

# **FRASERBURGH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING** **MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2006 - FINDLAYS HOTEL - 7PM**

### **1. Present**

Watt, M	Clifton-Sprigg, A	Duthie, D	Kennedy, A	Maitland, W
Reid, C	Reid, K	Rodger, A	Scott, G	Sparkes, A
Sparkes, J	Taylor, G	Wallace, M	West, A	Cardno, MJ

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Buchan, G     Christie, R                     Gibbs, C

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Read and approved.

### **4. Review of Xmas Late Night Shopping Event**

Outcomes for formal evaluation exercise attached.

It was agreed that due to the success of the event that it should be repeated on Friday 1 December 2006 and that the group should attempt a summer event linked to the Vintage Car Rally weekend. It was agreed that MJ Cardno would seek the approval of the Rally organisers to hold an event on Saturday 3 June.

### **5. Review of January 2006 Employment Seminar**

Although very little formal evaluation forms were returned this event was deemed to be successful with over 30 businesses in attendance. The FBA were also pleased to see representatives from Peterhead and Banff Business Associations at the seminar.

It was agreed that a further seminar be held in September 2006 and key topics should include new legislation related to Ageism and also public sector tendering processes.

### **6. Membership Situation**

The FBA now have 21 fully paid up members. The most recent members are Mr and Mrs Lear of Hudsons Coffee Shop, Broad Street, Fraserburgh.

### **7. Proposed Byelaw Prohibiting the Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places**

Aberdeenshire Council's legal team has now prepared papers for presentation to the Scottish Executive. Because this is a first for Aberdeenshire it is not clear how long it will take for the Executive to endorse the implementation of the byelaw.

### **8. Vandalism in High Street**

It was agreed that the FBA would write to Aberdeenshire Councils Licensing Board expressing concerns about the level of vandalism in the town centre during the weekend periods.

Anne's Ladies Shoes in High Street were commended for the exterior appearance of their shop front.

### **9. Towns Together Forum**

Fraserburgh will be represented at Visit Scotland Expo in April 2006 as part of the towns together stand. Chris Hendry of the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses has agreed to attend the exhibition on the towns behalf.

10. **Update on Fraserburgh Brand**

Members identified the prepared brand, this will be passed on to Jill Buchan.

11. **Action Plan for 2006**

It was agreed that the development of a town centre strategy was a priority for the forth-coming year. This will include the 2 events previously discussed. A Rodger reported that he had spoken to David Halliday on this subject. MJC to invite DH to speak at the next meeting.

12. **AOCB**

M Wallace enquired about the possibility of participating businesses providing discount cards for students at Banff and Buchan College. It was agreed that the college should approach businesses on an individual basis.

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 27 March 2007

Findlays Hotel

Members should note that the meeting will commence at **7.30pm**.