**Bowling Club** - BDI, Club members, Councillors and Aberdeenshire Council employees met at the club to discuss its future and Health and Safety concerns. The Council agreed to investigate options to improve the structure of the building. The building was a community asset and facility, and the Council had a duty of care for its maintenance. It was AGREED that a letter confirming the outcome of the discussion should be sent to the Council, in the absence of meeting minutes. A full report could also be requested from Cllr Makin. **Action SE**

It was NOTED that the lease had become an annual agreement. It may have been registered with the Land Registry – SE would contact Ron Davidson ascertain its status. **Action SE**

It was also NOTED that the "Right to Buy" application was being taken forward, but needed BDI to have the correct legal status, maps of the area in question and name of the landowner or evidence that investigation had been undertaken. **Action EC**

MM offered to send the relevant map to EC **Action MM**

### **Meeting with Rod Stone (Community Learning) & Les Allan (Area Manager)**

JH, TB, GM and SE to meet on 8<sup>th</sup> November. JH ran through the presentation, thanking PGL for the donation of two laptops. She listed the sports groups experiencing difficulties and the problems with venues, linking with strategic documents where appropriate.

JH was thanked for a comprehensive presentation, with the following suggestions.

- Introduce evidence of usage levels of each facility
- Survey each groups experiencing problems to confirm when they need the facilities **Action JH**
- Include impact on the whole community
- Strong community perception that more housing is being built without additional amenities
- Highlight issue of 2.7 acres at Hill of Banchory
- What were the plans for the existing pool when the new Academy was built? Issues around bussing children and the standpoint of the existing head teachers.

The group would meet 7<sup>th</sup> November at TB's house at 8pm.

### **Environment and Waste Management**

HA offered to take forward planning issues. **Action HA**

It was NOTED that JH would be meeting with a representative of the Community Recycling Strategy on 4<sup>th</sup> November. JH to report at next meeting. **Action JH**

### **Business Partnerships**

HA REPORTED that the BBA survey would prioritise actions and form the structure of a meeting, to which all businesses and interested parties would be invited. He NOTED strong desire from businesses to be involved in planning for the town. Job description to be completed with final tasks. **Action EC**

### **KGV Curling Pond**

After discussion, it was agreed that BDI would offer the developing group assistance if needed.

**Treasurer**

Tony Brown's offer to be Treasurer was ACCEPTED with thanks.

**Project Officer's Report**

Previously circulated. EC was thanked for her report. It was AGREED at TB's suggestion that the item on the structure of BDI should be taken as an item at the next meeting. **Action EC/TB**

**Walking to Health**

Display NOTED. After discussion, it was AGREED to offer to manage the local project. **Action EC**

4. **Finance and Applications**

JH REPORTED that the current balance was £11,500 with incoming Scottish Enterprise and RP funds for ongoing work and for the Town Co-ordinator post. Discussion followed regarding potential areas for income generation, to be discussed as a separate agenda item in the future.

5. **New Members** – List previously circulated, all approved. (Wendy Ramsay; Kathleen Fraser; Sam Long; Laura Bowie; Mrs Reith; Fiona Matthew; Stella Pirie).

6. **Amendment to Constitution**

JH REPORTED that BDI did not legally require an audit, but needed "independent examination". It was AGREED that SE, JH and EC would meet to formulate resolutions for the proposed EGM. SE would consult with the Company Secretary.

**Action SE, JH & EC**

**AA Box**

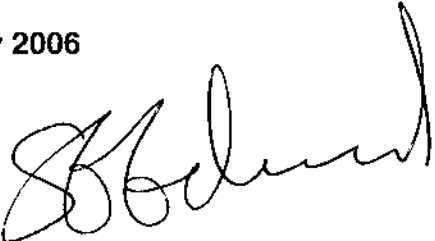
NOTED that an approach had been made by Feughdee Community Council for BDI to purchase the Box. After discussion, it was AGREED that this was not a priority for BDI.

Agenda items on the Continental Market and Banchory Gateways were deferred until the next meeting.

7. **AOCB**

BDI was now a member of Development Trust Scotland (Member no SF055, required for access to the website) and also of the Composting Association.

8. **Date of Next Meeting** - 12<sup>th</sup> January 2006



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Summary of progress for September and October 2005

## **Paths and Cycle Infrastructure**

### **Group Members and Partners**

Kathy Davis, Jean Henretty  
Banchory Schools, Banchory Community Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Banchory Paths Association  
Council Officers - Linda Mathieson, Travel Co-ordinator

### **Safer Routes**

No progress since last report. A new Safer Routes Co-ordinator should be in post this month.

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## **Facilities**

### **Group Members and Partners**

Henry Allen, Matthew Merchant, John Petts, Linda Clark, Jean Henretty  
BANDSWIM, KGV 2000, BCC, VOICE, Scouts, Bowling Club, Town Hall Group, Aberdeenshire  
Council, Scolty Centre, HOB Ltd  
Council Officers – Steve Welsh, Norman Boai, Alison Thomson

### **Play Area**

The new play area is almost complete.

### **Scolty Community Resource Centre**

The steering group is now formed, chaired by Norma Makin. The first task of the group is to review the feasibility study carried out for VOICE in 2000 to include the day care centre.

### **KGV Playing Fields**

The proposed development of a new playing field to the east of the KGV Park received planning permission however the joint application for housing did not. The plans will be revised and resubmitted.

### **Town Hall Resource Office**

The lease is almost finalised.

### **Bowling Green and Recreation Grounds**

A meeting was held with George Morrison, Aberdeenshire Property manager. Agreed to review the support given to the bowling club and ensure their pavilion is watertight this year. The long term use of the recreation ground will be reviewed taking regard of the communities needs. In the meantime BDI will continue with "interest to buy" process to ensure the land is not sold without the community having a say.

### **General**

A meeting is being held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November with Rod Stone, Head of Recreation, and Les Allen to discuss the issue of sports development and facilities provision.

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## **Environment and Waste Management**

### **Group Members and Partners**

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

### **Waste**

Jennifer Cook attended a Composting Conference. A report will be provided to BDI.

### **Green Policies**

Fiona Graham is compiling a "green housekeeping" policy for BDI. It should provide guidelines for energy efficiency and green office management practice. The policy may be a useful tool for other groups and companies.

### **Waste Funding**

A meeting is arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> November with the INCREASE funding co-ordinator to discuss possible grants for waste initiatives.

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## **Business Partnerships**

### **Group Members and Partners**

Henry Allen, Sue Edwards,  
Banchory Business Association, Scottish Enterprise Grampian  
Council Officers – Robert Armstrong

The Scottish Enterprise grant for the town co-ordinator has been agreed.

The results of the Banchory Business Survey have been received (report attached). BBA are currently reviewing them and intend to hold a meeting later in November, open to all businesses and at which Peter Dunsmuir would present a summary and BBA will propose its primary role and initial objectives.

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## **St Ternan Fair – June 17<sup>th</sup> 2006**

### **Group Members and Partners**

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

The town hall, park and main attractions, have been booked (Medieval Realm, Falconry, Satrosphere to confirm). Awaiting confirmation from Masons for joint venture in Lodge. Brief for pennant competition; meeting planned with schools. Contact made with Lighting Department re: pennant display. Contacted Simon Spoor re: drama workshop; contacted BAD Theatre Company. Contacted Linda Gray re information to Farmer's Market

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