

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 7.00pm by Zoom

MINUTES

		Action Points
	Welcome and Introductions Directors Present: Karen Derrick (Chair) Declan Gallacher (Vice Chair) Mike Causey Katy Turton Zoe Laird Ingrid Artus Others present: Pete Grant (Spey Shed) Ginny Hall (Minutes)	
1.	Apologies: Karen Martin (Treasurer), Beverley Cartwright, Rebecca Mackellar	
2.	Minute of previous meeting held on 8th November 2022 The minutes were approved unanimously without amendments.	
3.	Matters arising from the Minute (not otherwise on the agenda) None	
4.	Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda: None	
5.	Membership applications KD reported that there were 5 new members.	
6.	Treasurer's Report KM had sent through the papers. The year-end accounts (to end July) had been completed, and are to be agreed at the January meeting It was noted that the Dulaig Park entry was at its lowest ever, but that this was very positive as the work has now been completed. Action: KD to send year-end accounts out to the Board	KD
7.	GI Charity Shop It had not proved possible to do a pop-up shop for GDC. However, there was a discussion around next steps, which could involve a pop-up shop in late January or February 2023. KD asked for ideas. IA mentioned the experience of the Inverallan Church pop-up shop which had been held in the SSE premises, which while had been positive in many ways, had resulted in a lot of 'junk' which could not be sold. KD suggested that Louise (Gould) and Margaret (Campbell) would need a process for dealing with any items that were unsuitable for sale. Blythswood would take some of the unwanted items. KT suggested involving Moray Waste Busters. She also suggested taking a year's lease rather than doing a pop-up shop. However, this would be a liability for a charity as the lease is around £1000 per month. KT noted the experience of Orkney where one charity takes over running the shop for a period of one month, allowing 12 different charities to benefit. A further idea was for the shop to sell baby/children's clothes or other kids stuff such as bikes.	

	<p>MC suggested sharing premises with another business or organisation, to help lower the cost and risk. KD mentioned the need for a business plan. The conclusion was to set up a steering group to look into the options more carefully, including putting together a business plan.</p> <p>Action: KD to inform Louise Gould that this issue has been picked up</p>	KD
Sub Group Reports		
8.	<p>Events</p> <p>GI's insurance. KT has been liaising with Zurich Insurance over the renewal of the policy (the previous policy ended on 18th November). However the GI and events are still insured. All events are in one policy, and the final policy is ready.</p> <p>Action: KT to notify the GI when she receives the bill for the insurance.</p> <p>i Thunder in the Glen (MC) MC has met with Stuart Dick. In summary, the event is expected to go ahead but it is very difficult to make money from the event. It is thought that this is because there are much larger numbers attending than in the past, so bikers are spending less time in Grantown and spending less in terms of donations and in shops. This will be the 25th year of TITG.</p> <p>ii Festive Lights (IA/KD)</p> <p>Paul Matheson is going to order the lights so we can meet the Berryburn deadline.</p> <p>KD has been pushing The Highland Council for assistance. Mick Haymer from THC asked if the lights could be put at the base of trees, to illuminate them from the ground up, rather than in the trees. The lights in the trees in the Square near the Sylhet Brasserie are not working. However, the Xmas tree lights at the opposite end of the Square are working well.</p> <p>Action: IA, KD and Paul Matheson to form an action group in the New Year</p> <p>iii Grantown Does Christmas (KM) MC reported that the weather had been kind for the event, every single stall made money. KD thanked MC for his work on GDC, and helping to bring so many people in. MC sent a survey to stall holders and all have said they would come back next year. Lessons had been learned about marquees. MC had spoken to one person in a wheelchair who had found access difficult in the mud. The Cairn Distillery had been delighted by the event, and there had been very good take-up of the distillery tours. The concert by Tsu Li and Hamish Napier in Angus Grant's gallery had also gone well.</p> <p>iv Torchlight Procession (IA) Lights - Duncan Thorpe is unable to help this year but has all the cables in the lock-up. Bev will confirm this weekend and Jim Beveridge has offered to help set up the lights</p> <p>Power - Meeting CNPA on Thursday lunchtime to look at the power set-up.</p> <p>Trailer - Plan to place trailer by CNPA car park in order to access the power cables.</p> <p>Music - keyboard, stool, table to source from secondary school - confirmation at the end of this week.</p> <p>Hi viz - sourced from Ewan Macgregor</p> <p>Steps - no steps sourced yet to access trailer. There was a discussion around the steps required to the trailer, with some suggestions about where they could be sourced. Pete Grant offered to raise with The Spey Shed and will speak to Kenny McGougan. KD suggested that it might be good to meet to discuss these issues 'early doors' next year. IA</p>	<p>KT</p> <p>IA, KD</p> <p>KM</p> <p>IA</p>

