

# MINUTE OF MEETING

## MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

23rd January 2019 at 7.00 pm

Conference Room, Victory Hall, Aboyne

<b>Present:</b>	Hamish Forbes (HF)(Chair), Alan Emslie (AE) minutes, Mark Mitchell (MM), Lynn Mackie (LM), Duncan Cassie (DC), Wilson Forbes (WF), Gail Amey (GA), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Ruth Powell (RP) MDCC observer.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Gil Barton (GB), Richard Smout (RS)
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Approval of Minutes:</b></p> <p>Welcome by HF, Minutes approved by LM, seconded by DC. It was noted that the date of the minutes were wrong. The meeting took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. HF introduced Ruth Powell from MDCC, she has taken over from Ian Wallace who has resigned from MDCC for personal reasons.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Accounts:</b></p> <p>GA informed the Board that the end of year has been finalised and given to Grant Considine to close. We are waiting on them to give us an estimated date of their first draft.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Transport:</b></p> <p><u>Transport to and from Aboyne Medical Centre &amp; Hospital</u>  The Deeside Medical Transport is continuing to be well used and has raised our overall usage of our community transport.  We have had 62 requests for the service and we have been able to fulfil 45 requests. We could not get drivers for 8 of the requests, 1 cancellation was due to no bus availability and 8 passengers cancelled at the last minute.  The project has received £245.10 in donations from passengers and we received £200 from Aboyne Playgroup in June. The deficit of the project is £378.71 so far but we have managed to secure £3,000.00 from Nestrans to continue the pilot scheme. This amount will be added to the State Aid Total, which has a maximum of €200,000 over 3yrs. We have currently received €90.00 through Aberdeenshire Council Transport Initiative and soon to receive £12,000 from other funds that also fall under de minimus aid.</p> <p><u>Community Transport</u>  We are planning to change the branding of the last two buses in the next couple of months to complete our re-branding exercise.</p> <p><u>Hopper</u>  We have been informed that the funding for the Hopper will be reduced due to lack of passengers using the routes. The Direct Award contract will expire in August 2019. We applied for and were awarded £2,800 from ACTI Small Incentive fund to assist us with funding our research.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Strategy:</b></p> <p>The board agreed to hold the strategy meeting on the <b>21<sup>st</sup> of February</b> in the Conference Room. All board members and staff will be asked to contribute their ideas for the</p>

	<p>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><b>Project Updates:</b></p> <p><b>Woodlands:</b>  <u>Aboyne Academy:</u> School biology project is pending spring/summer 2019. Two benches are still to be received and placed within the woodlands. We have tried multiple times to get the 2 benches from the school. AE to make another attempt to retrieve them.</p> <p><u>Car Park:</u> Full Planning permission was received from the council. We now need to select contractors and ask the successful one to prepare documentation on how the work will be conducted, trees protected etc. These documents need to be approved by the council. AE wrote to Marr/MacRobert to inform them of our progress. We need to check with Marr/MacRobert on the number of quotes we need to get to ensure we are compliant.</p> <p><u>Marker Posts:</u> 3 more posts are pending. Postcrete has been purchased to complete the job. AE has bought plywood to make more signs.</p> <p><u>Xmas Trees:</u> Trees were cut to order, they were delivered and sold at the Coop. There was a preference to quality rather than quantity and we got some good trees.</p> <p><u>Vandalism:</u> Someone broke the barriers on the small bridge on the low road near the sewage works and threw them into the Tarland burn. A small tractor has been driven over the bridge and around the woods, presumably to take wood. This was reported to the police who were very responsive. The suspect has been visited by the police.</p> <p><u>Windblown trees:</u> There have been a number of windblown trees recently. One landed onto the new deer fence. This was removed by DC. AE highlighted to the board the amount of work that Duncan does in the woodlands most weekends.  A member of the public had approached us to ask if they could take some firewood for a donation. This was agreed in principle by the board so long as the person is authorized to use a chainsaw, also they should fill out and sign the woodlands volunteer form.</p> <p><b>Aboyne Bike Park</b>  MM informed the Board that the planning application for the bike park extension has been successful. The proposed delivery of the project is due for Winter 2019 or Spring 2020 and will cost up to £50k (MM corrected this, it had been shown as £100K in previous minutes).</p> <p><b>Aboyne Wheelers</b>  Ian from Concreate has been busy on other projects since he returned to work following Xmas. Karen and Steve are having a conference call with him tomorrow night to move things forward. An updated view on timeline etc. following this will be forwarded. The hope is that the planning process will establish its own momentum to the point of full application from tomorrow night forwards.</p> <p><b>CPR Deeside</b>  The group continues to offer courses throughout various sites in Mid Deeside. We need to look at getting a wider distribution for the general courses such as the post office, Co-op, notice boards etc, to ensure that all courses are fully subscribed.</p> <p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b>  <b><i>Gil Barton Board Report 23rd January 2019 relayed by HF</i></b>  The Young@Heart Deeside launch event took place on the 17th January and despite the first significant snow fall of the year was a great success. Over 30 people attended and</p>

	<p>took part in a range of activities from music and movement, health walk, reflexology, Indian head massage, art and craft and introduction to STEP by Community Learning Development. The committee are meeting on the 31st January to do a wash up session and review feedback and determine the way forward.</p> <p><u>Social Prescribing Pilot</u></p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing group were due to meet next week however GB is going to postpone this meeting until mid-February when I hope to have met with Mark Grandison properly and the Signposting Project who are currently the interface between the GP's and social activities. The project worker is currently on maternity leave and Deeside is being partly covered by another project worker. GB is waiting to hear back from the manager with dates in order to meet and explore how we can work together. Once these two meetings have taken place the group can look at applying for funding to run a pilot initially.</p> <p><b>Community Garden</b></p> <p>No new update, the menshed group is working on a proposal for a plot near the firestation.</p> <p><b>Jubilee Fountain</b></p> <p>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. There has been a long delay in getting an update, WF is planning to contact the company directly to see what the status is. The fountain is currently drained so not affected by the very cold weather.</p>
7.	<p><b>A.O.B.:</b></p> <p>RP told us about the plans for a new notice board for the village. Planning permission will be required for this. It will be a substantial structure which will be made of powder coated steel and cost in the region of £10K. it is felt that it is worth paying extra to get a longer lasting, quality product. Fund raising will be required. We discussed that MDCT could make a contribution. WF highlighted that we are carrying approx. £3.5K in the ACES Aboyne Centre Enhancement Scheme. This project is no longer active and if was felt that the new notice board would be a very good use for this money. One of the objective of the board is to highlight all the various things going on in the area to make Aboyne less of a drive through village and entice people to stop and enjoy what we have to offer.</p>
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>To be decided at the Strategy Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February.</p>

Date Approved 15/3/19

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