

GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY and VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Thursday 29th January 2026 at 19:00
At the Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown**

Present:

Jenny Steven (JS)
John Halliday (JH)
Mike Barras (MB)
Beatrice Oliphant (OB)
Steve Edwards (SE)

Members of the Public:

Michael Shand
Catriona Brown
Gordon Bullock

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies: Ewan MacGregor, Allan Jamieson, Chris Miller

The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Declarations of Members' Interests

None

3. Minutes

Proposed by Mike Barras

Seconded by Sandra Willox

4. Matters Arising (not on agenda)

JH contacted estate agents regarding Gladstone House to ask owner to tidy up the outside. The property is on the market for 150K for an acre of land. It is a listed building and the owners have stipulated there shouldn't be a board. Graham & Sibbald (commercial estate agents and surveyors). The front has now been tidied up and the back boarded up.

Bollards

The chains are current down and the grass is suffering. It was agreed that members of the CC would reinstate them on Saturday 31st January at 2pm. (ACTION)

Grantown Initiative

MB to have a meeting with Colin Simpson (CNP) regarding the signage and paths in Beachen Woods and the Viewpoint down to the Skating Pond. (ACTION)

Money needs to be sourced to replace the boards.

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Grantown Information Board

JS to check over and get replacement/updated posters.(ACTION)

Community Council Forum

Met January 29th with Lewis Hannah. Carrbridge, Grantown - on - Spey, Newtonmore in attendance. They will meet 4 times a year evenings/Online. Next meeting May 26.

Community Council Spring Programme

The tidy up will continue in the Spring. Pavements that were cleared last year will be tidied up again to clear leaves and debris. Continue after clocks change 29th March. Meet at Spey Avenue Car Park. 1st Spey Avenue, 2nd Cemetery Road, 3rd ICH to Grant House. (ACTION)

Hanging Baskets and Flowers

Possibility of crowdfunding.

Funds currently come out of our account and Greens provide the baskets. Baskets are from The Garth down to the Co-op. Cost around £700. Water is provided by James Grant, Chapel Road. However he is retiring in August and currently leases from Seafeld Estates. Will need to find a new source in 2027.

Highland Council - Legal

December sheriff court V HC Solicitor. Awarded roughly 20K back in June.

HC raised the point that we got £7K from crown funding and they want that taken off which would leave us around £13K. Duncan Swarbrick would hope we get around £17K.

5. Treasurer's Report

Current bank balance £1615.99, Petty cash £5.14

Expenses since November meeting

Swarbrick Law	£59.00
Hamilton Law Accountants	£324.00
Bank Charges	£10.00
Postage	£1.70

Income

Reidhaven Estate	£700.00
Festive Lights	£1.00?

6. Planning

Nothing to report

7. Highland Council Update

TBC

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8. Correspondence

Nil

9. AOCB

Phone numbers - L Hannah could circulate those

Highland Council Area Place Plan - project bank - map. Local organisations can feed in their wish list.

Shopping list of all yellow/white lines needed throughout Badenoch & Strathspey to go to Inverness and they will decide when they have the machines available.

Metal covers missing - Scottish Water - BO to follow up (ACTION)

Trucks into Grantown has folded.

There was a Wild Camping article supplied by Chris Miller. (Keep on file)

Dates:

Tri Tri - March

Show - August

Green Town - August

Torchlight/Hogmanny - December

Snow clearance - lots of roads not cleared. Smaller vehicles would be useful.

Policy for vehicles e.g. caravans, wrecks. Lewis Hannah will find out (ACTION)

Next CC meeting

Thursday 19th March 2026 at the Grant Arms Hotel @ 7pm