



**MINUTES OF ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING No.1**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 @6.30pm  
 Thomson House, Methil @ 6.30pm

**Action  
By**

**Present:** Nyree Brunton, Eugene Clarke, Rhona Cunningham, Tanja Franz, James Glen, Ken Haig, Linda Holt, Elizabeth McGuire, Dave Paterson, Michelle Ratcliffe, Mary Reilly, Graham Ritchie, Helen Ritchie

**Apologies:** Alan Craig and Cllr K. Caldwell

Welcome

Eugene Clarke welcomed everyone along to the first Action Committee Meeting.

- **Life Council** - Dave Paterson offered Fife Council’s support. Seed Corn funding will be available to the project, which will help towards the feasibility study.
- **Background** - G. Ritchie gave the meeting a brief outline of the project to date.
- Capital funding from other funders, not Fife Council will be required i.e. Big Lottery etc.
- It is important to create something that makes the area a destination.
- The Kelpies expected 300,000 visitors a year and now get 1.3Million.
- Engineering opinions will be needed for the structure and there has already been a meeting with Bi Fab.
- The Project is a Company Limited by Guarantee and has seven directors.
- Members who join will guarantee to pay £1 in the event the project goes bust.

**Ideas for Getting Public Support**

- ❖ Crowd Funding
- ❖ Seed Corn Grant
- ❖ It was suggested that we should make the deadline for the project 2024 to consider with the opening of the railway. Perhaps we could get a TV company to film the project from inception to delivery.
- ❖ Levenmouth Together are holding an event per month starting next month,
- ❖ The Leven are holding public consultation meetings, with the next ones being 02/Mar/20 in Methilhill OAP and Community Centre from 11:00am to 4:00pm and the next one is at Fife Renewable Innovation Center on Saturday 28Mar/20.

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- ❖ Hosting a get together of all the groups operating in the area should be arranged for Wednesday 15/Apr/20 @ 5.30 for 6.00pm start in Thomson House with it limited to two representatives per group/organisation.
- ❖ Invitees would include:
  - CLEAR Buckhaven & Methil
  - Fife Employment Access Trust (FEAT)
  - Fife Chamber of Commerce
  - Fife Coast & Countryside Trust
  - Fife College
  - Fife Council
  - Fife Cultural Trust
  - Levenmouth Academy
  - Levenmouth Local Tourist Association
  - Levenmouth Rail Campaign (LMRC)
  - Levenmouth Together
  - Levenmouth Twinning Association
  - Rotary Club of Buckhaven & Methil
  - Rotary Club of Leven
  - Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)
  - The Leven
  - The Levenmouth Whale Project
  - All local Councilors
  - All the Local Area Committee Members
  - Buckhaven & Denbeath Community Council
  - East Wemyss & McDuff Community Council
  - Kennoway Community Council
  - Largo Area Community Council
  - Methil Community Council
  - Methilhill Community Council (Not Active)
  - West Wemyss Community Council (Not Active)

The three aims are to:

1. to raise awareness of the project
2. to investigate investigate/identify potential synergies and
3. to look at investment in the area.

### **Action Points**

- Create an online form for the website
- Levenmouth Together are hosting a Cars & Chocolate Event on Sunday 12/Apr/20 in Letham Glen from 11.00am to 4.00pm. TLWP to have a stall at the event to gather support and raise awareness.
- An application to be made to Awards for All for up to £10k.
- Crowd Funding assistance is required – T. Franz to see if she can persuade her friend to help us with this.
- Contact information for the BBC to be passed to E. Clarke.

J. Glen

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G. Ritchie

T. Franz

H. Ritchie

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Copies of the paper membership form are to be printed off.</li> <li>➤ Application for funding to be submitted to Scotland Unlimited.</li> <li>➤ TLWP to book a stall at Methil Gala. E. McGuire &amp; M. Reilly to attend.</li> <li>➤ Application to be submitted to Levenmouth Together to pay for banners, stickers etc.</li> <li>➤ Letter to be sent to Bi Fab requesting a Letter of Intent from them for providing TLWP access to the ocean bed survey.</li> <li>➤ A website page showing the businesses and organisations supporting the project to be created. This would also display the companies/organisation's logos.</li> </ul>	<p>L. Holt</p> <p>G. Ritchie</p> <p>E. McGuire &amp; M. Reilly</p> <p>R. Cunningham</p> <p>L. Holt</p> <p>J. Glen</p>
<p><b>6. <u>Date of Next Meeting.</u></b></p> <p>6.1 The meeting will be an Action Committee Meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 6.30pm. Venue BRAG Offices, Thomson House, Methil.</p>	<p>ALL</p>