

# GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 7.30pm via Zoom

## MINUTES

		Action Points
	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Directors Present: Declan Gallacher (Vice Chair) Karen Martin (Treasurer) Beverley Cartwright Ingrid Artus Zoe Laird Katy Turton	
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Karen Derrick (Chair), Mike Causey	
2.	<b>Minute of previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b> The minutes were approved unanimously without amendments. Proposed KM, Seconded BC	
3.	<b>Matters arising from the Minute</b> (not otherwise on the agenda)  <b>Storage Container</b>  GI Marquee has been tagged to keep all the bits together and a large pole bag purchased to keep all the poles together in one place.  Scottie Clarke has been commissioned to put shelving in all along one side lengthways in the container (Floor to ceiling, but raised off the floor by 15cm or so). Will cost £881.20 and have asked Twinning, GVCC and Motorman to contribute £100 each. Still waiting to hear who else will contribute, but Scottie has been commissioned now.  <b>2023 Calendar</b>  Proofs shared and delivery expected soon.	
4.	<b>Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda:</b> None	
5.	<b>Membership applications</b> Ordinary Member - Alan Fisher Ordinary Member - Karen Mangan Associate Member - Grantown Bowling Club Associate Member - Friends of Grantown Primary Associate Member - Strathspey Rovers Junior Football	
6.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> The accounts for 2022/23 were presented with income and costs from August 22. The bank balance at 31st August is £63,128.90 with unrestricted funds of £4,804.29. Karen will look at whether access can be given to each sub-group to generate their own reports.	KM
7.	<b>Gordon and MacPhail Community Events Fund</b> Community Pot - one application has been received. A reminder will be sent via Facebook and email about the fund to encourage applications before it closes on Friday, 23rd September. All applications will be brought to the next board meeting.	KM/KD/ DG

Sub Group Reports		
8.	<p><b>Burnfield Toilets</b> Non-domestic rates: bill came in for £1028.75. KD has queried and set in motion 2 applications for 80% relief and also the final 20% relief, so hopefully will be zero to us from now on.</p> <p>Waiting for Colin Lawson to return from hols next week, to get final costs for refurbishment. Will see if we can add some renewable source for the energy to heat and light the building.</p> <p>Application to Cairngorms Trust Community-Led Vision fund has been invited to 2nd round, so KD will get the full application in this week.</p> <p>Also HIE are holding some funds for toilets refurbishment, so hopeful that once Lawsons come through with final bill, we will have enough</p>	KD
9.	<p><b>Events</b></p> <p><b>Hogmanay</b> Band, piper, fireworks all booked. Jon from Grantown Diner to provide food. Speysound Radio providing music from 10pm and to broadcast from The Square. The Legion booked for night before as venue for a night of Scottish music. Pre-event fundraising ideas being considered.</p> <p><b>Festive Lights</b> Berryburn application has been submitted for £3,000.</p> <p><b>Torchlight Procession</b> The license application and TTRO have been submitted. Awaiting a quote from Alba traffic management. Torches were retained from last year.</p> <p><b>Thunder in the Glen:</b> Delighted with attendance, and working with Stewart to make it happen Challenges with traffic management this year were just about resolved, but the cost for next year could be prohibitive. Stewart and MC will debrief, and meet with George in the coming weeks. MC hopes that he'll agree to add just a couple of pounds to the price, and we can have our costs covered that way. Otherwise we may struggle to afford it (and it will be massive again, with it being the 25th event)</p> <p><b>Grantown Does Christmas</b> 35 stalls have been booked for the event. Hamish Napier will be putting on concerts with two held jointly with Caorunn and The Cairn. £4,000 has been received for the first payment of the Scotland Food &amp; Drink Fund.</p>	<p>BC</p> <p>IA</p> <p>IA</p> <p>MC</p> <p>KM</p>
10.	<p><b>Dulaig Play Park</b> Football Area is levelled and reseeded but only about 75% is growing well. The contractor has returned weekly to reseed. The old goals are at Mackellars for renovation but will not be returned this year as the football area will not be ready to be used until next year otherwise the grass will be ruined.</p> <p>The play park has been fitted but not to a satisfactory state. A meeting held today with the council and Kompan to discuss the faults. Kompan has agreed with the findings of the council and the committee and will rectify it, probably starting next week. Council will not sign off the work or pay Kompan until the committee are content. From a financial perspective, there will be a refund for some of the work that's not been completed.</p>	IA

