

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

Board Meeting

18th May 2022 at 7.00 pm

Conference Call on Zoom

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| Present: | Alan Emslie (AE) (Chair), Peter Barker (PB), Brian Rae (BR), Phil Lee (PL), Steve Gardyne (SG), Dave Marshall of MDCC (DM), Richard Smout (RS), and Gail Amey (GA) mins |
| Apologies: | Mark Mitchell (MM) and Johnathan Kitching (JK). |
| 1. | <p>Welcome and Approval of Minutes: The approval of the Minutes of 20th April 2022 were proposed by BR and seconded by AE. The minutes noted a noticeboard discussion, which DM offered to follow up the query regarding the one outside the old TSB building.</p> <p>It was noted that Peter Argyle is no longer a Councillor and has been removed from the Board since the local elections on 5th May 2022. We are awaiting notification from Aberdeenshire Council to nominate a Councillor to be co-opted onto the Board.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Accounts: GA discussed the accounts/funds up to May 2022.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Project Updates:</p> <p>Transport eBikes were discussed due to the deficit of the fund. Promotion of the rental services need to be increased during the summer months. Ideas for promoting the eBikes would be online social media such as Aboyne Local and Facebook as well as Farmers Market. Ongoing driver shortages.</p> <p>Woodlands Felling has started in the Bell Wood to remove the damaged or deemed unsafe trees as the result of Storm Arwen.</p> <p>ABPA Nothing to report.</p> <p>Wheelers Peter Argyle has kindly agreed to continue with the Sponsored Walk. Work on the Banchory skatepark has started and SG keeps in communication with the team. Funding continues and the MacRobert Trust application is finalised.</p> <p>CPR Deeside Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Aboyne Paths & Tracks Group</p> <p>We continue to work on several project fronts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aboyne to Glen Tanar• Dunecht paths south of the river• Desmuir paths under mortlich and little hill and the Deeside line |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle woods, easy access paths <p>JK continues to be in London on a chemotherapy trial at UCL Hospitals.</p> <p>HARP Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Station Square Renovation Project The bike stand for the lower square has now been approved by the planning dept so project can now move forward. The Highland Game Committee have been approached to put a water butt on the green shed, we are in discussions.</p> <p>Aboyne FareShare Due to vandalism the outdoor food bank at St Thomas' Church has been temporarily closed.</p> <p>Green Spaces The project name has now been changed to Green Spaces, which will focus on community gardens, planting fruit trees and plants around Aboyne as well as developing local green spaces for community use. The Farmers Market on the 13th May was set up to promote opportunities for volunteers who are interested in horticulture or are green fingered individuals, to encourage them to manage the green spaces in Aboyne. AE & RS had an introductory meeting with the new president of the Rotary Club of Aboyne & Upper Deeside, Alistair Tong.</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 grants to SSE for Kincardine O'Neil, Dinnet and Aboyne have now been completed for funding to purchase generators. |
| | <p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on 15th June 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.</p> |

Date ApprovedChairman