

GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday 02 October 2023 at 7.30 pm via Zoom

FINAL 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)Beverley CartwrightIngrid ArtusKaty TurtonMike Causey <p>Others present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ginny Hall (Minutes) <p>KD opened the meeting and welcomed all present.</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Directors: Pete Grant</p>	
2.	<p>Approval of 08 August Board Minute</p> <p>The Minutes were approved unanimously.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising from Minute not on the agenda</p> <p>There were none.</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of interest on items appearing on agenda</p> <p>There were none.</p>	
5..	<p>Membership</p> <p>There was nothing to report on membership.</p>	
6.	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· KM reported on the second month of the financial year. For the Burnfield Toilets, £28,876.80 had been paid to Colin Lawsons.· There was a short discussion about Zoom, for which the full price is being paid. The annual charge is due to come out in the next month.· £432 had been spent on torches for the Torchlight Parade.· KM agreed to hold off taking any further payment from the GMcP pot.· TITG was in the black for the first time, with £2,032.11 in the pot. Badges/pins had been sold at the Museum with the GI share £300. MC reported that he had been in discussions with Lewis Hannah from THC about the fees schedule, which may result in a fee being payable to Grantown's Common Good Fund for events such as TITG using the Square. <p>Action: MC to continue discussions with Lewis Hannah on the amount of voluntary donation that GI would pay for TITG event's use of the Square</p>	MC
Sub Group updates		
7	<p>Thunder in the Glens</p> <p>MC mentioned feedback on the revised route at this year's TITG. This event was run by the GI with MC as the volunteer GI director, for which he is not paid for his time. As a considerable number of hours were required for the organisation of this event, MC may not be available to assist with next year's event. There was a discussion about</p>	

	<p>Cleaning Contract After consulting on the tender brief with the Board, KD has incorporated comments and now plans to go out to tender. The deadline for submission of tenders is now 19th October.</p> <p>Action: KD to send tender to KM to go out on Facebook and Grantown Online.</p> <p>Action: KD, KM and BC to find a date to discuss tenders once in and agree recommendations to the board</p>	<p>KD/KM</p> <p>KM/BC/ KD</p>
12.	<p>Festive Lights: funding (IA/KD) Paul has ordered 3 lights chosen by Anne Sullivan. The lights are made to order and it is hoped they will be ready for this year's display.</p> <p>Neil Fraser from THC is speaking to the contractor regarding the PA system. The intention is to use the same underground wires for both the lights in the Square and the PA system.</p> <p>GI has already paid £4593 for the PA system in 2021 however, costs have risen sharply since then, so we are anticipating a shortfall to be covered of between £1500 and £2000. After some discussion, as a PA system is linked to events, it was felt that any shortfall could come from the Events pot.</p> <p>Action: KD to find out exactly what shortfall will be from PASystems and let board know.</p> <p>Action: KD/KM to set up a JustGiving campaign for the Christmas Lights</p>	<p>KD</p> <p>KD/KM</p>
13.	<p>Torchlight Parade (IA) The licence application is in and all arrangements are in hand</p> <p>With regard to traffic management, a police contact may be able to help minimise or remove this cost again this year.</p> <p>The Community Choir have been asked to perform.</p>	
14.	<p>Hogmanay (BC)</p> <p>Food: Speyside Catering will be providing the food. Hot drinks: No interest shown. BC has asked Speyside Catering if they can provide this. Stock: BC still waiting to hear from Heather re stock left over from last year.</p> <p>Volunteers: There has been some interest but not enough, so there is a shortage of volunteers overall. Some people who helped last year are not available this year. There was a discussion about volunteers with IA pointing out that it is still early days and that some people may not have made up their plans for Hogmanay yet and may still volunteer.</p> <p>Action: KD and BC to have a chat about volunteers.</p> <p>Quiz Night: This may take place in November to raise funds</p> <p>Everything else is booked. Mike has lent a Generator and Walkie Talkies for the event.</p>	<p>KD/BC</p>
15.	<p>Grantown Business Association (KM) KM reported that she has provided feedback to Scottish Parliament on the proposed Visitor Levy.</p> <p>KM noted that the deadline for the Short Term Lets Licensing had passed (1st October) and that the website needs to be updated to remove any accommodation businesses that had not applied for a licence, because they are in breach of the law.</p> <p>KM plans to place Discover Grantown in the Aviemore tear-off map for 2024.</p>	

	High Street: Funding has been secured to provide brackets & hanging baskets next Spring.	
16.	Dulaig Play Park Sheena had been in touch with THC regarding ending the maintenance contact for the football field with current provider as standard is poor. New quotes are being sought from local contractors to pick this up.	
17.	Insurance (KT) GI insurance will rise by £175.00 to cover the Burnfield Toilets being added. The renewal date is mid-November so KT asked if any events can be taken out if the GI is no longer responsible for them. Action: KT to circulate the policy to the Board	KT
18.	AOCB These 2 items will be held over for discussion at the next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ian Charles Hospital steering group - Community Sports Centre/Grantown East 	
	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 14 th November 2023, venue to be confirmed.	