

# GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.00 pm via Zoom

## MINUTE OF THE MEETING

		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>Declan Gallacher (Vice Chair)</li><li>Karen Martin (Treasurer)</li><li>Katy Turton</li><li>Pete Grant</li></ul> <p>Others present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ginny Hall (Minutes)</li></ul> <p>KD opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the final meeting of 2023.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Directors: Ingrid Artus, Beverley Cartwright, Mike Causey</p>	
2.	<p><b>Approval of 14<sup>th</sup> November Board Minute</b></p> <p>The Minutes were approved unanimously. GH agreed to upload the minutes to the website.</p>	GH
3.	<p><b>Matters arising from Minute not on the agenda</b></p> <p>Insurance: KT reported that she had submitted the application for cover for the Torchlight Parade - this will not cost any extra.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Declarations of interest on items appearing on agenda</b></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
5..	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>There were no new members.</p>	
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report/ GMacPhail</b></p> <p>KM reported on the finances up to the end of November.</p> <p>As discussed at the previous meeting, £4,000 has been moved from the Gordon MacPhail fund into the Burnfield Toilets. The remaining grant from Cairngorms Trust has also gone into the Burnfield Toilets fund.</p> <p>PG asked what the forward costs are like for the loos - while some costs are known (Cleaning, Insurance and electricity are around £140 per month) KD would like to get the first quarter completed, so there will be a clearer picture in the New Year. So far, £70 has been received for the first 2 weeks since opening.</p> <p>£3093.97 income has been raised for the Xmas Lights via JustGiving and donations.</p> <p>The only negative balance is from Thunder in the Glens, although money from the sale of badges is still to come in.</p> <p>£500 from Motormanias was given to the Hogmanay Street Party fund.</p> <p>Grantown Does Christmas has a surplus of funds for just over £1000</p> <p>The account balance stands at £38,186.47.</p>	

Sub Group updates		
7	<p><b>Torchlight Parade (IA)</b></p> <p>IA provided the following update:</p> <p>All proceeding well for the Torchlight Procession. The police will manage the road closure and no fee is required for traffic management.</p> <p>Torches are all ordered and will be run by 2 sets of people this year as we had too long a queue to manage last year. We've also ordered more torches than last year as we sold out.</p> <p>The procession will leave from outside The Craiglynne Hotel and not the Triangle as normal. This is due to it being challenging to move the reindeer from the hotel (where they rest after arriving) to The Triangle through lots of people and dogs. We've asked people not to bring dogs this year after a number of dog owners allowed their pets to get too close to the reindeer last year.</p> <p>The procession will leave at 1930, head up to The Square with support from the Fire Brigade and the pipe band. In The Square, Martin Grant has arranged a truck for Church Avenue where Marie-Louise Napier and the community choir will be.</p> <p>There will be no refreshments this year (due to a change in personal circumstances) but the plan is to have them next year.</p> <p>KD is trying to get High-Viz jackets for GI volunteers for IA.</p>	
8	<p><b>Hogmanay</b></p> <p>BC sent the following update:</p> <p>Hogmanay and fund raising concert all on track. BC will be calling a meeting when back in Grantown and will send out the Volunteer Marshall's instructions this week. Just waiting for Steven Oakes to get back regarding electrical sign off on the night.</p> <p>Enough volunteers have been found to run the event safely. The bar arrangements are sorted, drink ordered and staff found for the bar.</p> <p>Help with erecting the Bar tent on 31<sup>st</sup> will be welcome.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Grantown Does Christmas</b></p> <p>The event made less money for the GI than previous years.</p> <p>KD and KM are meeting MC on Thursday to discuss arrangements for GDC and TITG next year. It was reported that The High Street shops had a better year for GDC this year than in previous years. Members of the Grantown Business Association are going to be asked if anyone wants to help organise the event next year.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Burnfield Toilets</b></p> <p>Following the opening of the toilets, a few snagging issues remain but are in hand.</p> <p>KD suggested an operational site visit for all Directors.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> KD to arrange a site visit</p>	KD
11.	<p><b>Festive Lights</b></p> <p>KD reported that there had finally been a breakthrough with The Highland Council (THC). The Christmas tree lights were not yet working, but hoped to be sorted soon.</p> <p>IA and KD to meet with Paul Mathieson in January, to plan actions for 2024.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> IA and KD to meet with Paul Mathieson in New Year</p>	IA, KD

12.	<p><b>Grantown Business Association</b> DG reported on the GBA's activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Trees: Pam from Pam's Place in the High Street had identified some funding, which was used to purchase Christmas Trees. These were used to decorate the High Street, adding to the festive decorations.</li> <li>Bunting: Materials have been bought and are being made by crafters. DG enquired about the use of the cherry picker which is used to take down the Xmas lights. He asked if it would be possible to contribute towards the cost of the cherry picker, and use it to put bunting up at the same time that the festive lights were removed. <b>Action:</b> KD to email Paul about this. She noted that the lights are usually taken down quite soon after the New Year.</li> <li>GDC: The High Street organised their own raffle, which encouraged people to spend multiples of £10. DG reported that this had gone well. KD asked DG to get feedback on GDC from businesses in the High Street <b>Action:</b> DG to obtain feedback from High Street</li> </ul>	<p>KD</p> <p>DG</p>
13	<p><b>Thunder in the Glens</b> There was a discussion about this event. PG asked the Board how they feel about it, and it was noted that people in the town enjoy the event. However, businesses in the High Street don't get much out of it. In addition, it was felt that TITG doesn't fit well with other GI events, particularly from an environmental/CNP point of view (the bikes not being 'green' and the drinking and driving angle). The Board discussed compatibility of TITG with other GI events such as the Greentown Show.</p>	
14	<p><b>Sustainable Strathspey</b> The group had a showing the Oil Machine, a film about the oil industry and climate change on 15<sup>th</sup> November which was well received although not huge numbers attending. An event is planned for January 2024 around the theme of green beauty products, and further events are planned for February and March.</p> <p>SS is keeping an eye on local windfarm developments.</p>	
15	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Ian Charles Hospital Redevelopment:</b> A first ICH Redevelopment steering group meeting had been held online on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The group's architect, Chris Boyce is coming up to Grantown on Friday 22nd, and will visit the building and meet one of the GPs and the Executive Manager. Linda Coe to chair the steering group going forward.</p> <p>Next year, the group will apply to the Scottish Land Fund (SLF) for funding of Survey work, feasibility and business planning. ICH will likely become vacant in summer 2024. It is envisaged that the plans for development will be in two phases: Phase 1: 8 units of key worker accommodation Phase 2: Housing dependent on outcome of community consultation.</p> <p><b>Dulaig:</b> Sheena has placed the final order for a small number of toddler pieces of equipment worth £2899 which will be fitted by the council. This leaves a few thousand to pay for the groundworks on the pitch area.</p>	
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>9<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b> at 7.00 pm via Zoom KD mentioned that meetings might not need to take place every month in 2024.</p>	