

STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 369th Business Meeting held at approximately 7.15 pm

on Tuesday 13th December 2011

in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre

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1.	<p>Present: David Fleming (Chairperson), Michael Innes (Vice Chairperson), Alistair Lawrie (Secretary), Stuart Alexander (Meeting Secretary), Ian Hunter (Web Secretary), Ian Balgowan, Stewart Campbell, Raymond Christie, Elizabeth Farquhar, Peter Greig, Andrew Newton, George Strang, Allan Sutherland</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Councillors: Cllr Wendy Agnew, Cllr Peter Bellarby, Cllr Graeme Clark, Cllr Michael Sullivan</p> <p>In attendance: PC Ken Callaghan Lenny Lawrence (Vice Chairman, SATRA) Approximately 6 members of the public Member of the Press</p> <p>Apologies: Philip Daniels, Robert Michie (Treasurer), Phillip Mills-Bishop, Rachel Shanks</p> <p>Absent: Billy MacKenzie, Iain Noble</p> <p><u>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>David Fleming welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Apologies received as noted above.</p> <p>No declarations of interest.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Police Matters (earlier slot)</u></p> <p>At the request of PC Ken Callaghan it was agreed to deal with Police Matters earlier in the Agenda.</p> <p>David Fleming commented that the usual monthly report had not been received.</p> <p>Cllr Graeme Clark commented that cars had been vandalised in the High Street beside the Tolbooth Museum and asked about the use of the webcam in this matter. PC Ken Callaghan explained that the benefit of the webcam was limited as it runs in real time and has no recording facility however awareness to the theft of vhf radios from boats had resulted from the live webcam. Cllr Graeme Clark requested that PC Ken Callaghan check if there had been any complaints of vandalism and report back.</p> <p>PC Ken Callaghan highlighted the launch of a local and national campaign to tackle drink and drug driving and the potential for patrols in the lead up to Christmas. He commented that results from the anti-social driving initiative</p>	<p>PC Ken Callaghan</p> <p>PC Ken Callaghan</p> <p>PC Ken Callaghan</p>

