

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

18th November 2018 at 7.00 pm

Conference Room, Victory Hall, Aboyne

Present:	Hamish Forbes (HF)(Chair), Alan Emslie (AE), Mark Mitchell (MM), Lynn Mackie (LM), Duncan Cassie, Wilson Forbes (WF), Gail Amey (GA) minutes, Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Ian Wallace (IW) MDCC observer.
Apologies:	Gil Barton (GB), Richard Smout (RS)
1.	<p>Welcome and Approval of Minutes:</p> <p>Welcome by HF Minutes approved by WF, seconded by IW. AE noted that the minutes reflected an update of Health & Wellbeing project but Board members only received the update after the meeting. In future project updates will be included as an annex to the minutes.</p>
2.	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>GA gave an overview of the October P&L and project funds as below to the Board.</p>
3.	<p>Transport</p> <p>Funding & New Bus: Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with the SALAG tender process. The second hand bus from Mellor is no longer available and the buyer for the 16 seater cannot wait until April to receive the bus. We are back at the beginning.</p> <p>Mid Deeside Hospital Transport: The Deeside Medical Transport is proving a success and has really helped raise our statistics even though it is now losing money we have been able to absorb the costs within our budget.</p> <p>We have had 55 requests for the service and we have been able to fulfil 39 requests. We could not get drivers for 8 of the requests, 1 cancellation was due to no bus availability and 7 passengers cancelled at the last minute.</p> <p>The project has received £196.10 in donations from passengers and we received £200 from Aboyne Playgroup in June. A fund from NESTRAN's to help sustain the pilot has been applied for but no approval as yet.</p> <p>Community Transport: There has been a significant increase in the times that the vehicles are out together as we have been allowed to include cars within the Aberdeen Community Transport Initiative figures. For the period of April to September last year, vehicles were out 25 times and this year the times have increased to 49 times so nearly doubled. Our community hire has increased from 141 for last year to 173 for this year so a significant increase of 18% as well.</p> <p>Promotion: We have purchased keyrings and stress minibuses for Transport and MDCT. DCT are planning a door-to door survey to encourage use of the Hopper by GA and LM.</p> <p>Hopper: We are applying for funding to get advice from a consultant to assist with the Hopper Contract.</p> <p>Fundraising: The Aboyne Bonfire & Firework event was successful and monies raised were £639.73. £127.95 goes to the bonfire committee and DCT £511.78.</p>

4.	<p>Strategy</p> <p>GB proposed in absentia by HF, that the Board and MDCT staff hold a meeting to discuss the strategy of the charity. The Board agreed this was a good idea and a proposed date would be sent out to everyone. All board members and staff will be asked to contribute their ideas for the strategy prior to the meeting. GA is to prepare a basic strategy document prior to the meet and send out to all attendees so that everyone is prepared for proactive dialogue.</p>
5.	<p>Project Updates:</p> <p>Woodlands</p> <p>Handover: AE stated that Barry Hauxwell has now formally left the Board and handed over the reigns of the woodlands to the current team.</p> <p>Aboyne Academy: AE met with the school Biology teacher in the Bell Wood. They want to make a school pond to attract wildlife. This will be done in the New Year.</p> <p>Car Park: During the application for the car par the team were asked how to mitigate any damages from the dump. It was suggested that they plan to build up using the sand within the woodland. Still to complete tree survey and decide which trees may need to be taken out for health & safety reasons.</p> <p>Benches – Problems were encountered with the cement setting and therefore two posts have to be reset, one bench has been placed but two benches are still to be received and placed within the woodlands.</p> <p>Xmas Trees – It was decided that they would cut down the trees to order which would be approximately 25 trees and that a preference to quality rather than quantity be given. DC and AE would be present to cut the trees prior to the sale on 8th December 2018. Sam will be asked to put together an A3 poster to advertise the event in the Coop. IW suggested approaching Aboyne Golf Course for meal and golf vouchers for the Xmas Hamper.</p> <p>Aboyne Bike Park</p> <p>MM informed the Board that Duncan Robson will submit the planning application before end of November 2018. The proposed delivery of the project is due for Winter 2019 or Spring 2020 and will cost up to £40k.</p> <p>Aboyne Wheelers</p> <p>HF gave an update of a meeting held with Karen McClintock and Steve Gardyne. The final destination for the Skate Park has been concluded and an estimated cost of £120k - £135k has been decided due to the design of the park. The current committee has asked the Board to approve £2k from the Wheelers Project for the planning application to go ahead. A conversation ensued with regards to releasing funds to projects who have no funding in place for the completion of the project. Concerns were raised as previously money has been released from this fund for planning application which was declined and no further action was taken until years later. The decision was put to a vote and it was noted that 7 members voted for and 1 member voted against the release of £2k to the Wheelers Committee to allow the planning application to go ahead.</p> <p>CPR Deeside</p> <p>AE received an update on the project from Linda Cunningham. The group continues to offer courses throughout various sites in Mid Deeside.</p>

	<p>Health and Wellbeing Gil Barton Board Report 14th November 2018 relayed by HF <u>Health & Wellbeing Update</u> Young@Heart Deeside had been planning an event on the 29th November however it has been decided to delay this until the 17th January when people are less busy. The committee are meeting on the 21st Wednesday to finalise planning arrangements. The committee are now in a position to seek funding for a part time co-ordinator and want to approach The MacRobert Trust. GB has asked that they wait until our board meeting, in order that she can ascertain if we have any outstanding funding applications with them.</p> <p><u>Mid Deeside Health & Wellbeing Group</u> <u>Social Prescribing Pilot</u> I have had early discussions with Dr Mark Grandison who is interested in the social prescribing project and we have agreed in the short term to communicate via email due to his time constraints. GB has a meeting of the group on the 21st November after which a pilot outline will be sent to Dr Grandison. GB has another new member of the group, the manager of OneToOne Counselling.</p> <p><u>DTAS</u> GB enquired as to the email sent regarding DTAS membership. The board decided that membership of DTAS was unnecessary as we were required to change the constitution.</p> <p>Community Garden HF stated that he had been advised by Lizzie Shepherd that the plan for the community garden at Allachburn had been refused.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain WF updated the Board that he was waiting on a specialist to analysis what repairs are required for the fountain to function and will revert his findings as soon as possible.</p>
7.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p>AGM: Poor weather attributed to the poor turnout for the AGM. It was suggested that the date for next year be brought forward.</p> <p>Xmas Night Out: The suggested date is Friday 14th December</p> <p>MDCC survey IW suggested the communittee look on the facebook page to see the conclusion to the survey.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: 23rd January 2019 at 7.00pm, Conference Room, Victory Hall, Aboyne.</p>

Date Approved ...23.1.19.....

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