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For your information please find documents for discussion at the Bailies meeting on Monday

Mike

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Hi Mike

Unfortunately I'm based most of my time at Huntly Peregrines at the moment, but here's a resume` of what's been going on recently:

Donview toilets permanently closed.
 Donview artists have use of Donview centre for another year. FCS will look to sell building sometime after that to reduce liabilities for a building no longer core to the business. The Car park will be redeveloped hopefully with something a little larger. All trails remain core and will be maintained.
 Seasonal Donview cleaners time now available has been redirected towards Bennachie centre which means toilets there will now be opened 7 days a week through to mid October at least.

Already we have had a series of unsavoury incidents at the Back of Bennachie recreation area which are totally unacceptable and we are going to be taking an increasingly harder line on this type of behaviour. It is therefore imperative for all of us to be setting the example that we expect and hope that others will follow. We have been well supported by Duke of Edinburgh leaders and Aberdeenshire Council access officers on the stand we have taken.

Back of Bennachie toilets. Trying to get fully open but slow progress with SSE to get power required for water treatment which was requirement of planning approval. Ie water fit for consumption. Should be opening

shortly.

Mary our cleaner does a wonderful job keeping the recreation site litter free (not an easy task!!)

Planned work will focus on the Millstone hill path and should be carried out later in the year. Basic trail checks and maintenance are ongoing, with a bout of windblow clearance necessary after that last storm.

Once again it was necessary to warn people to keep their dogs under control during the lambing season and we put signs up to inform dog owners.

Rangers will be holding events as usual at Bennachie this season.

Cheers

Neil

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Subject: Baillies Update

Hi Mike

Here's an update of our ongoing and proposed work for Bennachie.

- Colony Trail link to the Gordon Way is finished with a lot more work being done than expected - cost is thought to be approaching £20 000!
- Colony Trail cistern to Gowk Stane is on the list for draining and resurfacing (intention to be completed in this financial year)
- Heather Brig to the bottom of Millstone Hill has been highlighted for draining and resurfacing (intention to be completed in this financial year)
- Disabled car parking and access in the Centre car park has been highlighted as an issue and is being reviewed at the moment with the intention to be improved
- An upgrade to the wildlife viewing area at the Bennachie Centre has been proposed and it has been hoped this can be a joint FC/Trust venture (cost approx £ 650) Comments welcome
- The problem with the Back o Bennachie toilets are in hand though the toilets are due to be closed for the Winter at the end of the month
- Grampian Fire Brigades permission for off road training and fire fighting has been extended and they have been on the hill several times recently
- The Duncan family have been successfully reunited with plaques from a seat that had fallen into disrepair and had to be removed from the hill. There are other plaques stored at our Bennachie office if anyone knows of families who have found themselves in a similar situation please get them to contact us and we will do our best to return them to their rightful owners.

Hope you've got all that painting finished!

Cheers

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