

# MINUTE OF MEETING

## MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.00 pm

Conference Call on Zoom

<b>Present:</b>	Alan Emslie (AE) (Chair), Steve Gardyne (SG), Brian Rae (BR), Peter Lee (PL), Steve Garrett (Guest) and Gail Amey (GA) mins
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mark Mitchell (MM) Johnathan Kitching (JK), Cllr Geva Blackett (GB), Richard Smout (RS), Duncan Cassie (DC), Dave Marshall of MDCC (DM) and Peter Barker (PB)
<b>1.</b>	<b>Talk given by Steve Garrett “Possible Community Meadow on Ballater Road, Aboyne”.</b> The committee discussed the current status of the project with Steve Garrett.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Welcome and Approval of Minutes:</b> The approval of the Minutes of 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 were proposed by BR and seconded by SG.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Accounts:</b> GA discussed the accounts up to June 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2022.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Project Updates:</b>  <b>Transport</b> The buses are being well used at the moment but the same problems are arising due to a shortage of drivers. We are training three new drivers in July / August so hopefully they will be able to assist. We are continuing to fulfil medical transport requests weekly using our volunteer car pool. The mountain eBike are starting to be used but one has been damaged and is waiting repairs.  <b>Woodlands</b> PL & AE updated the board to say that the harvester is finished the clear felling on the northeast corner which produced a few thousand tons of wood. Strategy needs to be discussed for regeneration and replanting of the area. The team were impressed with the contractor’s quality of work. There will be more firewood available when the work is complete. The trees will be trimmed at the back of some of the houses on Bell Wood. DC & AE have been strimming to tidy up some areas. There is evidence that horses have been going into the closed area which has damaged the boardwalk.  <b>ABPA</b> Nothing to report.  <b>Wheelers</b> The team has finalised the MacRobert Trust application, and they have acknowledged receipt. The fund would be pivotal to the project to get it over the halfway marker. Therefore, making future fundraising easier.  <b>CPR Deeside</b> The group is started to offer training courses again and they have requested assistance from the office to coordinate the bookings.  <b>Aboyne Paths &amp; Tracks Group</b> Working on the current projects ensues. A stall at the Farmers Market was held on 11 <sup>th</sup> June which successfully raised much needed funds.

	<p><b>HARP</b> Nothing much to report.</p> <p><b>Station Square Renovation Project</b> All planning has been approved for planting trees near the Huntly and seats/planters around the green and the centre. The Aboyne Highland Games Committee have now approved a water butt on their shed, which will be a substantial source from a 140 square roof of water for Green Spaces. The plan is to raise the butt so that it is easier to fill the water bowser.</p> <p><b>Aboyne FareShare</b> Nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Aboyne Green Space</b> The group will be involved in planting and caring for the green spaces in Aboyne. The council have delivered plants for the village. The committee discussed possible planting sites and a planned work party on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>H&amp;W</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Jubilee Fountain</b> The fountain has been switched on for the summer thanks to Ed.</p> <p><b>Education</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Artist in Residence</b> The courses are ongoing and there has been some very positive feedback on the courses. Ongoing fundraising for year 2022/23 is planned.</p>
5.	<p><b>A.O.B.:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Succession planning is important due to members leaving the Board. All trustees are requested to invite possible candidates.</li> <li>2. Funding opportunities for electric buses and the Community Ownership Fund are open and were discussed.</li> <li>3. Sustainability Project has a meeting in June.</li> <li>4. Swift boxes to be built and distributed in the village in conjunction with Men's Shed ongoing project.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> The next meeting will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.</p>

**Date Approved .....**Chairman