

# MINUTE OF MEETING

## MID DEESIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – BOARD

16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.00 pm

Conference Call on Zoom

<b>Present:</b>	Alan Emslie (AE) (Chair), Johnathan Kitching (JK), Cllr Peter Argyle, Steve Gardyne (SG), Richard Smout (RS), Guest Phil Lee and Gail Amey (GA) mins
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mark Mitchell (MM), Peter Barker (PB), Brian Rae (BR), and Dave Marshall of MDCC (DM)
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Approval of Minutes:</b> The approval of the Minutes of 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 were proposed by RS and seconded by SG pending amendments to attendance.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Accounts:</b> The accounts were presented to the board and management fees were discussed with a view to seeing if we can reduce them this year.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Project Updates:</b>  <b>Transport</b> The new bus is due to arrive at the end of the month and we will have the old bus to sell. The DCT budget was discussed and the problems with the internal phone system to the office was discussed.  <b>Woodlands</b> A meeting with our forestry consultant to discuss the of Bell Wood and the recent felled trees due to the recent storms took place. A felling license will be prepared to allow the fallen trees to be collected and limited thinning for access and to remove stranded trees etc. especially at the northeast area.  It was however advised that it was not economically viable to extensively thin at the moment due to the low price of wood as a result of the recent storms. The fallen trees will be cleared and sold. Some trees have had to be cut to retain access to the footpaths and the wood has been collected by members of the community, a donation has been requested. People accessing the Bell Wood to collect wood are told that under no circumstances are they allowed to use chainsaws or mechanical equipment in the woodland.  <b>ABPA</b> Nothing new to report.  <b>Wheelers</b> Funding ensues and the project have earmarked Gordon & Edna Baxter, Place Based Investment Programme and Sport Scotland as suitable sources for larger amounts and Scotmid, Clothworkers and Marr as potential sources for smaller funds.  <b>CPR Deeside</b> Nothing new to report.  <b>Aboyne Paths &amp; Tracks Group</b> We have planned a site meeting Fri 18th Feb on the old line nr. Dess, between Aberdeenshire Council, James Davidson, Bruce Masson (Landowner) and APTG to look at solutions for the trees over the old line, resulting from Storm Arwen. JK gave an update on

	<p>the current projects that are being slowly progressed; Glen Tanar link, Paths south of the River Dunecht, Castle woods easy access paths, Dess Muir paths, and paths alongside Mortlich. JK also updated the board on the strimmer project, training and use.</p> <p><b>HARP</b> Nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Station Square Renovation Project</b> Currently resolving the issues of missed items on the previous planning application with a new planning application. New drawing has been provided by Olga for additional works for planters outside the shops etc. A discussion ensued as to the remaining fund and options for its use e.g. Huntly car park entrance, replace broken wooden planters, watering bowser etc. The replacement tree for the island has arrived and it will be replaced soon.</p> <p><b>Aboyne FareShare</b> Sally McLardy has informed the board that cFine is now charging for membership.</p> <p><b>Community Garden</b> Looking for a garden site continues. The maintenance of the planters and watering rota will require a volunteer group to be established. Possible names to be considered is 'Green Space'. Fruit tree planting is ongoing and groups in other villages will be sought to share their experience on setting up such a group.</p> <p><b>H&amp;W</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Jubilee Fountain</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Education</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Artist in Residence</b> The project was successful in securing funding from AVA Communities Health &amp; Wellbeing Fund which finances the project for another year. The next term starts on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.</p>
4.	<p><b>A.O.B.:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SG updated the board from his attendance of Resilience meetings. The plan is to zone in three areas Dinnet/Kincardine O'Neil/Aboyne and for each group to make a plan. The Aboyne Scout Hall has been assigned the first point of call as a response centre. The next meeting will align all plans to go for funding.</li> <li>2. GA informed the Board that the eBikes were due for their annual check and we will try the local dealer due to his recently acquired Bosch accreditation to do repairs.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> The next meeting will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.</p>

**Date Approved** .....**Chairman**