Welcome and Attendance.
The Chair welcomed Councillor David Barratt to his first meeting representing the South West Fife Area Committee of Fife Council, and also Miranda Lorraine of the Pilgrimage Project.

1 Present
Alistair Bruce Chair
Frank Connolly Dynamic Dunfermline
Lisa Edwards Dunfermline Delivers
Karen Davidson Kingsgate Shopping Centre
Peter Wilson LTA Projects
Chris Foote Dunfermline Delivers
Roger Pickering Forth Pilgrim
Donald Mackenzie Mackenzie Routes
Cllr Jean Hall Muir Fife Council (Dunfermline Area)
Joe McGuinness Area Services Manager, Dunfermline
Jack Pryde Discover Dunfermline
Miranda Lorraine Fife Pilgrim Way Project

2 Apologies
Elaine Longmuir NTS Culross
Manuela Calchini Visit Scotland
Sherrie McQueen Wetherspoons
Linn Williamson Grill 48
Lisa Edwards Dunfermline Delivers
James Lawson North Queensferry Heritage Trust
Nancy Sidhu Deep Sea World
Cllr Jean Hall Muir Dunfermline Area Committee
Laura Crielly On Fife

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th August 2017
The Minutes were noted

5 Forth Bridges Strategy and Business Groups – It was reported that there the Forth Bridges Forum was still awaiting the final ‘Strategy’ report of the consultants. There was nothing further to report.

6 Cruise Project – Peter Wilson summarised the continuing activity of the Project as the season neared a conclusion. There had been an announcement on 4th October that Fred Olsen was going to introduce the Balmoral with 1200 passengers to Rosyth for the 2018 sailing season, increasing the through flow of passengers for this series alone from 6000-10000. A total of 49 ships were now booked for 2018 at Rosyth (36 in 2017). Peter also reported on his recent attendance at Seatrade Europe funded by Scottish Enterprise and the interest by the cruise lines in new excursions. Finally, he reported that there was due to be a ship on 4th December, when he hoped local visitor attractions would be open.

7 Outlander Project - Donald MacKenzie updated the meeting on the Droughtlander event held on 10th September, announced at the previous meeting, which had received some funding from the LTA. (Up to £150 approved by Chair and Sec/Treasurer). He also reported on the growth of viewer numbers due to terrestrial TV broadcasting. Season 3 was being filmed in the area. The Outlander
Filming Fife Facebook page is to be changed to Filming Fife in recognition of other local filming activity for Mary Queen of Scots, and Robert the Bruce.

8 Pilgrimage – Miranda Lorraine attending her first LTA meeting reported that she had already commenced discussions locally about the formation of a group to be involved in the interests of the nodal point in Dunfermline which would join the pilgrimage routes joining from Culross and North Queensferry, and then heading towards St Andrews. She is looking for participants.
She explained that work has started on some points of the route, but in West Fife the actual trails have yet to be finalised.

9 Sector Updates –
Retail – Retailers remained positive, reported Karen Davidson, and a series of events had been booked for the final quarter of 2017. Amazon lockers were being installed to provide a convenient pick up point.
Hotels – After an excellent August, September had been disappointing in a year/year comparison. There had been a drop in demand for Monday/Tuesday accommodation, but encouraging to see Chinese market growing in peak months.
Heritage – The Dunfermline Heritage Group continues to meet and awaits news of various funding bids.

10 Dunfermline Delivers
The Outwith Festival organised jointly by Avocado Sweet and Dunfermline Delivers had been considered to be a great success with many events sold out.
Future dates:
Fireworks 4th November
Christmas Lights 18th November

11 Finance Report - The Bank statement at 26th September shows account standing at £1586.59 following the payment of two further membership fees. Expenditure of up to £150 is expected in relation to agreed financial support to the Outlander Project for an event held in Dunfermline for which materials were required.

12 Date of Next Meeting – set for Thursday 11th January 2018 at 2pm