

# GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00pm via Zoom

## DRAFT MINUTES

		Action Points
	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Directors Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Karen Derrick (Chair)</li><li>Beverley Cartwright</li><li>Pete Grant</li><li>Zoe Laird</li><li>Ingrid Artus</li></ul> <p>Others present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ginny Hall (Minutes)</li></ul> <p>KD welcomed all to the meeting, the last before the AGM in May.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Directors: Karen Martin, Katy Turton, Declan Gallacher, Mike Causey</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minute of previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved unanimously without amendments. Approve by BC, seconded by PG.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters arising from the Minute</b> (not otherwise on the agenda)</p> <p>The charity shop would be discussed in AOCB.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest on items appearing on the agenda:</b></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>There were no updates regarding membership.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Treasurer's report (KM)</b></p> <p>In KM's absence, KD shared the GI accounts. IA noted that there was £1770.70 in Torchlight Parade. The account for the Xmas lights was low but the Xmas lights have been purchased, and there is still £750 to come back in from Berryburn grant. The Gordon &amp; MacPhail account will be topped up by £8k shortly as KM has invoiced them for last year's fundraising-matched grant. The expenditure under the Toilets workstream (£50,997.10 in March) reflects the fact that the work by Colin Lawson is progressing well.</p>	
7.	<p><b>AGM and new Directors</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be the AGM and will be held online to encourage members to attend. It will be followed by a board meeting, which will include appointment of office bearers for next 12 months. ZL and MC are standing down at AGM, but all others have confirmed their intention to stay on the board for another term.</p> <p>KD appealed to Directors to think about possible candidates to join the Board, and offered to speak to anyone who was considering it. Directors would not necessarily need to be assigned to a project, but should be willing to pick up a project in due course.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> All to consider possible candidates for GI Board and let KD know.</p>	All
<b>Sub Group updates</b>		
8	<p><b>Burnfield Toilets (KD/ZL)</b></p> <p>Work is progressing well. The meter will be cut off by SSE on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, and British Gas Light to install a smart meter later in the week. Colin Lawson are engaged in the refurb work, and work is underway to source the last lot of funds. THC are insisting</p>	

	<p>on a fire alarm system. ZL suggested we might approach any night watch people at nearby hotels in the town to assist with monitoring the alarm and responding to call-outs.</p> <p>It is still hoped that the toilets will open in late June / early July 2023.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Dulaig Play Park (IA)</b> IA reported that the park was officially opened on 1<sup>st</sup> April and the event was very successful with good attendance. There is £6.5k remaining in the account, so a toddler fixture is being purchased. IA is working with THC to organise fitting and it's hoped to have the entire project wrapped up by the end of the financial year.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Grantown Business Association (KM)</b> GH updated the meeting on the GBA event which had been held in the Grant Arms Hotel on 27<sup>th</sup> March. It was held to bring businesses in the town together, particularly accommodation providers with restaurants. The event was well attended (over 50 businesses) with some offering tastings of food and drink. Others spoke in 5 minute slots about what they are offering this season. Feedback was extremely positive and everyone wanted to hold it again next year.</p> <p>KM had sent an update to say that the GBA will be focusing its efforts this year on its members and is working with Full Power Utilities to offer members reduced utility costs by purchasing as a group rather than as individual businesses. GBA hopes to launch the initiative in April/May.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Spey Shed (PG)</b> PG reported that the bigger tasks had been addressed first, with smaller tasks remaining. A separate constitution has been agreed and it is hoped that the project will be ready to publicly launch soon. Spey Shed are going to arrange their own insurance.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Sustainable Strathspey (KT)</b> There was no update on this item in KT's absence.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Parkrun (MC)</b> There was no update on this item in MC's absence.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>Festive Lights (IA/KD)</b> IA reported that she had spoken to Ann Sullivan regarding the lights but needs to follow up. <b>Action:</b> IA <b>Action:</b> KD needs to follow up with THC lighting team.</li> <li>ii) <b>Grantown Does Christmas (KM)</b> There was no update in KM's absence.</li> <li>iii) <b>Torchlight Parade (IS)</b> This event would be picked up later in the year.</li> <li>iv) <b>Hogmanay (BC)</b> BC reported that the radios had not been used at Hogmanay, and that the base station must have been broken when GI received them. This has been reported back to Ewan MacGregor, Chair of GVCC <b>Action:</b> KD to let BC know if there was any problem in resolving this issue.</li> <li>v) <b>Thunder in the Glens (MC)</b> There was no update in MC's absence</li> </ul>	<p>IA KD      KD</p>
15.	<p><b>AOCB Town Waste Bins</b> KD reported that Beatrice Oliphant had been in touch regarding waste bins. <b>Action:</b> KD will refer it to the Grantown Forum.</p>	KD

	<p><b>Ian Charles Hospital meeting</b>  KD has had a discussion with Helen Emery, who is in charge of NHS property in the Highlands, about Ian Charles Hospital, and plans for what will happen to it when it becomes surplus to requirements. Helen will convene a meeting soon to try and progress matters with the community – to include reps from GI and GVCC.  KD asked if PG would join KD at that meeting and PG agreed to attend.  <b>Action:</b> KD to keep PG informed about this meeting</p> <p><b>Windfarms</b>  KD and Colin Porteous from Sustainable Strathspey group have had ongoing chats with two separate windfarm developers at different sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Ourack (being developed by Vattenfall) have had no objections to date from CNPA or NatureScot, so this is now going on with the planning process.</li> <li>· Lethen (being developed by Fred Olsen Renewables) – discussions are ongoing.</li> </ul> <p>The two projects once agreed and generating energy (possibly 2027/28), could potentially generate around £200k per year for Grantown projects, the fund likely to sit within the GI accounts and managed by a community panel.</p> <p>However there have been objections from the Grantown &amp; Vicinity Community Council as well as some of the Dava residents.</p>	KD, PG
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May and follow the AGM, which will start at 7pm. ZL gave her apologies in advance, so KD thanked ZL for all her help while she has been on the GI Board.</p>	