



# Grantown Initiative

## Iomairt Bhaile nan Granndach

### **Grantown Initiative - Board Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 14 August 2018 at 7.30pm

The Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown on Spey

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action Points</b>
1	<p><b>Welcome /Apologies</b></p> <p>The Board wishes to thank David Duncan for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>Present:            Directors – Stewart Dick (in chair), Neil Martin, Roger Masters, Tom Clarke, Bill Sadler, Jane Hope            Karen Derrick (Advisor)            Linda Coe, Chair GVCC</p> <p>Apologies: Mel Dick, Basil Dunlop, David Duncan</p>	
2	<p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b></p> <p>The position of Vice Chair remains vacant as there were no nominations.</p>	
3	<p><b>Approval of previous minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes of 10 July 2018 meeting approved.</p> <p>Proposed – BS            Seconded –SD</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters arising from Minutes</b> (not otherwise on agenda)</p> <p>SCIO – KD reported the conversion to SCIO comes with administrative and banking complexities and so the Board agreed the GI should remain as a company and apply for charitable status. KD to raise and submit necessary paperwork to OSCA, which needs to include full signed off 2017 company accounts. MD to action financial paperwork.</p> <p>Richies – post meeting note – news that work will soon begin to create a coffee roasting facility with gift shop. Great news for the town with another independent retailer for which the High street is well known.</p> <p>Hydro shop – communications with the owner are ongoing.</p>	<p>KD</p> <p>MD</p> <p>SD</p>

5	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None	
6	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> MD to circulate July and August accounts by email. Thanks go to MD for continuing as acting Treasurer pending the appointment of a new Treasurer.	MD
7	<b>Membership</b> No new applications.	
8	<b>Grantown Community Website</b> July analytics report was circulated by email prior to the meeting by SD. Arrangements to be made to allow admin access to website for JH and NM.	SD
9	<b>Rails to Grantown (R2G)</b> LC and SD provided update in BD's absence: Slow but positive progress on the TAWS application, submission of preliminary application targeted for September, full submission October. To be followed by meetings with Drew Hendry MP, THC and HIE.	
9b	<b>CARS (Conservation Regeneration Scheme)</b> The Conservation Area Appraisal, run by The Grantown Society on behalf of The Highland Council and part funded by the CNPA, resulted in a comprehensive report by Conservation Architect Sonya Linskaill. Last November there was a week-long public engagement exhibition in the former library. The draft report was approved by the Badenoch and Strathspey Committee for public consultation and put out for consultation which included a one day public drop in meeting.  In light of comments made, the report is now being finalised and will go to the South Highland planning group for final approval (or otherwise). The redefined conservation area boundary will then be formally advertised (probably in the Edinburgh Gazette). Once approved, a management plan will be drawn up by Highland Council. This plan and the appraisal and review can then be the basis for possible funding from such as the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme and Townscape Heritage funding.	
10,11	<b>Tourism /Marketing/ GBA</b> SD to discuss with Landmark Press the possibility of distributing the new Grantown Town Map. A quote has been received from Groverprint which is being progressed.  It was agreed to add an item to the September agenda to discuss the	SD

	approach to the project to address future marketing of Grantown on Spey, including the next stage of development and promotion of the website.	SD
12	<b>GVCC</b> The GVCC has been successfully reformed with 7 members and Linda Coe in the Chair.	
13	<b>GI Projects</b> <b>Community Storage:</b> THC has put their council yard up for sale for £50k. SD has written to Highland Councillors and BS is to investigate further the possibility of Asset Transfer. BS has generated a timeline showing our interest in the yard has been discussed for some months. Further work to be done to explore option of acquiring the yard through the Asset Transfer Scheme. <b>Cemetery Wall:</b> Following the decision taken in the GI/GVCC joint meeting to cancel the Cemetery Wall project, TC expressed his annoyance that such a decision had been taken in that forum and in his absence. The Board agreed that the way in which the decision had been taken was inappropriate and, following a further discussion, it was agreed to continue work on the project, focussing on design options and related costs. KD suggested the project could be tied into a training and skills project (drystone wall building etc) through Leader/Cairngorm Skills, opening up Leader as a possible funding source. KD offered to submit a verbal statement of intent to Leader. <b>Mossie Play Park:</b> MD has identified a contact in the Highland Council and will now arrange a meeting. The Big Lottery Fund is also being considered as a possible funding source. <b>Commercial PA System:</b> The quality and reliability of the existing PA system is an ongoing concern, and the THC plan to fell dead/dying trees in the square, to which the system is fitted, adds to this concern. SD to seek specialist advice regarding requirement and solutions. General discussion was held around projects and priorities. Agreed to aim for a revisit of community engagement in the New Year. Add an item to the agenda for discussion at the next joint meeting with GVCC.	SD/BS KD  TC  KD  MD  SD  SD
14	<b>Correspondence</b> None received.	
15	<b>Alzheimer's Project</b> RM reported good progress, with a number of local organisations positively engaged in the discussions. RM is arranging a meeting to further discussions, date and location TBC.	RM
14	<b>AOCB</b> A letter has been sent from GI/GVCC to local Councillors to highlight the	

	issues and problems around driving and parking in Grantown town centre. Date to be confirmed for a meeting with Councillors.	SD
	TC has prepared an application to THC for a 3 year Public Entertainments Licence for Hogmanay Event. The Board agreed TC is to be reimbursed the £432 application fee.	MD
	Further to an approach from the Chairperson of Grantown Try Tri, the Board agreed to make a donation of £100 towards the costs of the event.	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	Tuesday 11 September, 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Grant Arms, Grantown on Spey	

### List of Action Points C/F from Previous Meetings

Date	Item	Discharged
10/4	GI letter of support to be sent to G. Strang regarding the Inverallan 2020 development plans	Completed
10/4	Register of Directors' Interests to be created	Completed
10/4	SRCT/GBA combined effort to produce new Town Map	SD/NM
10/4	GoS Museum/GBA meeting to discuss working relationship and availability of Town Trail Map	JH/NM
10/4	Investigate using BT building car park as a site for storage container	SD
8/5	Actively encourage online advertisers on visitgrantown to migrate to grantownonline.com	All
8/5	The last of the Grantown Times tins have still to be collected and counted.	Completed
8/5	TITG badge monies to be transferred to ring-fenced GBA funds	Completed
8/5	GDPR – policy defined, members to be asked to opt in again	MD
10/7	Continue to seek funding sources for Hogmanay	TC
10/7	Are there benefits to the GI registering for VAT?	KD
10/7	Is the request for funding for a defibrillator still live?	SD

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31/8/2018