



# Grantown Initiative

## Iomairt Bhaile nan Granndach

### **Grantown Initiative - Board Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 10 July 2018 at 7.30pm

The Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown on Spey

	Item	Action Points
1	<p><b>Welcome /Apologies</b></p> <p>The Board wishes to thank David Duncan for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>Present: Directors – Stewart Dick (in chair), Mel Dick, Neil Martin, Basil Dunlop, Roger Masters, Tom Clarke, Bill Sadler, David Duncan, Karen Derrick (Advisor)</p> <p>Apologies: Jane Hope</p>	
2	<p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b></p> <p>The position of Vice Chair remains vacant as there were no nominations.</p>	
3	<p><b>Approval of previous minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes of 8 May 2018 meeting approved.</p> <p>Proposed – DD Seconded –MD</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters arising from Minutes</b> (not otherwise on agenda)</p> <p>Hogmanay Sub Group: TC continues to seek funding sources for Christmas/Hogmanay events.</p> <p>SCIO – the Board agreed to convert the company to a SCIO and all Directors agreed to become trustees. The necessary paperwork had been prepared by KD and was duly signed at the meeting. To be submitted.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>KD</p>
5	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None</p>	

6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Account statements for June and July were presented by MD.</p> <p>The GBA made a donation to the Grantown on Spey Fire Service (£250) and also agreed to fund the repair of the Bowser, used to water the Town's flower baskets and planters (£460).</p> <p>An invoice relating to the production of the Grantown Conversation Report (CARS project) requires payment.</p> <p>Thanks go to MD for continuing as acting Treasurer pending the appointment of a new Treasurer.</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>MD</p>
7	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>No new applications.</p>	
8	<p><b>Grantown Community Website</b></p> <p>June analytics report was presented by SD.</p>	
9	<p><b>Rails to Grantown (R2G)</b></p> <p>BD reported – Presentation has been made to Cairngorm Business Partnership (CBP) and Speymalt Distributors, proposers of the new distillery in Grantown. Positively received, discussions on how best to work together continue.</p> <p>Work continues on the TAWS application, submission targeted for October. To be followed by meetings with Drew Hendry MP, THC and HIE.</p> <p>Progress being made through THC regarding securing access to old McKellar's yard.</p> <p>SD and Henny Pollock are working on website improvements.</p> <p>Governance – KD has agreed to sit on SRCT as advisor and to assist with reorganisation of SRC/SRCT and other interested parties.</p>	
9b	<p><b>CARS (Conservation Regeneration Scheme)</b></p> <p>The Grantown Conservation Report has been submitted to the HC. Residents with property either in the existing Conservation Area or within the proposed extended boundary have received a Notification from the HC inviting comments and advising the public of a drop-in event on 31 July at the Grantown YMCA Community Centre.</p>	
10,11	<p><b>Tourism /Marketing/ GBA</b></p> <p>The Grantown Society has applied for funding from Project Scotland for the Town App and Free WiFi.</p> <p>NM informed the Board in May that he had been approached by an individual seeking community support in principle to work together towards the potential purchase of Castle Grant. Unfortunately the individual, from Australia, has encountered significant obstacles in trying to raise funds, both here and in their home country, to purchase property</p>	

	<p>in Scotland. They remain determined to find a solution however they describe the likelihood of finding one as slim. NM will advise the Board if there is any significant change to this position.</p> <p>A discussion was held to explore how to gain access to Richies old shop to improve the window display. DD offered to make enquiries to identify owner as first step.</p> <p>SD advised that a GI/GBA sponsored advert for Grantown has been published in the new Snow Roads leaflet.</p> <p>SD to discuss with Landmark Press the possibility of distributing the new Grantown Town Map.</p>	<p>DD</p> <p>SD</p>
12	<p><b>GVCC</b></p> <p>The GVCC has been successfully reformed with 7 members and Linda Coe in the Chair. The GVCC AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 July followed by their regular monthly meeting. The joint GI/GVCC meeting is scheduled to follow that monthly meeting, starting at 8.30pm.</p>	
13	<p><b>GI Projects</b></p> <p><b>Community Storage:</b> BS suggested HIC be approached to discuss using the council yard by the primary school. SD offered to approach Highland Councillors to discuss. Ongoing. KD and SD to discuss options which may be available under Asset Transfer scheme.</p> <p><b>Cemetery Wall:</b> TC has obtained a quote for a granite wall with sandstone pillars from a local builder. An approach by TC to Lottery Funding was met with resistance, however BerryBurn is looking more positive. TC has begun the application process, which requires three different quotes and has a submission date of 17 September. Decision October.</p> <p><b>Mossie Play Park:</b> MD has identified a contact in the Highland Council and will now arrange a meeting. The Big Lottery Fund is also being considered as a possible funding source.</p> <p>KD is to explore whether or not there are benefits to the GI registering for VAT.</p>	<p>SD SD/KD</p> <p>TC</p> <p>MD</p> <p>KD</p>
14	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>GI has received a letter from Jan Cuthbertson seeking funding support (up to £1k) for a further defibrillator in town (south end). The Board agreed in May to provide the necessary funding, subject to understanding any ongoing maintenance costs and how they would be covered. Since then, the second defibrillator has been installed at the car park near South West High Street. SD to clarify with Jan whether the funds are still required and if there are plans for a third machine, perhaps nearer the south end of Grant Road.</p>	<p>SD</p>

15	<b>Alzheimer's Project</b> RM has arranged a meeting to discuss the way forward and will report back next month.	RM
14	<b>AOCB</b> Following on from the ICONIC report, the time was ripe for the GI to state that its long term aspiration was pulling all projects and ideas together into a community development plan, as a basis for funding. Include on agenda for meeting with GVCC.  Grant Lochan update – the cost to reduce the weed coverage is 3.5k and Anagach Woods Trust is seeking partners to cover the cost.  GI Board has agreed to write to local Councillors to highlight the issues and problems around driving and parking in Grantown town centre as a result of the latest phase of double yellow lines. SD to draft for comment.	SD   SD
	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Tuesday 14 August, 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Grant Arms (TBC), Grantown on Spey	

### List of Action Points C/F from Previous Meetings

Date	Item	Discharged
10/4	GI letter of support to be sent to G. Strang regarding the Inverallan 2020 development plans	SD
10/4	Register of Directors' Interests to be created	KD
10/4	SRCT/GBA combined effort to produce new town map	SD/NM
10/4	GoS Museum/GBA meeting to discuss working relationship	JH/NM
10/4	Investigate using BT building car park as a site for storage container	KD
10/4	Confirm with TC the identity of benefactor offering to fund cemetery wall	Completed
8/5	Actively encourage online advertisers on visitgrantown to migrate to grantownonline.com	All
8/5	The last of the Grantown Times tins have still to be collected and counted.	MD
8/5	TITG badge monies to be transferred to ring-fenced GBA funds	MD
8/5	GDPR – policy to be defined, members to be asked to opt in again	MD

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15/7/2018