

# MINUTE OF MEETING

## MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.00 pm

Conference Call on Zoom

<b>Present:</b>	Alan Emslie (AE) (Chair) (Minutes), Dave Marshall of MDCC (DM), Brian Rae (BR), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Duncan Cassie (DC), Richard Smout (RS), Peter Barker (Observer) and Gail Amey (GA)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mark Mitchell (MM), Johnathan Kitching (JK) and Lynn Mackie (LM)
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Approval of Minutes:</b>  The approval of the Minutes of 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 were proposed by DC and seconded by BR. AE informed the Board that Wilson Forbes had resigned from the Board. Peter Barker was introduced to the Board.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Accounts:</b> GA discussed the monthly financial reports with the Board. A refund for the unspent ACTI grant has been administered.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Project Updates:</b>  <b>Transport</b> The community buses are operating at a reduced capacity and level. Local groups have suspended use due to a local outbreak. We have increased the new bus fund with a successful bid from the Peoples Postcode Lottery. The project is researching new bus options which are limited due to a global shortage of semiconductors. The two main choices are a second-hand Orion bus and a new MAN, which there are 50 off worldwide. The delivery time on the MAN bus entering the country would be September and it would take 10 weeks to reconfigure to our specifications.  <b>Woodlands</b> DC has initiated a walk-through the Lady Wood to assess the maintenance required. DC highlighted that there will be a need for someone to take over this responsibility. The Board offered DC their support. Work parties will be arranged for general maintenance in the Lady Wood.  <b>ABPA</b> Currently renewing their Liability Insurance with the same provider. General maintenance continues.  <b>Wheelers</b> The Fife Trust backtracked on a previous assessment, which stated we were eligible, that the proposed location fell within the 10-mile boundary. Due to the amount of work that has gone into the application AE will follow-up their decision. Funding continues.  <b>CPR Deeside</b> The British Heart Foundation is no longer involved but the group are still allowed to use their materials. The Defibrillators are no longer the responsibility of MDCT.

	<p><b>Aboyne Paths Group</b> Continue their hard work improving pathways to expand on the current map.</p> <p><b>HARP</b> DM keeps in touch with the prospective purchaser to proffer the interests of the trust.</p> <p><b>Station Square Renovation Project</b> Discussions ensued regarding the contract received from Aberdeenshire Council. The availability of contractors and the timeframe to source materials due to global shortages are of concern. The contract is out to tender and a further £15k has been sourced for the project as a contingency for increased costs of materials. PA offered to get advice from the Economic Environmental Dept and further information is required to move forward.</p> <p><b>Aboyne FareShare</b> Funding has been sourced from the Coop Community Fund and Tesco Bags for Life which are both focusing on food banks in this round of funding.</p> <p><b>COVID-19 Support</b> Support has stopped as there is no demand.</p> <p><b>Community Garden</b> St Thomas church would like to go ahead with the garden pending assurances.</p> <p><b>H&amp;W</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Jubilee Fountain</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Education</b> No update</p>
4.	<p><b>A.O.B.:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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> The application to Baillie Gifford fund was unsuccessful.</li> <li>2. Ongoing problems continue with facebook. Another source has been contacted to ask for assistance.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> The next meeting will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.</p>

