# Redacted Minutes of Fraserburgh Development Trust Board Meeting held at the Hub, on Wednesday, December 14, 2011

- 1. Present Alan Kennedy, Hamish Partridge, Ricky Shaeffe-Greene, Robin Mackinlay, Ian Watson, Mike Pitman, Ann Bell and Duncan Abernethy.
- 1. Apologies Reid Hutchison.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of Wednesday, November 23, 2011. The minutes were proposed by Ricky Shaeffe-Greene and seconded by Robin Mackinlay.

# 3. Matters arising from Minutes

Community Garden - an alternative site for the proposed Community Garden has been identified. It is an area of land just off West Road. It measures approximately 60metres by 50 metres. The Board were advised that another meeting of the working group would be taking place early in the New Year.

Poverty Alliance - A representative of The Poverty Alliance will be visiting the Trust on January 30th. It was felt to be important that representatives of other local groups also be invited along.

#### 4. Caravan Park

The Board were advised that the Area Manager Margaret Jane Cardno wanted to meet the Board to discuss the Trust's proposals regarding the Fraserburgh and Rosehearty caravan Parks. The Board reiterated their position that it was vital to keep this facility for the community.

The Board were advised that both Portsoy and Turriff had been given the go-ahead. Advice was being sought from DTAS on this. The meeting with Margaret Jane Cardno is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20.

#### 5. Renewables

The Trust had a meeting with Grampian Housing Partnership, who are looking to develop renewable projects. These would involve working with organisations like the Trust and dividing any surpluses. One suitable project has been identified. GHP are going to forward an outline of their plans to the Trust.

## 6. SFS Project

The Board were advised that a preferred site has now been identified and that the landowner had asked his surveyor to carry out some work. The information from the landowner was that the change of designation for the land was looking more favourable. Regarding the business plan, work was on going in conjunction with an advisor from SFS. The deadline for this to be completed by in the middle of January.

#### 7. Seashore Centre

It was reported that no further information had been received from Aberdeenshire Council's legal department, despite the fact that it was understood that the Feuers Managers had given their consent.

## 8. Town Centre Retail Regeneration

The Board were advised that a letter has been sent to Richard Lochhead, Minister for Rural Affairs, putting the case for Fraserburgh to be the location as a retail pilot for the regeneration of the retail sector in the town Centre.

In addition to the letter from the Trust, Gordon Bell of The Retailer Ltd, has also written to the Minister.

It was also agreed that a Press Release be prepared for circulation to let more people know what the Trust's plans for the town centre regeneration are. This would be put out in early January.

# 9. DTAS Conference Report

No report was available due to Reid Hutchison being absent from the meeting. It was agreed that this be carried over to the next board meeting in January.

# 10. Dates of sub groups meetings

It was agreed that the dates for the next Sub group meetings, in particular, SFS and Renewables, be set in the new Year due to the approaching Festive Holiday Period.

# 11. Date of next Board Meeting

The date of the next Board meeting was set for January 18, 2012, at the Hub at 5.30pm.