

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 7pm

Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey

DRAFT MINUTES

		Action Points
1.	Present: Jane Hope, Chair Karen Derrick, Treasurer Karen Martin, Admin Secretary Declan Gallacher	
2.	Apologies: Basil Dunlop, Tom Clarke, David Duncan, Kirsten Gilmour, Stewart Mackie	
3.	Minute of previous meeting: Agreed	
4.	Matters arising from the Minute (not otherwise on the agenda) None	
5.	Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda: KD – VABS, Payment for accounts	
6.	Membership – new applications New members – Michael Sinclair, Sheena Corcoran, Debbie Mackie, Stewart Mackie 91 members in total. TBC by KM.	KM
7.	Treasurer's report Report for current YTD presented. Bank account healthy. Final figures for Hogmanay at next board meeting. Conservation area funds (referring to a past project, to be moved to unrestricted general funds. Money from Dulaig Park fundraising efforts still to be banked. Agreed monthly account summary to be attached to minutes once minutes approved and published on website. KD & JH to sit with Stuart & Mel to better understand TitG accounts. Anne at VABS to do accounts for year end 2019. They need reconfigured to meet the needs of Companies House. KD stood back during discussions. Remaining 3 confirmed this was a good idea. To be ratified with other members by email.	KD & JH

	Reports on Workstreams:	
8	<p>Progress on Town Centre Fund</p> <p>27-page contract to be signed and returned by JH. Discussions with THC ongoing. Contract under scrutiny. Moving in right direction.</p> <p>KM to decide what we need on fingerposts and where to put in ground. Ditto for info boards.</p> <p>JH approached Anagach Woods Trust to liaise about possible wood carving ideas. There is doubt that we can use wood from trees. They will help find suitable wood.</p> <p>MacMillan tree included in the 6 trees being replaced.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>KM</p> <p>JH</p>
9	<p>Burnfield Toilet Block</p> <p>DD apologies. More to report at next meeting.</p> <p>Progressing slowly but intention still to open in 2020.</p> <p>SLF application for 7th Jan was withdrawn on advice from HIE. But HIE have offered money to cover survey and legal costs, plus business plan. We will take up this offer.</p>	DD
10	<p>Events</p> <p>Huge thanks to Tom for his work on concert and Hogmanay. Tom in turn has expressed his thanks to all volunteers. Excellent event with good coverage in the paper.</p> <p>Thomas Baxter from RossMor wrote letter to Strathy commending the work of Tom and his team. Thank you, Thomas Baxter, for this letter.</p> <p>Finances for Hogmanay look good and secure for next few years.</p> <p>Tom has indicated he will step down next year and needs one or more to take over from him, so that he can show them how to do it.</p> <p>Hogmanay committee meeting on January 18th with feedback at next meeting.</p>	
11	<p>Creating an Attractive Town</p> <p>Dulaig Park – Sub-committee have met and held successful fundraising events with money due to be banked. Work continuing on project plan.</p> <p>Community storage – storage previously used by Highland Games may be available. Other possibilities to be followed up.</p> <p>Discussions held with Kelpie Services regarding clearing Kylvetra Pond of weeds. Further discussions to be held between CC, Seafeld Estate, AWT and us.</p>	JH
12	<p>Business/Visitor Matters</p> <p>DG & KG to meet with KM to help with contents for ThingsTD leaflet.</p>	KG/DG

	Priority to ensure communication with business community is strong. This time of year is good. Particularly regarding toilets so they know where we are at with progress.	KM
13	<p>Communications and Publicity</p> <p>Website – Ongoing. Updates to it all the time. Events calendar filling up. Progressing well with more usage.</p>	KM
14	<p>Assets and Funding</p> <p>Discussion on Ian Charles Hospital at next meeting.</p>	
	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint meeting with GoSVCC on Mon 9th Mar proposed. - Identified need for discussion on Christmas lights in future. 	
	Dates of 2020 board meetings, all at 7pm in Grant Arms Hotel: 11 February, 10 March, 14 April, 12 May (AGM)	