

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.00pm via Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

		Action Points
	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Directors Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Karen Derrick (Chair)Declan Gallacher (Vice Chair)Karen Martin (Treasurer)Katy TurtonBeverley CartwrightPete Grant <p>Others present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Claire Thom, Jo Fry (Fiddle Festival proposal), Ginny Hall (Minutes) <p>KD welcomed Claire and Jo to the meeting.</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Directors: Ingrid Artus, Mike Causey, Zoe Laird</p>	
2.	<p>Minute of previous meeting held on 14th February 2023</p> <p>The minutes were approved unanimously without amendments. Proposed by KM, seconded by BC.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising from the Minute (not otherwise on the agenda)</p> <p>Contributions from Gordon & MacPhail would be discussed in Treasurer's report. Charity shop would be covered in AOCB.</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda:</p> <p>There were none.</p> <p>DG asked about where he should record his new job, in relation to any conflicts of interest. Action: KD to send round the relevant document for recording this.</p> <p>PG raised the issue in the previous minutes which stated that Spey Shed would soon be ready to leave the GI. He stated that the Spey Shed was not at that stage yet, but a discussion would be held under the Spey Shed agenda item.</p>	KD
5.	<p>Membership applications</p> <p>There were two new Ordinary Members: Valerie Morris and Simon Morris. Membership was approved.</p>	
6.	<p>Fiddle Festival proposal – Claire Thom/ Jo Fry</p> <p>Jo mentioned the Music Festival (Fiddler of Strathspey Festival) which provides opportunities for musicians of all abilities. This is a cultural event which includes music and history walks, a ceilidh and concerts, as well as musicians playing in bars. It encourages people to visit the town. The event is planned from Friday 15th September to Sunday 17th September (am). She asked if the GI would support the event, which has run since 2015, with a break during the Covid pandemic. The event is being organised by the Grantown Society but as Bill Sadler has stepped back, Claire Thom is organising.</p> <p>Claire described the life and achievements of Alexander Grant from Carrbridge - known as Sandy Battan, born 1856, who had a keen interest in both fiddling and fly fishing. The proposal is to make a small film about Sandy Battan, with a couple of interviews and fiddle playing, to be shown on the Fiddler of Strathspey website. Fergus Thom (Carrbridge) to be film-maker.</p> <p>The ask of the GI was to help with funding this film. However is not the kind of thing the GMCP pot would normally help fund. The GI would, though, be happy to support advertising or promotion, and should be able to find a place on the website for this film.</p>	

	<p>PG would be interested from a personal point of view, and might be able to help, particularly via Norman Grant from London, whose family might have a lot of information. Action: PG to speak with Jo and Claire</p> <p>BC suggested contacting the Arts Council (or equivalent in Scotland (Creative Scotland)) for funding. She also suggested contacting the local college where students may be making films. This is a good option when there is not much funding available. KD suggested speaking to Dan at the Grantown Museum (Jo had already done this). KD also suggested looking for funding via the Cairngorms Trust (CLV fund).</p> <p>A quote for costs is needed is needed before looking for funding. Claire / Jo to send information to KD who will support with VABS hat.</p> <p>GI happy to provide letter of support, but Grantown Society need to be funding applicant.</p> <p>KM described how to post events on Facebook so as to maximise the audience.</p>	PG
7.	<p>Treasurer's Report (KM) Thunder in the Glens has a balance of zero after £188.86 had been paid in. £20k had been received for the Burnfield Toilets since the report was done. The fund from Gordon & MacPhail had reached £10k already in 2023, as the community have been really generous in giving, and targets have been reached. The current bank balance in £32,617.83. Action: KM to check if all grants to set up Parkrun event have gone through bank account</p>	KM
Sub Group updates		
8.	<p>Events</p> <p>i Festive Lights (IA/KD) Paul Matheson has spoken to THC but is waiting until end March for new THC contractors to start. Festive Lights are on the list of projects for the contractors.</p> <p>IA speaking with Anne Sullivan over Easter re spend of £800 legacy</p> <p>ii Grantown Does Christmas (KM) KM had met with MC to discuss this event. Plan is to use contractors (an events company) again this December. It will go out to tender -KM putting together a proposal. May do something different this year, such as holding the event on a single day. KD asked if KM wants help from the Board eg KD can supply tender templates. Action: KD to send templates to KM</p> <p>iii Torchlight Parade (IA) IA has stated that unless significant, she will not raise anything for the Torchlight until the second half of the year.</p> <p>iv Hogmanay (BC) BC will be doing a bar stocktake and check use-by dates so that stock can still be used. She asked KM to let her know if she still wants Prosecco for any events.</p> <p>Fireworks: BC happy to attend legislation training online. Fireworx Scotland, the company that does the fireworks for Hogmanay, are intending to do a site visit.</p> <p>v Thunder in the Glens (MC) No changes were reported at this time.</p>	<p>IA</p> <p>KD</p>
9.	<p>Burnfield Toilets (KD/ZL) KD reported that work is moving apace. Berryburn have awarded project £20k following ZL's application. £30k is still to be found. It is hoped that when the Cairngorms Trust funding opens in April, that final piece of funding might be from there. KD: a spreadsheet has been set up for Burnfield Toilets to keep track of project cash flow</p>	

