

STONEHAVEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of meeting held on Thurs 11th January 2024
Baa Wool

	ACTION	BY
1	Present: Jennifer Davidson, Charles Sands, Martin Gray (chair), Janice Anderson, Dawn Black, Ian Phillip, Will Dawson, Frances Stuart	
2	Financial Report: £4550 invoiced for subscriptions, with £3000 paid so far. No new members but only one member not renewing. Expenses - £25 for GoCardless. Bank balance is £10536, with 2 years Christmas lights still to pay for. £1474 paid for wiring to be restored to the Market Buildings – a generous and gratefully received £1500 donation from Dunnottar Castle used for this.	CS
3	Christmas Lights: Power has been restored to the ends of the Market building but extra plugs will need to be fitted to put lights round the whole building again – could we ask for a donation from Raeburn Christie and matched Council funding? JD received information from the Council electrician which should help to coordinate things better next year. We need to find out who is responsible for the black poles around the car park. CS was contacted re suspected damage to a resident's TV aerial on the High St during the erection of the lights but this was found not to be the issue in the end.	CS JD MG
4	AOB: CCTV project has been parked for now - implementation would require the erection of poles, which greatly increases price, and the Community Council and other groups involved did not feel there is enough public demand at present. Kinnear & Falconer are changing their name to James & John Collie. Email received from JG Ross re available premises. Pinky Promise under new ownership. Former Connors building is to be residential units at the back of the property (use unknown at front). Former Council offices will become 2 town houses and 2 retail units. Seagulls – FS raised the issue of an increasing problem with gulls. Nature Scotland is pulling back on granting licences for the removal of eggs so the Council's hands are tied on removal, as are those of the SBA. The onus is on residents and businesses to deal with any issues – CS will distribute Living With Urban Gulls documentation via email to members.	JD DB CS FS

	Stonehaven Land Train is now back in the town but the STP need an extra driver and to look again at the route as roads are now busier.	
	Next Meeting: Thursday 8th February, 6.30pm, Baa Wool	