	<p>were not yet available.</p> <p>David Fleming thanked PC Ken Callaghan for his attendance at the meeting.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting held Tuesday 8 November 2011 (delayed)</u></p> <p>Approval</p> <p>David Fleming asked members if there were any further comments or amendments to the previous minutes.</p> <p>Michael Innes proposed the approval of the minutes and Alistair Lawrie seconded it.</p> <p>Actions Arising</p> <p>David Fleming asked Michael Innes to take the Chair for this item to allow him to assume the role of Secretary of STP for the purpose of putting on public record a correction to a statement made in last month's minutes (item 6 paragraph 4) by Phil Mills-Bishop in which it was alleged that STP were exempt from the disclosure of accounts. David Fleming clarified that this in fact was not the case - STP are a limited company registered at Companies House and as such the annual accounts are available from Companies House website and also from STP website. In addition, the monthly accounts can be viewed in detail.</p> <p>Michael Innes asked how any monies accrued by STP would be spent.</p> <p>David Fleming explained that to date monies into STP had been mainly in the form of grants from the local authority and were for specific tasks related with the Service Level Agreement and with associated administrative costs. A procedure to 'ring-fence' monies had not formally been agreed, It would form part of the discussions later in the meeting under 'Process for deciding disbursement of monies'.</p> <p>It was agreed to leave further discussion of this matter to the specified item in the Agenda. David Fleming resumed the Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raymond Christie to circulate to members his response to the Reform Scotland Community Council Survey. <i>(from 13 September)</i> • Stuart Alexander reported that he had written and received a reply from Stagecoach on the late night bus matter and this had been previously circulated. He had not however received the minutes from the Bus Forum. • David Fleming stated he had no update regarding the AXIS 4 funding available to Fishery Affected Areas. The Councillors in attendance also confirmed they had heard nothing further on the matter. • Cllr Graeme Clark reported the repair to fibre optic cables on A957 Dunnottar Wood Road was completed. • Revised Bervie Braes scheme to be discussed at next meeting. There was no longer any need for waivers. Bob Michie asked if the road would be reopened after the works were complete – Bob to phone Willie Murdoch at Aberdeenshire Council to find out. <i>(from 8 November 2011)</i> 	<p>Raymond Christie</p> <p>Alistair Lawrie</p> <p>Bob Michie</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Public Issues</u></p> <p>Transport Scotland Rail Strategy</p> <p>David Fleming reported he had read the recently published public consultation report (Rail 2014 - Public Consultation) which will review rail services in Scotland (available at http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk).</p> <p>David Fleming recommended that members of S&DCC contribute to the consultation process identifying concerns relating to e.g. overnight sleeper services and frequency of trains to Edinburgh.</p> <p>Stuart Alexander, Ian Hunter and Allan Sutherland agreed to meet with David Fleming formulate a response.</p>	<p>David Fleming</p>
<p>1b.</p> <p>5.</p>	<p><u>Youth Members (delayed)</u></p> <p>Alistair Lawrie reported interest had been expressed from 3 candidates. One candidate from the Youth Forum at the Stonehaven Community Education Centre would attend on an ad hoc basis for items of youth interest and 2 from Mackie Academy, Senior School. Once contact email details have been obtained Alistair Lawrie will notify David Fleming.</p> <p><u>Chartered Sea-going Vessel</u></p> <p>David Fleming opened discussion by referring to an email previously circulated from Dave MacDonald of the Stonehaven and District Angling Association regarding the possibility of a community bid utilising the match funding potential of AXIS 4 to purchase the 'Lady Gail 2' following indication that the present skipper, Ian Watson, may retire soon.</p> <p>Ian Balgowan outlined some operational considerations which could be cost prohibitive but expressed his support for the idea and the favourable condition of the boat. He added however that there was possible interest in the vessel.</p> <p>A wider discussion followed and members' views were divided between general support for the idea in principle as being potentially suitable for AXIS 4 funding and a more hesitant approach to wait for the outcome of any private interest and an examination of the role S&DCC might play in view of possible risks which could be associated with such an arrangement.</p> <p>David Fleming drew attention to the last line of Dave MacDonald's email which asks S&DCC 'to analyse what enthusiasm there may be locally for such a venture?' He proposed a letter be sent to Dave MacDonald commenting that the community as a whole would regret the loss of the boat and that S&DCC are willing to discuss the matter further once the situation becomes clearer.</p> <p>Ian Balgowan added that weather conditions this year had affected the boat outings and emphasised a cautious approach stating that a part time operation was more likely.</p> <p>David Fleming asked Alistair Lawrie to write the letter.</p>	<p>Alistair Lawrie</p> <p>Alistair Lawrie</p>

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Planning Applications

6.1

Letter to Reporter – replies from Reporter and Aberdeenshire Council

David Fleming referred to the above replies, previously circulated, received in response to his letter sent to the Government Reporter relating to supermarket provision in Stonehaven and the exclusion of 2 sites from the Hearing Session of the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan?

David Fleming confirmed that the Reporter had stated it was not possible to take account of new evidence at this late stage and further that Piers Blaxter, (Planning Policy Team Leader, Aberdeenshire Council) was not persuaded by either of the sites ie Ury Estate and MacDonald Estate. He held the view that it would only be through an urban expansion that an optimal solution would be achieved?

Allan Sutherland suggested contacting Piers Blaxter again.

Cllr Wendy Agnew commented that Stonehaven wants a supermarket not more houses.

A member of the public speaking on behalf of his wife said members should stop interfering and let the planners get on with it.

6.3

New Council Build at Arduthie Gardens – report back

Peter Greig as representative of the residents of Arduthie Gardens led discussion on this item. He reported on a meeting held with Councillors and council officials on the subject. He reported that residents were now resigned to accepting the roof line of the new buildings at Arduthie Gardens.

Peter Greig also detailed emerging confirmation that the development at Arduthie Gardens and the new Care Home development on School Road are linked in 'monetary' terms highlighting speculation as to whether this had influenced reluctance on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council to consider access to the Care Home from the south side rather than the north side.

Peter Greig added his anticipation that a written apology from Aberdeenshire Council would happen in due course. He also commented that the Councillors had been misled.

