

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

19th February 2020 at 7.00 pm

Community Room, Community Centre, Aboyne

Present:	Alan Emslie (AE) (Chair), Lynn Mackie (LM), Duncan Cassie (DC), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Wilson Forbes (WF), Ruth Powell (RP), Brian Rae (BR), Johnathan Kitching and Gail Amey (Minutes)
Apologies:	Richard Smout (RS), Gil Barton (GB) and Mark Mitchell (MM)
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 21 st January 2020 were approved by LM and seconded by DC.
2.	Accounts: The end of year accounts is to be finalised this week and sent to GC for approval. There were no major movements in project funds to report.
3.	Project Updates: Transport We were successful in two applications for the sustainable funding for the Dial-A-Bus and Mid Deeside Hospital Transport services. Ongoing maintenance to resolve the difficulties faced with accessible transport is now resolved. An application for a new bus has been completed for the Postcode Community Fund. The allocation of Paths for All and Scotmid funds were approved for the Transport project by the Board. Woodlands DC reported that it has been quiet this month. AE was given 420 trees from the Woodland Trust. DC suggested the trust look at Carbon Neutral funds to replant trees. It was noted that Aberdeen Harbour Community Action Fund is focusing on green projects in the North East of Scotland. 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 AE highlighted that the group received planning permission yesterday. The conditions of the planning permission were discussed, and it was concluded that conditions were standard recommendations. Going forward the group will be asked to produce a business plan and a financial plan to proceed. AE proposed we ask representatives of the project to attend the next board meeting to update the Board. CPR Deeside AE reported that the courses are ongoing and will get an update on their progress for the next meeting. Community Garden

	<p>RS approached the Climate Group and MDCC to initiate a steering committee. Nothing else to report.</p> <p>H&W Gil Barton has unfortunately decided to resign from the Board due to personal circumstances.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain WF has located brass plaque for the fountain. The signs will display that the water will not be safe to drink. There has been no further progress.</p> <p>Education No update.</p> <p>Funding Sub Committee – Project Report AE will have an update and get together to discuss upcoming funds.</p> <p>Aboyne Paths Group They have been active for 10 months with a strong membership of 120 people with 30 dedicated volunteers and a small pot of funds. JK was asked to attend the meeting as an observer to hopefully become a board member. JK updated the board on the progress of the paths that exist or that could be reinstated. There are five landowners who have agreed to public access and the walkways will be part of Aboyne Path Group’s Map. Scotways and the Rotary including a bag pack have raised the necessary funds to produce a map for general use. The three principles of the group are to maintain, develop and promote.</p> <p>WF asked if there was a plan to address dog waste around the village and at this moment in time there are no present plans although it has been accepted as a problem.</p> <p>JK will bring the map to the next meeting for the Board to look at.</p> <p>Park Run – RS said that after discussion he thought that the initiative may not be suitable for Aboyne.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p>The Huntly Arms Hotel -_The first stage would be a feasibility study to explore the restoration of the Huntly Arms Hotel. The project is supported by Marr Area Partnership and the Economic Development Dept in Aberdeenshire Council. The Huntly is owned by a chain which has put their whole portfolio of hotels up for sale. The options for the building are limited due to the disrepair the building is in. The board approved the support of MDCT to part fund the feasibility study.</p> <p>Noticeboard - Ruth thanked MDCT for the planning permission to reposition the noticeboard. At this moment Ruth Powell has decided to leave the Board as a representative due to personal commitments.</p>

	<p>Impact Hub - AE updated the Board on a conference held by Impact Hub which is a group that assists community groups with their funding and development of their projects.</p> <p>Aboyne Green - WF reported that cars have been on the green again. PA said that landscaping have been informed and have plans to repair the barriers.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>18th March 2020, 7pm in the Community Room, Deeside Community Centre, Aboyne.</p>

Date Approved 18 March

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