

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

15th April 2020 at 7.00 pm

Conference Call on Zoom

Present:	Alan Emslie (AE) (Chair), Lynn Mackie (LM), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Mark Mitchell (MM), Brian Rae (BR), Johnathan Kitching and Gail Amey (Minutes)
Apologies:	Duncan Cassie (DC), Richard Smout (RS) and Wilson Forbes (WF).
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 19 th February 2020 were approved by LM and seconded by BR with proposed changes requested by JK and AE.
2.	Accounts: GC have the files and copy of SAGE and we await the first draft. Small movements only since last fund report.
3.	Project Updates: Transport The 2 nd Phase application for Postcode Community Fund has been submitted. The Scotmid fund application has been postponed until October. I would like to apply for Bank of Scotland Foundation – Reach for £20k for Social Isolation for the elderly and disabled. The Dial-a-Bus service has been reduced to a two-day service (mornings only) with max 4 on a bus to comply with social distancing. We have hired out all eBikes for £40/month to increase usage and limit the contact within the office. Woodlands DC & AE have stopped work in the woodlands apart from emergency maintenance. Mesh work on pathways to eliminate trips and falls has been done. It was noted that a member of the public had asked why the carpark was open when Glen Tanar and Clachnababen carparks have been closed. It was felt that the people going to the woodlands were local and that it should be available to them for their daily exercise. The board decided they would monitor the usage and if there were people congregating or travelling to the woodlands would take further action. A new volunteer Phil Lee has come forward to support the woodlands. He has useful skills and knowledge that will be especially useful to the team. ABPA MM reported that there will be an ordinary meeting. Aboyne will host an Enduro Cycling event in June where ABPA plan to support the event. Wheelers Nothing to report. CPR Deeside First responders have been asked to stop for the time being. They gave their oxygen to the ambulance service in case it is required.

Community Garden

Nothing to report.

H&W

Nothing to report.

Jubilee Fountain

Nothing to report.

Education

Nothing to report.

Funding Sub Committee – Project Report

AE will have an update and get together to discuss upcoming funds.

Aboyne Paths Group

JK discussed the flyer that the group had produced, there are 6 promoted walks on the flyer. Since going to print there has been a change of president at the Golf Club who is not on board with promotion of the route. The group are in discussions to try to resolve the issue. Other issues have been resolved by moving pathways away from fences, cutting hedges back and maintenance to spikes sticking out. There has been Signage installed to notify walkers of direction, livestock and take care notices to keep them on the paths.

Park Run – Nothing to report.

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A.O.B.:

The Huntly Arms Hotel – Mathew Lockley of Aberdeenshire Council has drafted a proposal for a feasibility study. There are funding commitments from Marr Area, Aberdeenshire Council and the Architectural Heritage Fund will be approached for shortfall. The application to the Growth and Replication fund was unsuccessful, which was due to stage of the project but they asked us to keep in touch. There was talk of the hotel going to auction but the rate relief for the hotel sector will delay this process. PA will check with Matthew on progress and the application to Marr.

MDCC Representative

Dave Marshall was proposed as a suitable candidate.

COVID-19

MDCT has successfully stepped up to be the point of contact for Mid Deeside. We connect to Finzean, Torphins, Tarland, Lumphanan, Ordie, Migvie, Birse and Kincardine O'Neil. We have received over 130 requests and we have been able to fulfil 100%. We have been successful with two funders to support our resilience efforts from Marr Area Partnership and A E Salvesen Trust. We have over 90 volunteers who deliver groceries, pharmacy, dog walking, filling up oil canisters, mow the lawn, deliver goods at Food Banks and befriending.

	Fundraiser for Aboyne Academy & Scottish Association of Mental Health (SAMH) Jon Turley approached AE to ask if they could get assistance with their fundraising efforts. They require charity status for the online fundraising site to manage the donations and have asked for MDCT's help. AE will send email to all Board members.
	Date of next meeting: 13 th May 2020 at 7pm on zoom.

Date Approved 13 May 2020 *Alan MacS* Chairman