

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 08 December 2020 at 7pm

Zoom Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

		Action Points
1.	Present: Jane Hope, Chair Karen Derrick, Treasurer Ingrid Artus Tom Clarke Karen Martin Declan Gallacher Elena Melton Claire George - Observer	
2.	Apologies: Kirsten Gilmour, Jen Tiller	
3.	Minute of previous meeting: Minor change – Under 6a. Approved. Approved	
4.	Matters arising from the Minute (not otherwise on the agenda) None	
5.	Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda: None Clarification on definition of “Declarations of Interest” for benefit of new members. Constitution to be sent to new directors by KD	KD
6.	Membership None	
7.	Treasurer’s report Report for new financial year to date presented. Finances appear relatively healthy. Quick discussion on appropriate allocation of funds for Grantown Does Christmas. New line to be created on financial reports. End of Year Accounts received and need to be approved. Directors to review, ready for approval at the next meeting.	KD
	Reports on Workstreams:	
8.	Progress on Town Centre Fund Old town centre fund equivalent to about £28,000 for various improvements to the square. This was about a year ago, but then Covid-19 happened, and the project cannot go ahead until the dead trees are removed.	

	<p>Today, THC have removed the Christmas lights from the 6 dead trees. This last barrier to the removal of the trees, should hopefully speed up their removal. THC have indicated that this should be soon.</p> <p>Money is available again for a new Town Centre Fund, and the money needs to be spent by the end of the financial year – end of March 2021. Brief discussion on potential ideas. Good ideas to be discussed between us before next meeting, with a sense of the cost for proposal at next meeting.</p>	
9.	<p>Burnfield Toilet Block</p> <p>Nothing else to report since last month. Just waiting to hear back from THC regarding when our transfer application will be heard. Police have reported that there has been damage to a toilet block. No-one is aware of which toilet block this is.</p>	KD
10.	<p>Events</p> <p>Hogmanay – Cancelled</p> <p>Grantown Does Christmas – Two bits of fantastic news. £100 donation from the rotary club. Gold sponsorship from Gordon and McPhail totalling £1,750 but a long list of stuff to do now. Licensing, council and official stuff all being worked on by TC. Two marquees in the square, one for the community and one for the retailers. Within community tent – GI, Dulaig, Mossie, Sustainable Strathspey and Rotary Club. Tables donated by the twinning association. KD to look at the display for the GI table. A pull up banner can be purchased as part of the sponsorship fund. Fundraising discussion as if all sub-committees go out to businesses etc asking for funds it may not work, and all monies come back to GI anyway.</p> <p>Tents up on Friday 4th and Monday 7th. Volunteers and helpers needed. Manning the GI table. DG on Saturday, KD on Sunday, JH on both days. TC can help too. KD to put a rota together.</p>	TC KM
11.	<p>Creating an Attractive Town</p> <p>Dulaig Park - are now registered as part of the Co-op fund. Berryburn Fund have provided the full allocation of £19,625.71 that was asked for in the application. Cake sale on 29th November. Applied to various other funds. Chicane removed between rouarden court and dulaig park which is great.</p> <p>Mossie Park - very early stages. Contact with various parties, community council, Sean Malone etc. Looking to start fundraising in early Spring. GoFundMe page in place at the moment. Wanting advice about bank accounts – all to go through GI bank account.</p> <p>Community Storage</p> <p>Nothing to add.</p>	
12.	<p>Business/Visitor Matters</p> <p>The GBA has been communicating with businesses as usual.</p>	KM

	Nothing to add. Except, a decision is needed on Bedroom Folders with Landmark Press (declaration of interest from Declan). Quick decision needed. KM to email businesses involved.	
13.	Communications and Publicity Nothing to add.	
14	Sustainability Strathspey Starting up this year, with Climate Cafes before lockdown. Starting up again post-lockdown. 6 people involved. Looking to increase membership, currently circa 35 in total. Better online presence, web page. Focussing on transport, Gardens bees and trees, and habits at home. Early stages of bike delivery project. Looking to secure regular column in The Strathy to raise awareness.	
15	Coronavirus Issues Nothing to report.	
	AOCB Feedback from Community Forum meeting – Linda Coe gathered chairs from a number of organisations in the community to discuss what we might need to do in the future as a community as less is likely to be done by THC, in terms of identifying groups and individuals to do various work and projects that are priorities for us as a community.	
	Dates of 2020 board meetings, using Zoom: 08 Dec	