

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 09 March 2021 at 7pm

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

		Action Points
1.	Present: Jane Hope, Chair Karen Derrick, Treasurer Ingrid Artus Tom Clarke Karen Martin Declan Gallacher Elena Melton	
2.	Apologies: Claire George	
3.	Minute of previous meeting: Approved	
4.	Matters arising from the Minute (not otherwise on the agenda) None	
5.	Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda: None	
6.	Membership Jane Candlish is a new member and has taken over as secretary of the Dulaig Park subcommittee.	
7.	Treasurer's report GI balance on all accounts for end of February is £55,857.40 Of which, £3,744.48 is unrestricted funding. Some funds have been moved around as requested and approved at the last meeting. Large income for Dulaig Park. Details to follow later in meeting. iZettle negative figure looks high but is expected and can be claimed back once the community shopping comes to an end.	KD
	Reports on Workstreams:	
8.	Progress on Town Centre Fund <u>TCF – Mark 1</u> Steaming ahead. PA system has been ordered and payment is being organised. The system can be installed whenever we want.	

	<p>An order has gone into Broxap for the benches and street furniture. There may be a delay in delivery.</p> <p>Sean Malone is still looking into the trees. Smaller trees will be used instead of the original plan of using the largest trees available, as experts warn that smaller trees are more likely to survive in the long term.</p> <p><u>TCF – Mark 2</u> We have been successful, in part, with this application. £7,575 has been awarded to us to improve the underground cabling in The Square. We have a year for the money to be spent and the work to be complete, but KD will aim to organise completion far sooner.</p>	
9.	<p>Burnfield Toilet Block</p> <p>Little to report, apart from email from Liz Cowie regarding the Common Good Fund that essentially indicates everything is progressing, but it is likely to go back to the committee for a discussion post-summer.</p>	
10.	<p>Events</p> <p>TC and KM have had a couple of meetings with Jane Cumming at Gordon and McPhail. Proposal for match funding circulated prior to the meeting, for discussion. A few recommendations suggested to fine tune the proposal ready for submission. We should hear back regarding a decision before the next meeting.</p>	
11.	<p>Creating an Attractive Town</p> <p><u>Dulaig Park</u></p> <p>Jane Candlish has taken over as secretary. Jane will also develop the narrative for a web page linked to the GI page.</p> <p>Posters distributed around the town. This design totals £80K which is the main aim but would settle for around £60-70K.</p> <p>Funding received: £250 from Alpkit, £6075 from Awards for All</p> <p>Four funding applications submitted for a total of £33K this month.</p> <p>Still no clarity from THC over the spending of the £5K from Scotland Loves Local</p> <p>Tombola on 2 Apr and cake sale on 3 Apr. Sales for the tombola so far are £365.</p> <p>Just Giving has been set up and we can use that now. KD has signed up for a 2 part Just Giving course.</p> <p>Gift Aid has been applied for, but HMRC states it could take 6 weeks for them to come back to us with a Gift Aid number making us eligible for Gift Aid.</p> <p><u>Mossie Park</u></p> <p>No update this month.</p>	

12.	<p>Business/Visitor Matters</p> <p>Nine people have come forward to join the GBA sub-committee. A fantastic response. The first meeting will be held by the end of March.</p>	KM
13.	<p>Sustainability Strathspey</p> <p>Further along in discussion regarding reducing speed limits, with most parties involved favourable towards the proposal.</p> <p>Looking at options for bike racks but need to investigate how much they may be used.</p> <p>New recycling bins still being pursued.</p> <p>Idea to have an event with the local businesses regarding their sustainability practises and what barriers are / what works well for them.</p>	
14	<p>Communications and Publicity</p> <p>Discussion on improvements to website and the need to fully utilise it as a community resource.</p>	KM
15	<p>Coronavirus</p> <p>Discussion has taken place regarding winding up current coronavirus activities. The Food Table will wind down with the intention to replace it with a sustainable community larder. The shopping and prescription service will also come to an end with 'Where To Today' taking over for those that still require it. There are two phone lines that are in place and the one for the food shopping will cease to be in service by the end of March. One line, the hardship line, will continue until the end of the year.</p>	
	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Friends of Iain Charles Hospital, a local charity has close to £60k in funds raised for the Grantown community and Grantown hospital.</p> <p>KD has put in an expression of interest for Iain Charles to the NHS which has been acknowledged.</p> <p>Reminder that May meeting will also be the AGM.</p>	
	<p>Dates of 2021 board meetings, using Zoom: 13 Apr, 11 May, 08 Jun, 13 Jul, 10 Aug, 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 09 Nov, 14 Dec</p>	