

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 09 April 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) New point added to the Agenda at point 8. Applying for Grants.	
5.	Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda: IA, EM, KM who head up various subcommittees have an interest in new point at point 8. KD on panel for Green Recovery Fund.	
6.	Membership None	
7.	Treasurer's report GI balance on all accounts for end of March is £52,739.77 Of which, £3,743.23 is unrestricted funding. After iZettle final reconciliation, 7-10 days, we can claim through VABS for the additional costs to us of running this. These reclaimed funds will then sit in unrestricted funding.	KD

	Reports on Workstreams:	
8.	<p>Applying For Grants - NEW</p> <p>It has become apparent that various subgroups within the GI may want to apply simultaneously for various funds that are available. This raises various questions.</p> <p>KD has been advised that for the Green Recovery Fund, everything must go under the GI as each applicant needs a constitution and a bank account.</p>	

	<p>Currently, both GBA and DP wish to apply for funding from the Green Recovery Fund. The rules of this grant suggest that we will need to put in one application that makes the distinction between both projects, of which each project must stand on its own merits. We either do this, or we split the applications and have one project apply during the second round in August. KD advised there may be some updated guidance over the next seven days from the Green Recovery Fund regarding multiple bids from one applicant.</p> <p>Current suggestion that we proceed with the preparation of two separate applications, and then we wait and see if there is any clarification. Depending on feedback from the park authority, we will make application depending on that feedback.</p> <p>It is rare that this scenario will repeat itself, but if it does, we may just have to choose on merit in the future and have to prioritise one project over the other, as hard as that is to do.</p>	
9.	<p>Progress on Town Centre Fund</p> <p><u>TCF – Mark 1</u> JH has spoke with Sean Malone. The order with Broxap for street furniture is in, and delivery may be delayed for a little while. For the PA system, we are just waiting for better weather for it to be installed.</p> <p><u>TCF – Mark 2</u> KD has spoken to THC regarding the underground cabling. They will most likely go ahead with the work in May. Hopefully we can get firm dates in due course.</p>	

10.	<p>Burnfield Toilet Block</p> <p>THC must conduct two consultations regarding a Common Good Fund. This process needs to be completed first and will likely take us through to the Autumn. We therefore can set a target to have the toilet block open by Easter 2022, if not sooner. This requires funding and renovation work.</p> <p>In the meantime, it would be good to update the sign at the toilets informing people that there are other facilities available and that we aim to purchase these toilets and take them under community ownership, ready to open by Easter 2022. JH will circulate the sign for approval. Updates can also be posted on the various local Facebook groups.</p>	JH
11.	<p>Events</p> <p>The organisers for Thunder and the Glen have cancelled the event. Motormania has also been cancelled.</p> <p>This now leaves us with the festive period as the next set of events coming up. TC will also revisit the current situation regarding the festive lights.</p> <p>No feedback yet from our sponsorship proposal to Gordon and McPhail, though we hope to hear shortly.</p>	TC
12.	<p>Creating an Attractive Town</p> <p><u>Dulaig Park</u></p> <p>The £5K from Scotland Loves Local has been spent on time.</p> <p>A few other applications have refused funding but encouraged reapplying in future. It was confirmed that the iZettle POS is available for use for other subgroups.</p> <p>Plus, for funding applications that provide the funds once the project is complete, it was confirmed that other funds in the accounts can be used until the funding is provided and pays it back. As long as the board agrees in each instance that this is low risk.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that we have a Google Drive that we can make better use of for storing documents, minutes, etc.</p> <p><u>Mossie Park</u></p> <p>No update this month.</p>	

13.	<p>Business/Visitor Matters</p> <p>Inaugural meeting of the new GBA members, with a Chair, Finance Manager and Minute Taker appointed.</p> <p>Three working groups have been established and are meeting again shortly to discuss the Green Recovery Fund bid.</p>	KM
14.	<p>Sustainability Strathspey</p> <p>EM has a reply from councillor, Muriel Cockburn, who is supportive of the recycling bins project. But an email was received from Calum Mackenzie at THC that indicated they would not be willing to collect the recycled rubbish. This has been shared with Muriel to see if we can change this decision.</p> <p>The group has decided that they wish to focus on laying the groundwork, and a framework, for future members of Sustainable Strathspey to build on and continue to grow and flourish.</p> <p>Two subgroups are looking at transport options (regarding speed limits and cycle paths) and one group looking at establishing the community larder.</p>	
15.	<p>Communications and Publicity</p> <p>KM met with Chris Hirst who owns 5 Grantown domain names including www.visitgrantown.co.uk to discuss the community taking ownership of them as he is wanting to retire. Chris proposed a fee of £5k to purchase the domain names which is not good value for money, so the GI will not pursue this any further.</p> <p>KM also wished to set up various directories within the Google Docs for document sharing to cut down on some of the emails going back and forward.</p> <p>Smart Village project – Aaron Sneddon is going to be doing some video footage over the next week or so to help showcase Grantown in video format that can be</p>	KM

	<p>put up on the website. Aaron is a qualified drone pilot who will be doing this work for us through the Smart Village fund but has also volunteered a lot of his own time to help us where he can. KD queried the situation regarding landowner permissions. KM will discuss with Aaron.</p>	
16.	<p>Coronavirus</p> <p>The community shopping has finished this week and will be taken over by other volunteers. This frees up the iZettle machines for other uses.</p>	

	<p>AOCB 7.1 5 AGM preparation. Agreed to hold AGM by Zoom on 11th May. .</p> <p>IA, EM & CG were co-opted during the year, so need to be elected. JH, DG, KM to stand down and be re-elected, as per requirements.</p>	
	<p>Dates of 20 8. 21 board meetings, using Zoom: 11 May, 08 Jun, 13 Jul, 10 Aug, 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 09 Nov, 14 Dec</p>	