

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 08 October 2019 at 7pm

Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey

DRAFT MINUTES

		Action Points
1.	Present: Ewan McGregor, Vice Chair Karen Derrick, Treasurer Karen Martin, Admin Secretary Basil Dunlop Anne MacDonald David Duncan Declan Gallacher	
2.	Apologies: Jane Hope - Chair, Tom Clarke, Laurie MacLeod	
3.	Minute of previous meeting: Agreed subject to minor editorial changes.	
4.	Matters arising from the Minute (not otherwise on the agenda) Anne Macdonald has resigned from the Board; however, she remains very keen to be involved and help with any tasks/events/projects Bank signatories approved by bank. KD provided with debit card. Forms for new members/directors to be at their first meeting to speed up co-opting process	
5.	Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda: None	
6.	Membership – new applications Kirsten Gilmour in attendance and considering membership	
7.	Treasurer's report Report for current YTD presented. Confirmation of insurance costs split three ways each for Harleys, Hogmanay, and Directors' Liability. KM asked KD if known future expenses can be shown on report to forecast future cash flow. Action: KD to look into it.	KD
	Reports on Workstreams:	

8	<p>Progress on Town Centre Fund</p> <p>KD revealed that a sum of money has been awarded but seeking verification and details from Highland Council.</p>	
9	<p>Burnfield Toilet Block</p> <p>Toilet block/sewage system functioning adequately, although some repairs would be needed.</p> <p>Action: DD to seek quotes for the specified works – outstanding.</p> <p>KD reported she had been asked to submit full application to THC for asset transfer</p> <p>Action: KD to resubmit Asset Transfer application.</p> <p>KD tabled management plan for the toilet block.</p> <p>Discussion on income suggestions for toilets. Suggestions included: honesty boxes, credit card charity charges, 5p bag charge from local shops, guest house collection boxes. Consensus not to be overly conspicuous.</p>	<p>DD</p> <p>KD</p> <p>DD</p>
10	<p>Events</p> <p>TC absent.</p> <p>KM train on website and can update events calendar.</p> <p>Action: KM to contact all GoS event organisers to populate calendar</p>	<p>KM</p>
11	<p>Creating an Attractive Town</p> <p>Curling Pond – getting worse. EM waiting to hear back on quotes.</p> <p>EM discussed new Co-op initiative for maintaining open spaces in communities. Possible funding source for curling pond.</p>	<p>EM</p>
12	<p>Business/Visitor Matters</p> <p>KM created GBA accounts and forecast of expenditure.</p> <p>GoS advert in Landmark Press “Welcome to Cairngorm National Park” Bedroom Folder. Dan at museum offered to do design. 11 local businesses indicated desire to advertise on bedroom folder leaflet.</p> <p>‘Things to Do’ map is happening with CNPA support. Quote needed. CNPA to cover costs.</p> <p>Action: KM to get quotes.</p>	<p>KM</p>
13	<p>Communications and Publicity</p> <p>Website – currently community based, more needed for visitors</p> <p>Action: KM and DG to look at website content and update</p>	<p>KM/DG</p>

	<p>10 advertisers currently on the website. KM and DG to investigate tiered marketing packages.</p> <p>Aim to have website up to date before Easter. Mainly competing with traffic-heavy, but out of date, Visit Grantown site.</p> <p>KD asking for chair@ treasurer@ secretary@ email addresses.</p> <p>Action: KM to speak to Third Pixel</p> <p>Agreed that we should buy domain name gantowninitiative.org</p> <p>Action: KD to purchase</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>KD</p>
14	<p>Assets and Funding</p> <p>BD reported on R2G consultation. Good feedback. However, CNPA have identified section as top conservation area. They suggest considering new distillery as site of station. This has already been looked at, and the biggest consensus is that train needs to come into Grantown.</p> <p>JH met with three mums from Dulaig about the park to offer support. Fundraising already underway by the group.</p>	
	<p>AOCB</p> <p>JH and KD met with Liz Cowie on Mon 7th to discuss what we are doing and link up with CC.</p> <p>Funding confirmed for social housing at Castle Road East which will improve the appearance of the buildings and create a better first impression when entering Grantown from that direction.</p> <p>CC nominations extended as very few nominations received across most CC areas.</p> <p>Noted for future meetings:</p> <p>-Discussion on seeking charitable status – for a future meeting.</p>	
	<p>Dates of 2019 board meetings, all at 7pm in Grant Arms Hotel: 12 November, 10 December</p>	