A lengthy deliberation followed and a number of points were raised:

- Concern that the new Care Home is being located on a flood plane and that alternations to the water course are not allowed.
- Should S&DCC write to Aberdeenshire Council and ask what is meant by the developments being linked in monetary terms?
- Car parking issues when Arduthie Gardens occupied - existing car park should be left.
- Status of the planning conditions/ownership of the bridge access to the Care Home?

During the course of discussions members expressed a collective loss of faith in the council officials concerned and encouraged the Councillors present to take action.

<p>6.4</p>	<p>Cllr Wendy Agnew confirmed that the planners are accountable to the Councillors and that they were all in agreement.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Sullivan reiterated this point outlining difficulties encountered by the Stonehaven and Lower Deeside Councillors in gaining sufficient support from the neighbouring area Councillors to secure enough votes to oppose planning proposals.</p> <p>Cllr Wendy Agnew added the officer in charge of the build for the new Care Home had stated that if the access had been changed they would have lost a grant.</p> <p>Two further discussion points arose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would towns experiencing similar difficulties benefit from Councillors seeking support from other wards across Aberdeenshire? Cllr Peter Bellarby cautioned against this approach saying that, for planning applications Councillors should be acting in a quasi-judicial mode, and represent the wider community • Was there a suggestion/evidence of collusion between the developers and the planners given that it appears a south access to the new Care Home would have meant the loss of 2 of the 8 houses also proposed for the site and the loss of the associated grant? <p>David Fleming asked Cllr Bellarby to report back with more detail as to the next steps e.g. what lessons had been learnt, by whom and how.</p> <p>Stuart Alexander commented that hopefully there would be an update from the resident who had decided to take the issue to the Local Council Ombudsman.</p> <p>Peter Greig agreed to contact the local resident concerned.</p> <p>Ian Hunter added would it be helpful if S&DCC support a letter to Ombudsman</p> <p>Change of Use – Heugh Hotel</p> <p>Michael Innes opened discussion on the recent application to change the use of the Heugh Hotel, which is currently for sale, back into a residential property.</p> <p>A lengthy deliberation followed and a number of points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern at the loss of another hotel in Stonehaven, the affect on tourism and the community e.g. venue for local clubs. • Example of similar situation in Banchory whereby public pressure resulted in a buyer being found to continue a hotel as a successful business. • The Press have noted interest from another hotelier however the hotelier in question would have to sell own business first. • Use and support of the planning guideline (SG Bus4?) whereby the hotel would have to be advertised on the market for a pre-set period of time – at least a year and it must be shown as an unviable business. • The balance between the current owner’s right to sell their own property 	<p>Cllr Peter Bellarby</p> <p>Peter Greig</p>
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<p>6.2</p>	<p>and a longer term view by the community as custodians of the town to express an opinion as to what is best for the town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that existing interest may be lost if there was a delay in selling the property and the possibility thereafter that it might be converted into flats. <p>A member of the public stated that she had read an architects' covering letter on Aberdeenshire Council's Planning Applications web page, in which reference was made to another letter (not available to view) which indicated that the Heugh Hotel was no longer commercially viable but that this should not be made public. The member of public added that the covering letter has since been removed from the website. David Fleming asked Michael Innes to investigate this matter.</p> <p>Andrew Newton proposed and Michael Innes seconded a Motion that objection to the application be made on the two planning guideline conditions quoted above</p> <p>Raymond Christie abstained, Alistair Lawrie expressed an interest, all else in favour, the Motion was passed.</p> <p>SATRA Survey Work</p> <p>Lenny Lawrence, Vice Chairman of South Aberdeenshire Tenant Resident Association distributed copies of the 'Final Report on the Supermarket Survey' as at Wednesday 7 December 2011. He provided a brief overview of the public meeting held in September to discuss the 6 proposed bids and the subsequent work undertaken to gather votes from the community of Stonehaven, 95.5% of homes were covered and every person within the household allowed to vote. The most popular bid is the Loop Road Site, Fetteresso (Labinski Ltd).</p> <p>A discussion followed and a number of points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the community of Stonehaven confirming frustration at the delay, viewed by many as historical, in resolving the matter of siting a supermarket and a sense of urgency to have a store a.s.a.p. • Comment that it was evident the community of Stonehaven did not want further housing as a consequence. • Concern that the email from Piers Blaxter, (Planning Policy Team Leader, Aberdeenshire Council) indicated that it would only be through an urban expansion that an optimal solution would be achieved. • Clarification that the survey had not been sent to the Reporter as no new evidence would be considered but it had been sent to all at the Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee and the Planning Dept. • Comment that officials making the decisions are clearly not listening to what people want. • A suggestion that Aberdeenshire Council create present a 'design brief' to the developers against which proposals could be judged. • Possible mixed signals being sent from S&DCC regarding the bids under consideration. 	<p>Michael Innes</p> <p>Michael Innes</p>
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<p>6.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment that the siting of large retail outlets outwith the town can have a negative impact on the rejuvenation of city centres. <p>David Fleming congratulated and thanked Lenny Lawrence for his work on the survey.</p> <p>Cash Point in Co-op David Street</p> <p>Discussion centred around 2 issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of the proposed cash machine was viewed as likely to reduce considerably the entrance to the supermarket and create further congestion and may even pose a fire hazard. • The potential for a noise/nuisance factor as the proposed location is on the residential side of the building and during hours of 10 pm and 7 am parking restrictions caused by the supermarket car park being closed could mean alternative parking options become an issue for nearby residents. <p>Opinion was also expressed that there were sufficient cash machines already available and it was not felt there was a need for another one.</p> <p>Ian Balgowan proposed a Motion and Stewart Campbell seconded it.</p> <p><i>Motion: Object to the planning application on the basis that it will significantly restrict the entrance to the supermarket, potential for noise nuisance and a lack of need.</i></p> <p><i>For the Motion:</i> Stuart Alexander, Ian Balgowan, Stewart Campbell, David Fleming, Peter Greig, Allan Sutherland.</p> <p><i>Against the Motion:</i> Raymond Christie, Elizabeth Farquhar, Ian Hunter, Michael Innes, Alistair Lawrie, Andrew Newton, George Strang</p> <p>6 for, 7 against – the Motion failed.</p>	
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p>	<p><u>Community Asset Transfer</u></p> <p>Cowie Lane Building</p> <p>David Fleming referred to an email previously circulated from Phil Mills-Bishop regarding ongoing discussions relating to the future of the building under CAT however in light of Phil Mills-Bishop being unable to attend the meeting the item was noted for a later agenda.</p> <p>Queen Elizabeth Caravan Park – update</p> <p>Business Plan v5</p> <p>David Fleming reported Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee had agreed to the contents of the Business Plan at its meeting on 6 December 2011.</p> <p>Cllr Peter Bellarby restated his decision to stand down as Chairman of STP that had been announced at their AGM in November 2011, a new Chairman would be elected in due course. He had nothing further to add to the discussion on Queen Elizabeth Caravan Park.</p> <p>Ian Balgowan asked for clarification in regards to the shop planned for the</p>	<p>Phil Mills-Bishop</p>

