

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

Board Meeting

20th April 2022 at 7.00 pm

Conference Call on Zoom

Present:	Alan Emslie (AE) (Chair), Peter Barker (PB), Johnathan Kitching (JK), Brian Rae (BR), Phil Lee (PL) and Gail Amey (GA) mins
Apologies:	Mark Mitchell (MM), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Steve Gardyne (SG), Richard Smout (RS), and Dave Marshall of MDCC (DM).
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: The approval of the Minutes of 16 th March 2022 were proposed by AE and seconded by PG.
2.	Accounts: GA discussed the accounts up to March 2022. BR asked if the current format was suitable for the purposes of discussion for the Board. BR and GA are tasked with discussing how the finances are presented to the Board to make them clearer and more relevant.
3.	Project Updates: Transport Ongoing issues ensue with reduced numbers of volunteers and recruitment of a driver for Silver Circle. Our current team are filling in the gaps as much as they can. GA has been covering for MDDC and holidays for the driver of the Dial-a-bus service this month. Woodlands It's been a quieter month in the woodlands. It has been decided to leave chopping up of fallen trees until the harvester comes since there will be more firewood available at that time. The felling licence is now through, and Craig Nicol has been contracted via DWP which we are now a member of, a start date is yet to be finalised. The clogging of fallen trees due to storm Arwen received approx. £900 in donations. The 10yr update to the long-term forest plan for the woodlands is in the early stages of development with RTS. ABPA Nothing to report. Wheelers PA was gearing up for a sponsored walk from the east coast to the west coast for the project but has had to postpone due to pre-election issues. MDCT now have a Just Giving page which has been set up for this fundraiser when PA is ready. CPR Deeside Nothing new to report. Aboyne Paths & Tracks Group The updated walk maps are now ready and will be distributed around the shops. The funding applications proposed by the group have been approved by the Board. We continue to work on several project fronts. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aboyne to Glen Tanar• Dunecht paths south of the river

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desmuir paths under mortlich and little hill and the Deeside line • Castle woods, easy access paths <p>A small group of APTG volunteers from the base in the men’s shed will be adopting a section of the Mortlich path to do routine maintenance. This has been thoroughly set up to ensure all H&S, landowner agreements and insurance matters are applied.</p> <p>JK continues to be in London on a chemotherapy trial at UCL Hospitals.</p> <p>HARP Reports that the hotel has been sold but we have no knowledge of what the new owner has in mind for the site.</p> <p>Station Square Renovation Project The application has been verbally approved for the lower square adjustments. There are some funds remaining, which will be used to purchase a water butt. This will allow us to capture water during the year to water the planters during the dry spells. Various locations in the village have been researched to place the water butt and groups have been approached (Games Shed and Community Shed) for approval. A suitable site has still to be found. The bowser has been purchased and will be arriving before the end of the month. Plans discussed for the top square in the village are disability access parking and two metal bike stands. The xmas tree has now been replaced in the lower square.</p> <p>Aboyne FareShare The team are actively operating every Wednesday for deliveries/collections at the depot and topping up the stock from local supermarkets on other days. They received £50 from the Scout Hut, who received resilience funding for the food supplied during storm Arwen.</p> <p>Community Garden The open day event at the Victory Hall received 12 people at the meeting where there was a proposal and open debate for the ‘Green Spaces Project’. RS has suggested that the group has a spot at the Farmers Market to promote the project. There are 8 hanging baskets available at the golf road store, these can be installed in the station square area since there are brackets on some of the lamp posts.</p> <p>H&W Nothing to report.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain Nothing to report.</p> <p>Education Nothing to report.</p> <p>Artist in Residence The courses are ongoing and there has been some very positive feedback on the courses.</p>
4.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The sustainability projects have had successful funding with small grant claims and the large grants to the SSE Resilience fund are ongoing. 2. The disrepair of a village notice board was discussed to touch up and make it more appealing with a little paint.
	<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on 18th May 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.</p>

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