

STONEHAVEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION / TOURISM GROUP
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 11th Nov 2019
At the Belvedere Hotel, Stonehaven

	Item	BY
1	<p>Present: Lesley Leslie , Steve McQueen, Ian Philip (secretary) , Jennifer Davidson (Chair), Charlie Sands, Sheila Howarth, Mitch McKay, Jim Wands, Dawn Black, Donna Thow (Antybettys) Charlie Watson (Carron Fish Shop) Jane Adams (Kincardine & Mearns Advice bureau)</p> <p>Apologies: Heidi Bisset</p> <p>October minutes approved and Intro's.</p>	
2	<p>Jane Adams from Kindcardine & Mearns CAB ; Update on how things have gone since the move into court house in April. National organisation however funded locally, 700 people supported since April 2019, from debt advice to employment and social security. Approximately £1.5 million received by local community. Jane requests that all businesses share the Young Person Campaign via their facebook.</p>	
3	<p>Financial Report – Charlie</p> <p>Balance £7545, with £2000 ring fenced for MAPS. Aberdeenshire council will now not charge for any extra electricity for XMAS lights, Advisory note : please promote to all that it's the SBA who provide and maintain the XMAS lights every year at a cost of around £5500. £500 promised from Meikle Carew (26th Tuesday at Golf Club – Jennifer to attend)</p>	
4	<p>Stunning Stonehaven - Website update: Dawn Black</p> <p>Publishing where we can all local events and activities – please share with own businesses and encourage anyone to like and share as much as possible. Dawn met with Tollbooth organisation in a request for more historical information. Plans for a Stonehaven timeline is ongoing.</p>	
5	<p>Meikle Carewe - see item 3.</p>	
6	<p>Retail Business Support update – JD Aberdeenshire Council have put a ITT to companies to provide training and bespoke business support – however this is subject to Leader funding or grant funds.</p>	
7	<p>Stonehaven Town Twinning Letter sent to SNEST organisation stating the SBA position.</p>	
8	<p>Map Updating: Request for small project team to review and collate all changes, Leslie Lesley, Dawn Black and Charles Watson to take on with separate meeting.</p>	
9	<p>Future Events XMAS tree lighting – sat 30th November at 5pm. Late Night shopping open event – all posters issues and circulated plus share events via facebook List of events shared via Stunning Stonehaven Website and Facebook</p>	
10	<p>Feedback from</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Council: Mitch McKay – the Stonehaven Community Council to move into court house from January 2020 2. STP: Lesley Leslie \ Steve planning ongoing for XMAS events t) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Town Centre Improvement meeting Notes: SH \ MM : New signage from train station to town centre. 4. Council believe new parking tariffs working – financial data to be requested - IP 5. Boardwalk to commence early 2020. All small sculptures to move as well as area near Dolphin. 6. A drafts board to be created on area where XMAS tree located in summer – mens shed to make figures etc. 7. Council looking for area to allow tourist buses to park – suggestions req'd. 	
11	<p>Flood Defence Work Project</p> <p>A meeting has been arranged for 19th November Some concerns raised by residents – to be clarified at the meeting.</p>	
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>Stonehaven Sea-flood defence project: Concerns raised about council proposal to raise the seawall by around 1meter from the Cowie to the Carron. SBA agreed to oppose this and arrange for letter to be sent to Aberdeenshire Infrastructures Committee outlining our concerns. IP to liaise with Donna Thow as to what they have done to date. IP raised a draft letter for every member to consider their own views and send.</p> <p>Fireballs: Group have reached out for funding to help support new fireworks display and with event being filmed by BBC Scotland to promote the town as much as possible. SBA agreed to donate £200 towards costs.</p>	
13	<p>Next meeting Monday 9th December Ian Philip (Chair) / Dawn Black(Secretary)</p>	