

MINUTE OF MEETING

MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

18th August 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), Richard Smout (RS), Steve Gardyne (SG), Peter Argyle (PA) and Gail Amey (GA) (Minutes)
Apologies:	Lynn Mackie (LM), Peter Barker (PB), Mark Mitchell (MM)
1.	Welcome and Approval of Minutes: The approval of the Minutes of 21 st July 2021 were proposed by BR and seconded by BG.
2.	Accounts: GA informed the Board that the last changes to the end of year have been finalised with GC to meet our 31 st September deadline of submission. Nothing else to report.
3.	Project Updates: Transport As we move into level 0 the 1m restriction on social distancing has been disbanded. Face coverings are still required to be worn on public transport until further notice. We will continue thorough cleaning procedures after each use to ensure the safety of our passengers. Need to increase our promotion of our community transport. Our initial posters in the village have not been successful in attracting a driver. Further requests have gone out on our website and I will put out on social media Deeside Swap Sell etc. The New Bus Fund has met its target with the last successful application approved with WM Morrisons PLC for £9,387.00. Woodlands Over 60 hrs of strimming and maintenance was reported by the volunteers this month. DC also stated that they are awaiting a report from RTS with regards to diseased trees. Funds will need to be raised to cover the forest plan actions. ABPA There has been a little rain damage, but maintenance continues. The bike park has been well used throughout summer with increased numbers of users being noted during inspection. Wheelers Funding efforts continue with progress on the Sports Scotland submission. The landfill fund query continues with debate ensuing regarding the boundary. A site visit is scheduled with CLD who will engage with youths and revert. CPR Deeside Nothing new to report. Aboyne Paths Group Over the last month there have been two work parties, on the old road and on riverbank east. Good turnout of volunteers. Paths For All have awarded APTG a grant of £1500 for two petrol strimmer's and training. PfA had visited APTG on Tues 17 to look at the Castle wood project. Some interesting developments and ideas coming to the surface. Disappointing progress on two areas of path development, Glen Tanar and Mortlich.

	<p>The APTG walks leaflet has been used up, so a new print run is imminent. Discussions with Marr / Aberdeenshire Council ongoing with a possible seminar for the Marr paths forum in the spring. The community support group has not been called upon for any issues over the summer. APTG is going to ask Aberdeenshire Council what is happening with the Deeside way.</p> <p>HARP No update.</p> <p>Station Square Renovation Project The civil contractors are due to start next week. Planters are on order and the 1st grant is on schedule to meet its deadlines. Discussions are ongoing with regards to the contract between MDCT and Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>Aboyne FareShare Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Community Garden St Thomas church has agreed to plant fruit trees on their premises. It was clarified that all activities by MDCT were covered by our insurers. Local groups have been asked to plant trees and to maintain wayward shrubs and trees. Another site has been located as an allotment, talks continue. Pete will update the board on Mealbank next mtg.</p> <p>H&W Nothing to report.</p> <p>Jubilee Fountain AE will follow up with the current contractor.</p> <p>Education AE asked for anyone with a focus for this project to come forward.</p> <p>Artist in Residence The schedule and scope have been reduced to reflect the existing funds. The courses will commence on the 9th September on Thursdays and Fridays afternoons.</p>
4.	<p>A.O.B.:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The AGM is schedule for October and locations were being discussed but not finalised. 2. Moved office in full and proving to be a success. Digitising all paperwork continues.
	<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will take place on 15th September 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.</p>

Date Approved **Chairman**