

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

16th September 2020 at 7.00 pm

Conference Call on Zoom

Present:	Alan Emslie (AE) (Chair), Johnathan Kitching (JK), Mark Mitchell (MM), Lynn Mackie (LM), Nadine Stuart Guest (NS) and Gail Amey (GA) (Minutes)
Apologies:	Duncan Cassie (DC), Richard Smout (RS), Brian Rae (BR), Dave Marshall of MDCC (DM), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA) and Wilson Forbes (WF).
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 22 nd July 2020 were approved by MM and seconded by JK.
2.	Accounts: Accounts have been approved and sent to OSCR and HMRC. No major movements within the funds apart from the final payment made on the new bus.
3.	Project Updates: Transport Medical transport requests are back to normal levels. We are receiving requests from NHS due to the reduced level of Ambulances caused by social distancing in transport. To date we have received 168 requests and we have achieved 68% based on requests, 17% of requests are cancelled by the passengers. We have increased our Dial-a-Bus services to afternoons as passengers start coming back. Passengers are still scared to use the Dial-a-bus but are using it to purchase essentials just less frequently than normal. We have reduced the usage to 5 people per vehicle unless they are from the same household. We have resumed Silver Circle and Community Resource Hub's outdoor activities. We have completed risk assessments for both groups and have the necessary PPE for both groups. The hub attends school in a bubble and the assistants are qualified bus drivers. We therefore ask the assistants to use the wheelchair lift instead of the driver. Significant repairs to BU12 SBX of over £1,000 due to locking system within the doors. Renault are having difficulties repairing the door. The eBikes have been well used in recent months and have now all had an annual service. MM highlighted there was a new bike maintenance centre in Aboyne for future support. Woodlands AE & DC have been involved with general maintenance in the Bell Wood. The path from Bellwood to Belwade will soon be under construction using a volunteering team which is estimated to start in October. The costs will be covered using a grant from Marr Area Partnership. The board were notified of an alleged swarm of wasps that stung a walker in the woodlands. No other incidents or sightings have been reported, it will be monitored. ABPA MM reported that the group are scheduling annual maintenance for the Bike Park.

	<p>Wheelers A funding meeting is scheduled including AE and Steve Gardyne next week. A funding opportunity has come forward. It has been decided to take the project forward by applying for available funds.</p> <p>CPR Deeside AE gave an update from the committee that CPR training is not suitable at this current time due to COVID restrictions. There will be a future project to find funds for a defibrillator to be situated at the Aboyne Community Shed.</p> <p>Community Garden RS is still following up on the proposed site for a community garden and a new member Hilary English will support him with his efforts.</p> <p>H&W AE discussed upcoming walking projects that may be of interest to the trust. NS highlighted that there are funds for health and wellbeing to support these initiatives.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain Water is now flowing, still awaiting invoice for pumps.</p> <p>Education No update.</p> <p>Funding Sub Committee – Project Report Copies sent to the board.</p> <p>Aboyne Paths Group JK updated the board on the general maintenance that is being done on the paths. JK thanked Duncan Cassie for the great work he did assisting the group with their maintenance. The group is also working alongside Aberdeenshire Trail Association and Glen Tanar who provided the materials to fill in some paths in other areas. The online AGM was highly successful attracting new committee members and volunteers. The group have been endorsed by Aboyne Medical Group who have been promoting the paths for the community to use for their Health and Wellbeing.</p>
4.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p>The Huntly Arms Hotel –</p> <p>The Steering Group have awarded the tender for the Phase 1 Viability Study. A discussion ensued as to the constitution of the group pending the outcome of the study. NS shared stories of other trusts who early into their regeneration projects separated. The project will be set up as a new entity after the feasibility study if the project moves forward as a risk mitigation measure.</p> <p>COVID-19 We are continuing to support those in the community that need groceries and pharmacy collections.</p>

	<p>We hope to have a food collection point based at Deeside Community Centre in the next month. The aim is to have a 3 hour slot per week for deliveries and then the collection of food by groups such as schools, charities and social work departments.</p> <p>Low Road Complaint The board discussed a complaint made to the trust that Highlighted the issue of traffic and inconsiderate parking next to the water works. There is an access point from the low road to the Bell Wood and with this in mind information in our websites or Facebook pages will highlight no vehicles are to use the low road for access. Passing places for pedestrians have been created on the grass verges, with signage to advise pedestrians placed at both ends of the road. Scottish Water have been contacted to make more permanent passing places during their next road maintenance period.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on 21st October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom.</p>

Date Approved21.10.20.....S.O.O.....Chairman