

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

25th April 2018 at 7.00 pm

Community Room, Deeside Community Centre, Aboyne

Present:	Hamish Forbes (HF)(Chair), Lynn Mackie (LM), Richard Smout (RS), Gil Barton (GB), Alan Emslie (AE) Wilson Forbes (WF), Mark Mitchell (MM) ,Cllr Peter
Apologies:	Apologies received by Duncan Cassie (DC), and Barry Hauxwell (BH).
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the meeting held on 25 th April 2018 were approved. The minutes were proposed by GB and seconded by LM
2.	Accounts: We are still reconciling Sage with GC and hope to have a finalised version of our accounts in the next two weeks. Bike park banking situation - if they are part of MDCT then account needs to be within MDCT banking. Treasurer of ABPA to agree a statement that enable Bike Park spend to be under the ABPA committee authority.
3.	Deeside Community Transport: Congratulations to all involved on getting the AVA top team award, some recognition for all the hard work. The formal change of name from MDL to MDCT has been submitted and will take five weeks, a process where no pressure can be made to shorten this. <u>New Bus</u> The DCTG have been researching buses for the replacement Hopper the preference are buses that have lowered floors and use ramps instead of lifts as this will reduce maintenance costs and is easier for the passengers to embark and disembark. There are two seats at the back of the bus that fold to the side and this would make it much easier when wheelchairs are required to use the bus. <u>Transport to and from Aboyne Medical Centre & Hospital</u> The service has been well received and we are now getting requests from Ballater. To date we have had 15 requests for the service and we have been able to fulfil 9 requests. We could not get drivers for 5 of the requests (we did have transport), 1 passenger cancelled at the last minute. We trained 5 drivers for this service but we need more volunteers. Cllr Peter Argyle reported that the service had been positively mentioned at the Nestrans meeting he attended.
4.	Project Updates: Woodlands <u>Re-stock Cpt 5</u> Invoice for the fencing has been paid. There are ongoing issues with deer getting in the new enclosure AE and others have been, helping remove them and trying to block access. Thanks to all that helped.

Aboyne Academy Wood work

17 way markers and signs are ready for collection. Installation to be arranged. No update on the progress of the bench's.

With regard to the nature project School have plenty of ideas and enthusiasm, and may also use the Community buses to take pupils to and from Bell Wood (teachers could undertake driver training).

Car Park

To progress shared surveys with the Bike Park a separate meeting will be arranged (HF) with AE, MM and BARA representative to progress surveys for planning applications. You will recall MT's advice that the trees requiring removal (small in number) could be part of localised "thinning" and that that activity should be completed pre tree survey. BH had suggested that these trees and those at the Bike Park could be a single activity, this however does not appear to be the case. BH spoke with Sandy Sim and he has the necessary accreditations to undertake this. The MDCT office has information on this. We need to have a conversation with MT regarding providing the tree survey and any habitat requirement. AE will make contact with MT regarding this. BH has also copied information to James Reid at RTS.

BH's believes the approach required for the new car park should be tackled with three distinct priorities:

- Planning Consent
- Fund raising
- Designing the content of the planning consent with the need to create as low a budget as possible

BH suggests the group of 4 making up the project group each take one of these and then proceed on a co-ordinated basis.

MM to attend May Community Council meeting to make them aware of our plans and enquire re their support for planning application.

Public Access Grant

BH will continue working on this in France and will update as necessary.

CPR Deeside

No formal update, training continuing.

Community Garden

There seems an opportunity to use some land at Allachburn and the Gardening Club are also interested in helping and advising RS to follow up.

Bike Park

Agree to the principal to run the planning and surveys with the Car Park in parallel MM, taking plans to ACC for their consideration.

Fundraising BBQ being run at Cycle Highlands open day to raise some funds.

Wheelers

No update since presentation in February, WF said consideration should be given to freezing the funding as the timescale had gone beyond that expressed by ACC 5 years ago. The consensus was that whilst there was group with the enthusiasm and will to make the Skate park happen we should positively support them.

Young@♥Deeside

Focus Groups were held at Aboyne, Ballater and Braemar. Aboyne was attended by 20 people, positive start.

	<p>Community Friendly Facing / Rebrand</p> <p>The website has been setup and the first draft is ready for everyone’s input. The office staff will go to Red Evolution for training which is included in the initial costs to keep it up to date. An editorial is scheduled for May as soon as we know when the buses will be rebranded.</p> <p>As part of the rebranding exercise and new website, short biographies of the Board of Directors and staff along with photographs will be included in the website. The idea is to make the website and indeed MDCT more forward facing and approachable.</p> <p>Website Re branding event needs to be considered.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p>School Work Experience Due to start next month.</p> <p>Aboyne Games: WF will liaise with Neil Meldrum re placing an advert/article in the brochure this year. MDCT will sponsor a local event to support games and raise the positive profile of MDCT.</p> <p>Community Council: Andrew Fyffe is chairperson and in due course there should be an ex officio from the council attending the MDCT board meetings.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>30th May 2018 at 7.00pm in the Community Room, Deeside Community Centre, Aboyne.</p>

Date Approved30.5.18.....

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