

**GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm at Grant Arms Hotel**MINUTES**

		Action Points
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  Directors Present:  Karen Derrick (Chair) Declan Gallacher (Vice Chair) Karen Martin (Treasurer) Ingrid Artus Beverley Cartwright Zoe Laird Mike Causey Katy Turton  Members Present: Stewart Dick	
2.	<b>Apologies:</b>  Ginny Hall	
3.	<b>Election of Office Bearers</b>  <b>Chair</b> Karen Derrick – Proposed KM, Seconded - ZL <b>Vice Chair</b> Declan Gallacher – Proposed – IA, Seconded - KT <b>Treasurer</b> Karen Martin – Proposed KD, Seconded IA <b>Company Secretary</b> Zoe Laird – Proposed KM, Seconded KD  <b>Minute Secretary (Volunteer)</b> – Ginny Hall to continue to take minutes (DG as back up)	
4.	<b>Minute of previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>  The minutes were approved unanimously without amendments. Proposed – KM, Seconded - DG	
4.	<b>Matters arising from the Minute</b> (not otherwise on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KD raised the issue of an outstanding action regarding Meals on Wheels. KD and GH are to meet to discuss.</li><li>• Events and Lights: TC to explore 'ready to hang' lights</li><li>• Grant Park reed removal. <b>Action:</b> JH to approach CNPA.</li></ul>	KD, GH  TC JH
6.	<b>Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda:</b> None	
7.	<b>Membership applications</b> None	

8.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>KM presented a document that contained a cash flow forecast.</p> <p>Possible cash flow concerns due to upcoming expenditure for the likes of Dulaig Park, Burnfield Toilets and so on. There will be attempts to predict this moving forward as KM hopes to discuss spending forecasts with project leads.</p> <p>Our current balance on all accounts is £62,172.31 of which £3,530.29 is unrestricted funding.</p> <p>Two new account signatories needed as JH and TC stand down. DG &amp; IA proposed. KM and KD are current signatories.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Gordon and MacPhail Community Events Fund</b></p> <p>Paper circulated beforehand by KM regarding possible options to spend the raised money. 70% for internal spend, and 30% for local environmental projects and community events.</p> <p>Following a discussion, a preliminary decision was made to spend some of the money on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covering the deficit from GDC, TitG, and TP</li> <li>• Some of it to the Festive Lights</li> <li>• Development Officer support</li> <li>• Use the 30% additional to invite the community to apply for the funds for their events.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Reports on Current Workstreams</b>	
10.	<p><b>Grantown Business Association</b></p> <p>KM reported no immediate activity to discuss except a small funding application from a food and drink fund.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Burnfield Toilets</b></p> <p>KD reported that work is continuing in the background. Quote from Colin Lawson still to arrive. Mark Lawson still working on Architectural Planning Work.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> KD to follow up.</p>	KD
12.	<p><b>Dulaig Play Park</b></p> <p>Waiting for an installation date that should be in the summer.</p> <p>We have accepted the quote to level and reseed the football area. Once reseeded, it needs to be watered everyday for 2 weeks. A few suggestions offered by the group. IA to follow up with options.</p>	IA
13.	<p><b>Town Centre Fund</b></p> <p>Nothing to report, just waiting on Neil Fraser from THC for undergrounding quote and actions.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> KD to chase up Neil Fraser at HC re: a quote for cabling work.</p>	KD

14.	<p><b>Events</b>  <b>Winter: Hogmanay/Festive Lights/ Torchlight Procession/Grantown Does Christmas</b></p> <p><b>Hogmanay:</b> BC contacted Twinning Association. They don't want to help with food provision moving forward. BC to contact local businesses moving forward. Grantown Diner offered previously, so will be first contact.</p> <p>BC in Grantown late May and will look to have an early committee meeting to discuss plans and strategy moving forward.</p> <p>KD to check if TC has a phone number for Susan Grant at THC.</p> <p><b>Festive Lights:</b> Festive lights quote received.</p> <p><b>Torchlight Procession:</b> IA to consider applying to Berryburn for £400 to cover costs from last year. KD to consider ward discretionary grants for the money as well.</p> <p><b>Thunder in the Glen:</b>  Discussion with Stewart Dick. If GI are to continue to lead on this then we need someone on the board who will be involved.</p> <p>We need someone to take over. For the ride out, we do nothing. We just arrange road closures, book stalls, liase with everyone impacted (fire, police, bus companies). On the week of, and day of, set up the diversion and put out no parking cones. On the day of the event, we need a minimum of 6 marshalls through the day (more is preferable. 12 would be ideal). Arranging stall holders in the morning and then breaking everything down at the end of the day. Long day. 7am to 6pm ish. Admin in the run up to the event as well. This is the last year that SD will organise the event.  We may need to advertise for volunteers.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b>  DG to have a word with Martin Grant.  SD to post to social media for volunteers.  KM to check member list for volunteers and contact them</p> <p>MC highlighted that he owns an events company that could potentially help with this. Interest declared.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b>  SD, KM, MC, &amp; DG to meet quickly and discuss.</p> <p><b>Fun Run:</b>  Fun Run taking place this Saturday as part of Cairngorm Nature Big Weekend through the Anagach Woods, starting at the entrance from Forest Road at 9.30am. Lorna has done a lot of great work in organising medals and securing 12 volunteers.</p> <p><b>Misc:</b>  KD &amp; KM to investigate feather banners x2 for use at feature events.</p>	<p>BC</p> <p>IA/KD</p> <p>DG</p> <p>KM</p> <p>KM, MC, DG</p> <p>KD, KM</p>
15.	<p><b>Sustainable Strathspey (SS)</b>  Greentown show for first weekend in September coming along nicely. CNPA to support as usual. Looking to include more of a food and drink element.</p>	
16.	<p><b>Parkrun</b>  MC is full on in attempts to secure funding. Is asking if it is possible for GI to contribute some funding. Has applied to Berryburn, CNPA, Rotary Club and local funeral directors.</p>	

	<b>Other Matters</b>	
17.	<b>GoS Community Help Fund</b> No money coming in or going out at the moment. KD to call a Zoom meeting of those all involved in the Help Fund to discuss future provision.	KD
18	<b>Volunteers</b> Nothing to discuss	
19	<b>Communications &amp; Publicity</b> Nothing to discuss	
	<b>AOCB</b> TC previously was in charge of all of the insurance. This needs someone to take over it.	
	<b>Dates of Next Meetings (all at 7pm)</b> 14 June, 12 July, 09 August, 13 September, 11 October, 08 November, 13 December	