



## **Grantown Initiative - Board Meeting**

**Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 10 January 2017 – at  
Town House, Grantown-on-Spey**

Present: **Directors** – Dan Cottam (in the Chair), Melanie Dick, Stewart Dick, Basil Dunlop, Jane Hope

Apologies: **Directors** – Isla Game

**Advisers** – Karen Derrick (VABS)

### **1. Welcome / Directors**

The Chair welcomed all to the Meeting.

### **2. Approval of previous minutes**

Proposed – Basil Dunlop

Seconded – Dan Cottam

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Interests declared by any Director.

### **4. Membership of Grantown Initiative**

No applications for Ordinary Membership of Grantown Initiative had been received since the Last Meeting.

### **5. Grantown Initiative – Going forward for 2017**

The Board of the Grantown Initiative would like offer its sincere thanks to David Lyle and Karen Martin for their respective services as Secretary and Treasurer over the last few years. Both have been indispensable members of the board and their contribution will be missed. The board wishes them well for the future.

With Karen and David stepping down from their roles as treasurer and secretary, the board agreed the following.

Minute taking duties will be alternated between Stewart Dick and Jane Hope, who have both previously produced board minutes. Large updates by board members will be emailed to the minute taker to reduce the burden of recording these reports as they are given.

Treasury duties will be taken up in the interim by Melanie Dick. Melanie will arrange to meet with Karen for a handover of the accounts. She will work with Stewart to move everything onto the Grantown Initiative's cloud to ease collaboration with other board members.

It was also agreed that a standard skeleton agenda be produced to ease the job of its production.

The need for new directors to fill some of the gaps left was highlighted. The board agreed to try and recruit new members.

#### ACTIONS

SD – Complete current minutes and create skeleton agenda

MD – Arrange to meet with KM

### **6. Rails to Grantown**

Basil Dunlop updated the board on this project and explained that the project was awaiting the AGM of Strathspey Railway Charitable Trust and clarification of Strathspey Railway Company and Strathspey Railway Charitable Trust.

With this project identified in the Iconic as a priority for Grantown, the board discussed ways to work with SRC and to help move things forward. BD requested that Highland Councillors be asked for an update on their position and progress re. SRC/SRCT AND Rails to Grantown and that Karen Derrick be asked if she could provide any further information or assistance.

SD tabled a proposal to run a bus service between Broomhill Station and Grantown. SD explained he had discussed the idea with Lindsay Jack and had been given an indication of cost to run such a service.

The board agreed to pursue this project with the intention to run the bus on Saturdays from the start of the Easter holidays with the bus would collect passengers from the 11.18 train at Broomhill, and return to Broomhill in time to catch the 15.50 back to Aviemore or Boat of Garten.

It was suggested by JH that this would be a suitable project to apply for funding through the new Participatory budgeting (PB) scheme run by Highland Council. The board agreed.

#### ACTIONS

SD - Contact Douglas Norris (SRC Chair) by email and post about proposal

SD –Confirm cost with Lindsay Jack

JH – Complete application for PB funding

### **7. CARS Scheme**

Update from BS. A meeting had been arranged with CNPA to gauge support for the scheme, which requires the support of a planning authority to move forward. BS has been in discussions to look at getting the conservation area re-appraised which would outline the needs and significance of the area and may include new suggested planning guidelines.

BS is continuing to work on this with support of The Grantown Society, Grantown Initiative and GOSVCC.

## **8. Tourism / Marketing**

Alongside the proposed bus service, the Board discussed the creation of a new marketing leaflet for Grantown.

### **ACTIONS**

DC – Contact landmark press re costs for production and distribution

## **9. Grantown Initiative and Grantown Community Council**

The need for closer ties and better communication with the community council was discussed, it was agreed that The GI would arrange a meeting of all board members and community councillors to improve this. Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February at 7:30 was agreed as the proposed date for this meeting.

### **ACTIONS**

BS – Propose meeting at next Community Council meeting and invite Community Councillors.

SD – Speak to Karen Derrick to arrange booking of meeting room and ask for assistance in facilitating the meeting.

DC – Consider talking points for the event.

## **10. Grantown Business Association**

Stewart Dick updated the board that there was nothing to report on the progress of this merger with the GBA.

The Chair asked that this be moved forward as a priority.

## **11. Grantown Community Website**

Stewart Dick updated the board that the website build was behind schedule but was progressing. The designers had given access to the development site and the subcommittee had begun snagging the site and giving feedback and changes to 3<sup>rd</sup> Pixel.

The Chair asked that this be moved forward as a priority.

## **12. Community Calendar**

Grantown Initiative had received several emails about the RBS community calendar. This project had been previously organised by David Lyle.

**ACTIONS**

DC – To progress this item.

**13. GI Projects**

No discussion or report.

**14. AOCB**

No discussion or report.

**15. Next Board Meeting**

The next Board would be on Tuesday 14 February 2017.

**Minutes Secretary – Stewart Dick (Interim)**