

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

27th November 2019 at 7.00 pm

Conference Room, Victory Hall, Aboyne

Present:	Alan Emslie(AE) (Chair), Lynn Mackie (LM), Duncan Cassie (DC), Alan Emslie (AE), Richard Smout (RS), Gil Barton (GB), Brian Rae (BR) and Gail Amey (Minutes)
Apologies:	Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), and Mark Mitchell (MM)
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 18 th September were approved by LM and seconded by WF. AE welcomed Brian Rae again.
2.	Accounts: Gail Amey (GA) updated the Board on the accounts up to October 2019 and discussed the project funds circulated by Sam Basford. GA proposed that MDCT continue to use Grant Considine for the annual accounts and got an agreement from the Board to do so.
3.	Project Updates: Transport There has been an increase to maintenance to the community buses due to wear and tear as well as accidental damage, which has increased our costs from July to November. The Coop has decided to cease their long-term advertising agreement, a letter of thanks will be sent for their support throughout the Hoppers existence. The dial-a-bus has proved to be more expensive to operate than first thought; alternative sources of funding will have to be found to sustain the service in its current form. The hospital transport has received 133 requests so far and is still being used regularly throughout Deeside for Aboyne Medical Centre & Hospital, Woodhill House and ARI. Woodlands DC received a phone call with regards to the car park layout and the placement of the stones. The new signage is now exhibited in the woodlands as requested. DC has located 25 Christmas trees for the annual sale. Volunteers will meet on Saturday to cut the trees and the focus will be on quality not quantity. The Kids for Climate Action project will plant trees within the Bell Wood on Saturday 30 th November 2019. AE will write a risk assessment for the event. ABPA There is nothing to report.

	<p>Whealers LM reported that there is a noise analysis required by the planning department to bring their planning application forward. WF reported on his findings after reading the plan and raised his concern with regards to approving more costs to the project without new funds in place. WF invited the board of MDCT to read the plan. LM will invite the project co-ordinators to update the Board as soon as possible.</p> <p>CPR Deeside AE has no updates and training is continuing.</p> <p>Community Garden RS sent a note to the board on 7th November regards to finding Scottish Water pipes on the proposed sites. The architect assured that this would not be an issue and is a common problem. WF suggested a conversation with Ian Smith to give advice on how this may affect the project. BR suggested we are cautious when placing paths/structures above the water pipes. RS waiting on soil tests prior to progressing. Funds will have to be sought for materials and they will try to encourage volunteers to offer assistance to build.</p> <p>H&W GB reported that due to health issues she has been unable to find a volunteer to take on some of the responsibilities due to their own commitments. A workable pilot of £2,500 is proposed to go forward as soon as possible.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain WF has ordered 2 pumps that will be fitted and tested in April when the fountain is reinstated. A good quality sign for the fountain to let the community know 'Do not to drink the water' will need to be funded and fixed prior to April.</p> <p>Education AE reported that both applications were not successful. WF will research funds for future projects.</p> <p>Funding Sub Committee – Project Report AE reported that Sam would update the funding sheet for the group to analyse for future projects.</p> <p>Aboyne Paths Group AE invited a member of the Aboyne Paths Group to come onto the Board. They have been talking to land owners and have managed to secure funding for a local map. They have received tools from Aberdeenshire Council and registered with future funders.</p> <p>Park Run RS reported there is no update.</p>
4.	<p>A.O.B.: Nothing to report.</p>

	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>22nd January 2020, 7pm in the Conference Room, Victory Hall, Aboyne.</p>
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Date Approved 22 Jan 2020  Chairman