11.	<p><b>Grantown Business Association</b></p> <p>The sub-group didn't meet in August as everyone was busy with their own businesses. Karen updated the Directors on the nominet dispute and her conversation with the mediator regarding the offer of 5 domain names for a £1,500 donation to the Alzheimers Society. The Board agreed that £500 is the maximum that can be offered for the domain names and that we are happy to pay that to the Alzheimers Society if that's the preferred option. If that's not accepted, the next stage will be to go to experts decision. Karen will let nominet know.</p>	KM
12.	<p><b>Town Centre Fund</b></p> <p>Nothing to report. KD has enlisted Lewis Hannah (new Ward Manager) to strong-arm the THC Amenities Team to get something done soon.</p>	KD
13.	<p><b>Sustainable Strathspey (SS)</b></p> <p>Sustainable Strathspey was delighted with the success of the second Greentown Show, which was even better attended than last year's event, and featured almost twice as many contributors.</p> <p>The focus of this year's event was waste reduction, and we introduced a big element of fun for kids to make it a real family event.</p> <p>Grantown on Spey's Remakery teamed up with Moray Waste Busters and ReBOOT to demonstrate how they work to restore, refurbish or simply sell on articles that might otherwise have been destined for landfill, at the same time as providing skills and employment for people. ReBOOT returned to their Forres base with over 90 items of IT equipment such as laptops, phones and cables to be wiped and refurbished before resale.</p> <p>Jaci Douglas and Corrine Shearer of CALA (Care and Learning Alliance) turned their patch of the square into a riot of colour and creative activity, demonstrating that children and their parents can learn and have so much fun using the most sustainable of materials. Next door, Fiona Osgood of Fiona's Wholefoods and her friends developed this theme further with painting using natural materials, and creating 'Magic from Muck' compost. The third element of kids' activity was provided by Nick Baker, Grantown's naturalist and TV presenter, who captivated kids' imagination with his 'Bugs made Big' live display of the creatures that work on our food waste to create compost, and who brought the walls of the Spey Bank Studio to life with images of worms and creepy crawlies.</p> <p>Up and down the High Street, businesses displayed green posters highlighting the fantastic array of environmentally friendly measures which they take, and the posters doubled as a green heart treasure hunt for kids.</p> <p>In our own stall, Sustainable Strathspey demonstrated composting methods, including a live wormery, which attracted a lot of attention and some probing questions from youngsters!</p> <p>We were delighted to have the support of councillors Muriel Cockburn and John Bruce, who took time to come and listen to the concerns of folk attending the show.</p> <p>Looking around the Square at any time, I was impressed to see kids absorbed in play, and grown-ups actively engaged in conversations at the stalls.</p> <p>The Green building industry had the same strong representation as before, led by AW Laing, and this year their practical demonstrations were given an independent financial context by two advisors from Home Energy Scotland, who provided expert advice on all aspects of energy use, storage, and production.</p> <p>Love them or loath them, wind turbines are now a feature of the Highland landscape, and we were pleased to give an opportunity for people to pose questions direct to the developer behind the proposed Dava Moor Lethen Wind Farm, Fred Olsen Renewables.</p>	KT

	<p>Visitors to the show could find out more about the local natural environment and its contribution to carbon emission reduction by visiting the CNPA, Anagach Woods Trust, and RSPB stalls.</p> <p>As before, this event was only possible because of the wonderful support of the local community, as well as those stallholders who travelled a distance to display at the Show, and Sustainable Strathspey would like to extend our thanks to all for their generosity. We were delighted that feedback showed that all stallholders were pleased with the success of the day, and committed to return to next year's Greentown Show.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Parkrun</b>  Final £1000 of funds applied for via Ward Discretionary Funds - with huge help from KarenD, thank you!  When we get the full £4000 we can then get a start date.  There isn't a specific date we're aiming for, and we're not in a particular rush</p>	MC
<b>Other Matters</b>		
15.	<p><b>AOCB</b>  IA sought clarification on the amount of money left by Charlie Sinclair and the proposed ownership of it, once the disputed element is resolved.</p>	IA
	<p><b>Dates of 2022 Meetings (all at 7pm)</b>  11 October, 08 November, 13 December</p>	