

# MINUTE OF MEETING

## MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.00 pm

Conference Call on Zoom

<b>Present:</b>	Alan Emslie (AE) (Chair) mins, Brian Rae (BR), Duncan Cassie (DC), Johnathan Kitching (JK), Peter Barker (PB), Dave Marshall of MDCC (DM), Cllr Peter Argyle.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Lynn Mackie (LM), Mark Mitchell (MM), Steve Gardyne (SG) and Richard Smout (RS) Gail Amey (GA)mins
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Approval of Minutes:</b> The approval of the Minutes of 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 were proposed by BR and seconded by DC.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Accounts:</b> P&L and Funds in account were distributed to the board prior to the meeting. Totals were briefly discussed. No issues raised.  No issues were raised by the board regarding end of year accounts which were submitted on 30 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Project Updates:</b>  <b>Transport</b> Still need to hire a permanent community bus driver. Advertising ongoing. There have been difficulties in finding a suitable new bus due to lack of supply. We have funds available for a new bus purchase and we will evaluate all the available options before coming to a decision.  <b>Woodlands</b> Need to follow up RTS assessment on the trees and possible thinning etc. DC has been doing general maintenance, including taking down dead trees which could fall onto the paths. AE will look again at the tree trimming at Bellwood drive and old town road, a few people have complained again about overhanging branches which they would like trimmed off. We need to get enough house owners to buy into the process to make it worthwhile. Previous attempts to engage with house owners was met with a disappointing response.  <b>ABPA</b> Nothing new to report.  <b>Wheelers</b> Sports Scotland application submitted, received some initial feedback but still pending. Planning to submit this week an application to another land fill trust for ~£35,000 this week. This will involve an admin fee (~10%) which reduces the overall grant received but the admin fee will be returned if the project does not go ahead. Wheelers had a stall at the last farmers market where they held a chocolate tombola. A lot of interest was generated.  <b>CPR Deeside</b> Nothing new to report.

**Aboyne Paths & Tracks Group**

Last work party cleared up corner of low road field in anticipation of the new pedestrian gate going in. The new Dog bin is now in place at the low road site. Also did a piece of work on the men's shed Disabled car park to make it a bit bigger.

Previous work party tasked to work on river side West. Took barbed wire off top of old fence. Generally cleared up

Glen Tanar have given APTG a route of the west section of the project plan on a map. This now needs to be marked on the ground and the Aberdeenshire Planners consulted on what was involved in making progress.

The eastern section of the project has now found a person representing the Payne estate The Castle woods project has a public consultation day on the 13<sup>th</sup> Nov at the Victory Hall. A recent walk the routes with Alistair Aboyne confirmed the estate was happy with the proposals

APTG are about to commission the pedestrian gate at the end of the low road. This is being paid for by Aberdeenshire Council.

No progress yet on the Mortlich paths. Progress here remains hopeful.

The plan to have the paths south of the river are still in progress. Discussions with Dunecht Estate will follow.

AboyneCSG21 will be stood down with a view to setting up a better more permanent arrangement.

Strimmer course now set up for end of Nov. 6 people to be trained. The strimmers and PPE have been ordered

A further batch of walk route maps have been ordered since the previous batch has been used up. Shop keepers are keen to stock them and comment that they help with footfall.

**HARP**

It appears that the group who were interested in buying the Huntly Arms has now pulled out. The hotel remains for sale. Heras fencing was kindly installed by AJC to protect the gazebo from vandalism.

**Station Square Renovation Project**

The civils work is now largely complete, good progress has been made by KNC. A lot of positive comments have been received so far. Planting expected to start in early November. Board congratulated BC on great progress made so far.

**Aboyne FareShare**

Nothing new to report, deliveries ongoing.

**Community Garden**

PB walked some routes with Mr Davidson from AC environmental regarding possible sites for fruit tree planting. PB asked board for some funds for plants to put in this season, normally project groups raise funds specifically for this but up to £200 was approved by board from MDCT general funds. DM indicated that we will have 1500 plants available next season from AC for Mid Deeside area, we need to decide how many we would like to receive for each area. DM will follow up with AC order.

Discussed requirement for significant planting and watering of planters that are going in at top square and lower square. We have available a battery-operated water bowser which is specifically designed for the purpose. PB will look to set up a team of enthusiasts to take care of the plants and planters, including the hanging baskets which we hope to resurrect.

**H&W**

Nothing to report.

**Jubilee Fountain**

Nothing to report.

	<p><b>Education</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Artist in Residence</b> First batch of art classes have completed and are having a short break for school holidays before resuming early November. The next sessions are fully booked up. Follow up meeting to be held to review progress and discuss any changes required. £2K Funding from AC received. Still one application pending from LL Aberdeenshire.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>A.O.B.:</b></p> <p>1. The AGM is schedule for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November in the Aboyne Community Shed, we were requested to look to have a physical and virtual meeting for those who cannot attend.</p>
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> The next meeting will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.</p>

**Date Approved**

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