

MINUTES OF STRATEGY MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

21st March 2019 at 7.00 pm

Conference Room, Victory Hall, Aboyne

Present:	Hamish Forbes (HF)(Chair), Alan Emslie (AE), Lynn Mackie (LM), Wilson Forbes (WF), Gil Barton (GB), Richard Smout (RS), Ruth Powell (RP) MDCC observer
Apologies:	Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Mark Mitchell (MM), Duncan Cassie (DC)
1.	<p>Transport:</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council have informed us that the usage of the Deeside Village Hopper Service is underutilised. We have been told that the service is under review and we are expecting an update in May.</p> <p>HF also reported that the e-Bikes project was almost up and running as Strachan's have agreed to store the bikes. There is interest from The Boat Inn and others. It is an exciting project that could potentially bring in significant income to help with our costs.</p>
2.	<p>Future Projects:</p> <p>HF stated all projects must be self-sufficient in the future and that we would have to look at costs in general for the office, etc. It was also agreed that we would ask GA and Sam to do a trial for say 2 weeks or so to record how they are spending their time each day. This would help to assess costs for existing projects and to include woodlands, Victory Hall, etc. HF also said he had asked GA and Sam to return to him a list he prepared indicating their responsibilities so he could get their contract up to date.</p>
3.	<p>Succession:</p> <p>AE reported that he was organising the first meeting of the Funding Committee. HF reported that he was still waiting to hear back from Aboyne Academy about a meeting to discuss work experience, projects in general and whether we can get a senior pupil to attend our meetings/join the Board. A general discussion took place about new projects/grants and whether this would attract new members/trustees. GB stated that there would be many funding opportunities for Health and Wellbeing related projects particularly focusing on social isolation, health promotion and self-management. It should be noted however that there will obviously be competition for any funding opportunities therefore it is vital that any applications are well thought through and ideally large in nature giving MDCT the opportunity to build in all key areas.</p>
4.	<p>Fundraising:</p> <p>LM advised that Aboyne Golf Club had agreed to stage our proposed Race Night on Saturday 18th May. We discussed tickets at £10 to include stovies and to ask sponsors to pay £75 for each race where their names would be published. HF has agreed to prepare a list of local businesses. HF had spoken to Donald Cowie to track down mat and dices for the race night. RP said Rotary could help with taking money/working out odds.</p>
5.	Communication:

	It was agreed that until the Strategy is in place and the sub committees are meeting regularly that the main MDCT board will continue to meet every month.
6.	<p>A.O.C.B.:</p> <p>HF said he would email the manager of the Community Centre who he had already spoken to about the possibility of a project to re-vamp the pavilion on the Aboyne Green.</p> <p>AE said work was about to start at the Bell Wood Car park.</p> <p>WF will chase us the Aboyne Games Committee regarding our non-appearance last year as sponsors of an event i.e. free sponsorship this year.</p> <p>GB suggested that we explore Park Runs as an opportunity to bring people weekly to the area and RP who has attended runs previously is going to find out what is involved.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7pm in the Conference Room, Victory Hall</p>

Date Approved15/5/19.....

.....H. Forbes.....Chairman