

Minute of the Annual General Meeting of  
Banchory & District Initiative Ltd held in  
the Douglas Arms Hotel Banchory on  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006  
At 7.30 pm

1. **Attendance:** see separate sheet
2. **Apologies:** Norma Makin, Tony Tullett, Margaret Paterson, George Mennie, Robert Armstrong, Les Allan, Mr & Mrs Ainsworth, Mrs Esslemont
3. **Minute of the previous AGM, June 2005**  
The Minute was APPROVED; proposed by Linda Clark and seconded by Tony Brown
4. **Matters Arising**  
None
5. **Presentation of Annual Report**  
Sue Edwards presented the Report and spoke to her **Chairman's report**, noting BDI's origins in "Planning for Real" and the aims and objectives of the organisation:
  - To promote a vibrant local economy
  - To enhance surroundings
  - To promote strong community spirit
  - To improve facilities

Copies of the draft BDI Business Plan were tabled for information. Attendees were urged to look at it in line with the outcomes of the Planning for Real exercises, noting that many of the outcomes were dependent on people, resources and opportunities.

**Banchory Business Association** now had the support of the Town Co-ordinator, **Jane Grieve**, who had begun to build the membership numbers of the association, rising to 60+.

She was also supporting the "**Determined to Succeed**" programme between the Association and Banchory Academy.

A substantial part of her remit was allocated to **Town Enhancement**. She thanked Aberdeenshire Council for the supply of plants, Scolty Centre staff and clients for their sterling work throughout the summer watering the baskets, and Bert McIntosh and McIntosh Plant Hire for mounting the baskets on lamp posts.

She noted the creation of the **Banchory Calendar**, which was intended to create a sustainable income stream to pay for the Christmas Lights, which were due to be replaced at the end of the

year. LC noted that in many towns and villages, the existence of the lights depended on income from car boot sales and saw the Calendar as a community asset.

BDI had also supported a number of Community events. St Terman's Fair had grown this year, with a charities village, business showcase and a very successful Back to the Future event in the Town Hall, headlined by Satrosphere. SE noted that a Continental Market would come to the town for the first time on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

The next year promised a number of initiatives, including a study to improve the Town Hall, Aberdeenshire Council's Pitch Survey due the following spring, progression of the pool and youth facilities, building on the success of the refurbishment and not demolition of the Bowling Club, the Viewpoints at the Platties, newsletter production and the development of the Community Website.

One of the challenges in the next year would be to increase BDI membership, signalling a healthy organisation to funders.

## **6. Amendment to Constitution**

The following amendment, having been previously circulated, was adopted unanimously.

*THAT the Articles of Association be amended by the deletion of Regulation 33 in its entirety and replacement by the following :*

*" 33. The retiring officers and other members of the Trustees shall be eligible for re-election except that the office of chairman and vice-chairman shall not be held more than four times in immediate succession by the same person. "*

## **7. Elections**

Two nominations had been received. One third of the directors had stood down but were eligible for re-election. With the approval of the meeting, Anne Lamb and Margaret Paterson were elected to the Board; the retiring directors were re-elected unopposed.

## **8. AOCB**

There being none, SE invited the audience to view the displays and take the opportunity to speak with BDI directors.