	<p>reported that the stage was 1.2metres high, and that steps for trailer might be better if they are foldable.</p> <p>Action: KD to speak to IA about arrangements Action: Pete Grant to speak to Kenny McGougan</p> <p>V Hogmanay (BC) Tickets are on sale at the Legion. BC is returning to Grantown this weekend. Around 10 stewards are needed. A meeting is scheduled for Monday 19th December Action: KD to check the length of slots for volunteer stewards and send to Pete Grant</p>	<p>KD PG</p> <p>KD</p>
9.	<p>Burnfield Toilets (KD/ZL)</p> <p>Work on the toilets has started. ZL and KD have been working with Lawson's. The project currently has access to £75,000 currently. KD has spoken to all the funders: £24,000 THC £20,000 CNPA £12,000 GI Bank account £25,000 HIE</p> <p>The project is on course to spend the first £70,000 before the end of March. Colin Lawson will charge 0% VAT as the GI is a charity.</p> <p>So there is £28-30,000 left to find.</p> <p>Neither THC or anyone else currently know who supplies the electricity to the toilets. A new meter is needed, so ZL and KD are looking into this issue.</p>	ZL/KD
10.	<p>Sustainable Strathspey (KT)</p> <p>The AGM was quorate so all officers were elected to their positions on the committee. The stall at GDC went well and it was good to be part of the event. SS have arranged monthly talks over the winter, as well as a film showing at the local cinema.</p>	
11.	<p>Grantown Business Association</p> <p>The GBA sub-committee met in November. RM had requested permission to use the GoCardless system for collecting subscriptions for the GBA, using the GI bank account. GH had been looking in to GoCardless and it can be used with the Xero accounting system that the GI uses for collecting Direct Debits as well as one-off payments, and the charges per transaction would be 1% plus 20p. The GI unanimously approved the use of the GI bank account for this purpose, provided that there was no charge to the GI.</p> <p>Action: KD to report back to RM on this issue</p>	KD
12.	<p>Dulaig Park (IA)</p> <p>1 April official opening day, park signed off, final monies received. Mediocre service from the playpark provider. Mostly positive feedback.</p> <p>KD thanked IA, Sheena and all involved for their work, and suggested a photoshoot at the opening.</p>	
13.	<p>Parkrun (MC)</p> <p>All £4,000 in, paperwork underway. Anagach Woods Trust approves the route near The Knoll. Likely launch in early spring.</p>	MC

Other Matters		
	<p>Spey Shed</p> <p>Pete Grant attended the meeting on behalf of the Spey Shed, which is temporarily under the GI umbrella while it is re-established following Covid. It was set up in 2013 by Kenny McGougan, a teacher at the GGS. People would come from as far afield as Kingussie and Carrbridge and make things. Hamish Thom has been exploring how to get it going again, and to now allow women to attend. A sub-group has been set up and two meetings have been held, minutes taken and officers identified. A room in the YMCA has been identified, on the agreement that the Shed would do the room up (it requires a lot of work) in lieu of rent. However, it is envisaged that rent would be paid in future. It is anticipated that the Spey Shed will become popular.</p> <p>At Eastertime, the sub-group are going to come up with a Strategic Plan. Representatives have been up to Beaulieu to look at another Shed. Hoping to have a place for people to meet, share skills, chat about life experience, possibly for people who might have mental health issues or suffer from loneliness etc..</p> <p>Some scaffolding has been loaned to the Spey Shed, which is helpful for the works needed. KD stated that the Spey Shed will probably not be under the GI for a long time. She mentioned that 2 funding applications had been made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For £850 for basic equipment, decision to be made shortly 2. £6,000 Revenue and capital in relation to mental health, decision due in February <p>PG said that the Spey Shed were hugely grateful for funding.</p> <p>It was agreed that PG would join the Board of the GI, and that he would be invited to the GI WhatsApp Group.</p> <p>Action: ZL/KD to get details from PG for Companies House</p>	
14.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>3 A's</p> <p>KD reported that the CNPA had called a meeting regarding the 3A's. At the meeting, the GI, SS, GBA and Grantown Society were represented, but the Community Council were not in attendance. The group will reconvene in the New Year.</p>	
	<p>Dates of 2023 Meetings (all at 7pm)</p> <p>2023: 10th January, 14th February, 14th March, 11th April, 9th May to include AGM, 13th June, (11th July), 8th August, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December</p>	