	<p>caravan park by the Caravan Club.</p> <p>David Fleming confirmed it would be for ‘camping essentials’ only and as the Caravan Club’s policy is to boost the local economy, they do not want to run retail outlets).</p> <p>Process for deciding disbursement of monies</p> <p>David Fleming referred to the related document (Disbursement Option Appraisal v3) previously circulated and opened the discussion on the Common Good Fund of Stonehaven (CGF) option.</p> <p>Peter Greig thanked David Fleming for clarifying the potential drawbacks associated with this option.</p> <p>Andrew Newton agreed the CGF did not look like a good option but it would still be included for in-depth discussion with the other options under consideration.</p> <p>A general discussion followed about the history of the CGF with members expressing bewilderment at the vagueness of rules surrounding management of the fund and a suggestion to rewrite the constitution (the capital of £100,000 is not disbursed only the interest gained which currently was not viable).</p> <p>Cllr Graeme Clark explained that money can be taken out of the fund but this has not been done. However if money was added to the £100,000 capital fund then this might be possible.</p> <p>Further general discussion continued with a suggestion that S&DCC could perhaps play a role in the disbursement of funds.</p> <p>Raymond Christie referred to a copy of the Common Good Land in Scotland report by Andy Wightman and James Perman?</p> <p>A member of the public quoted from the same report as follows:</p> <p>‘The history of the common good over the centuries has been a history of wise stewardship followed by corruption, nepotism, cronyism and criminality. Today the situation is characterised by ignorance, bad record-keeping, impoverished funds, confusion and a continuing dose of cronyism, nepotism and evidence of occasional criminality’.</p> <p>Cllr Graeme Clark added that similar issues will occur with other community income e.g. wind power and usually a ‘stand alone’ body was established.</p> <p>7.3 Future of the Tolbooth Museum – update from STP</p> <p>Cllr Peter Bellarby confirmed there would be a requirement for a professional survey of the lower and upper floors between the Museum and the restaurant to deal with noise and water leakages coming from the restaurant. The condition of the walls which are flaking would also need to be addressed.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Business Matters</u></p> <p>Tolbooth Museum this year – Tolbooth Group report back</p> <p>Andrew Newton provided a brief summary of the successes of the Tolbooth Museum. Visitor figures had reached 10,000 in November and the decision to</p>	

