

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 09 February 2021 at 7pm

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

		Action Points
1.	Present: Jane Hope, Chair Karen Derrick, Treasurer Ingrid Artus Tom Clarke Karen Martin Declan Gallacher Elena Melton	
2.	Apologies: Claire George	
3.	Minute of previous meeting: Approved	
4.	Matters arising from the Minute (not otherwise on the agenda) Congratulations to KD for her persistence as we are now a registered charity! Discussion to be had on how we now benefit from being a charity. All to have a think so it can be discussed next month.	All
5.	Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda: None	
6.	Membership None	
7.	Treasurer's report Usual income and expenditure. Good income for Dulaig Park. We helped a local resident pay for their heating. Various project funds discussed, and a few aspects tidied up. KD would like to sign us up to Just Giving, particularly to help Dulaig Park with fundraising. This is now possible as we are a charity. KD also proposes that we sign up to Gift Aid. Both proposals approved by directors.	KD
	Reports on Workstreams:	

8.	<p>Progress on Town Centre Fund</p> <p><u>TCF – Mark 1</u> Progressing Benches – discussion on whether we need fixings to secure them permanently in place. Decision was to allow for benches to be moved around and accept the risk of possible theft. Tress – discussion on which type of trees to use for the new replacements, Decision to opt for native trees. A mix of options, going for some with great autumnal colours. Sean Malone has been good and so far, everything is in place to have money spent by end of March so we don't lose it.</p> <p><u>TCF – Mark 2</u> Progressing The final decision on funding was made at a meeting today so we should hear imminently regarding the outcome.</p>	
9.	<p>Burnfield Toilet Block</p> <p>No update for this month.</p>	
10.	<p>Events</p> <p>Paper circulated by TC prior to meeting. Discussion on the possibility of the GI taking over the running of the festive lights and torchlight parade. Main priority is to continue providing a calendar of events throughout the year in Grantown. Meeting with Gordon and McPhail soon which could assist with funding for this aim. More info to follow after this meeting, at which point a decision will be required.</p>	
11.	<p>Creating an Attractive Town</p> <p><u>Dulaig Park</u></p> <p>Scotland Loves Local fund needs spent by 31st March – a deferral for next year was requested but this was refused. Contact with Sean Malone regarding payment of a deposit so that payment is made in the correct financial year.</p> <p>Awards For All – £9,000 application – passed the first stage.</p> <p>Request that links to Dulaig Park FB pages are put up on Grantown Online. Lots of applications require a website, and this supports these applications. KM agreed to assist with this.</p> <p><u>Mossie Park</u></p> <p>No update this month.</p>	KM
12.	<p>Business/Visitor Matters</p> <p>Terms of reference have been reviewed and brought back up to date. Approval sought to take this forward. KD requests the addition of a finance section. Pending financial addition, revised terms of reference approved by the board.</p> <p>Over the next two weeks KM will look to find committee members for GBA.</p>	KM

	Paid membership structure to be considered at first meeting of committee.	
13.	<p>Sustainability Strathspey</p> <p>Contact made with Liz Cowie and Bill Lobban. Bill wants to bring 20mph speed limits to Grantown, similar to Aviemore. Bill happy to further discuss speed limit reductions that were proposed last month for the entrances to town from both roundabouts.</p> <p>Also, currently looking at better ways to engage with members.</p>	
14	<p>Communications and Publicity</p> <p>KM suggests interim update to GBA members on activities of GI to support search for GBA committee members. KM to provide brief text for this and send to JH.</p>	KM
15	<p>Coronavirus</p> <p>Food table still available.</p> <p>Help Fund still available.</p> <p>Here to Help still ongoing with shopping and prescription runs.</p>	
	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Smart Village Project – DG seeking approval for a £35 annual cost for an additional PlugIn that is required for the website as part of the project. Approval given.</p>	
	<p>Dates of 2021 board meetings, using Zoom: 09 Mar, 13 Apr, 11 May, 08 Jun, 13 Jul, 10 Aug, 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 09 Nov, 14 Dec</p>	