

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 11 Aug 2020 at 7pm
Outdoor Meeting in KM's Garden

DRAFT MINUTES

| | | Action Points |
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| 1. | Present: Jane Hope, Chair Karen Derrick, Treasurer Karen Martin, Admin Secretary Declan Gallacher Tom Clarke | |
| 2. | Apologies: Jen Tiller, Kirsten Gilmour, Ingrid Artus | |
| 3. | Minute of previous meeting: Proposed: TC. Seconded: KD | |
| 4. | Matters arising from the Minute (not otherwise on the agenda) None | |
| 5. | Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda: None | |
| 6. | Membership – new applications No new applications for membership. | |
| 7. | Treasurer's report Report for end of financial year presented. July is the end of our accounting year. £1,000 has come in from Parklands for the Dulaig Park regeneration. £600 has come in and gone out again for a defibrillator. Usual outgoings for website and GBA, as well as the community shopping. Year-end total £23,769.79 £5,301 sitting in the Help Fund. £1,250 from the ward discretionary budget has been received and added to the community storage fund. Finances looking healthy. An excellent job has been done in attracting funds. | |

| | Reports on Workstreams: | |
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| 8. | <p>Progress on Town Centre Fund</p> <p>John McLean has moved to a new position; Sean Malone has taken his place and JH has been in contact with him.</p> <p>THC will still carry out most of the work, the only thing we need to organise ourselves is the PA system, which is currently still on hold.</p> <p>Various threads are being picked up with contact made where required.</p> <p>John Halliday to be contacted by JH so that the CC Facebook Account can address comments regarding the dead trees.</p> | JH |
| 9. | <p>Burnfield Toilet Block</p> <p>Full application should hopefully be put into THC within the next 10 days. The addition of motorhome facilities changes the financial sustainability of the site considerably.</p> <p>Discussion regarding renovation of the toilet block and whether we should aim to fully renovate the whole block to a higher, updated standard. RTIF should cover this. Agreed that this would be the ideal scenario.</p> <p>Future considerations. Making them as easy to run as possible, that they are kept clean (regularly), and that there is a system for opening and closing.</p> | KD |
| 10. | <p>Events</p> <p>Hogmanay – Edinburgh are assessing the possibility of cancelling their Hogmanay celebrations, and Inverness have cancelled theirs. We don't need to decide now for our event, but maybe we can look to do something different and innovative in its place. Wait to see what Edinburgh do, and if there is an announcement from the First Minister.</p> <p>TC to contact THC for their advice regarding Hogmanay going ahead.</p> <p>Facebook post to go out with an update for locals.</p> <p>TC to look into what is happening with the Torchlight Parade.</p> | TC |
| 11. | <p>Creating an Attractive Town</p> <p>Playpark -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highland Council – They have promised to remove chicane between Dulaig Park and Rhuarden Court but will not be done urgently. Ingrid will remind them in October. • Berryburn/Funding Applications – We have a meeting with Mairi and Karen on Wednesday evening to discuss the main funding application and other funding sources. Berryburn deadline is 21 Sept. • Park Plan – We are meeting on Thursday evening to review the park plan drafted by Chris Boyce. This has given us such a good starting place and been helpful in focusing on what we do/don't want and what is feasible. | IA |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia/Mindfulness Garden – Parklands Care Home has donated £1,000 to this part of the plan. Hoping to get an article/photo in Strathy in next couple of weeks. • Defibrillator/Grantown Equipment Fund – Funding has been approved and Karen has ordered the unit. A 1hr First Aid/CPR/Defib training session will be run when we can do this in person again. An article will also be completed for the Strathy. <p>Community Storage – Agreement from Seafield Estate to rent some space at Heathfield for a low value. JH has been sourcing containers and has two quotes round about £2,200 for one, which they will put in situ. Highland Council Ward Discretionary budget helps cover this cost. Agreement to proceed with purchasing a container.</p> <p>KD to contact John Kirk.</p> | KD |
| 12. | <p>Business/Visitor Matters</p> <p>Email from Grover Print asking if we still want ‘Things To Do’ leaflets printed. KM to contact distillery to see if they now want included on this. KM to contact CNPA to see if funds are still there for this.</p> <p>Recovery funds are available and will be considered as a way to cover money lost due to not asking local businesses for advertising costs this year because of Covid-19.</p> <p>Smart Village project underway with meeting later this week to further discussions and settle on a primary proposal that can be sent to GrowBiz for feedback.</p> <p>Further discussion regarding the idea of employing a young person through the new government scheme that was announced. The need for another director, particularly with website skills, was also raised.</p> | KM DG |
| 13. | <p>Communications and Publicity</p> <p>None</p> | KM |
| 14 | <p>Coronavirus Issues</p> <p>Here To Help Scheme meeting to take place shortly with discussion needed regarding the possible winding down of the community shopping activities.</p> | KD |
| | <p>AOCB</p> <p>Skating Pond/Grant Park Lochan – JH met with Kelpie Services about reed cutting. We need to be able to get Seafield Estate and Gavin Miles on board for taking a solution forward.</p> <p>KM contacted by Linda Coe about Grantown Voices proposal.</p> <p>Sustrans project – Grantown Society got £28k from Sustrans to make Grantown more friendly for cycling, walking and wheeling. Looking to engage a community engagement consultant to ask locals what would encourage them to cycle, walk, and wheel more. They are asking for someone from GI to get involved. KM</p> | KD |

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| | nominated to approach Bill Sadler and find out what level of involvement is required. Updated application with OSCAR with director forms for charitable status. | |
| | Dates of 2020 board meetings, using Zoom: 8 Sept, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 08 Dec | |