**South Harbours Improvement Plan – SHIP Presentation**

**Held Virtually via Microsoft TEAMS – Thursday 18 March 2021**

Attendees

Councillors: Cllr Wendy Agnew, Cllr Sarah Dickinson, Cllr Alison Evison, Cllr Ian J Mollison

Officers: Corrie McCall, Principal Officer – Harbours

 Lynn Campbell, Technical Assistant – Harbours

 Jim Brown, Area Harbourmaster

Presenter: Julian Farrar, Kim Mclaren & Steph Mayroberts - Project Managers – Ironside Farrar

Guests: Jamie Wilkinson, Jennifer Mouat, Graham Mitchell. Si H, Alison Farrow Ritchie, Dave Jacobs, Derek McDonald, Graham Jennson, Mark Guerin, Ian Balgowan, John Cruickshank, Andy Lawson, Mairi Eddie, Maria Lewis, Martin Brebner, Paul, Paula Frings, Richard, Roger Bullock, Stephen Foley, Tom Lessels, Louise Watson, Andrew Buchanan, Dawn Black, Dave, John Deacon

**Q.** Round about the Harbour area there are quire a lot of buildings not being utilized, there are businesses trying to grow & bring something more to Stonehaven. What are the Council’s plans to release some of that land that the temporary buildings are sitting on? What’s the possibility of freeing up some of that ground and not just rely on local Council & funding but private investment as well to improve the area?

**A.** We would welcome private sector investment from a principal point of view within Harbours.

**Q.** How do you intend to bring people into groups to take the project forward?

**A.** We have an open-door policy on the Harbour Advisory Committees, the first thing we would want to do is get a selection of people, people invited today, people who have already been part of the consultation, Community Council etc. A group would be set up for each Harbour. The first meeting would be an open meeting to try and gauge what the priorities are, we would then keep going back to that steering group for those that are interested in having any input. We would be looking to get some support from Project Officers and Economic Development in the area.

**Q.** Stonehaven Harbour can get very crowded, there is concern when launching & recovering boats.

**A.** When we start looking at these Projects further, we start talking more about these things and try to put something in place that suits everybody involved.

**Q.** How will anti-social behaviour be dealt with at the Harbour & also the general level of traffic around the Harbour?

**A.** If we can get the toilets back open at the Harbour, that would alleviate the public urination. We have concerns about the staycations this year and the amount of people who will come to Stonehaven and how we will manage it. We need to have a think about this and put something together.

**Q.** Are there any plans approved and underway at Stonehaven? What are the next plans that will be approved?

**A.** The Harbour Advisory Committee and any stakeholder groups would look at the plans in detail. The next stage would be deciding which projects we could get funding for, we can also bid for additional funds. The overall cost is quite significant and may take longer than five years to achieve.