



Grantown Initiative

Iomairt Bhaile nan Granndach

Grantown Initiative - Board Meeting

Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 12 September 2017 at The Court House, Grantown on Spey
at 7.30pm

	Item	Action Points
1,2	<p>Welcome /Apologies</p> <p>Present: Directors – Dan Cottam (in chair) Stewart Dick, Basil Dunlop, Neil Martin, Melanie Dick, David Duncan, Bill Sadler, Jane Hope, Isla Game</p> <p>Apologies: Tom Clark Advisors- Karen Derrick</p>	
3.	<p>Approval of previous minutes</p> <p>Minutes of August 2017 approved with minor editorial changes. Proposed – BD Seconded –MD</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising from Minutes (not otherwise on agenda) None</p>	
5.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>BD had reported at a previous meeting that he was now on the Board of the Anagach woods Trust, and requested that this was added to the list of directors' interests. He had also been reelected as a Director and Trustee on the SCRT.</p>	
6.	<p>Membership</p> <p>None to report.</p>	
7.	<p>Rails to Grantown (RTG)</p> <p>BD reported: AGM of SRCT (The Trust) held end of August – 4 nominations for new directors all accepted, so Board now has 8 Directors, although more will be needed to provide real impetus for the project. SD was keen to be a director – BD agreed to raise at next meeting of the Trust.</p> <p>BD suggested main requirements for new Directors were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Someone with experience of fund raising; - Someone familiar with the workings of Government; - An administrator. <p>There had been some debate about whether the Trust's Mem and Arts needed revising – KD suggested that at the very least they needed to be</p>	BD

	updated to bring clarity and also to bring them into line with recent legislation, and was looking into this at a meeting on 29 September (with Graham Keith and David Fraser).	KD
8.	<p>CARS (Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme)</p> <p>BS reported. Good progress in The Grantown's Society's work gathering information for the appraisal, but consultant was needed to complete the work. Two had been contacted, and one had expressed interest and was visiting Grantown. The aim was to complete the main information collection by the end of September.</p> <p>A meeting of the Steering group was urgently needed.</p>	KD
9.	<p>Community Website</p> <p>SD presented a report of recent traffic. Steady progress – but important to get more listings of businesses and community groups. SD and KD to meet to consider how to improve listings of community groups.</p> <p>It was suggested an attempt was made to separate out the “hits” from people/businesses within Grantown from those outside.</p>	SD, KD SD
10.	<p>Tourism/Marketing</p> <p>As previously reported, the Board had 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.</p> <p>DD reported he was attending a VisitScotland-led meeting in October looking at potential changes to the QA (Quality Assurance) scheme in Scotland. He would be seeking views in advance from Grantown Businesses.</p>	NM, TC, SD, MD DD
11.	<p>GVCC</p> <p>GVCC has new members; first meeting Tuesday 19th September. There had been no elections and the GVCC was still two members short of the maximum of 9. Barry Main remained the chair.</p>	
12.	<p>GI Projects</p> <p>Community Storage Facility: Highland Council were not keen on a storage container being housed behind the Court House. It was suggested the option of a new shed may be more acceptable in aesthetic terms, and this would be looked into, and the Council approached again. Carrbridge CC would also be asked for advice as they had invested in a Community Storage facility.</p> <p>Motor Mania, Grantown Musuem, Festive Lights , TIGG and Twinning Association were the organisations with the main interest in this.</p> <p>Cemetery Wall: TC had submitted a written report. Next step was to put together a Pre Application Planning submission (to gain initial feedback from the Planning Department) prior to putting in a formal application. The</p>	KD

	<p>latter would be cheaper if done through the GVCC. It was noted that further Community Consultation would be needed – the project originally arose through the GVCC’s request but that was more than 4 years ago. Clearly the GVCC needed to be supportive if they were to submit the Planning Application, so next steps would be an approach to GVCC and putting together a design as a basis for seeking views.</p> <p>Mossie PlayPark: No report. MD and DC to meet soon. An application had been put into Coop for funding.</p>	MD,DC
13.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>MD submitted report. Funds at bank £11,717. Some of this was ring-fenced – in particular, the money from the Harleys event needed to be identified and ring-fenced (for Tourism Sub-Committee).</p>	MD
14.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>A letter of complaint had been received from a member of the public. The complaint was considered, fully discussed by the board and found to be groundless. No further action would be taken and the board considered the matter closed</p>	
15.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Continuing closures of the Burnfield Public Toilets was noted – although not a GI responsibility, there were consequences for local businesses, and particularly for the Museum. The matter should be drawn to the attention of the GVCC.</p>	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 10 October 2017, 7.30pm The Courthouse.</p>	

List of Action Points C/F from Previous Meetings

Date	Item	Discharged
July 2017	Produce up to date list of listed business – SD	Sept17
	Produce new simplified traffic report for directors – SD	

Jane Hope
15/9/2017