



Grantown Initiative
Iomairt Bhaile nan Granndach

Grantown Initiative - Board Meeting

Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 11 September 2018 at 7.30pm

The Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown on Spey

	Item	Action Points
1	Welcome /Apologies The Board wishes to thank David Duncan for hosting the meeting. Present: Directors – Stewart Dick (in chair), Neil Martin, Roger Masters, Tom Clarke, Bill Sadler, Jane Hope, Mel, David Duncan Apologies: Basil Dunlop, Karen Derrick (Advisor)	
2	Election of Office Bearers The position of Vice Chair remains vacant as there were no nominations.	
3	Approval of previous minutes Minutes of 10 July 2018 meeting approved. Proposed – JH Seconded –RM	
4	Matters arising from Minutes (not otherwise on agenda) Hydro shop – communications with the owner are ongoing.	SD
5	Declarations of Interest None	
6	Treasurer’s Report MD distributed and presented the August accounts. It was agreed to use “restricted” and “unrestricted” to replace “ringfenced” to differentiate between different types and sources of funds.	MD

	Thanks go to MD from the Board for continuing as acting Treasurer pending the appointment of a new Treasurer.	
7	Membership No new applications.	
8	Grantown Community Website August analytics report was circulated by email prior to the meeting by SD. Arrangements to be made to allow admin access to website for JH and NM.	SD
9	Rails to Grantown (R2G) SD provided an update in BD's absence: Positive progress on the TAWS application, submission of preliminary application still on target for September, full submission October. To be followed by meetings with Drew Hendry MP, THC and HIE and other relevant stakeholders.	
9b	CARS (Conservation Regeneration Scheme) Following public consultation in July, the final CARS report is due to go to the South Highland Planning Group for final approval (or otherwise) at their committee meeting on 23 Oct. The redefined conservation area boundary will then be formally advertised (probably in the Edinburgh Gazette). Once approved, a management plan will be drawn up by Highland Council. This plan and the appraisal and review can then be the basis for possible funding from such as the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme and Townscape Heritage funding.	
10,11	Tourism /Marketing/ GBA A sub-group has been formed to address the future marketing of Grantown on Spey, including the next stage of development and promotion of the website. A launch meeting involving a number of Directors to discuss a framework for the project is to be arranged for October.	SD
12	GVCC SD and Linda Coe, GVCC Chair, have agreed to regularly attend GI and GVCC meetings to further develop the relationship between the two groups. This arrangement is in addition to the link through BS, member of both GI and GVCC.	
13	GI Projects – THIS NEEDS WORK Community Storage: THC has put their council yard up for sale for £50k. SD has written to Highland Councillors and BS is to approach THC. BS has generated a timeline showing our interest in the yard has been discussed for some months. Further work to be done to explore	SD/BS KD

	<p>option of acquiring the yard through the Asset Transfer Scheme.</p> <p>Cemetery Wall: TC is having difficulty getting the necessary three quotes for this project, primarily because the local builders are so busy and are not currently interested in quoting. Time is pressing as the deadline for this round BerryBurn funding has passed, next round is January/February. The final application date for the last round of Leader funding is also in February. A discussion was held around the viability of this project and it was agreed to allocate sufficient time at the next meeting to discuss this further.</p> <p>Mossie Play Park: MD has identified a contact in the Highland Council however there is no reply from the individual. MD to approach Liz Cowie to seek confirmation the individual is the correct contact, and to ask for her assistance in establishing contact.</p> <p>Commercial PA System: The quality and reliability of the existing PA system is an ongoing concern, and the THC plan to fell dead/dying trees in the square, to which the system is fitted, adds to this concern. SD to seek specialist advice regarding requirement and solutions. Post meeting note from SD – enquiries have been made with several audio companies, awaiting further information.</p> <p>The Board agreed to hold a discussion at the next meeting to focus on how it works alongside the GVCC. JH offered to produce a document regarding the GI's priorities to assist with the discussion.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>MD</p> <p>SD</p> <p>JH to confirm ****</p>
14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Board has received a letter from Gary Laud, Crew Manager Grantown, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, thanking the GI for the recent donation towards the purchase of new equipment.</p>	
15	<p>Alzheimer's Project</p> <p>RM reported good progress, with a number of local organisations positively engaged in the discussions. RM is arranging a meeting to further discussions, date and location TBC.</p>	RM
14	<p>AOCB</p> <p>A letter has been sent from GI/GVCC to local Councillors to highlight the issues and problems around driving and parking in Grantown town centre. Both community groups are awaiting completion of a Council report into parking and the confirmation of a meeting date.</p> <p>GI has received a £500 donation from Motormania for the Hogmanay event. TC to send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Board.</p> <p>GI has received thanks from Rebecca McKellar, Chairperson of Grantown Try Tri, for the recent donation of £100 towards the cost of the event. GI also received good publicity on the day of the event and also subsequently in the local press.</p>	<p>SD</p> <p>TC</p>

	Date of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday October, 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Grant Arms, Grantown on Spey	

List of Action Points C/F from Previous Meetings

Date	Item	Discharged
10/4	SRCT/GBA combined effort to produce new Town Map	SD/NM
10/4	GoS Museum/GBA meeting to discuss working relationship and availability of Town Trail Map	JH/NM
10/4	Investigate using BT building car park as a site for storage container	SD
8/5	GDPR – policy defined, members to be asked to opt in again	MD
10/7	Are there benefits to the GI registering for VAT?	KD
11/9	Raise and submit application to OSCA for charitable status	Complete
11/9	Admin access and training to be arranged for JH and NM	SD

Neil Martin
19/9/2018