



Meeting with Drew Hendry Thursday 7th December 2017 at The Grant Arms Hotel

Several directors met with Drew Hendry MP on Thursday the 7th of December to discuss current and future project and to seek support for these projects.

Mr Hendry attended the meeting with his assistant Nicholas Lyon, in attendance from the GI were David Duncan, Bill Sadler, Basil Dunlop, Melanie Dick and the meeting was chaired by Stewart Dick.

Mr Hendry was briefed on the aims and objectives of the company and on the company's past and ongoing projects.

Of particular focus was the Rails to Grantown project and the need for governmental support to help progress things once the TAWS application is complete. Mr Hendry was enthusiastically supportive of the R2G project and suggested ways to make the application more appealing to government ministers. . Basil Dunlop provided Drew Hendry a briefing note on R2G and GI action plan, and a copy of his (BD's) letter in the Strathy that day.

Mr Hendry was initially contacted on the back of news that free WiFi was to be rolled out to a number of towns across Highland, Mr Hendry informed us that he had already put in a request that this roll out be extended to Grantown-on-Spey and that he would be pushing to see that it happens.

Mr Hendry was briefed on the other ongoing projects and offered his support and some advice for a number of these which will be followed up by the relevant directors.

Mr Hendry was thanked for his attendance which proved to be valuable and led to a productive meeting.

Thanks must also be extended to the Grant Arms Hotel where the meeting was held

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