## **GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING**

Monday 02 October 2023 at 7.30 pm via Zoom

		Action Points
	Welcome and Introductions	
	Directors Present:	
	Karen Derrick (Chair)	
	Declan Gallacher (Vice Chair)	
	Karen Martin (Treasurer)	
	Beverley Cartwright	
	Ingrid Artus	
	Katy Turton	
	Mike Causey	
	Others present:	
	Ginny Hall (Minutes)	
	KD opened the meeting and welcomed all present.	
	Apologies:	
	Directors: Pete Grant	
•	Approval of 08 August Board Minute	
	The Minutes were approved unanimously.	
	Matters arising from Minute not on the agenda	
	There were none.	
ł.	<b>Declarations of interest on items appearing on agenda</b> There were none.	
5	Membership	
	There was nothing to report on membership.	
<b>)</b> .	Treasurer's report	
	<ul> <li>KM reported on the second month of the financial year. For the Burnfield Toilets, £28,876.80 had been paid to Colin Lawsons.</li> </ul>	
	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.	
	<ul> <li>KM agreed to hold off taking any further payment from the GMcP pot.</li> </ul>	
	• 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.	
	<b>Action:</b> 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	MC
Sub	Group updates	
7	Thunder in the Glens	
	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	1

	responsibilities for future events, with the GI happy as a Board to pursue the conversations with Dunedin Chapter about next year's event. It was suggested that someone should be found to conduct these conversations. MC noted that that TITG is not a profitable event which precludes it being run by a private organisation on behalf of the GI.	
8.	Grantown Does Christmas Plans for this event were all in hand and progressing steadily. KM is organising a GBA meeting to discuss an activity for the High Street, such as the previously organised Lego Trail. The Xmas tree festival is being organised again by the Episcopal Church. KM is due to meet Tim Belton from Gordon & MacPhail at which they may discuss the Cairn Distillery's involvement with the event. KM is also planning to put the event in the What's On guide which is produced by VisitCairngorms.	
	There was a short discussion about the generosity of local businesses for fundraising events in the town, such as the recent Bowling Club Quiz, and there was a reluctance to approach businesses too often to ask for donations for different events.	
	The Tombola was discussed as the alcohol is purchased rather than donated. <b>Action:</b> KD and KM to have a chat about plans for the Tombola	KD/KM
9.	Sustainable Strathspey: Greentown Show (KT) Turnout was quite low, possibly because the weather was very good on the day, and the Carrbridge Carve is on the same day. However, there had been enthusiastic feedback from stallholders, all of whom said they would come back again next year. Moving the event to a Sunday is a possibility.	
	KD asked about costs, but KT said that there are no costs so no money was lost.	
10.	<ul> <li>GMcP Community Fund (KM) – applications and ongoing funding</li> <li>DG, KM and KD had met to consider the applications to this fund.</li> <li>Three applications were received, and the Board was asked to approve funding these: <ol> <li>Community Centre: £784.90 to install heaters and have work done on windows.</li> <li>Re-engage: £300 to take older residents out for Xmas day dinners. Discussion by</li> <li>Board about adding £100 to this from the Community Here to Help Fund. It was agreed to add this amount.</li> </ol> </li> <li>iii. Spey Shed: £477.39 to buy equipment to work on pallet deconstruction.</li> </ul>	
	The total bid for was £1562.29, and there was £2687.20 in the pot. It was agreed unanimously to fund all three of the bids. KM to contact the groups and let them know.	КМ
	Discussion about whether to allocate funds left over or wait until next September. It was decided that anyone requiring funding from the Here to Help Fund should contact DG or KD. In addition, if GI Board members know of any need, to encourage them to apply to the Community Fund as the need arises rather than wait until next September.	ALL
11.	Burnfield Toilets – opening and cleaning contract£86.70 has been spent getting 2 signs done (gable end outside and inside plaque thanking funders). Still waiting for the paddle gate, but Lawson's are expecting it in soon, and the toilets are almost ready to open.	
	Once the last 2 grant instalments have come in from Berryburn and Cairngorms Trust, there will be a final shortfall of approximately $\pounds 1700$ which will need to come from GI Funds to cover Lawsons final invoice. Board agreed this could come from the general fund.	
	KD spoke to Angus Grant to get a group of GGS pupils to cut the opening ribbon.	

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	<b>Cleaning Contract</b> 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 19 <sup>th</sup> October.	
	Action: KD to send tender to KM to go out on Facebook and Grantown Online.	KD/KM
	Action: KD, KM and BC to find a date to discuss tenders once in and agree recommendations to the board	KM/BC/ KD
12.	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.	
	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.	
	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.	
	Action: KD to find out exactly what shortfall will be from PASystems and let board know.	KD
	Action: KD/KM to set up a JustGiving campaign for the Christmas Lights	KD/KM
13.	<b>Torchlight Parade (IA)</b> The licence application is in and all arrangements are in hand	
	With regard to traffic management, a police contact may be able to help minimise or remove this cost again this year.	
	The Community Choir have been asked to perform.	
14.	Hogmanay (BC)	
	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.	
	<b>Volunteers:</b> 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. <b>Action:</b> KD and BC to have a chat about volunteers.	KD/BC
	Quiz Night: This may take place in November to raise funds	
	Everything else is booked. Mike has lent a Generator and Walkie Talkies for the event.	
15.	<b>Grantown Business Association (KM)</b> KM reported that she has provided feedback to Scottish Parliament on the proposed Visitor Levy.	
	KM noted that the deadline for the Short Term Lets Licensing had passed (1 <sup>st</sup> 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.	
	KM plans to place Discover Grantown in the Aviemore tear-off map for 2024.	

	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	КТ
18.	AOCB These 2 items will be held over for discussion at the next meeting - lan Charles Hospital steering group - Community Sports Centre/Grantown East	
	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023, venue to be confirmed.	