

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

18th September 2019 at 7.00 pm

Conference Room, Victory Hall, Aboyne

Present:	Hamish Forbes (HF) (Chair) minutes, Lynn Mackie (LM), Duncan Cassie (DC), Richard Smout (RS), Mark Mitchell (MM), Wilson Forbes (WF), Gil Barton (GB), Ruth Powell (RP) and Gail Amey (GA)
Apologies:	Alan Emslie (AE) and Cllr Peter Argyle (PA)
1.	<p>Welcome and Approval of Minutes:</p> <p>Minutes of 21st August were approved by DC seconded by LM.</p>
2.	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>Sam Basford had circulated list of balances and GA circulated profit and loss figures. GA asked if the accounts would be closed 2 days prior to a Board meeting as a procedure to allow time to close the accounts.</p>
3.	<p>Transport:</p> <p>GA had met with Megan from Tarland Community Trust about a possible shared car scheme for Tarland/Aboyne. First week of new ex-Hopper Service had been challenging due to the extra administration, repairs and livery. Diane Smith has started as new driver. Livery for both buses is now complete extra work was needed of 2 days to polish the buses. There were a number of repairs to the ex Hopper which went in for a 10 week service prior to operating under a Permit 19 and it has now passed its MOT. A strimmer from a council employee had caused a stone to smash the bus window and we have concluded that the council's insurance will cover this. GA highlighted the parking of the buses as a future problem, WF has offered to look into alternatives around Aboyne. A Community Playgroup have enquired about using the bus, GA will research child seating on our current system and future seating systems. Quotes for the new bus were now about £62,00 and this included a £6,000 cost for Brexit. The board agreed to go ahead with the order now before more repairs are required to existing bus. Still no sign of payment from the Co-op contribution. GA/LM going with e-Bikes to Tarland Food Festival.</p>
5.	<p>Project Updates:</p> <p>Woodlands DC reported 2 benches had been replaced. Still general maintenance is ongoing.</p> <p>ABPA Fund raising events last Saturday raised £1500. HF had drafted agreement and after discussion, it was agreed a simple back letter was required acknowledging the relationship with Bike Park and ourselves. Still looking at increasing signs for Bike Park and in general. AE was looking to obtain a mini digger for paths.</p> <p>Wheelers HF reported he had received an email advising there had been lots of back and forth the with the planners on points of the clarification, provision of scale drawings, etc.</p>

	<p>Wheelers think they have now done everything that has been asked of them by the planners.</p> <p>CPR Deeside Nothing to Report.</p> <p>Community Garden RS has looked at Tarland Community Garden which is vey good and lies on the edge of the village. He met on site with the Men's Shed representative along with Lizzie Shepherd, Kate Redpath on Monday, still a number of problems to be resolved before formal planning application.</p> <p>H&W GB reported that a meeting had taken place last week at The Boat Inn. Agreed a 6-week pilot scheme would start with multiple activities planned. She had also met with Sam McBain from Banchory Social Work Departments who are keen to be involved.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain WF reported 2 new pumps had been purchased and we can use any ACES funds for signs. Water now to be tested.</p> <p>Education Nothing to report.</p> <p>Funding Sub-Committee AE will arrange a meeting on his return.</p>
7.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p>HF reported we are still trying to progress things with Aberdeenshire Council regarding possible revamp of Aboyne Pavilion whether to take it over or as a community asset transfer. Ongoing since March 2019 and still chasing contacts via manager of Community Centre.</p> <p>HF and LM had met with Gail and Sam regarding annual staff review. HF drafted some office procedures and HF would meet weekly with them both to assist as both were very busy, working long hours.</p> <p>HF reported bus complaint had been resolved. Alistair Emslie retired as Hopper driver and we had travelled to Ballater and back on the e-Bikes with lunch also with other drivers.</p> <p>RP reported that Community Council had ordered new notice board. They had discussed a number of topics arising from the Community Action Plan Survey and these included the state of the Huntly Arms Hotel, community garden, Paths Group, crossing over main road near to Kinord Drive at the end of the school day, surface water at Tarland Road, 3 Premier Buses, local development plan meeting, resilience plan for floods, hedge cutting and Christmas lights.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Agreed for Friday 18th October. HF to organise an evening at the Boat Inn.</p>

Date Approved18/10/19.....

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