

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

21st October 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 (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 16 th September 2020 were approved by MM and seconded by AE.
2.	Accounts: I am still waiting on GC to send the final journal to close the accounts.
3.	Project Updates: Transport We are currently supporting NHS with transport around 1 journey per week. The fund has remained the same £6,203.59. We are operating at full capacity (5/6 per trip) on all main journeys with 2 or 3 passengers using the transport around Aboyne. We used the DAB to support the NHS to deliver flu injections to our elderly passengers. There will be no livery stating donors applied on our new bus because the main donor does not want advertising on the bus. The bus arrival is still held up by the delay to the repairs of the 17-seater. I have been told that the specialist will be looking at the bus again tomorrow and will give us an update. I have spoken with the manager asking for a purchase price of the Renault van if they cannot fix it. Funding bodies are repurposing themselves to focus on charities that have been impacted due to COVID. Woodlands AE updated the board on general maintenance within the woodlands. AE stated that the remaining posts went into the woodlands with extra reinforcing. 15 tonnes of quarry dust has been delivered to build the path from Bellwood to Belwade. Thanks to all the team, MM and RS for all their help. The path is nearly completed, and the estimated delivery time is next week for completion. There is drainage installed alongside the new path with some pipe left over. 720 trees will be arriving in the next few weeks to replant the previous area and more are planned to go near the carpark and previous barren areas. Kids Climate Change will be contacted to ask if they wish to participate again. ABPA MM reported that there is some work to be done in the Bike Park this year. Scottish Cycling have been given £8million so there will be an opportunity to get a grant. Wheelers

	<p>AE met with the team this month to discuss how to move forward. There have been several funds identified that may be great for this initiative.</p> <p>CPR Deeside Nothing to report.</p> <p>Community Garden RS is meeting with a group next week. Has had no feedback from the farmer. Writing a letter to Lord Aboyne to discuss.</p> <p>H&W Nothing to report. JK in discussions with regards to walking using local tracks to improve H&W.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain The water has been switched off for the winter months.</p> <p>Education No update.</p> <p>Funding Sub Committee – Project Report Copies sent to the board. Funding update.</p> <p>Aboyne Paths Group The Paths and Tracks around Aboyne leaflet has had a re-print, a further 2000. They will continue to be in the local outlets / shops. There are three new members on the committee all bringing lots of expertise and knowledge. APTG were involved in the September Farmers market sharing a stall with MDCC. Work on the ground recently with Covid compliant work parties, have worked on paths at the guard, top of the fungle (a joint work party with ATA, Aberdeenshire Trail Association; mountain bikers), on the Mortlich paths to attempt to keep the bracken at bay, on the old line near Kirkton Cottages, on the riverbank east of the village where the river has taken another chunk out of the bank and on the link path between Belwade and the Bellwood working with MDCT woodlands project.</p> <p>Work within the next few weeks involves a small bridge refurbishment, more Mortlich bracken clearance, and bids into local funding opportunities for fencing projects. We continue to look at ways of delivering a quality Aboyne-Glen Tanar link.</p> <p>APTG were not successful at winning the Paths for All community Paths Group of the year, but we achieved a good press release in the Piper.</p>
4.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p>The Huntly Arms Hotel The questionnaires have reached 470 responses from the community which is incredibly positive. Claire has been promoting the success of the survey through the media and collecting the paper copies within the villages. A meeting will be held in November on zoom where the community will be invited to discuss the project. Ellie Flathor has designed a logo for the project which can be used on future</p>

	<p>correspondence and media. Dave has been in discussion with the owners and keeps a good relationship.</p> <p>COVID-19 The container is setup and the first delivery of goods to groups went ahead last week 14th October 2020. Only two groups took slots so far and another group contacted us this week. So far there is a slow uptake but hopefully more interest will be increase as news of the facility spreads.</p> <p>Station Square Regeneration Project Asked by Aboyne Business Association and MDCC to apply for the regeneration project to complete an application on behalf. NS had a meeting comprising for the bottom square, plan has been done for canopies, seating area, benches, and repurposing of the area. £108K stage 1 south. North side £20k planters, bushes landscaping etc. With plans still in the discussion phase of moving the recycling bins. We will find out by 16th November and the work will need to be started by March 2021. The planning application will be minor, and they have sought primary discussions. Fiona Sawyer was thanked for previous submission and support. An update of the project will be submitted to all board members.</p> <p>Art Project Stephanie Van Dam has requested administration assistance from MDCT. A discussion ensued and it was decided to ask a member of the Board to assist.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on 18th November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom.</p>

Date Approved18.11.20.....S.O.O.....Chairman