

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

Board Meeting at Community Shed and on Zoom

15th March 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present:	Brian Rae (BR) (Chair), Phil Lee (PL), Gail Amey (GA), Malcolm Laing (ML), Johnathan Kitching (JK) and Geva Blackett GB (ex-officio Aberdeenshire Council).
Apologies:	Peter Baker (BP), Dave Marshall (DM), Consultant Cat Manzi (CM) and Fiona Robertson (FR), Alistair Brodie (AB) ex-officio Aboyne Community Council and Simon Blake (SB).
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: The approval of the Minutes of 15 th February 2023 were approved by ML and seconded by BR. Steve Gardyne (SG) has resigned from the Board 15 th March 2023.
2.	Accounts: The funds were relayed to the Board and discussions ensued regarding the projects that are closing. BR would like the monthly fund report to show allocated restricted and restricted funds. Action: GA transfer funds.
3.	Project Updates: Transport Maintenance problems have continued on the two new buses which need to go back to the dealership this month for minor repairs. Three drivers went through their MiDAS course this month. Two of the drivers will support the Silver Circle group. Woodlands Due to power lines going through the woodlands SSE will not allow MDCT to do the work without an earth cable. After a risk assessment was carried out it was identified that up to 60 trees in one area and 80 trees in another area could fall on power lines. MDCT have been in communication with SSE electricity who supply the electricity and SSEN who will do the cable. MDCT have taken all measures and documented the incident to ensure we have no liability. The walkthrough of Ladywood took place on 5/3/23 with PL, FR, ML, JK, SB and BR was in attendance. A proper survey of the Lady Wood will be scheduled. Discussions took place regarding the forest plan and the work currently being contracted out. It was agreed that contractors need to get permission before they go ahead with work in the woodlands. Action: PL & FR to arrange the survey of the Lady Wood. ABPA The committee has been reformed and a 3-year extension to the planning permission is being actioned. Action: Mark Mitchell will action the planning permission. Wheelers

	<p>Unfortunately, due to lack of funding the wheelers committee has been disbanded and the Board decided that the allocated funds will be returned to the Aboyne Youth Project where they originally came from, which MDCT are guardians of.</p> <p>Station Square Renovation Project Not much to report apart from clearance ongoing of planters and awaiting final planter.</p> <p>HARP No updates. Action: BR and DM to keep an eye on the ongoing work and future strategy.</p> <p>Aboyne FareShare It was highlighted that we were unable to go for a smaller fund this month due to our turnover which is over £250k. The food bank has two deliveries a month currently from FareShare. Action: GA to keep an eye on the funds in case further fundraising will be required.</p> <p>Aboyne Green Spaces ML gave the board an update of the group's activities. The group plans to quote for hanging baskets to be situated around the village centre. They are awaiting 100 trees to be planted in Lady Wood and the village.</p> <p>Aboyne Paths & Tracks MDCT Board agreed to the proposed funding applications for the Castle Wood and Glen Tanar projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The last APTG work party on the 4th March had a team working on the old road talking out broom and gorse and a team on the Fungle top link path 2. The new notice board is now in place opposite the Boat Inn. It has a temporary map in it pending the new one currently being created 3. The three new walks promoted on the above mentioned new map are all on Dunecht Estate ground south of the river. An agreement as to how this arrangement will work is being sorted with DE 4. The Glen Tanar link path project is still on course. Planning application has been received back. Paths For All PFA have given APTG / MDCT a grant of £100,000 for this. Around £80,000 more is still required. 5. The castle woods project is still on course. A planning application has been submitted. PFA have given APTG / MDCT a grant of £62,000 for this which is for the adjustments of the ramps into the Deeside Way. 6. There are issues with the DesMuir Paths as communications would appear to have broken down. 7. APTG have a fundraising Coffee morning on Sat 18th March, all welcome. 8. It appears there has been a reorganisation of personnel in Aberdeenshire Council and the expected new Aberdeenshire south access officer will no longer be Peter Coldwell but a Fiona Chapman 9. The APTG next work party on the 1st April will include a strimming work shop refresher. It will be working on a new section of path and enhancing another section of path on Dunecht Estates ground
	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p>Community Garden – Peter Barker is trying to get a group together to set one up. The location of Dess vs Aboyne is being discussed.</p>

	<p>Defibrillators – BR updated the board on the current situation. It was concluded that MDCT would assist with the funding of pads and batteries. Action: BR will follow this up.</p> <p>Artist in Residence – The project is now closed and BR explained to the Board that two young people who were missed off the last sessions would be sponsored to take part in an artist workshop taking place in the Aboyne & Mid-Deeside Community Shed to use up the funds.</p> <p>Facebook – BR reminded the board to send images to CAT to update the facebook page.</p> <p>Insurance – ML spoke with the brokers with various changes. He reminded all projects to keep up to date with their risk assessments.</p> <p>Aboyne Games – MDCT have been asked to sponsor an event at the games. The Paths and Tracks group plan to have a stall at the games.</p> <p>Aboyne Local Place Plan – The group is still getting established. It will feed into the local development plan.</p> <p>RDP - This fund has changed and each member will have to apply independently.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on 19th April 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