

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

Board Meeting at Community Shed and on Zoom

14th December 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present:	Brian Rae (BR) (Chair), Phil Lee (PL), Dave Marshall (DM), Gail Amey (GA), Steve Gardyne (SG), Malcolm Laing (ML), Johnathan Kitching (JK) and Fiona Robertson (Attended via Zoom) Geva Blackett GB (Aberdeenshire Council).
Apologies:	Alistair Brodie (AB) and Peter Barker (PB)
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: The approval of the Minutes of 16 th November 2022 was postponed until the next meeting due to the board not receiving a copy prior to the meeting.
2.	Accounts: The funds were discussed by the MDCT Board. The responsibility of good governance by the board was expressed by BR. All project leads were asked to double check the status of their funds in the office prior to placing orders to purchase. Action: GA to look at interest rates. PL to check all monies received for windfall/felling.
3.	Project Updates: Transport The workload has been higher than normal due to the snow and ice. The Wednesday club now have two volunteers to cover the driving rota, but it was highlighted that we still need volunteers to cover DAB holiday. Action: GA to provide driver job description to the board. Woodlands PL stated that most wood has been uplifted apart from the Douglas Fir, there is an option to leave the wood which may increase the price. Options were discussed regarding the funds received from the windfall/felling such as fencing, deer population and alternative solutions. The 10-year plan will include regeneration and replanting proposals. The board wanted to include the Lady Wood in the plans. SB offered the recent survey conducted by the Wheelers as a starting point. Action: PL to arrange a walk through in the Lady Wood. ABPA BR had a meeting with MM which was relayed to the Board. There will be a drive to attract new members to the committee. Action: BR will update the board at the next meeting if a possible board member is willing to lead this project. Wheelers SG gave a synopsis of the status of the project to the board. The committee will convene to decide the next step. Station Square Renovation Project BR reported that the project is now complete apart from the installation of the water bowser. JK thanked all involved in the project for their efforts. Action: BR to follow up small planter which has not arrived. ML to order hanging baskets for village and bridge.

	<p>Aboyne Paths & Tracks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Glen Tanar to Aboyne link, meetings are planned with landowners and the survey to the community is now closed with a very good response of 236 replies. 2. The paths on the south side of the river linked to the new map in the new notice board is all going ahead. A positive meeting with Dunnect estates was had on 9th Dec. 3. The castle woods Easy Access Paths project is moving slowly forwards. Discussions with Dinnet estate is helping to solve the matter of the ramps at the Victory Hall and Tarland Road ends of the Deeside way. Support from Aberdeenshire Council is very helpful. 4. A review of the damage after the Nov storm and floods has shown there is a good deal of work to do to in remedial work. 5. The Christmas hamper will raise over £400.00. <p>HARP</p> <p>There are three actions since the last meeting currently taking place. There is an intention to identify The Huntly Arms Hotel as a building at risk and to be registered as such. Secondly an article identifying the current risks to the building is intended to notify the public. Lastly a meeting was held with representatives sent by the owner to discuss the future of the building. Approval was given for the erection of the painted Boards to cover the windows of the hotel by the owner at the meeting.</p> <p>Action: Follow up plans DM, GB and SB.</p> <p>Aboyne FareShare</p> <p>BR and GA had a meeting with the Sally McLardy and Morag Yule who are part of the team to get an update on the project. Morag has taken over the role of organising the deliveries and members to receive goods and distribute goods from Sally. The funds are in a healthy position to</p> <p>Aboyne Green Spaces</p> <p>ML highlighted that the team installed the festive lights at the Station Square. There are no maintenance plans for the next couple of months. The project wants to increase the profile to attract new volunteers.</p> <p>H&W</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain</p> <p>The water has been turned off for the winter.</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Artist in Residence</p> <p>AVA funding was applied again to support the project through 2023/4.</p> <p>Action: GA was asked to revert to the Board on aspects of governance.</p>
4.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>Raising the profile of MDCT and improving the trust's communication was agreed to be a priority going forward.</p> <p>Action: BR to engage a board member to lead with communications. Rules of engagement for using facebook will be given to all project leads.</p>

	<p>Minutes – BR has suggested to reduce the items to discuss in the minutes as some projects have no movements.</p> <p>Christmas Tree – This year Glen Tanar did not donate a tree to the square. It was agreed that a tree should be sought for next year.</p> <p>Email Addresses – Using @mid-deeside email accounts would be recommended going forward for projects so there is a historical reference going forward for all teams and access by Mid Deeside.</p> <p>Action: GA to ask Deeside Computers to set up a woodlands email.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on 18th January 2023 at 7pm at Aboyne & Mid-Deeside Community Shed.</p> <p><i>Meeting schedule is 3rd Wednesday of each month.</i></p>

Date Approved

Chairman