

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

13th May 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), Richard Smout (RS), Johnathan Kitching (JK), Dave Marshall of MDCC (DM) and Gail Amey (GA) (Minutes)
Apologies:	Duncan Cassie (DC) and Wilson Forbes (WF).
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 15 th April 2020 were approved by LM and seconded by MM.
2.	Accounts: We are awaiting GC to sign off the first draft and process the DCT Accounts. GC will be required to sign off on the BSOG for Transport now that a combined mileage figure of over 20,000kms is applied for.
3.	Project Updates: Transport The 2 nd Phase application for Postcode Community Fund was unsuccessful due to the large volume of applications in relation to COVID-19. Funders are changing their scope to support charities in the COVID-19 crisis. The Dial-a-Bus service has been increased to three-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 Nothing to report due to lockdown. An email will be sent out to volunteers to ask for support when restrictions are lifted. ABPA MM goes up once a week to check the activity of the community but nothing to report. Wheelers Nothing to report. AE suggested a virtual meeting with project co-ordinators soon to discuss future funding. CPR Deeside Nothing to report. AE spoke with Linda Cunningham all courses have been stopped, they have been checking defibrillators as batteries have a shelf life. They plan to start later in the year but will need to change how they deliver the course due to social distancing and HSE. First responders have been asked to step down.

	<p>Community Garden Nothing to report. Sites within Aboyne have been earmarked for the garden, which RS will progress further with associated parties.</p> <p>H&W Nothing to report.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain Nothing to report.</p> <p>Education Nothing to report.</p> <p>Funding Sub Committee – Project Report Sam will update and send out to board.</p> <p>Aboyne Paths Group JK said that the community are using and discovering the new paths. Problems still ensue with consent from other parties but the group are exploring other avenues. The riverside path has bedding in well and has been successful - the team are working on moving other paths forward. Further projects are ongoing such as scoping plans for future path options through Glentanar and Dinnet estate.</p>
4.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p>The Huntly Arms Hotel –</p> <p>It was suggested to the Board that MDCC and MDCT would contribute £500 each to support the initial feasibility study with its partners. DM updated the Board that the MDCC has committed to the initial one-off fee of £500. There will be a steering group meeting to discuss how to go forward. MDCT will be the owners of the document and the future of the project will be pending the outcome of the feasibility study. BR asked which type of company would be doing the study. DM discussed similar projects in Grampian and the companies who used their expertise on these projects. The board approved the £500 from MDCT for the feasibility study. Funding sources were discussed. £5000 has been committed by Aberdeenshire Council Economic Development Fund. The Marr Area Large grant of £5000 would be applied for as well as to the Architectural Heritage Fund. PA thanked DM for his huge contribution getting the project to this stage.</p> <p>COVID-19</p> <p>MDCT is continuing the community support effort. We have received nearly 300 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. GA highlighted her concerns with the level of support that the residents of Bonty Court are receiving. There have been complaints from residents and additional support has been requested from us for groceries, hot meal delivery, laundry, befriending etc. One of our befrienders notified us of a gentleman who was in distress last week. He was not taking his medications properly and an ambulance was called.</p>

	<p>A relative has stepped in to clean his apartment and get him food and they are now getting third party carers in to help him. GA to update PA by email on the residents. AE thanked the staff of MDCT for their hard work and commitment to successful fulfil all requests.</p> <p>Sponsorship for Aboyne Highland Games The Highland Games have been cancelled for this year.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: 13th June 2020 at 7pm on zoom.</p>

Date Approved24/6/20.....S.O.O.....Chairman