



# Grantown Initiative

Iomairt Bhaile nan Granndach

## **Grantown Initiative - Board Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 11 July 2017 at The Courthouse, Grantown-on-Spey

	Item	Action Points
1.	<p><b>Welcome /Apologies</b></p> <p>Present: Directors - Stewart Dick (in chair), , Bill Sadler, Basil Dunlop, Neil Martin, Tom Clarke, Jane Hope, Melanie Dick, Advisors- Karen Derrick</p> <p>Apologies: Dam Cottam, Isla Game</p>	
2.	<p><b>Approval of previous minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes of 13 June 2017 approved with minor editorial changes. Proposed – MD Seconded – BS</p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters arising from Minutes</b> (not otherwise on agenda) None</p>	
4.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> None</p>	
5.	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>None to report. Agreed need to take every opportunity to publicise and increase membership. Opportunity to do this as businesses approached to list themselves on website (see later item). Take opportunities in articles in Strathly and Grantown Times to stress importance of membership of GI.</p>	<p>All All (as articles done for events). Draw up schedule?</p>
6.	<p><b>Rails to Grantown (RTG) and Bus Service</b></p> <p>BD reported on RTG. Still waiting for the AGM of the Strathspey Railway Company Trust (SRCT); and for the SRC to meet with the Trust. Meanwhile, Transport Scotland, who were advising on the drafting of the TAWS Order, took 14 months to respond. The delay is hard to understand. Serious fundraising cannot commence until the Government give the green light on the TAWS application.</p> <p>SD had circulated an invitation to the community to attend a meeting to discuss how to progress matters – Karen Derrick to chair .</p>	<p>BD to keep abreast of developments.</p> <p>KD SD to circulate copy of Iconic report to</p>

	Bus Service: SD reported disappointing lack of take up. Money now used up so service being withdrawn.	those attending.
7.	<b>CARS (Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme)</b>  BS reported: Little had happened over the summer. Meeting called to take stock, before calling meeting of full steering group.	BS, KD
8.	<b>Community Website</b>  SD reported: Site now updated with dates of meetings, and past minutes. Use of site increasing, bounce rate low. Proposal to produce “traffic report” for site so businesses can see how it is being used. General conclusion: site working (even though clearly there is always room for improvement, which to some extent will come with passage of time).  Directors had agreed previously to approach 10 businesses each to encourage them to put their business details on the website. Close to 100 have signed up so far. List to be drawn up showing list of businesses, status (in terms of signed up to website) and which director to follow up.  KD suggested a single A4 crib sheet covering the question “why get listed on Granttownonline” – this is already online and Directors were encouraged to look at it, and share with potential businesses.	SD to circulate list
9.	<b>Tourism/Marketing</b>  NM: recalled action from previous meeting had been to start work on developing a business plan. Still to do.	NM
10.	<b>GVCC</b>  Reported that GVCC in abeyance due to lack of members. Elections in September (on normal cycle) - indications are that new candidates will step forward.	
11.	<b>GI Projects</b>  Community Storage Facility: no progress to report.  Cemetery Wall: TC and KD to revisit and re-energise.  PlayPark: Project has run into sand because of over-engineering and hence expense becoming apparent in discussions to date. General feeling round the table that it could be possible to bring about significant improvements without the need for an elaborate and expensive re-vamp. Important to look at it from point of view of users -need someone to speak to Mhari Robertson in first instance for advice.	TC, KD       MD

	Co-op fund: Bids open in current round. Need clear ideas before bidding.	
12.	<b>Thunder in the Glens</b>  Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> august. Volunteers sought to help on the day. Same format as usual. Badges – arrangements in hand. Set of Grantown250 flags to be set up at entrance or exit to Grantown.	BS
13.	<b>Terms of Reference for Sub Committees of GI</b>  Terms of reference for the GBA sub-committee and TITG sub-committee had previously been circulated by email and agreed by Directors. The meeting formally agreed these, for recording in the minutes as a formal record of the decision. Proposed: BS, Seconded: NM	
15.	AOCB  a)Car boot sale in aid of B&S Transport Company Sunday 30 July. Decided GI did not have capacity to have a presence; in terms of profile-raising, better to direct our limited resources at other events. b)Christmas Lights: Need a contact so we can forward an email received from Project Manager for Blanchere Illuminations in Fife. c)BD reported: Byrnie path fence (Craiglynnne to river) in a bas state. Responsibility of The estate. GI and GVCC need to put pressure on The estate. AWT (Anagach Woods Trust) have a management agreement with The estate, but still need the resources to undertake work. Suggested they could put in a bid to Co-op fund d)BD reported: Former Filling Station: AWT Board does not feel anything should be done to develop this site, as this might detract from the town centre (ie distract visitors from the centre). GI board was in agreement with the view of AWT. e)MD: reported on difficulties with dealing with Bank and transfer of responsibility to new Treasurer. Many thanks expressed to Karen Martin for her continued help. Bank balance currently £10984.37 (£5k ring fenced for CARS work).	BD
15.	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 8 August 2017, The Courthouse.	

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

Date	Item	Discharged

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