

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 12 January 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 Claire George	
2.	Apologies: None	
3.	Minute of previous meeting: Approved	
4.	Matters arising from the Minute (not otherwise on the agenda) KM has decided not to participate in the Communities Leading in Tourism course.	
5.	Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda: None	
6.	Membership None	
7.	Treasurer's report Nothing too much to report since last month. Fairly straightforward. Playparks doing great work on fundraising. Annual data protection license paid for. Ever increasing bottom line which is great.	KD
	Reports on Workstreams:	
8.	Progress on Town Centre Fund <u>TCF – Mark 1</u> Dead trees have been taken down in the square. Mark Council did an excellent job. The wood was split in two. Wood good enough to do something with, eg carpentry, has gone to Logie Sawmill for storage and to let it dry out. It belongs to the community, and we can do something with it in a year or two once it has dried out. The rest of the wood is to be used as firewood. We still have it but it needs chopped up. A resident of Nethy Bridge has already received some of the wood. The idea is	

	<p>to advertise on Facebook that wood is available. KM to put text on Grantown Grapevine facebook channel.</p> <p>Contact with Sean Malone attempted by JH regarding benches and other street furniture, so that purchasing and the work can be done through THC which is beneficial to them.</p> <p><u>TCF – Mark 2</u> Application submitted and acknowledged in time for 6th January. Application to update our Christmas lights, completing electrical work around the square for events, and the bollards on the square.</p> <p>We expect to hear back reasonably soon, at which point, if successful, we can kickstart the work.</p> <p>There could be quite a lot to do on both TCF Mk1 and Mk2 before the end of March.</p>	KM
9.	<p>Burnfield Toilet Block</p> <p>Set back. Community Asset Transfer won't be able to go in front of the committee in February as promised. Aspects of the application create a bit of difficulty as Seafield Estate have a pre-emption to purchase back the land they gifted back in 1950s which requires a specific process, including consulting the community. This creates a delay which is disappointing and unfortunate. New timescales will be updated as soon as we know when it may go before a committee.</p> <p>With more time available, we can go back to Colin Lawson for a cost on a high-level and low-level refurb, so that we have it available ready to apply for funding when the time is right.</p>	KD
10.	<p>Events</p> <p>Next scheduled event is August – Thunder in the Glen (Not yet cancelled)</p> <p>Contingency for Motor Mania as the existing committee may no longer wish to run it. Contact needed. It would be a big task for the GI to run this event.</p>	
11.	<p>Creating an Attractive Town</p> <p><u>Dulaig Park</u></p> <p>Yesterday, awarded £3,000 from ward discretionary fund.</p> <p>Waiting to hear back from Awards for All regarding application for £9,000.</p> <p>Defibrillator now installed.</p> <p>Scotland Loves Local fund needs spent by 31st March, so given current situation we may need an extension on spending the money. Contact to be made.</p> <p>Highly successful at fundraising so far!</p> <p><u>Mossie Park</u></p> <p>Not too much to report with little happening over festive period. Applications for funding to be put in place over the coming weeks and months.</p>	

	<p>THC have indicated they may not fix/replace the main “castle” in the park as it continues to be vandalised.</p> <p><u>Winter Lights</u></p> <p>Festive lights in Grantown, the items on the lampposts and lights in the trees, have been the responsibility of the community. The current group looking after them have done it for many years, and while this is an active group of individuals, the lead is looking to step down as well as a couple of other senior members. So the proposal is that the GI takes this committee under our wing. TC has offered to investigate what is involved.</p> <p><u>Community Storage</u></p> <p>Nothing to add.</p>	TC
12.	<p>Business/Visitor Matters</p> <p>The area has now gone into tier 4 with the mainland in lockdown due to Covid-19. So some local businesses are struggling again. THC are trying to put together a discretionary fund to assist those who fall between the gaps in government offered funds.</p> <p>GBA may need to formalise its member status, particularly the terms of reference. KM to look into this and get back to us with what is required.</p>	KM
13.	<p>Communications and Publicity</p> <p>Nothing to add.</p>	
14	<p>Sustainability Strathspey</p> <p>Document submitted by EM proposing reduction in speed limit at entrances to town. The principle is great. Support given by GI board. DG to share with Community Council for feedback.</p> <p>Recycling bins proposal in very early stages. First draft to be circulated for feedback in due course.</p>	DG
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>Grantown has won two awards – one for Heather Fraser and one for the Here to Help team for Covid Community Initiative of the Year (in the Highlands)/ Well done all!</p>	
	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Feedback from the community forum meeting – Linda Coe has convened a few meetings in the last few months bringing together several of the local volunteer</p>	

	organisations with the principal idea of benefiting from better communication and working together on a wider strategy. Work in progress.	
	Dates of 2021 board meetings, using Zoom: 09 Feb, 09 Mar, 13 Apr, 11 May, 08 Jun, 13 Jul, 10 Aug, 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 09 Nov, 14 Dec	