	<p>Lawsons are continuing their work and it is hoped that the toilets will be open by July.</p> <p>Fire alarm: Mark Lawson to speak to THC to say that none of their other loos in the Strath have alarms, therefore an alarm is not needed for the Burnfield site.</p> <p>Electricity contract.: a 3 year contract is much cheaper, so will be moving from the EDF contract to British Gas Lite for supply from 24th March 2023.</p>	
10.	<p>Sustainable Strathspey (KT)</p> <p>Lynn Cassells from Lynbreck Croft gave a talk in the Grant Arms, with a good turnout.</p> <p>On 30th March, Home Energy Scotland are to talk about home energy efficiency.</p> <p>Planning is starting for the Greentown Show in September, and KT will update the Board from April onwards. The theme of the Show will be Active Travel.</p> <p>KM asked how people find out about SS events. KT responded that SS have their own Facebook page, a Green Hub and also advertise on VisitCairngorms.</p> <p>There was a discussion about Grantown Active Travel. A meeting had been held on 13th March, where KD represented GI, PG represented SS & Rebecca Mackellar represented GBA. KD and PG will keep the Board informed about this item.</p>	KD/PG
11.	<p>GBA</p> <p>KM mentioned an event planned for 27th March (7pm -9pm) in the Grant Arms Hotel for businesses. This is the GBA's first business event where attendees will get the chance to meet new businesses, speak with those that have been around for a while, taste some of the local produce and hear about what's happening in 2023. It is hoped that new collaborations will be formed where businesses might set up trade accounts and work together even more than they already do, to help the town's economy thrive.</p> <p>Murray Ferguson/CNPA has asked GBA to support a visit of a Mayor's delegation from Spain. KM to liaise on this.</p>	KM
12.	<p>Dulaig Play Park (IA)</p> <p>The Grand Opening of the park will take place on Saturday 1st April 1pm-3pm. KD suggested that Board members pop in to show support to IA and the fundraising team.</p>	ALL
13.	<p>Parkrun (MC)</p> <p>Anagach Woods Trust considering a change to route to create a simpler run that utilises the new surface of the Speyside Way. Once that decision is considered, final paperwork will be complete, and a date set to start, likely early June. MC to keep board informed.</p>	MC
14.	<p>Spey Shed</p> <p>PG reported that huge progress has been made. A wheelchair access bench has been completed. More kitting out eg vices is needed. The Shed is likely to be fully up and running in next few weeks. First meeting scheduled for Monday (setting out constitutional matters). PG expressed gratitude for all the support from the GI.</p>	
15.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>KM is due to submit a report with an invoice to Gordon & MacPhail, then will take the opportunity to chat with Andy re ongoing agreement.</p> <p>Charity Shop proposal: Louise and Margaret have decided to give up for the time being because it has proved very difficult to find premises.</p> <p>DG described a proposal for the former Hydro premises as presented at recent GVCC meeting. It involves using the premises for a cash machine (which would be income generating and free to use), a drop-in hub for the community to use, and a facility for hot desking (for people to rent the space to use for working). A further idea is for charities to use the space for a pop-up shop.</p>	

	<p>DG had been keen to test the idea with the local community and reported that he had put a post on Grantown Grapevine which had received 214 likes and 172 comments, all of which were supportive. HIE may fund the proposal, and there is an option to buy the premises. Impact Hub in Inverness helping with feasibility study.</p> <p>Grantown Forum due to meet soon (bringing together 14 groups in the town to discuss what each are doing).</p> <p>KM had been approached regarding using the GI/ town logo to sell merchandise. BC asked if the logo was copyrighted, if not the logo could be used. The Board was clear that the logo was not for commercial use.</p>	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting 11th April 2023, the last meeting before the AGM in May. KD reported that ZL will be standing down at the AGM, and KD asked the Board to inform her in advance if anyone else was thinking of standing down.</p>	ALL