

# GRANTOWN INITIATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00 pm via Zoom

## MINUTE OF THE MEETING

		Action Points
	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Directors Present:</p> <p>Karen Derrick (Chair)</p> <p>Declan Gallacher (Vice Chair)</p> <p>Katy Turton</p> <p>Beverley Cartwright</p> <p>Others present:</p> <p>    Ginny Hall (Minutes)</p> <p>KD opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the first meeting of 2024.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Directors: Karen Martin (Treasurer), Ingrid Artus, Pete Grant</p>	
2.	<p><b>Approval of 12<sup>th</sup> December Board Minute</b></p> <p>KT amendment to minute regarding Sustainable Strathspey event on beauty products, due to take place in January rather than February as minuted. The minutes were then amended before publication on the website.</p> <p>The Minutes were approved unanimously. GH agreed to upload the minutes to the website.</p>	<p>GH</p> <p>GH</p>
3.	<p><b>Matters arising from Minute not on the agenda</b></p> <p>There were none.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In KM's absence, KD reported money had been deposited from Torchlight &amp; Hogmanay.</li><li>• BC still had a bag of money from Hogmanay – will give to KD to deposit it.</li></ul> <p><b>Action:</b> KD to deposit takings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The account balance stands at £35,839.64</li><li>• KD had circulated the 2022-23 accounts by email for approval by the Board. All so far are happy with them.</li></ul> <p><b>Action:</b> DG and IA to review and approve the accounts by email.</p>	<p>KD</p> <p>DG, IA</p>
	<p><b>Sub Group updates</b></p>	
7.	<p><b>Torchlight Parade (IA)</b></p> <p>IA provided the following update:</p> <p>Took £1830 at the event, more than enough to run next year's event. Big success was Finlay Napier compering the musical aspect. His input was invaluable, as was the loan of all his equipment. He's offered to help next year.</p>	
8	<p><b>Hogmanay</b></p> <p>The concert on 30<sup>th</sup> attracted 52 people, while there was capacity for 90. This was despite the event having been advertised. The concert and raffle went well however and those who attended enjoyed the event.</p> <p>BC reported that the main event on 31<sup>st</sup> had gone well with around 3,000 in attendance - more than 2022. Many positive comments have been received. Some people arrived early,</p>	

	<p>from 9.30pm onwards, so the Square was busier. Set up went well and Mike Causey was the bar licensee. Bar sales were good, with cans of G&amp;T and beer selling out. Some wine left over to be used in 2024 events. Speysound Radio broadcast live during the evening. The breakdown next day went very smoothly with the help of volunteers, with all clearing up completed within 1 hour. The event was short of volunteer stewards owing to some pulling out at short notice due to illness. Julie from the chemists had raised over £400 for the event by going round the local pubs a week before Hogmanay.</p> <p>Some people had brought dogs on 31<sup>st</sup> evening, despite being asked not to. Feedback had been given to BC by dog owners who were against any dogs being present.</p> <p>Some people are in favour of silent fireworks, but these cost significantly more money.</p> <p>BC raised the issue of alcohol being sold by stores till after 11pm, thus impacting on bar sales.</p> <p>Going forward, we need to look at fundraising for Hogmanay 2024. (The balance should be available by end January). BC raised the issue of continuity in planning the event, particularly enlisting some younger people to the committee. KT asked if BC could offer the opportunity to a young person, interested in event planning or doing a Duke of Edinburgh award, to 'shadow' her. BC had spoken to Angus Grant at Grantown Grammar School.</p> <p>BC would like a Deputy for next year, who could assist her in planning and also make decisions if BC were to be unavailable on the night. A plan of action for next year to be put together.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> GI Board members to think of a suitable Deputy</p> <p>KD took the opportunity on behalf of the Board, to thank both BC for organising Hogmanay and IA for organising Torchlight. Both events had been very successful, thanks to their hard work and commitment during the year and the Board are very grateful and appreciative.</p>	ALL
9.	<p><b>Festive Lights</b></p> <p>KD, IA and Paul Mathieson will meet soon to look at a festive lights plan for the coming year. The tree lights in the Square are awry in some places so will need some work and thought.</p>	KD, IA
10.	<p><b>Burnfield Toilets</b></p> <p>The toilets are being used and revenue (although slow currently) is coming in from people using them. The cleaning team can now reset the paddlegates, which means fewer call-outs for Board members.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> An action carried over from last meeting is for KD to arrange a site visit for all Directors. This will happen when the weather is better.</p>	KD
11.	<p><b>Grantown Business Association</b></p> <p>DG asked if there was a date for the Festive Lights coming down. KD responded that it would likely be before the end of January.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Sustainable Strathspey</b></p> <p>The aforementioned Beauty event will be held in the Grant Arms Hotel on 17 January, with speakers from Weleda, the Body Shop and Fiona's Wholefoods.</p>	
13	<p><b>Ian Charles Hospital Redevelopment Project</b></p> <p>Next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January - KD will provide an update at the next meeting.</p>	
14	<p><b>Grantown Does Christmas</b></p> <p>Craic Events will take over this event from GI this year to run it themselves. GI will not be involved next year, but event will go ahead.</p>	
15	<p><b>Thunder in the Glens</b></p> <p>The outlook for this event in Grantown is not so positive, as is less financially viable. GI don't wish to take it on again in 2024 and Craic Events won't run the event without additions. Craic Events will meet the new Head of the Dunedin Chapter to discuss.</p>	

16	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> KD to follow up on finalising the PA system installation</p> <p><b>Action:</b> At the next meeting, the Board needs to discuss frequency of Board meetings in 2024, with the possibility of moving to every other month now that the Burnfield project is complete. Noted that there is frequent director communication between the meetings via WhatsApp.</p> <p><b>Dulaig:</b> IA had sent the following update: Almost there! Committee has ordered 3 small pieces of toddler equipment which will be delivered to the HC yard with HC fitting it. Final cash to be used for the football pitch with Ben Morrison doing the work. That should use all of the remaining funds.</p>	KD ALL
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>13<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b> at 7.00pm via Zoom</p>	