

Levenmouth LTA

The Old Manor, Lundin Links

22nd December 2016

Attendance:

Christopher Trotter – Chair

Ann Camus – Fife Council

Dominique Robertson - Fife Council

Michael Morris – Action Zone

Brian Robertson - FEAT Trading Community Interest Company/Silverburn

Eugene Clarke – Levenmouth Rail Campaign

Jan Kerr – Homelands Trust

Sharron McIntosh – Fife Cultural Trust

Cllr. David Alexander – Fife Council

Apologies:

John Murray – Fife Council

Chris Wragg – Fife Council

Janet Fairgrieve – The Old Manor Hotel

1.	<u>Welcome/Introductions</u> Christopher was welcomed in as the new chair.	
2.	<u>Minutes and Matters arising</u> Michael met with Gillian Harrower to go through the layout of the new brochure. The brochure text has now been sent to the designer and a 1 st proof will be sent out once available. Jan informed the group that she along with Kitty and a volunteer of the Homelands Trust will be undertaking access reviews in the New Year in conjunction with Ewan's Guide so that an accessible itinerary can be created and promoted to the access market. Cllr Alexander informed everyone that Scoonie Bowling Club is currently being upgrading to become a specialist bowling green, thanks to some common good funding. The hope is that once it has been upgraded it will attract the Scottish Championship event. Brian thanked John for promoting the Silverburn open event on the 28 th November. A good number of people attended and 12 people signed up to join their "Friends" group.	John/Ann

<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Levenmouth Rail Campaign</u></p> <p>Eugene asked if all present would send a letter of support to him so that these can be added to the other letters he has received and add weight to 11,000 signatures he holds in favour of the new rail link. Letters need to be addressed to Levenmouth Rail Campaign, 36 College Street, Buckhaven, KY8 1JY.</p> <p>The group are now awaiting final input to their report from Fife Council. A recent meeting with Fife Council concluded that the economic case needed to be made.</p> <p>Cllr. Alexander stressed the importance of making the economic case. Ann suggested that Eugene could talk to the town centre manager at Galashiels to see if they can comment on the impact of the town centre as essentially as it is the main stop off point it could be compared with situation in Leven.</p> <p>Fife Council have written to assure the group that the ring-fenced £2m capital funding commitment is still available and likely to be retained. The decision on this will be made in February. The project still requires considerable funding from Scottish Government.</p> <p>The next stage is to complete a full scale and detailed plan which then needs to be approved and adopted by Transport Scotland and Scottish Government. There is also a need for Network Rail to agree to take it on. It is hoped that this will be achieved by the end of 2017.</p> <p>Jan asked that Eugene puts pressure on Network Rail to ensure that rail stock is fully accessible and not as it is currently in the Borders where wheelchair access is available but the toilets are not wheelchair friendly.</p> <p>The next public meeting is to be held at Methil Fife Station on 30th January.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Communications plan</u></p> <p>Gillian Harrower has now completed the first draft of the communications plan. Ann circulated a copy to those present and will follow up by sending out with the minute.</p> <p>Ann asked everyone to read through the plan and add notes for the next meetings. She stressed that this is the first draft and that they may well be things missing or new ideas that can be taken forward.</p> <p>Ann to circulate the original plan for “The Energy Coast” so that it, along with the draft communications plan can be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>The group also discussed the potential of other heritage activities that could link to the Energy Coast concept including a Visitor Centre at the hydrogen office. The group asked if there was a social media platform for the hydrogen office – Ann to investigate.</p>	<p>Ann</p> <p>Ann</p> <p>Ann</p>

	<p>Brian and Dominique spoke about the development of the Flax Mill at Silverburn and that they have secured an intern from St Andrews University to unravel the history of the Flax Mill as the owners of the mill, the Russell family archives are held at St Andrews University. This work will start in early January so Brian to feedback at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ann mentioned that the Old Course Hotel is to close for refurbishment in January and that although the hotel will be closed, the staff will be deployed into the local community and elsewhere to gain wider experience. This could be an opportunity for Brian to secure additional help. Ann to circulate Stephen Carter's contact details.</p> <p>Dominique also mentioned the opportunity for potential volunteers from the Levenmouth Twinning Association.</p>	Ann
5.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael asked that future agendas should include updates from the following projects. Ann/John to action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Street Plans and Shorehead to Bridge Street plans • Silverburn Park update • Fife Pilgrims Way • John to add eight weekly meetings in diary for 2017 • Christopher would like the group to think about activities that could encourage more businesses to attend. • Christopher thanked Jan for hosting the meeting; the group would like the next meeting to be held at Methil Heritage Centre. Sharron/Ann to organise 	<p>Ann/John</p> <p>John</p> <p>All</p> <p>Sharron/Ann</p>
6.	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will take place at Methil Heritage Centre on the 26th January, 2017.</p>	