

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Grantown Business Association Held
at 6.30pm on Thursday 26th March 2010 at the Garth Hotel Grantown On Spey**

Present:

An Cala, Ardenbeg, Craggan Outdoors, Ben Mhor Hotel, Brooklyn, Garth Hotel, Kinross House, McKellar Subsea, NMN Accounting, Rossmor, The Dulaig, Westhaven, Willowbank.

The Chairman (Mr Chris Hirst) opened the meeting welcoming everyone. He stressed this was the 8th year of the GBA and his final year as chair.

1. Apologies:

Dunallan, Beallich, Silvia Woodier (Brooklyn), Wee Gooseberry, Val Dickinson (An Cala).

.2. Minutes of 2009 AGM

The minutes for the 2009 AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record and were proposed by Rebecca Reid (Ardenbeg) and seconded by Joan McDonald (Rossmor).

3. Matters Arising

- a. Funding issues with regard to the Aviemore & Cairngorm Devolved Management Organisation (ACDMO) are still on-going.
- a. The GBA Badge Project has been successful and all future sales will be pure profit. The Chair urged all members to return any money or unwanted badges to Silvia Woodier (Brooklyn).

4. Chairman's Report

The hanging basket project was a great success and members were delighted with the quality of the baskets. Ann Hirst (Willowbank) will email members with the details for the 2010 project.

Action Ann Hirst

- a. The money set-aside for the Anagach Woods was used for signage and there may be scope for the GBA to assist with additional funding for signs at the entrance to the woods from the Old Spey Road.
- b. Allocation of funds to the Grantown Community Council for the production of a local information leaflet will be considered. Had already been committed
- c. Harley Davidson event in 2009 was great success and the expectation is for even greater numbers for this year. Ann Hirst will email the details for the 2010 event. Anne agreed to manage the event again this year
- d. The Harley Davidson Badge Scheme launched in 2009 was a great success and proved to be quite lucrative for the GBA. It was agreed to sell badges once again this year.

Action Chris Hirst

e. The Chairman was keen for the GBA to continue representing all businesses at the ACDMO. Duncan McKeller outlined the future ACDMO marketing and PR campaign. Keith Ballam (Craggan Outdoors) joined Duncan in urging everybody to support the campaign. Gordon Bulloch (The Dulaig) stated that Visit Scotland were also running a campaign promoting the area.

5. Treasurers Report

The surplus for 2009 was £1285.00 and the total surplus as of 31st December 2009 was £5,067.00. The GBA requires approximately £1,000.00 to cover running costs for the year ahead. A copy of the accounts is attached.

Adoption of the audited accounts was put to the meeting

Proposer Rebecca Reid
Seconded Joan McDonald

6. Election of Committee Members

Having served 3 years as Chairman Chris Hirst must stand down, Alan Woodier is standing down as Treasurer and Keith Dickinson is standing down as Secretary. John Stables and Patrick Harrison also stood down at the meeting. Committee appointments as follows:

- a. Chairman – Kevin Roach proposed by Alan Woodier seconded by Gordon Bulloch.
- b. Vice Chair – Chris Hirst proposed by Keith Dickinson seconded by Kevin Roach.
- c. Secretary – Joan McDonald proposed by Nick Nethercott seconded by Rebecca Reid.
- d. Treasurer – Val Dickinson proposed by Jane Laud seconded by Anne Hirst.

7. Any Other Business

- Keith Ballam felt the Grantown on Spey brand could be promoted in a more proactive way and offered his services to any future projects.
- The Chairman proposed a change to the constitution. The requirement for 7 to form a quorum should be reduced to 4. With a membership of only 29 the change would represent a better working number. This was supported by the members and seconded by Nick Nethercott.
- With the launch of The Rails to GOS Project the Chairman felt the GBA could maximize its profile if it supported the project. It was agreed to grant £1K to the project.

Proposed Keith Dickinson
Seconded Keith Ballam

- Fay Hampton (Parkburn) raised the issue of the GOS Website. The Chairman explained the site was controlled by GOS Initiative and the future of the GOS Initiative was uncertain. Duncan McKellar informed members that the Initiative had lost funding and its future was uncertain, therefore the future of the website was being discussed with a number of bodies.
- A few members expressed some concern at the growing number of empty shops on the High Street which is projecting a run down image. It was felt placing banners on the lampposts at the entrance to the town may be worth pursuing. The Secretary agreed to contact Councillor Jaci Douglas.

Action Keith Dickinson

- Membership of the GBA continues to be dominated by accommodation providers, Sean Craig (Ben Mhor Hotel) agreed to try and recruit members from the local retailers.

Action Sean Craig

On behalf of all the members, Nick Nethercott offered a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman for all his hard work over the past 3 years.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.45.

Keith Dickinson
Secretary

Attachment:

GBA Accounts ending 31st December 2009.

Granttown on Spey Business Association

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended ended 31 December 2009

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	£	£
Income		
Membership	725	825
Continental Market	0	600
Thunder in the Glen	2,360	733
Christmas TV Commercial	0	776
Badge Project	(518)	3,157
Grant for Badges	300	0
Grant- surplus from ex Granttown Business Group	642	0
Bank Interest Received	5	30
Total Income	3,515	6,120
Expenditure		
Thunder in the Glen	1,408	436
Christmas TV Commercial	0	863
Continental Market	0	156
Badge Project	0	3,157
Radio Advertising	0	1,016
Webcam	341	0
Phototour	119	0
Hanging Baskets	32	0
Grant paid -Granttown Town Trail	184	0
Administratiion Costs	101	51
Bank Charges	45	0
Total Expenditure	2,230	5,679
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	1,285	441

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December
2009

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	£	£
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Bank Account	4,397	3,757
Paypal	670	0
	5,067	3,757
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Reserves brought forward	3,757	3,317
Adjustment to opening balnce	25	
	3,782	
Current year's surplus	1,285	441
Reserves carried forward	5,067	3,757