

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

21st January 2020 at 7.00 pm

Community Room, Community Centre, Aboyne

Present:	Alan Emslie(AE) (Chair), Lynn Mackie (LM), Duncan Cassie (DC), Richard Smout (RS), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Mark Mitchell (MM), Wilson Forbes (WF), Ruth Powell (RP) and Gail Amey (Minutes)
Apologies:	Brian Rae (BR) and Gill Barton (GB)
1.	<p>Welcome and Approval of Minutes:</p> <p>Minutes of 20th November 2019 were approved by WF and seconded by DC.</p>
2.	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>Gail Amey (GA) updated the Board on the first draft for the end of year accounts up to December 2019. All funds are relatively the same apart from the DCT fund due to a part payment made of £34k for the new bus.</p> <p>GA proposed the annual governance and admin fee to the board.</p>
3.	<p>Project Updates:</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>The Mid Deeside Hospital Transport is ongoing with requests so far up to 141. The funds still available to support this service is £2,557.00. GA gave a presentation at the HTAP Partnership conference to promote the real benefits to our community using our community transport. As a result, we have been approached to discuss future sustainable funding to extend the pilot. We have approached Marr Area Partnership, Health & Wellbeing funds, Coop and Tesco to see if we can find enough funds to sustain the Dial-a-bus service until year end March 2020. It was proposed by LM/GA that MDCT offer a promotional price to get our local community to use our eBikes.</p> <p>Woodlands</p> <p>DC reported the scheduled maintenance has been completed. It has been reported that motorbikes have been seen in the Bell Wood and AE encountered them himself. They have been asked for health and safety reasons to refrain from entering the woodlands. Aboyne Kids for Climate Change came to the woodlands to plant 200 trees, which went very well. They have been asked to come and help in the future and MDCT have received back some positive responses. The Christmas tree sale brought in £500 and was a success. Discussions continued with regards to the pathways between Belwade and the Bell Wood, the future upgrades have an estimated cost of £2000 to £4000. Assistance from Belwade would be requested to assist with fundraising efforts. They have discussed synergies with Aboyne Paths and Tracks Group and asked for their assistance to construct the paths.</p> <p>ABPA</p> <p>Fundraising efforts this year raised £1,400 to go towards the new development.</p>

Wheelers

LM and AE met with Steve Gardyne to discuss the planning which is in its final efforts. Environmental health has approved the plans and have raised no objections. It was recognised that a noise survey which is estimated at £480 will be needed to push the application through, the board agreed to the survey. Discussions ensued as to the historical background of the fund and future planning permission commitments. Concerns as to the lack of funds raised by the current project team were highlighted. It was agreed that future funding would be required to progress this project pending on the outcome of the planning permission.

CPR Deeside

AE gave an update and stated that the group is strong and working away well.

Community Garden

RS stated that the proposed site had found water/sewage pipe and Aberdeenshire Council have advised that the site would be unsuitable for its proposed purpose. The quality of the soil was also debated due to the previous usage. There was a meeting held with RS, Aberdeenshire Council Landscapes Division and Marr Area Partnership and a survey of potential allotment sites in the area was mentioned.

Castlepark housing development will be approached in the near future to suggest an area for a garden/allotments. It would be beneficial to form a steering group of around 6 people to gather interested parties to develop ideas for the project. The Community Action Plan had comments on a future community garden. Tarland received money from the Climate Change Group and this may be a possible funder to support the initiative.

Funds may be available in the residual funds on the Aberdeenshire Council website. Future sites were discussed as potential areas.

H&W

No update.

Jubilee Fountain

The pumps have been purchased and an invoice will be sent to the office. The sign, in keeping with the style and history of the Jubilee Fountain, have been sought and the estimate would be around £200. It was agreed to transfer the difference of the ACES account to the Jubilee Fountain fund to cover the costs of the signage.

Education

No update.

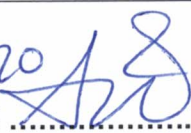
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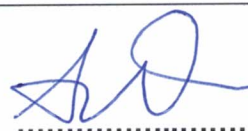
There is a meeting with Marr Area to meet the funders AE & RS will attend.

Aboyne Paths Group

They have planned work parties every two weeks and have tidied up a number of paths in the Aboyne Area and are in discussions to upgrade more. AE and PA had a positive meeting with the Access Officer and a member of the community to discuss

	future plans for a local path to be included in the map. The group have had a good response within the community and attracted a number of volunteers.
4.	A.O.B.: The Community Council told MDCT that the old Aboyne notice board has been given to Dinnet.
	Date of next meeting: 19 th February 2020, 7pm in the Community Room, Deeside Community Centre, Aboyne.

19 Feb 2020 
Date Approved


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