

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust

Board meeting minutes – April 2023

Date:	28 April 2023
Time:	7pm
Location:	Kinloch Arms Hotel, Meigle
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Wanda McGregor (WMc), Bob Ellis (BE), Suzie McNaughton (SMc), Andy Boyack (AB)
Apologies:	Ali Napier, Jorgie Hill, Kate Methley, Jonny Channon, Annie Anderson, Hannah Woods, Rae Taylor (Chair) Meigle and Ardler Community Council.
Declaration of interest:	None declared
Agenda items	
3&4	<p>The Minutes from the meeting held on 30th March 2023, were confirmed to be a true record of proceedings; proposed by BE, seconded by WMc.</p> <p>With regards to matters arising from the online meeting held on 06.04.23 the following matters were presented at the formal monthly meeting for approval:</p> <p>Matters requiring formal approval are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request Board to approve spend of c. £163.20 to cover cost of 13 posts and lengths of wood for directional signs from Murthly Sawmill – APPROVED. Request Board to approve spend on circular yellow arrows on a green background (£1.70 each for 50 minimum order - £88 plus VAT & delivery) and Logo circles with 2 colours (minimum order 50: £135 plus VAT & delivery) – APPROVED. Request Board to agree spend of £1,000 to cover costs of the first 3 installations at Belmont - 2 school children projects and faerie tree – APPROVED. Request Board to approve spend of c. £600 (12 @ £50) for poetry posts: each wooden post will have a metal plate on top with a poem etched on it – APPROVED. Wanda to be invited to create an installation for the path. This was agreed unanimously as part of this meeting but should be approved at next formal meeting and minuted – APPROVED.
	<p>Updates from relevant local groups and organisations</p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council (MACC)</u> Apologies were given by Rae Taylor so there was no formal update.</p> <p>Regarding recent dynamics and challenges in the relationship with the Community Council, it was resolved to discontinue MACDT attendance at Community Council meetings. KS to email Rae Taylor accordingly.</p> <p><u>Strathmore Development (BE)</u> No movement or update to report. <u>Cateran Ecomuseum - BE</u></p> <p>A Duck Dash Mountain Biking event was to take place on 26/27 August with 15 entries already received and Eco YouTube coverage arranged.</p> <p>Organisational Updates</p> <p>Regarding MACDT trustees, it was agreed that no increase in numbers was currently required. The Articles of Association describe a minimum of 5 trustees and a maximum of 12. It was agreed that the five core roles to be maintained (being Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Fundraising lead). Other members will be brought on board as appropriate. Trust minutes to be made more available to the public.</p> <p><u>Meigle Development Trust</u> KS had received no further communication in relation to the transfer of the community garden to MACDT. It was resolved to leave this matter on the table to discuss if there was any progress.</p>

	<p>Project Updates</p> <p><u>Meigle Bowling Club</u> It was noted that all deeds were in our hands. Additionally, the grass had been cut.</p> <p><u>The Comms Team</u> The project initiation document had been received and a distribution method was required for newsletter distribution. It was resolved that the Secretary check GDPR compliance.</p> <p><u>Community Shed</u> A full explanation was given to this organization re our plans for the Community Shed and other regeneration initiatives, including the writers retreat and festival.</p> <p><u>Resilience Planning</u> It was intimated that Alan at the Tavern is due to take delivery of generator. Once this is onsite we will send a flyer round Ardler to make residents aware of the fact that they have a local hub in adverse events. It was suggested that Kinloch Hall be the resilience hub for the Retirement Home.</p> <p><u>Music, Arts and Literature.</u> The Beltane event flyer was posted on Facebook, Twitter and hard copies lodged in Spar. A fairy's house/tree is being constructed in Belmont woods and photos have been uploaded to the G Drive. In addition, a Facebook post will be written updating developments on the Meigle/ Ardler Community heritage path.</p> <p><u>Environment and green spaces</u> BE has lodged a comprehensive report on the G Drive and moving forward intimated that drainage work would be the priority.</p> <p><u>Ardler Hall</u> Good progress has been made in respect of the renovations, grass cutting etc. Consultations are continuing and a note of thanks was given to Suzie for facilitating discussions. It was resolved to create a small fund of £150 to continue the work.</p> <p><u>Historic Environment Scotland</u> The Chair has applied to the Architectural Heritage Fund for a grant of £10,000 to carry out a feasibility study of the Steading.</p> <p>Finance and Funding Update The Treasurer has uploaded the process for approving expenses onto the G Drive. It was agreed that if a purchase is urgent and cannot wait until the next meeting to be approved, it can be approved by e-mail circulation. In this case, the information and request for approval should be circulated to all Trustees. It is understood that not all Trustees may be able to read/respond to e mails immediately, expenditure is deemed to be approved if 70% of Trustees approve (and there are no objections raised). Various funding applications have been made to secure the future of the Community Connector role, this is ongoing and includes the Mushroom Trust. General funding is also being sought regarding Tayside contracts and through the Gannochy Trust, the National Lottery, the Scottish Council for Voluntary organisations (SCVO) and other funding streams</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>AB</p> <p>KS</p> <p>KS</p> <p>WMC</p> <p>BE</p> <p>BE</p> <p>KS</p>
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	<p>Signed - A.Boyack</p>	