

MINUTE OF MEETING

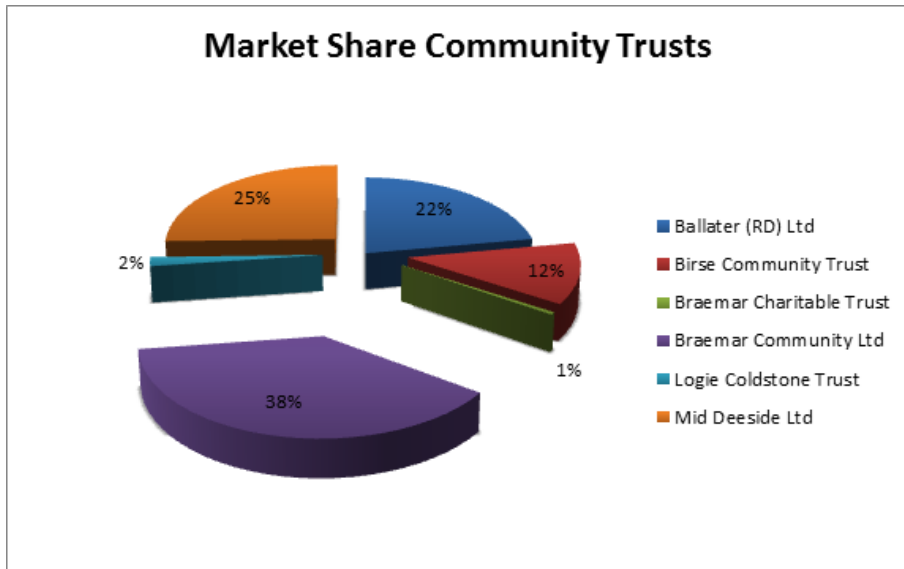
MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

21st February at 7.00 pm

Conference Room, Victory Hall, Ballater Road, Aboyne

Present:	Hamish Forbes (HF)(Chair), Lynn Mackie (LM), Duncan Cassie (DC), Richard Smout (RS) (Minutes), Barry Hauxwell (BH), Mark Mitchell (MM), Alan Emslie (AE), Gail Amey (GA, stayed for finance and transport)
Apologies:	Apologies received by Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Wilson Forbes (WF) and Gil Barton (GF).
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: The revised minutes for the meeting held on 17th January 2018 were approved. The minutes were proposed by BH and seconded by LM.
2.	Accounts: GA gave an update to the board of the end of year accounts for 2017 we hope to close out in March 2018 with Grant Considine. In January the bank accounts for Services and Infrastructure have now been merged with the main MDCT accounts to reduce accountancy costs in the future. We have forwarded AVA the bank account details to transfer the funds to be held for ‘Young at Heart’ and hope to receive these funds in the near future. GA suggested that we chart the funds out there and plan ahead as to what project should apply for the funds as in the past projects have worked independently and this can sometimes conflict with other projects within the umbrella of MDCT. The board was updated that the MDCT name change was completed and that the new website was now in production in alignment with the re-brand. The board was asked to clarify the area of concern for MDCT going forward in order that our purpose of being is clearly understood. It was concluded that we would communicate that the area of concern would be Mid Deeside this would allow to cover the rural areas that are not covered by other trusts such as Torphins, Kincardine O’Neil, Aboyne, Dinnet, Birse and Lumphanan. Mid Deeside will encompass the larger area of MARR is we wish to embark on larger projects that other trusts do not wish to get involved with.

	Areas of Concern									
	Aboyne	Ballater	Birse	Braemar	Crathes	Dinnet	Kincardine	Logie	Tarland	Torphins
Ballater (RD) Ltd		X								
Birse Community Trust			X							
Braemar Charitable Trust				X						
Braemar Community Ltd				X	X					
Logie Coldstone Trust								X		
Mid Deeside Community Trust	X					X	X		X	X



3. Deeside Community Transport:

Funding

We have received a Community Transport Consultation from the Department for Transport which GA will complete and return. They have stated that they are aware that the community transport sector are also providers of social care services, especially to people who are elderly, isolated and disabled, and that we are motivated by compassion and philanthropy, not profit.

Aberdeenshire Council are changing their procurement procedures to enable the third sector to operate without conflicting with the commercial sector. The system is called a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) and GA will be attending a course next week to operate the system.

