



Grantown Initiative
Iomairt Bhaile nan Granndach

Grantown Initiative - Board Meeting

Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7.30pm

The Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown on Spey

	Item	Action Points
1	<p>Welcome /Apologies</p> <p>The Board wishes to thank David Duncan for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>Present: Directors – Stewart Dick (in chair), Roger Masters, Mel Dick, Basil Dunlop, Neil Martin, Karen Derrick (Advisor)</p> <p>Apologies: Tom Clark, David Duncan, Jane Hope</p> <p>Bill Sadler has stepped down from the Board to concentrate his efforts on the Grantown and Vicinity Community Council. The Board would like to thank Bill for his contribution to the Initiative.</p>	
2	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>The position of Vice Chair remains vacant as there were no nominations.</p>	
3	<p>Approval of previous minutes</p> <p>Minutes of 11 September 2018 meeting approved.</p> <p>Proposed – MD Seconded –RM</p> <p>October’s meeting was cancelled.</p>	
4	<p>Matters arising from Minutes (not otherwise on agenda)</p>	
5	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None</p>	

6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>MD distributed and presented the October 2018 accounts.</p> <p>Thanks go to MD from the Board for continuing as acting Treasurer pending the appointment of a new Treasurer.</p>	
7	<p>Membership</p> <p>Membership application received from Claire Thom, Chair Grantown YMCA Community Centre. A Partnership Agreement has also been proposed, the Board await a draft document for comment.</p>	
8	<p>Grantown Community Website</p> <p>October analytics report was circulated by email prior to the meeting by SD.</p>	
9	<p>Rails to Grantown (R2G)</p> <p>TAWS</p> <p>The application is almost ready to submit to the TAWS Unit, Transport Scotland, further delay having been caused by their request for trackbed cross-levels. The qualified volunteer previously doing such work is no longer available, and SRCT are questioning the need for such information.</p> <p>The draft submission when made, expected before the end of the year, is in the form of a Pre-application, with 42 days minimum consultation with Statutory Consultees (TAWS Unit, TS, SNH, & SEPA). Their comments can be discussed and amendments made, before submitting the full application.</p> <p>Full Application</p> <p>Advertised twice in local paper, with a 6 week period for the lodging of objections, which are passed to Scottish Ministers. If some objections are major, or others cannot be resolved, SG may determine a hearing in front of a Reporter is required.</p> <p>Once resolved, and Scottish Ministers confirm they have all the necessary information, and no Public Local Inquiry is necessary, they aim to determine within 12 weeks. It will probably take until next autumn to get final approval.</p> <p>Meetings with Other Bodies</p> <p>As HIE have cancelled various arranged meetings, SRCT has sent a letter to the Chief Executive to put before the HIE Board, explaining how they can help the RTG project through support as well as funding. The letter emphasises it is not so much a business project for SRC as a major tourism, regeneration, social and community project for the area and the Highlands, and mentions GI support per the Action Plan. The sorry history of high-level betrayals by official bodies is highlighted.</p> <p>The content of the letter is also being discussed with SG through a meeting with Transport Secretary Michael Matheson and MSP Minister Fergus Ewing, arranged by the latter.</p>	BD

	<p>Time is pressing as the deadline for this round of BerryBurn funding has passed, next round is January/February. The final application date for the last round of Leader funding is also in February. A discussion was held around the viability of this project and it was agreed to allocate sufficient time at the next meeting when TC is present.</p> <p>Mossie Play Park: MD has identified a contact in the Highland Council however there is no reply from the individual. MD to approach Liz Cowie to seek confirmation the individual is the correct contact, and to ask for her assistance in establishing contact.</p> <p>Commercial PA System: 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. Post meeting note from SD – enquiries have been made with several audio companies, awaiting further information.</p> <p>Burnfield Toilet: Efforts continue for the community to take ownership of the facility from THC through a Community Asset Transfer (CAT). Cost estimates are being gathered, discussions with contractors continue. It was also agreed to try and include the Town House garden area in the Burnfield CAT.</p> <p>The following actions were agreed; SD to discuss with CL????? SD/KD to explore funding options. KD to talk to representatives from Nethy Bridge regarding their asset transfer. NM to discuss cleaning with local contractor.</p> <p>Parking: A meeting with THC has been held with positive discussions around the range of issues and concerns regarding the current parking provisions in town. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the GVCC to formulate a counter proposal for parking prior to the next meeting with THC.</p> <p>GVCC: The Board agreed to hold a discussion at the next meeting to focus on how it should best operate alongside the GVCC. JH offered to produce an example document as a basis for discussion.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>MD</p> <p>SD</p> <p>SD/KD</p> <p>SD SD/KD KD</p> <p>NM</p> <p>SD</p> <p>JH</p>
14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
15	<p>Alzheimer's Project</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>RM</p>
14	<p>AOCB</p> <p>A letter has been sent from GI/GVCC to local Councillors to highlight the</p>	

	issues and problems around driving and parking in Grantown town centre. Both community groups are awaiting completion of a Council report into parking and the confirmation of a meeting date.	SD
	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 11 December, 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	SRCT/GBA combined effort to produce new Town Map	SD/NM
10/4	GoS Museum/GBA sub-committee 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	GDPR – policy defined, members to be asked to opt in again	MD
10/7	Are there benefits to the GI registering for VAT?	KD
11/9	Communications with owner of Hydro shop ongoing	SD
11/9	Letter of thanks to be sent to Motormaniam committee	TC

Neil Martin
30/11/2018