

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

19th May 2021 at 7.00 pm

Conference Call on Zoom

Present:	Alan Emslie (AE) (Chair) (Minutes), Mark Mitchell (MM), Dave Marshall of MDCC (DM), Brian Rae (BR), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Duncan Cassie (DC), Johnathan Kitching (JK), Lynn Mackie (LM)
Apologies:	Wilson Forbes (WF), and Richard Smout (RS)
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 21 st April 2021 were approved by BR and seconded by JK.
2.	Accounts: Funds status report was sent out to the board pre meeting, nothing out of ordinary noted.
3.	Project Updates: Transport Community buses are now fully active and available, dial a bus is operating a normal schedule. Woodlands DC took down the large tree that was partially windblown and leaning on another tree near to the bike park. Strimming started to keep paths clear including road to bike park. Roy to be contacted re damaged struts on board walk. ABPA Work parties resumed in May to complete the resurfacing maintenance on the bike park. Funding from Sports Scotland have been applied for the extension to the bike park, result pending. Wheelers Funding efforts continue to Fife Environmental Trust, McRobert Trust and Sport Scotland. AGM is planned next month to try to gain some new members to assist with the fundraising etc. CPR Deeside Nothing to report, training still suspended due to Covid. Aboyne Paths Group Work parties starting again as of 1 May. 1st sat of the month and Third Wednesday of the month. 2 work parties this month, mostly on the old town road, clearing overgrowing vegetation. Castle Park still being looked at for later in the year. APTG have been contacted by the cubs who are looking to do some volunteer work. The Boat Inn wish to make APTG their fund-raising group this summer. Community Support Group is up and running (staycation initiative) but not required yet.

	<p>HARP DM updated the board on the discussions with the potential new owner which has been limited to email discussions so far. We are hopeful that the hotel will be sold to the interested party shortly and HARP team will endeavour to meet them to discuss our progress to date and community survey highlights on public consultations.</p> <p>Station Square Renovation Project</p> <p>BR updated the board on the progress. We are still awaiting our agreement from AC although we have made progress on the drainage at the north side of the car park. It is not what we had hoped however, since AC want us to move the drains to the new kerb line rather than diverting the kerb line to the drains which would be cheaper and easier. The drawings have now been updated to reflect the council preferred option and this has now been agreed with AC. We still have not gone to tender since we were awaiting the council approval, this work is being handled by the QS. We followed up on the lights in the square which are not all functioning or have different shrouds and bulbs, AC have informed us that we can change them but we would need to fund all the work.</p> <p>Aboyne FareShare The project continues to grow, accessing a variety of food distributors as well as larders to ensure food support reaches everyone who needs assistance.</p> <p>COVID-19 Support Support is still ongoing although the number of people being supported has reduced.</p> <p>Community Garden RS is still following up on the castle park coppice which may be done this winter. The St Thomas church site is still a possibility for a fruit garden although further discussions are required. RS has worked with Pete Barker on gardening ideas and Pete has agreed to come on board, AE met with him and RS and Pete will come to the next meeting.</p> <p>H&W Nothing to report.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain Nothing to report.</p> <p>Education No update</p>
4.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New project - <i>Socially-Engaged Artist in Residency in the Village of Aboyne, An Open Art Studio for the Village and surrounding area.</i> Funding continues to meet the project goals. We applied to the Braemar Hydro fund and also the Baillie Gifford fund. 2. Facebook is still not operational.

	3. AE was approached about possibility of starting a youth club in Aboyne to help keep the kids active, we will support if we can. Location of a suitable venue will be the issue.
	<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on 16th June 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.</p>

Date Approved**Chairman**