

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 08 December 2020 at 7pm

Zoom Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

		Action Points
1.	Present: Jane Hope, Chair Karen Derrick, Treasurer Ingrid Artus Tom Clarke Karen Martin Declan Gallacher Elena Melton Claire George	
2.	Apologies: Kirsten Gilmour, Jen Tiller	
3.	Minute of previous meeting: Approved	
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. 7 in total.	
7.	Treasurer's report Report for new financial year to date presented. Finances appear relatively healthy. Income from Grantown Does Christmas to be allocated as general GI funds. End of Year Accounts approved	KD
	Reports on Workstreams:	
8.	Progress on Town Centre Fund TCF – Mark 1 Trees to be removed by THC contractors next week. Query concerning what to do with the wood. Message now from THC is that we can keep the wood. Storage permitting, we could keep the wood and distribute it. Other wood is useable and could be turned into something useful, such as picnic tables for the parks. Agreement to work with Mark Council for the wood worth keeping. And storage will be sought so that we can go ahead with distributing the firewood.	

	<p>TCF – Mark 2 Bid needs to be in by 6th January for capital improvements to the town centre. While we would like to include the refurbishment of Burnfield Toilet as part of this bid, funds need to be spent by the end of March, and the asset transfer may not have been complete by then, so best not to include as part of bid.</p> <p>It therefore may be best to focus on winter lights and replacing existing bollards/posts around the square.</p> <p>DG (w/CC) to do a count of existing bollards/posts, and yardage for chains, find out through THC/ Sean Malone what would be involved in doing it. BroxApp – seek quote for replacements. Solway recycling, as a possibility too.</p> <p>JH and KD have upcoming zoom call regarding lights.</p> <p>EM to take forward the idea of recycling bins through Sustainability Strathspey</p>	DG
9.	<p>Burnfield Toilet Block</p> <p>Ongoing. Support paperwork has been put in regarding camper vans/motorhomes. Possibility that we may own a parking space, exempt from future parking charges, so that a camper van doesn't have to pay separately for both parking and grey water facilities. Decision on asset transfer expected in February.</p>	KD
10.	<p>Events</p> <p>Hogmanay – Cancelled</p> <p>Grantown Does Christmas – a huge success. Well done to everyone involved. 14 businesses have come back to KM to say they had increased footfall at the weekend. Survey out asking for feedback.</p> <p>Statistics for online reach of the pre-event promotions were great, with an excellent reach.</p> <p>Another feature about the event in the Strathy due this Thursday.</p> <p>All keen to continue with event, billed as first weekend in December, moving forward.</p> <p>It would be great to donate £100 to the fire service, as their Santa really helped bring people to the event. Agreement from board. (CG declares a personal interest, through a relationship in the fire service)</p> <p>Any additional profit from the event, could be used towards promoting the business via the Landmark Press bedroom folders. Agreement from board. (DG declares an interest, as he works for LP)</p> <p>Money raised - £668 in cash and £116.86 on the card. £784.86 raised in total from the tombola.</p>	TC KM
11.	<p>Creating an Attractive Town</p> <p>Dulaig Park – award of £5,000 from Scotland Loves Local. Money to be spent before end of March 2021. Just over £1,200 in community fundraising over the last month. Decision delayed by a month on ward discretionary fund. With funding</p>	

	<p>already awarded, plus an estimate on Co-op funding, roughly £34,000 raised to date.</p> <p>Mossie Park – Grantown Does Christmas weekend went well – tombola raised £271. New treasurer joining sub-committee soon.</p> <p>Community Storage</p> <p>Nothing to add.</p>	
12.	<p>Business/Visitor Matters</p> <p>The GBA has been communicating with businesses as usual.</p> <p>Communities Leading in Tourism. – KM would like to apply to join this programme. Costs £100. Agreement from board.</p>	KM
13.	<p>Communications and Publicity</p> <p>Major issue with website. Moved to new host. Currently being fixed.</p>	
14	<p>Sustainability Strathspey</p> <p>The stall at Grantown Does Christmas went well in terms of raising awareness about the group and getting the name out there. Interest in new membership as well.</p> <p>Interest from some local businesses regarding bike sharing schemes for deliveries, but some feedback regarding lack of cycle paths between surrounding villages. Discussions ongoing with other groups and involved parties.</p> <p>20mph speed limit campaign – 3AAAs project had community feedback that cycling and walking would be safer if the cars were going slower than 30mph.</p> <p>Teaming up with the food table to see how it can be maintained long term. Discussions regarding a community larder.</p> <p>Christmas article featuring in the next edition of The Strathy.</p>	
	<p>AOCB</p> <p>DG to raise speed limits at next CC meeting. Reducing speed at entrances into town from 60mph to 40mph.</p> <p>Smart Village project ongoing.</p> <p>Jen Tiller to resign from the board. Thank you to Jen for all of her input.</p>	
	<p>Dates of 2021 board meetings, using Zoom: 12 Jan, 09 Feb, 09 Mar, 13 Apr, 11 May, 08 Jun, 13 Jul, 10 Aug, 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 09 Nov, 14 Dec</p>	