

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

21st July 2021 at 7.00 pm

Conference Call on Zoom

Present:	Alan Emslie (AE) (Chair) Dave Marshall of MDCC (DM), Brian Rae (BR), Duncan Cassie (DC), Johnathan Kitching (JK), Lynn Mackie (LM), Peter Barker (PB), Steve Gardyne (SG) and Gail Amey (GA) (Minutes)
Apologies:	Mark Mitchell (MM), Richard Smout (RS)
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: The approval of the Minutes of 19 th June 2021 were proposed by BR and seconded by DC. AE introduced Steve Gardyne who is the chairperson of the Wheelers committee. Steve was formally invited onto the Board.
2.	Accounts: GA discussed the monthly financial reports with the Board. It was noted that the Station Square and eBikes have a deficit in the funds. Nothing else to report.
3.	Project Updates: Transport Income from community transport is still much lower with only 2 groups using the buses. There now no MAN buses left, and we have missed our window. We are currently looking at different options. The driver for the Silver Circle has resigned so a replacement will have to be sought for September. Woodlands An update by DC reported that further maintenance has been completed. A walk through by AE and DC found diseased larch in the woodland. AE will commission RTS to diagnose and offer control measures to contain the disease within the woodlands. The committee will need to fund a new forest plan for the woodlands which is due. ABPA AE relayed an update from MM that the liability insurance had been renewed and maintenance had been complete. Wheelers SG updated the Board on the recent funding efforts of the committee. New members Sarah Brown and Ewen Baird were a welcome addition to the committee who have had recent funding successes from Arnold Clark and are in discussions with Sports Facilities Scotland, Fife Environmental Trust, Gordon & Ena Baxter, Postcode Lottery and MacRobert Trust. A mailshot for sponsors/funding is planned next month. The committee has aligned with Community Learning Development (CLD) as they have excellent connections to the youth. The incentive is to engage with 20 youths in areas of design of logo/leaflets and to attract them onto the committee and be part of the decision making. SG thanked all at MDCT who has assisted the committee with their funding efforts and administration. LM offered her support in engaging with Aboyne Primary School.

	<p>CPR Deeside The project is planning to start back up and has purchased new mannikins to kick start their courses.</p> <p>Aboyne Paths Group Paths work on the ground; bracken attack from Aboyne Loch to the Mortlich tree line and a short section of path on bridge view road for the safe route to school. APTG have applied for a Grant for 2 strimmer's as well as training. PfA have offered to help in the scoping of works in the Castle woods all abilities path. JK attended an excellent Community Paths Forum of late which is planning an autumn conference in this area is possible. Aboyne to Glen Tanar link not progressing due to lack of communications from landowners. The passing places on the low road to be done this next week. JK has met with the Golf Club and Caravan Park to see if their attitudes to a path around the loch had changed unfortunately it has not.</p> <p>HARP No update.</p> <p>Station Square Renovation Project Payment of the first award letter has been received but the delays were unexpected. The solicitor has made amendments to the lease agreement so waiting on response from Aberdeenshire Council. All tenders were received and KNC Groundworks in Alford were awarded the contract. BR stated that planters and seats will be ordered this week. Plants are still undecided, but the estimates were based on wholesale prices which may reduce purchasing them at local retailers. The additional grant approved by Aberdeenshire Council must be used for drainage and inflationary increases to the initial quotes. DM updated the committee on MDCC's work on the top square. On completion of the square opinions will be sought from the community for future projects.</p> <p>Aboyne FareShare FareShare has stated that they will be introducing a membership fee depending on tonnage of food received. We do not know how much our fee will be or when it will be introduced.</p> <p>Community Garden PB updated the committee on the progress of the project. A positive meeting with Greenspace, Aberdeenshire Council was held and confirmation of the proposed area for MDCT to plant fruit trees and bushes was given. The group plans to put a request for volunteers on facebook to assist with watering the plants and maintenance.</p> <p>H&W Nothing to report.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain Nothing to report.</p> <p>Education No update</p>
4.	A.O.B.:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Artist in Residence project will start in September as there has been 12k successfully funded to get it off the ground; funding continues. 2. A discussion regarding if we should hold a virtual AGM or host in a hall. It was decided to finalise the decision at the next meeting. 3. The board was requested for support to move the office furniture to the Aboyne and Mid Deeside Shed next Friday and very kindly AE and SG came forward to help. DM will organise a time and support. 4. JK highlighted that a Community Support Group is in place to support the community in the event of problems arising due to an increase of tourism in the area.
	<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on 18th August 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.</p>

Date Approved**Chairman**