

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

21st August 2019 at 7.00 pm

MDCT Office, Victory Hall, Aboyne

Present:	Hamish Forbes (HF) (Chair) minutes, Alan Emslie (AE), Lynn Mackie (LM), Duncan Cassie (DC), Richard Smout (RS), Mark Mitchell (MM), Wilson Forbes (WF), Gil Barton (GB), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Gail Amey (GA) and Brian Rae (Observer).
Apologies:	Ruth Powell (RP),
1.	<p>Welcome and Approval of Minutes:</p> <p>HF welcome Briab Rae again as an observer. GB approved minutes for 17th July 2019 and MM seconded.</p>
2.	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>GA reported that accounts for year to the end of 31st December 2018 had been completed and logged via Grant Considine. Bike Park was now off the balance sheet. GA calculated up to date balance sheet for the year so far. Co-op donation was still outstanding, and we could chase this up.</p>
3.	<p>Transport:</p> <p>Community Bus costs were up as repairs were required for a clutch and for the lift. List of current project funds was circulated. Funds available for a medical project will ensure it continues for some time yet. We have now employed a new lady driver Diane Smith for the Hopper and we have more drivers for our rota.</p> <p>Community transport is doing very well. There was an accident with one of the buses which means our insurance premium will be increased. We have 3 new drivers for the Community Buses. S19 permit has now been received. There is scope now to develop how we use the ex-Hopper bus. E-bikes are slowly improving. We are going to the Tarland Food Festival with the bikes on 21st September.</p> <p>GA will hopefully get quotes updated next week for a new bus. We will also follow up an email we had received about an electric car being bought for use in Tarland.</p>
4.	<p>A.G.M.:</p> <p>Posters have been prepared and all was in place. Geocache will not take place as there has been no demand.</p>
5.	<p>Project Updates:</p> <p>Woodlands</p> <p>AE reported we were still carrying out maintenance in general and doing a lot of strimming. The old benches have been removed. Following up on the accident at the Bike Park, new signs had been installed and DC will be making more signs.</p>

	<p>The autopsy of the squirrel had not disclosed any foul play/poisoning. AE had used a camera to monitor the badger setts for 3 weeks and again nothing adverse had been revealed.</p> <p>ABPA MM reported a new date for fund raising had been set for 14th September and a number of events have been organised for that day with the Victory Hall being used as a base for these events.</p> <p>Wheelers HF reported that he has received an email from Steve Gardyne advising us that planning application was now in and that they are answering a couple of points of clarification just now that have been requested by planning.</p> <p>CPR Deeside AE reported that Linda had updated their courses and had been to several groups including the Breast-Feeding Group and more schools. They check the defibrillators every month. One battery had already been replaced. They have a 5-year life span.</p> <p>Community Garden HF reported that RS and himself met with the rep from Aboyne Community Men's Shed to peg out the site so that a deed plan could be finalised for the planning application.</p> <p>H&W GB reported a meeting scheduled for las night had been cancelled. Still looking for a big project and for more help to achieve this. Local GP's were still supportive and interested.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain WF reported that a temporary pump had been fitted to get the Fountain working for the Aboyne Games. He would now use the £500 already received for a new pump to get the water tested, etc. Signs would be required to cover ourselves and PA advised permissions would be needed for any signs as we are in a conservation area as well as planning consents.</p> <p>Education AE reported that there was nothing further to report at the moment although 2 funding applications were still outstanding.</p>
7.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p>HF reported that he and AE had met the mother of the young boy injured at the Bike Park to assure her we would be reviewing procedures to improve to signage, emergency services response and a full discussion with Bike Park people. HF had drafted a minute of agreement for use by the Bike Park in general.</p> <p>HF reported a complaint had been received by a lady using the Hopper about the driver's attitude.</p> <p>Ruth Powell had requested £3000 from the ACES fund and this was agreed. The balance of approx. £500 could be used for signs for the Jubilee Fountain.</p> <p>HF confirmed he had now written to MacKinnon's on behalf of the Board to thank them for the additional donation and to outline our activities as well as confirming all the funds received would go towards the new bus.</p>

	<p>HF confirmed funding from Royal Deeside Partnership was still in place albeit at a reduced sum of £1500 and that he was going to a Marr Area meeting next week to do a presentation outlining the projects carried out by RDP.</p> <p>HF confirmed he had drafted a "Procedures" guide for the office.</p> <p>RS still pursuing Park Run Project and was awaiting to hear back from Miles of the running group. Stumbling block will be organising an event every week. RS will try to attend the Banchory Park Run.</p> <p>AE reported that Funding Sub-Committee will call another meeting early in September. Two applications this month had been passed on to Gail. Funding Sub-Committee should now go on the monthly agenda.</p> <p>AE reported that he had attended the meeting for the "Paths and Tracks" Group and is also a recent bag pack/raffle. Someone is coming to Aboyne of 5th October to do training for "Paths for All".</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>18th September 2019, 7pm in the Conference Room, Victory Hall, Aboyne</p>

Date Approved18/9/19.....

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