**Banchory & District Initiative Ltd**

**Board meeting 29 August 2017**

**Present**: Directors - John Fletcher, Jean Henretty (chair), Norma Makin, Matt Merchant, Russ Crichton

**Attending:-** Jan Leatham (town co-ordinator), Mary Lennox (BCC), David Ritchie (farmer’s market),

**Apologies**: Paul Panchaud

**Minutes from last meeting**:- 27th March 2017 approved

**Matters arising:-**

RBS funding was all spent and accounted for 36 people doing 51 certificated courses, of which 12 are now in employment.

Confidence to Cook continues with Beatrice being funded by the Foodbank.

ML reported that the shelters have been refurbished by BCC using anti-graffiti paint; JH suggested contacting Nicola Kenyon (CLD) with a view to getting the youth to reclaim the facility as there was little vandalism when they were constructed.

**Community Action Plan** – BCC will monitor outcomes, sub-group will be wound up, and some outcomes will be kick-started by BCC.

**Financial Report** - £6,500 donation from the Summer Ball, £300 from Scotmid for tables, Tesco Bags for Life money timeframe is coming up September and October, minimum £1k, £4k maximum. Lions are donating the balance of their funds since they are now winding up. Co-op applied for (max £4k). We have applied for £2k from the Marr Area Committee for Number One, Bike group also applied for £4k. Letter must go to Ball committee to say how money has been spent.

**Town Co-ordinator report – attached.**

**Skate Park –** finished work on the ramp repairs and being repositioned resulted in a flat area. Some grant applications haven’t been successful. Demos and lessons at Banchory River Festival and the Banchory Show. Now have trustees, completed SCIO application. Grant application made for feasibility study, which is the next stage. Will become a separate independent group. Russ said that BDI was vital in starting the momentum going.

**Bike Trails** embroiled in the transfer scheme for the land and planning. Various fundraising attempts made. Need planning for LEADER funding. Wider discussion around the forestry transfer, Bike Trails are just applying for their specific area. Conversation has changed from a lease to purchase and this has delayed the whole process. Trying to work with BPA and their plans. Update Wed 30th.

**CAT for Corsee Woods** – group of volunteers and advisor from Woodland Trust had a walk around. 3 options – from Burnett Hill to proposed bike trails; option 2- all the way up to Brathens; Option 3 – lodge a right to buy and wait until the community is ready to take on the project. Areas that have not been developed for recreation are higher value as commercial forest land.

**Community Garden**

Raised beds and corner bench have been built, top soil delivered, most of the fence painted and the wood and sawdust removed. Some of the funds from Tesco have still to be released.

**Farmers’ Market**

New licence granted for permanent residence in the Bellfield Car Park, licensing inspector came on site and was happy. Market stalls from 20 -25 stalls income is still increasing – around the £500 mark. David’s daughter Claire is interested in the Market Assistant job. DR talking about doing a footballer’s special at 11.30am to increase footfall.

**Signage project** BDI have been asked to take on the maintenance of the signage. All agreed yes but subject to capital transfer – funds to facilitate this. Ask for insurance cover. **Action - Norma**

**Number One –** running four days a week, employed 2 people 8 hours a week each. Takings have been good over the summer. JH is wanting to offer pensioners lunches and an occasional Sunday lunch. Finalist in the Elevator Awards, and winners of the Bonnie Banchory. Thinking is that a paid supervisor will be needed whenever the café is open to provide continuity and reliability.

**Raffle licence** – BDI require a raffle licence to benefit the various community events and organisations that are affiliated with legal raffles where the tickets can be pre-printed and sold before an event. All agreed to make application for lottery licence. Action – **JL to make application.**

**End**

**Date of next meeting:- October 30th 2017**