

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

18th July 2018 at 7.00 pm

Community Room, Deeside Community Centre, Aboyne

Present:	Hamish Forbes (HF)(Chair), Alan Emslie (AE), Richard Smout (RS), Duncan Cassie and Gil Barton (GB) minutes.
Apologies:	Apologies received from Barry Hauxwell (BH), Mark Mitchell (MM), Lynn Mackie (LM), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA) and Ian Wallace (IW).
1.	<p>Welcome and Approval of Minutes:</p> <p>Due to unforeseen circumstances the June Minutes were not available for the meeting. These will be approved at the August meeting. Apologies from RS.</p>
2.	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>HF reported on the up to date accounts. The Board discussed the accounts in full and it was noted that the Royal Deeside Partnership funding is not restricted to a specific project unlike other funding.</p>
3.	<p>Transport</p> <p>Following the name change, the bus Permits have been issued and now back on route. The result of this permit complication MDCT has suffered an overall loss of between £5000 -£7000 due to the fact that it could not charge during this period. In total it took 9 weeks to get registration completed. It was agreed that an enquiry will be made to the Commissioner of Transport to ascertain if the permit can be backdated to prevent these losses.</p> <p>New bus options - Gail has been obtaining quotes for purchase and lease options. The Hopper contract expires in October 2019 and the Board discussed the leasing versus purchase options. There may be the potential for a Leader II funding application to be made however the bus would need to be purchased in advance of the application and there is no guarantee that any application would be successful. HF reported that there is an opportunity of the existing bus being purchased from a company in Aberdeen in December for the top end market value should a new bus be purchased. It was agreed after much discussion that a report would be circulated to the Board for consideration meantime and a decision will be made at the August Board Meeting.</p>
4.	<p>Project Updates:</p> <p>Woodlands</p> <p>AE reported that the go ahead had been given to the architect for the car park for a topographical survey and this was completed on Wednesday. Drawings will then be done by the architect thereafter in preparation for applying for planning permission. Alison Espey environment consultant, RTS and Future Forestry have been contacted to quote for various surveys. Waiting for decision from McRobert Trust for funding application made for the car park. Donations of approximately £200 were received for the chopped wood made available after the trees were felled in Bellwood. The remainder of the wood will be used for bases for the new benches. It was acknowledged that the existing signage will have to be updated with the new MDCT logo and name. AE reported that 1 bench which was made by Aboyne Academy pupils had been installed already and is excellent. Two more benches are pending delivery from the school, we are likely to receive these after the summer holidays now. The school also</p>

	<p>made 18 marker posts to indicate walking routes, a lot of work still needed for posts to be installed throughout the woods. AE has contacted Belwade regarding the possibility of funding to create a new path from Bellwood to Belwade. It was reported that the new plantation in compartment 5 has been taken over by fast growing weeds which have appeared over the past month and there is concern that these will negatively affect the new trees in the area. An Audit will be done in September in compartment 5 and any dead trees will be removed and replaced. AE will contact RTS regarding the weeds to see if anything needs to be done at this time. DC has been busy strimming to keep the paths clear of over growing vegetation.</p> <p>Aboyne bike park We are still waiting on a response from the Bike Park to move their accounts to MDCT Bank of Scotland account for consistency and transparency. It was agreed that this would be actioned before the next meeting.</p> <p>Aboyne wheelers Three tenders were sent out but only 1 was submitted. The group were concerned at only one being submitted however the group were happy with the cost and approach taken. The Board discussed this and it was agreed that they should proceed with the tender submitted.</p> <p>CPR Deeside No current update. AE suggested that a brief monthly update be requested.</p> <p>Community garden Nothing further to report at this stage however there is a meeting on the 23rd July to explore further.</p> <p>Health and wellbeing GB provided an update on the Young At Heart Deeside initiative which is progressing well. The website www.yougatheartdeeside.org.uk is up and running as is the Facebook page. Window stickers, posters and membership cards have been produced and the committee are currently approaching local businesses across Deeside seeking discount for members. GB is keen to establish a Health and Wellbeing group for MDCT and sought the Board's approval for this. It was agreed that this would take time but GB is happy to progress accordingly.</p> <p>Jubilee fountain HF advised that a new Trustee requires to be appointed to take on the Jubilee Fountain as Alan White had kindly taken this on over a year ago and the year was up some time ago. It was suggested that WF take this on as he was involved in this previously but HF will speak to him directly due to him not being present at the meeting. There are ongoing issues which need immediate action as the Fountain's water pump is broken and the water contaminated. The cost of a new pump will be £500 and this does not include installation nor does it include decontamination. AE kindly offered to assist WF if he agrees to take this on.</p>
5.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p>Launch of new company name and website At the previous meeting WF had kindly offered to approach The Games Committee to ascertain if an article could be included in the Programme highlighting the new branding. Unfortunately the Programme has been printed with no such article. The Board agreed that it was imperative that a good PR coverage is achieved for the re-branding and highlighting of the work achieved to attract new members and raise the profile locally.</p>

	<p>GB suggested that a pop up banner be designed in time for the Art Aboyne and this could be sited at the bottom of the stairs in the Hall. In addition membership forms and an A4 sheet highlighting our successes would be available. GB will work with Sam and HF to progress immediately.</p> <p>Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS)</p> <p>GB proposed that MDCT join the DTAS at a cost of £90 per annum and provided information for the Board's consideration. It was agreed that MDCT would join and if possible one or more of the Trustees should attend their Annual Conference on the 2nd September in Ardoe House 'Driving Positive Change in Communities'. (www.dtascot.org.uk).</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>29th August 2018 at 7.00pm, Conference Room, Victory Hall, Aboyne.</p>

Date Approved ...29/8/18.....

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