



We Are INverurie Board Meeting – Wednesday 16th March 2022

The Hub, 1A High street 5pm

Minutes

Apologies – Mike Stuart, Dale Bruce, Victoria Withy, Kim Smart, Ray Allan & Keenon Hawkins

Directors Present – Graham Matthews **GM**, Ian Sinclair **IS**, Gavin West **GW**, Liz Forsyth **LF** & Fiona Clegg **FC**

In attendance – Derek Ritchie **DR** & Mohammed Khan **MK**

Approval of previous minutes – IS/FC

Chairman's Report

GM attended the renewal ballot launch night at The Garioch Indoor Bowling Club on Thursday 24th where he welcomed 27 people to what ended up being a very good night.

Financial Report

£78k in the bank with all invoice payments up to date.

Renewal Ballot

The BID proposals will be submitted to the Scottish Government and Aberdeenshire Council tomorrow and ballot instructions will be issued to Cevica by 28th April 2022.

The Business Plan should be ready to go to print by the end of this month, copies will be sent out to each eligible voter with the ballot papers.

The Garioch Heritage Centre has been booked for the declaration event on Friday 24th June 2022 from 2.30pm to 4pm, where Aberdeenshire Council Chief Executive, Jim Savage will be the Presiding Officer for the ballot announcement.

Marketing Report

WAI Campaign: visiting all/majority of BID members pre-election for photo, article & social

- Batch 1/4 visited (approx 108-110) left with content going out regularly

Proposal Design to be completed by eom

QPJ & Pride of Inverurie: full design, media & digital campaigns ongoing

BID Managers Report

Platinum Jubilee

Planning going well with the next meeting of the group taking place after this meeting tonight.

2030 Vision/Evolving INverurie group

As the SCIO has now been accepted by OSCR, the Trustees will be launching 'Evolving Inverurie' to the wider public in the next couple of weeks. The 2030 Vision Group will change its name to Evolving Inverurie.

The next meeting of the wider group will take place on Thursday 31st March at 6pm.

Town Centre Businesses Update

Trespass – I met manager and area manager today, so they will be opening 7 days a week from this Friday.

Former Mitchell's site – No one looking at this premises meantime, Inspire pulled out of a deal.

Former Yvi's Boutique site – Inspire Soaps will be moving in soon.

Novello Gifts – will be re-opening very soon with same owner as previously, Vhari Johnston.

Former Post Office site – work seems to have started to convert the premises to a Clothing Shop.

Farmfoods – Planning application for former Health Centre site due to be submitted in the next couple of weeks. The plan consists of a 14,000 sq.ft. store with 55 parking spaces, entrance to car park on Burn Lane, goods entrance on Constitution Street and some public space with benches.

Social Evening

Ten-Pin/Networking/Ballot renewal launch took place on Thursday 24th February and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone who attended (27 people) Cheryl Rowland of Donside Frames took the prize for the best ten-pin score of the evening.

Planning to arrange a Corporate Quiz Night once again in the next few weeks, possibly at the new upstairs lounge in the Drouthy Laird.

Training Courses with NESCOL

These have been going down very well and we will be hosting our third first aid course on Monday 21st March. Due to the popularity of the first aid courses, I have asked NESCOL if we can do two more courses.

Arts & Crafts Market

I now have 13 crafters interested in taking a stall, so I will now progress with the Market Operators Licence application with a view to having the first market on Saturday 30th April from 9am to 1pm.

CCTV

Geoff Cooper of Rediscover Peterhead has started preparing a business plan and proposal ahead of applying for any future funding for CCTV in the town centre. Eight sites have been identified in the town centre for cameras with each location having four cameras.

Locations that have been agreed in principle are listed below:

1. High Street, Banks of Ury
2. Market Place, Trespass
3. Town Hall Roundabout - Gibbs Menswear
4. West High St, Opposite Butchers Arms
5. North Street Roundabout, on location of redundant lighting pole outside shopping precinct.
6. Constitution Street/Burn Lane next to Virgin Bank Car Park.
7. Constitution Street/Shopping Centre - opposite side of shopping centre exit to Fire Station
8. Station Road / Station Square - near to public toilets.

The British Draughts Championships

We have confirmed Inverurie Town Hall as the venue for this tournament from **Monday 18th to Friday 22nd April 2022**. Competitors will be taking part from the UK and around the world, I have passed on details of accommodation to the organisers.

AOB

IS suggested highlighting the EIS waste deal to levy-payers as the council have been sending out new contracts recently for their waste collection.

DR will send out a direct email and **MK** will add to next Newsletter.

GM suggested that **DR** should contact local council election candidates for Inverurie to get their views on the Town Hall proposals and the Transport Interchange. I will do as soon as all candidates have been confirmed.

Date, time and venue for next meeting:

Tuesday 12th April 2022 at The Hub 1a High Street