



**Grantown Initiative**  
**Iomairt Bhaile nan Granndach**

**Grantown Initiative - Board Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 7.30pm

The Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown on Spey

	Item	Action Points
1	<p><b>Welcome /Apologies</b></p> <p>The Board thanks David Duncan for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>Present: Directors – Stewart Dick (in chair), Mel Dick, Neil Martin, Basil Dunlop, Roger Masters, Tom Clarke, Bill Sadler, David Duncan</p> <p>Apologies: Jane Hope, Isla Game, Karen Derrick (Advisor)</p>	
2	<p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b></p> <p>The following elections were made:</p> <p>DD – Treasurer (Proposed TC, Seconded BD)</p> <p>The position of Vice Chair remains vacant as there were no nominations. Isla Game has resigned from the Board of Directors with immediate effect.</p>	
3	<p><b>Approval of previous minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes of 10 April 2018 meeting approved.</p> <p>Proposed – MD Seconded –BD</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters arising from Minutes</b> (not otherwise on agenda)</p> <p>Hogmanay Sub Group: TC has received details from Jaci Douglas of a potential funding source for Christmas/Hogmanay events. TC to follow up.</p>	TC
5	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None</p>	

6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>MD presented a copy of April's bank statement. It was agreed the monthly bank statement would be presented at each meeting going forward, for the purpose of full transparency.</p> <p>The last of the Grantown Times tins have still to be collected and counted. The sum of £140, raised from the sale of TITG badges, is to be transferred to the ring-fenced GBA funds.</p> <p>Thanks go to MD for continuing as acting Treasurer pending the appointment of a new Treasurer.</p>	MD MD
7	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>No new applications.</p>	
8	<p><b>Grantown Community Website</b></p> <p>March and April analytics reports were presented by SD. A discussion was held on how to improve the ranking of the website and encourage traffic. It was agreed to actively encourage advertisers on the visitgrantown website to migrate to grantownonline.com.</p>	SD, All
9	<p><b>Rails to Grantown (R2G)</b></p> <p>BD reported. In order to progress the laying of demo rail track in Grantown, HIC has been approached for agreement for SRCT to gain access to land and begin laying track in readiness for a future public meeting. HIC is reluctant at this stage to formally agree and so Bill Lobban, HIC Convener, has been approached to assist.</p>	
9b	<p><b>CARS (Conservation Regeneration Scheme)</b></p> <p>BS discussed a summary of his recent report, Grantown Compass, and a development plan. BS to recirculate both documents. BS also recapped his attendance at a recent Town Partnership event, the next one is to be held late May. BS is considering a local roadshow for Grantown to present and discuss the various reports and events.</p>	BS
10,11	<p><b>Tourism /Marketing/ GBA</b></p> <p>BS raised a success story about a Town App and Free WiFi. Mentioned business info, buildings history, accommodation providers, .....</p> <p>NM informed the Board that he had been approached by an individual seeking community support in principle to work together towards the potential purchase of Castle Grant. The individual has written a skeleton business plan expressing their ideas on the potential of the project. The Board recognised community support would be a positive influence and agreed in principle to communicate their willingness to support the project. BS commented that groups such as Grantown Society, Scottish National Heritage should also be considered as providers of support. NM to respond to the individual positively, expressing GI support.</p>	NM

12	<p><b>GVCC</b></p> <p>Following two recent resignations, the GVCC is once again in abeyance as there are only 4 elected council members and two co-opted members. There will therefore be elections in June, organised by HIC.</p>	
13	<p><b>GI Projects</b></p> <p><b>Community Storage:</b> BS suggested HIC be approached to discuss using the council yard by the primary school. SD offered to approach Highland Councillors to discuss.</p> <p><b>Cemetery Wall:</b> No further progress to report.</p>	SD
14	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>GI has received a letter from Jan Cuthbertson seeking funding support (up to £1k) for a further defibrillator in town (south end). The Board agreed to provide the necessary funding, subject to understanding any ongoing maintenance costs and how they would be covered. SD to discuss with Jan.</p>	SD
15	<p><b>Alzheimer's Project</b></p> <p>Following a meeting with Alzheimer's Scotland, RM has established a contact who has suggested the Dementia Friendly Person (DFP) approach is a good first step. RM to investigate if an event can be arranged to facilitate some individuals becoming DFPs, possibly to coincide with Dementia Awareness week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June.</p>	RM
14	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>New GDPR legislation is effective from 25 May 2018. Work is underway to define a suitable policy for GI to ensure compliance, with the main focus on email policy and Director related matters. MD confirmed GI does not need to register with ICO, however members will need to opt in again.</p> <p>Following on from the ICONIC report, the time was ripe for the GI to state that its long term aspiration was pulling all projects and ideas together into a community development plan, as a basis for funding. Include on agenda for meeting with GVCC.</p> <p>SCIO: The new SCIO constitution was adopted at the AGM. KD to progress.</p>	MD  SD  KD
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 12 June, 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Court House (TBC), Grantown on Spey</p>	

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Discharged</b>
17/10	Mossie Play Park- MD to progress.	MD
17/10	Money from Harleys event to be identified and ring fenced for the Tourism Sub Committee.	Completed
10/4	GI letter of support to be sent to G. Strang regarding the Inverallan 2020 development plans	SD
10/4	Register of Directors' Interests to be created	KD
10/4	SRCT/GBA combined effort to produce new town map	SD/NM
10/4	GoS Museum/GBA meeting to discuss working relationship	JH/NM
10/4	Investigate using BT building car park as a site for storage container	KD
10/4	Confirm with TC the identity of benefactor offering to fund cemetery wall	SD
10/4	Continue to progress SCIO	KD

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