	<p>open at weekends during the winter months was attracting around 140 visitors. It had been a significant achievement and he paid tribute to the volunteers.</p> <p>Ian Hunter added it was a pity the Community Awards were for individuals and not for a group like the Tolbooth Group.</p> <p>Alistair Lawrie suggested that perhaps the Tolbooth Museum volunteers could be invited to the community award ceremony planned for next February. This was agreed.</p>	Alistair Lawrie
8.	<p><u>Hannah Dyson/Community Awards</u></p> <p>Alistair Lawrie announced the name of the candidate who had been chosen to receive the Hannah Dyson award. He detailed the Mackie Academy pupil's extensive involvement in volunteering within the community.</p> <p>The meeting confirmed S&DCC approval for the chosen candidate.</p> <p>Alistair Lawrie also advised that the nominations for the Community Award had been received and a decision would be made in January 2012.</p>	Alistair Lawrie
10.	<p><u>Flooding - update</u></p> <p>George Strang provided a brief update as to the next steps referring to a report recently prepared by Stephen McFarland (Principal Engineer, Flood Prevention and Coast Protection, Aberdeenshire Council).</p> <p>The matter will be discussed at the Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee meeting on 17 January 2012 and there will be a public meeting held in the Town Hall on 26 January 2012 when various proposals will be discussed.</p> <p>There were now 14 Flood Wardens and they had been 'kitted out'.</p> <p>Flood prevention measures relating to the hydrology, the storm year ratio, channel modification, direct defences etc were being considered.</p> <p>It was suggested that Stephen McFarland be invited to S&DCC meeting in February 2012.</p> <p>Stewart Campbell handed a historical photograph of the 'Green Bridge' to George Strang for the attention of Stephen McFarland to assist in the flood prevention data gathering exercise (photograph to be returned in due course).</p> <p>Concern was raised about maximising publicity to encourage the community to attend the public meeting in January. Aberdeenshire Council will publicise the event however it was suggested that the Flood Wardens could also assist with raising awareness and it was noted that perhaps better use could be made of Aberdeenshire Council's own online events page.</p> <p>Stewart Campbell added that the flood prevention measures could affect wildlife and the balance between the rights of wildlife and people was a sensitive one.</p>	<p>George Strang</p> <p>Stephen McFarland</p>