Aberdeenshire Council are to renew the Direct Award for the Deeside Hopper up until

	<p>19th August 2019, there will be no increase in the contract amount. GA has spoken with Jill at Allan & Black to ask if this arrangement would be suitable, which she intimated that this would be agreeable. All parties need to get the relevant paperwork to legalise the arrangement.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Community Transport Initiative has emailed us to say the funding for this year will remain the same as the previous year. They are still to calculate the inflationary increase. This is the funder for the Community Transport, which Gail believes the introduction of the medical transport has allowed us to keep an extra 10k of our funding.</p> <p><u>New Bus</u></p> <p>The board have approved the transfer of The Caroline Jane Spencer Fund to the purchase of the new bus and have decided that green technologies would not be economically viable at this point of time. GA has spoken with Deeside Community Transport Group who is eager to get involved in sourcing suitable options of buses for the Board to agree upon. Aberdeenshire Council have purchased IVECO buses, which are getting good reviews. We plan to organise a visit to inspect the buses based in Banchory.</p> <p><u>Transport to and from Aboyne Medical Centre & Hospital</u></p> <p>We are now live with a Dial-A Bus service called Mid Deeside Hospital Transport. We have attracted 5 x MiDAS drivers for this service and 1 x escort. We have added two volunteers who are willing to use their cars for this service as well they will be reimbursed 45p/mile to cover their costs. Most independent car insurance companies allow cover for this service. We agreed that we will initially run the service Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, which will be dependent on driver's availability. We have put posters in Aboyne Health Centre, Coop, local notice boards, emails etc. We have collaborated with the Aberdeenshire Council initiative called THInC, who take the initial call as their offices are open from 9am to 4.30pm. We have used their cards to leave with the doctors to hand out in Aboyne. We would like to run a monthly advert in the Deeside Piper to advertise this service the cost is £54/month for front ½ page. Our first customer was today 21/02/2018 a local lady who needed to get to an appointment in Aboyne Medical Centre. GA has applied for a small grant scheme from Aberdeenshire Council of £1082 to help with the set up costs and running of the service. LM and GA are also looking at NHS Scotland grants as well.</p>
4.	<p>Vice Chairman / Succession Planning:</p> <p>LM has volunteered to be Vice Chair but not as a route to be chair. Recruitment to the board required. Everyone agreed to try and approach people. With the Deeside Community Council about to start up, one of the board members should be on their committee.</p>
5.	<p>Development Trust Association:</p> <p>HF asked the board - Do we want to join? Free for 1st year? The Board thought this wasn't necessary.</p>
6.	<p>Project Updates:</p> <p><u>Woodlands</u></p> <p>Compartment 5 has been restocked and we hope to be within budget however fencing monies not yet to hand. Police have been supportive regarding fires in the Bell</p>

	<p>Wood but more signs are required. Looking into funding from Outdoor Access Trust. Funding for the new Car Park is in process now and currently looking into a Business Case. Bank of Scotland funding a possibility. It was agreed that we would advance a sum of approximately £2100 by means of a loan to enable the survey reports to be carried out for the purposes of applying for the planning permission.</p> <p><u>CPR</u> BH reported that the Training Team have reported has a successful start to 2018. Completing courses in local schools and also Braemar Community.</p> <p><u>Bike Park</u> MM announced that the Bike Park AGM would take place 22nd March. We are still pursuing the upgrade and need to raise 30k. An Open day has been planned for September 2018.</p> <p><u>Wheelers</u> HF reported that progress is slow. It was suggested that we invite them to our next meeting for an update. The question was raised about the amount of money required to raise and what will happen to the funds if it doesn't go ahead?</p> <p><u>Community Garden</u> RS reported on a visit to Braemar community garden. HF has written to A Aboyne asking about land for our busses and a community garden. Mens Shed also asked about land and has been given some by the Cemetery. There is a walled garden near the castle which would be ideal for a garden. RS to chase up Aboyne Gardening Club via FB page to solicit their opinion.</p>
7.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <p><u>Royal Deeside Partnership</u> HF thought that it is a possibility that we might lose this funding as it's funded by Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p><u>Bag Pack</u> MDL and BARA are fundraising to support activities related to our woodland project such as improving access and parking for all visitors, as we anticipate an increase of visitor numbers in the future. LM has arranged a bag pack at the Aboyne Co-op on the afternoon of Friday 23rd March from 2pm - 6pm and Saturday 24th March from 10am - 4pm.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: 28th March 2018 at 7.00pm in the Conference Room, Victory Hall, Aboyne.</p>

Date Approved ...28.3.18.....

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