



Grantown Initiative

Iomairt Bhaile nan Granndach

Grantown Initiative - Board Meeting

Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 8 August 2017 at The Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey

Meeting relocated to Grant Arms hotel as key was not available for Courthouse.

	Item	Action Points
1.	<p>Welcome /Apologies</p> <p>Present: Directors – Dan Cottam (in chair) Stewart Dick, Basil Dunlop, Neil Martin, Tom Clarke, Melanie Dick,</p> <p>Apologies: Isla Game, Bill Sadler, Jane Hope Advisors- Karen Derrick</p>	
2.	<p>Approval of previous minutes</p> <p>Minutes of July 2017 approved with minor editorial changes. Proposed – BS Seconded –MD</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising from Minutes (not otherwise on agenda) None</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest None</p>	
5.	<p>Membership</p> <p>None to report.</p>	
6.	<p>Rails to Grantown (RTG) and Bus Service</p> <p>BD and SD reported on meeting of key RTG stakeholders which took place on 1st August and was Chaired by Karen Derrick. The meeting discussed ways the RTG project could be progressed. It was became clear that the correct body to move this project forward was Strathspey Railway Charitable Trust, however there are some governance issues between Strathspey Railway Company and Strathspey Railway Charitable Trust which were hampering progress. It was also highlighted the SRCT board was in need of more members. Karen Derrick offered the assistance of VABS to deal with the governance issues and David Fraser explained that these issues and the manpower issues could be looked at following the SRCT AGM. to assist in making</p> <p>SD has put name forward to join the board of SRCT.</p>	<p>BD to keep abreast of developments.</p>

7.	CARS (Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme) No report	
8.	Community Website SD reported that the traffic to the site was continuing to increase. Actions outstanding Produce up to date list of listed business – SD Produce new simplified traffic report for directors – SD	SD to circulate list
9.	Tourism/Marketing Board agreed that before creating a marketing subcommittee that there was a need for the board as a whole to discuss and agree on a direction for the marketing subcommittee. I was agreed that there would be a reduced agenda at the October meeting and this meeting would focus on tourism/marketing. It was also agreed that directors would contact some specific business owners and ask them to attend and give their input.	NM, TC, SD, MD
10.	GVCC 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.	GI Projects Community Storage Facility: KD had contacted Liz Cowie at THC to discuss the possibility of creating a storage facility in the garden behind the Courthouse. This proposal was not viewed favourably by the ward the ward councillors. There was an indication that using the basement may be a possibility. Cemetery Wall: TC and KD met with Mhairi Brown to recap and reinvigorate the project. TC had spoken to THC, and AWT/Gavin Miles . Neither had any objections to the project. TC had arranged a meeting with THC to look at the site and discuss options. The next step fo r the project is to get estimates for the construction. TC plans to submit a funding application for the next round of funding from Berrydale wind farm. TC envisages applying to two or three places for funding. The need for public input was highlighted and it was agreed this could be facilitated via grantownonline website and social media. PlayPark: £500 had previously been received from Motormaniam. Application placed for CO-OP community funding. Process for playpark will likely be similar to the cemetery wall and include similar stages including public input. Inveralland Roundabout / Gateway marker: TC suggested the possibility of having the roundabout be sponsored by one of the local distilleries. TC to follow up with JH who had prevciously been handling this project.	KD TC, KD MD TC

15.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>a) It was brought to the attention of the GI that there had been issues with the public toilets in town. However it was understood that this had since been dealt with by THC and no further action was required.</p> <p>b) Treasurers report – it was noted that this had been missed of the agenda and should be added in future. MD reported that she was in the process of collating information after gaining access to the online banking for the company. MD reported that there is £11092.78 in the bank.</p> <p>c) TC had been approached by Fay Hampton regarding an issue with the town map that the GI launched in Spring 2016. FH was concerned about an error with the placement of the location of the point for Norwood B&B. It was explained that this issue had been highlighted by Sarah Jane Dupon, owner of Norwood in November 2016. The initial print run of the maps was 11,000 of which some 7-8,000 copies still remain. Volunteers at the museum are aware of the issue and point it out to visitors.</p> <p>d) Agenda amendments – Grantown Business Association and Tourism/Marketing to be combined. Treasurers report to be included.</p>	
15.	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 8 August 2017, The Courthouse.	

List of Action Points C/F from Previous Meetings

Date	Item	Discharged
July 2017	Produce up to date list of listed business – SD Produce new simplified traffic report for directors – SD	

Stewart Dick