

# MINUTE OF MEETING

## MID DEESIDE LIMITED – BOARD

13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm

MDL Office, The Victory Hall, Aboyne

<b>Present:</b>	Hamish Forbes (HF)(Chair), Lynn Mackie (LM), Alan Emslie (AE), Duncan Cassie (DC), Mark Mitchell (MM), Richard Smout (RS), Gail Amey (GA)(Minutes)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Apologies received by Barry Hauxwell (BH)
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Approval of Minutes:</b>  The revised minutes for the meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2017 were approved. The minutes were proposed by DC and seconded by LM.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Accounts</b>  A statement of funds up to 13 September 2017 and a monthly P&L up to August 2017 were circulated to the board for review and approval.  The End of Year financials for 2016 for MDL as well as the DCT 2016-17 have been agreed with Grant Considine (GC).
<b>3.</b>	<b>Name Change</b> It was agreed by the Board that the proposal for the name change will be formally agreed at the AGM on Friday 27th October.
<b>4.</b>	<b>A.G.M</b> The board decided that an informal AGM may attract a greater community attendance. It was agreed to keep the formal aspect of an AGM to a minimum rather than a lengthy presentation. It was agreed that various boards will be shown in the hall with a possible rolling PowerPoint presentation to showcase past achievements and future projects. MDL will provide cheese and wine and invite all members to attend with a RSVP to help the office staff with numbers. Using a local company such as Strachans is an option due to its sale and return policy. MM will phone Tesco's to enquire about Sale of Wine and free glasses option.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Caroline Jane Spence Fund</b> The board agreed that the allocation of the Caroline Jane Spence's Fund should go to the Transport Group to support the requirement for a green bus. HF will write a letter to the trustees explaining how the funds will be used to support the purposes of the fund.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>  <b>Deeside CommunityTransport</b>  GA updated the Board with the legal implications currently underway following a legal case that opposed current practices using a Permit 22. DCT have approached Aberdeenshire Council to review their grant option versus a contract to operate the Village Hopper. CTA have put forward 'Keep our Communities Moving' petition to bring the legislation to the attention of government when applying EU Transport Law into UK Transport Law in response to the Department

	<p>of Transport's letter to companies working under Permit 19 &amp; 22.</p> <p>DCT have applied to the Coop Community Fund for part funding of a Green Bus, which will cost £86,000. DCT will also apply to Leader to explore the future of Green buses where a depot will be required to store and recharge the buses. HF suggested we approach Lord Aboyne to enquire on suitable land in the area.</p> <p>The Marr Health &amp; Social Wellbeing Fund for £1000 has been approved. We are still waiting on the funds being released and in the interim are trying to get MiDAS volunteers to offer the service. We have managed to secure 1 volunteer but will need at least 4 more to operate successfully. We have approached The Aboyne Rotary Club to give a presentation.</p> <p><b>Woodlands</b></p> <p>AE updated the board that a company called Christie Elite will provide the required transplants other than that they will not do any work. DC has found around 30 Christmas trees in the Bell Wood which are suitable for this year's sale although the location of the trees will prove more difficult to harvest. Sam Basford has a list of previous customers to approach and also a list with 17 names of future customers so that they can be cut to order. It was noted that the wheelbarrow has gone missing.</p> <p><b>Bike Park</b></p> <p>MM notified the Board that open day is planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> September with barbecue and a coach from Dirt School. Advertising the event will commence and hopefully it will be well attended. The Bike Park received a complaint with regards to the litter over the summer holidays although clean up days are always required the litter has increased due to the holidays. The litter has been removed and although bins were discussed they can be vandalized or used as fires due to the location of the Bike Park. The large signs were vandalized over the summer holidays and new ones were ordered for around £750. Unfortunately Tarland Trails have encountered the same fate and have had 5 signs vandalized over the summer period.</p> <p><b>Aboyne Wheelers</b></p> <p>HF explained that the group has sought help to complete the planning application due to its complexity. They have approached a contractor to complete the planning application and they believe they have a good case with strong backing from the school and youths. They have applied to Leader for financial support. Steve Gardyne will be invited to the next meeting for an update.</p> <p><b>Website</b></p> <p>RS and GA will complete an expression of interest for the Website, Local Database and re-branding to Leader.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>A.O.B.:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BH and HF have made contact with Kincardine and Deeside Mental Health to find out if there are mutual areas of interest.</li> <li>- HF discussed the extension of the car park at Bell Wood it was discussed that planning permission and a tree survey will be required. AE and Doug Mackie (DM) met with planning and it was stipulated that the roads department would not have any problems with the plans although there will be implications with the environmental aspect of the project. It was agreed that the architect will log the application with the planning department.</li> <li>- HF discussed the requirement for the Osprey. The Fountain is now an</li> </ul>

	<p>established publication and has removed the necessity for the Osprey. HF will publish the last one in September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RDP funding is due for review again. HF has approached members of RDP to discuss new collective projects for 2018.</li> <li>- BH and HF will arrange a meeting with Aboyne Academy to encourage Youth representatives on the Board. MDL could also offer training for a student placement for a business studies pupil. MDL is ideal to learn charity accounting, funding applications, project management and the running of a small office in the not-for-profit sector.</li> <li>- Paul Gibb has expressed an interest to attend an MDL meeting. RS will invite to next meeting as a guest.</li> <li>- RS suggested the idea of a Community Gardens as a future project.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.00pm in the <b>MDL office</b>, Victory Hall, Aboyne.</p>

Date Approved ...13.10.17.....

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