

**GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday 14 July 2020 at 7pm

Remote Meeting via Zoom after AGM

**DRAFT MINUTES**

		Action Points
1.	Present: Jane Hope, Chair Karen Derrick, Treasurer Karen Martin, Admin Secretary Declan Gallacher Tom Clarke Ingrid Artus	
2.	Apologies: Jen Tiller, Kirsten Gilmour	
3.	Minute of previous meeting: Agreed	
4.	Matters arising from the Minute (not otherwise on the agenda)  None	
5.	Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda:  Karen Martin now works with GrowBiz, who are delivering the Smart Village project. As a result, she has passed leadership of this project over to Declan Gallacher.	
6.	Membership – new applications  No new applications for membership.	
7.	Treasurer's report  Report for current YTD presented.  July is the end of our accounting year.  Sitting at just over £22,000 in the account. A really healthy balance.  Big tickets items coming in are for the Help Fund. Money still coming in for this.  £849.49 income is a reimbursement of our costs for various items for the community support fund.  Outstanding discussion with Mel and Stuart required regarding Thunder in the Glen.	
	<b>Reports on Workstreams:</b>	
8.	Progress on Town Centre Fund  On hold due to COVID-19 JH to maintain contact with THC – no feedback from them yet.	JH

9.	<p><b>Burnfield Toilet Block</b></p> <p>No longer using Gunn McPhee. Will now use Colin Lawson. Has quoted £10,000 and provided an itemised breakdown of costs. Waiting in the wings now.</p> <p>Next step now requires asset transfer. KD writing business case.</p> <p>Waiting for THC's asset management property board to have their next meeting, which is expected to take place in mid-August.</p> <p>HIE will pay for legal costs of asset transfer.</p> <p>Motorhome service point could be included at the toilet, with funding available through the CNPA. This could generate income for the GI to maintain the toilets.</p> <p>Previous parking consultation on hold, which may have an impact.</p>	KD
10.	<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>Hogmanay – not much to report. Just keeping an eye on government advice as large crowds are still not permitted.</p> <p>The fireworks company have asked for a deposit, that will transfer to the following year if the event must be cancelled. This has been paid.</p> <p>We should have a clearer picture by end of September and can move forward with organising the event if required.</p>	TC
11.	<p><b>Creating an Attractive Town</b></p> <p>Playpark -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grantown in Bloom – Thanks to community council team for filling the planters at Dulaig Park.</li> <li>• Co-op Fund – Application submitted. Should get result in October.</li> <li>• First draft now available for Dulaig renovation with plans proceeding well.</li> </ul> <p>Community Storage – Managed to secure rental at Heathfield. 3-year lease available. Just waiting for it to be signed. £25 a year plus maintenance. Shipping container most likely option to put on the site. Planning permission may be required for a shipping container.</p>	IA  KD
12.	<p><b>Business/Visitor Matters</b></p> <p>Continuing to support local businesses by keeping them as up to date as possible on the guidelines.</p> <p>Presentation by KM highlighting wealth of activities that have been taken to support businesses and the community. A great list and well done to everyone involved.</p> <p>DG and KM hosted a meeting with GrowBiz and a few Grantown locals to take forward the Smart Village project. Initial brainstorming session to see what direction we can take this opportunity. Follow up meeting being organised, with feedback to follow as idea progresses.</p>	KM

	KM raised idea of employing a young person through the new government scheme that was announced. This young person could be the digital champion as part of the GrowBiz project. Needs further consideration.	
13.	Communications and Publicity  None	KM
14	Coronavirus Issues  Covered in KM's presentation above.  Hardship fund availability to be kept on review.	KD
	AOCB  There is an eco-café that was set up in Grantown a few months ago. They are looking at the possibility of joining the GI as a sub-group. Directors collectively approved this.  Subject to the guidelines and the weather, we may look to host the next meeting in person. KM has a large garden that would allow us to meet and maintain social distancing.	KD
	Dates of 2020 board meetings, using Zoom: 11 Aug, 8 Sept, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 08 Dec	