

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.20pm (after the AGM) via Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

		Action Points
	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Directors Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Karen Derrick (Chair)Karen Martin (Treasurer)Beverley CartwrightPete GrantIngrid ArtusKaty Turton <p>Others present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ginny Hall (Minutes) <p>KD opened the meeting which immediately followed the AGM.</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Directors: Declan Gallacher</p>	
2.	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Chair: Karen Derrick was nominated by KM. Proposed: Karen Martin Seconded: Ingrid Artus Vice Chair: Declan Gallacher was nominated by Karen Derrick. Proposed: Karen Derrick, Seconded by Katy Turton Treasurer: Karen Martin was nominated by Beverley Cartwright Proposed: Beverley Cartwright Seconded: Katy Turton Company Secretary: Katy Turton was nominated by Karen Derrick Proposed: Karen Derrick, Seconded by Karen Martin</p> <p>The Board agreed the nominations unanimously.</p>	
3.	<p>Minute of previous meeting held on 11th April 2023</p> <p>KM raised the issue of the Charity Shop referenced in the minutes, as she had not been present at the previous meeting. It was agreed that KD and GH would amend the AOCB section to take account of the discussion.</p> <p>The minutes were then approved.</p>	KD, GH
4.	<p>Matters arising from the Minute (not otherwise on the agenda)</p> <p>There were none.</p>	
5..	<p>Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda:</p> <p>There were none.</p>	
6.	<p>Membership</p> <p>There were no new members.</p>	
7.	<p>Treasurer's report (KM)</p> <p>KM reported that one larger payment (£8000) had been received in the past month, which was from Gordon & MacPhail. The bank balance was £64,301.15. There was a discussion about the column for the GI itself, and the need to give some thought to how money is put into the GI pot. The opening balance was £5,485.89 and closing balance £4,050.88. Action: KM to run a report and send to the Board, so they can understand the annual running costs of the organisation at the next meeting.</p>	KM

Sub Group updates		
8	<p>GMcP Community Fund (KM) KM outlined the Sponsorship Agreement, which requires 30% to be given to the GMcP Community Pot. This year it would be £2,687.20.</p> <p>KM asked for the Board to agree that this Pot is allocated in the same way as last year - this involves publishing the criteria and allowing Grantown-based community groups to bid for funding. Funding applications are then sifted by a tender panel and proposed recommendations brought to the full GI board at the next board meeting.</p> <p>In order to receive funding, community groups must have a constitution and a bank account. KM proposed that it be launched in August 2023, so that the money can be given out in September.</p> <p>It was agreed that the process be repeated this year.</p> <p>Action: KM to send funding form and guidance to PG</p> <p>Action: KM to have conversations with Gordon & MacPhail about the kind of green initiatives which could be allocated funding. They must benefit the community in some way.</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>KM</p>
9.	<p>Burnfield Toilets (KD/KM) KM and KD met with Mark Lawson. The GI is still awaiting a breakdown of the final bill from Lawsons, outlining the amount that is VATable and Non-VATable (the portion that is for the disabled toilets), as well as the proportion of renewables, especially for heat.</p> <p>Work is continuing to obtain the final funds needed to complete the refurbishment (approx. £33k).</p>	
10.	<p>Dulaig Play Park (IA) After discussions with THC, IA reported that a bin has now been put into the park, and it will be emptied by THC on a regular basis.</p> <p>IA reported that THC had complained that the playing field is not level, and has stones on the surface, causing a potential safety hazard for users and THC grass cutting team. The project subcommittee will aim to resolve the issue by raking up the stones from the area themselves.</p> <p>KD reported that she had spoken with Mick Haymer/THC about reinstating the safety fence between the footpath and the road.</p>	IA
11.	<p>Grantown Business Association (KM) KM reported that the first meeting of the committee for some time had been held the previous week. Going forward, they are to meet every 2 months. The GBA has more than 65 members.</p> <p>There was a discussion about GBA members automatically becoming lifetime members of the GI. KD suggested that they would need to be asked to opt in. It was also suggested that Sustainable Strathspey and the Spey Shed members could be invited to join.</p>	
12.	<p>Spey Shed (PG) PG reported that the refurbishment is going well at the YMCA, with a new window having been put in, and the wiring signed off. Tables are nearly finished. PG was hoping to have a strategic planning meeting next week and also hoping to open soon.</p>	
13.	<p>Sustainable Strathspey (KT) KT reported that preparations are ongoing for the Greentown Show on 2nd September, with invitations being sent out. SS also have a good idea of how the Winter Talks programme will look.</p> <p>PG asked if the GI marquee could be used for the Greentown Show, and board agreed.</p>	

14.	<p>Events It was agreed that the events would not be discussed in detail at this meeting. All of the events are in hand, and any issues can be raised via the WhatsApp group or at forthcoming meetings.</p> <p>Thunder in the Glens KD asked the GI Board if they acknowledge that this event is no longer under the GI umbrella. However, there would be implications for the Licences and Road Closures, which had been under the GI.</p> <p>Action: KD, KM to discuss with Mike Causey</p>	KD, KM
15.	<p>AOCB <u>Hogmanay:</u> BC informed the Board that she has booked the fireworks and has arranged to meet Mike from Fireworx Scotland later in the summer. There is some paperwork to do, and the toilets will need to be located in a different place this year, as people had crossed safety lines last year in order to reach the portable toilets. However, BC explained that the biggest threat to the event comes from not having enough volunteers.</p> <p><u>Volunteers:</u> There was a discussion about how to recruit more volunteers, both for Hogmanay and other events. BC had put out a message on Facebook early in the year, but no-one had come forward.</p> <p>Ideas to address this:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Using the GMcP pot to produce a banner, or for putting out leaflets for recruiting volunteers Using the Flexible Workforce Development Fund which, as part of the Open University, offers funded training. KM explained that it is flexible and Charities can apply. <p>Action: KM to send email round to the GI Board</p> <p>KD mentioned that the VABS Volunteers Fair in April had recruited 12-14 volunteers for the strath's groups. PG asked whether a generic team of volunteers could be assembled, so that if volunteers would be part of/ belong to a team, they might find it more attractive.</p> <p>Action: GH to look out the list of volunteers which had been put together in early 2022, which is on the G drive and send to all board members.</p> <p>Action: Have a stall at Greentown Show or Grantown Show in August to try and drum up more volunteers and increase GI membership. It was felt trying to do anything at Truck into Grantown was too short notice.</p> <p><u>Other:</u> KT mentioned that a BBC programme called A View from the Terrace (which focussed on Strathspey Thistle) had featured Grantown and its entry signs. Available on BBC iPlayer.</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>GH</p> <p>ALL</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting As the Chair and Treasurer are not available on the 13th June, KD proposed missing the June meeting.</p> <p>All agreed - therefore the next meeting will be held on 11th July 2023 at 7pm.</p>	