<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Structure of Community Council Forums/Ward Forums</u></p> <p>Election of Ward 18 Representative</p> <p>(David – this was a blur, not sure if I have got this right?)</p> <p>David Fleming reported the number of Community Council Forum meetings will change from 4 to 2. In place of them a new Ward Forum meetings will be held in February and September. The arrangement would make involvement open to a wider audience.</p> <p>Additionally there were plans to increase the number of representatives on the Kincardine and Mearns Community Planning Group. At present David Nelson (Chairman, Mearns Community Council) is the area representative however there are plans to increase the number of representatives to 3 (one for ewach Ward) These changes are in light of the view that the process of community planning is not connected well enough to the community. The meetings take place on a Wednesday during the day (10 am – 12.30 pm).</p> <p>If anyone is interested in becoming the Community Planning Group representative for Stonehaven & Lower Deeside they should contact David Fleming or Karen McWilliam (Area Committee Officer, Kincardine & Mearns, Aberdeenshire Council).</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Reports Back</u></p> <p>QR Codes Group</p> <p>In the absence of Rachel Shanks there was no update however David Fleming commented that the group had received funding and were making great progress with evidence of signs around the town.</p> <p>KMAP AGM</p> <p>Ian Hunter informed that he had not attended the AGM.</p> <p>David Fleming confirmed that Kincardine and Mearns Area Partnership, Mearns Area Partnership and Stonehaven Town Partnership would be undertaking an organisational 'Health Check' in the New Year.</p> <p>STP AGM</p> <p>Andrew Newton provided a brief overview of STP AGM held in November 2011. He listed the names of Directors elected at the meeting adding there were still 2 vacancies and the unresolved matter of the nomination of Allan Sutherland. He also reported there had been a fairly good discussion around the 5 options for the disbursement of monies relating to the Queen Elizabeth Caravan Park reiterating S&DCC's request for a fuller exploration of the CGF. He added there had been an informative talk from guest speaker Heather Farquhar, Interim Chief Executive, Aberdeen BID Company Ltd, who spoke about the work she had led on the successful Aberdeen City Business Improvement District and how Stonehaven might do the same.</p> <p>Andrew Newton also explained as S&DCC representative he would be attending the STP meetings as an observer but may at a future date consider being elected as a Director providing this did not cause any conflict of interest.</p> <p>A member of the public asked for clarification as to process of electing</p>	

	<p>Directors to STP.</p> <p>David Fleming acknowledged there was some confusion surrounding the rules and this matter would form part of the planned STP Health Check. However his understanding remained that an organisation, to take part, must be a member of STP, that the nominated representative of that organisation can vote at the AGM and can nominate someone else within their organisation to become a Director, the organisation can only have 1 Director. Membership of or election to be a Director of STP was not currently open to individuals due to a potential lack of accountability. He agreed the wording of the rules did not necessarily follow this interpretation and this ambiguity needed to be addressed.</p> <p>Standing Orders were suspended at this point, as the time was 9:45 p.m.</p> <p>The member of public asked if the Directors of STP were paid and also if their Minute Secretary was paid, David Fleming replied the Directors were not paid but the Minute Secretary was paid. The member of public asked how much the Minute Secretary was paid as this was public funds. David Fleming explained that the administrative expense would be listed within STP accounts which would be publicly available and this was normal practice and in keeping with limited company accounting rules.</p> <p>A brief difference of views between the member of public and David Fleming followed and the member of public was asked to retract certain of his comments which he refused to do. Members expressed their view that S&DCC was not the correct forum for the questioning and Michael Innes proposed the meeting move on to the next Agenda item.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>Future Dates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition about the latest version of the Strategic Plan for Aberdeenshire; Belvedere Hotel, 3.30 pm – 7.30 pm 	
<p>14.</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Plan – houses draw-down? • Ward Forum – transport issues (contact Karen McWilliam, Area Committee Officer, Kincardine & Mearns, Aberdeenshire Council) 	
<p>15.</p>	<p><u>A O C B</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewart Campbell raised the matter of the status of the flood victims fund and suggested a public statement should be made detailing where and how much money is left in the fund. David Fleming asked Alistair Lawrie to write a letter to the 3 Trustees requesting a copy of the final published accounts. • Stuart Alexander reported he had attended the Dunnottar Woodland Park Association AGM, items covered included the picnic area. • BT have announced plans to upgrade the Stonehaven exchange. • Michael Innes requested the Beach Toilets be added to the next Agenda. • Peter Greig advised there were no plans to replace the Christmas Tree in 	<p>Alistair Lawrie</p> <p>Agenda Meeting</p>

	<p>Market Square which had been damaged and consequently removed following recent storms. The whole meeting thanked Peter Greig for taking control of the situation and supported his decision not to replace the tree.</p>	
<p>16.</p>	<p><u>Dates and times of next Business Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be an Officers' Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 3 January 2012 in the Invercarron Resource Centre followed by a Planning Committee at 7.30 pm and then the Agenda Meeting at 8.00 pm. • The next public meeting will be on Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre. 	