

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Wanda McGregor (WMcG), Bob Ellis (BE), Johnny Cannon (JC) Ken Hanning (KH), Kate Elvins (KE), Kate Methley (KM), Andy Boyack (AB).	
Apologies:	Andy De Vale (ADV) Hannah Woods (HW), Martin Elvins (ME), Clair Smith (CS), Derek MacKenzie (DMcK), Ali Napier (AN), Jorgie Hill (JH), Rae Taylor (RT), Chair, Meigle and Ardler Community Council.	
Declaration of interest:	None declared	
Agenda items		Actions
3&4	Minutes of the meeting, held on 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022, were agreed to be an accurate representation of this meeting. Minutes were proposed by JC and seconded SE.	
5	<p><b>Updates from relevant local groups and organisations</b></p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council (MACC)</u> RT had given his apologies for this meeting. The trustees discussed the forthcoming gala day which MACC are organising. It was noted that the bowling green has become overgrown. KS agreed to contact Keillors to get a date for when they will be onsite to tidy the bowling green and the corner site. Trustees will decide what information they want to display at our booth as part of the gala day.</p> <p><u>Cateran EcoMuseum – BE</u> BE updated trustees that the Cateran EcoMuseum has opened a museum in Alyth to showcase walking routes in our local area. KS has an outstanding action to draft a Memorandum of Understanding to this group to allow us to promote walking paths in our local area to a wider audience.</p> <p><u>Strathmore Development Trust Round Table</u> No date yet in place for the next meeting of this group.</p>	<p><b>KS</b></p> <p><b>KS</b></p>

6	<p><u>Communication strategy</u></p> <p>There was no update from this group. KH gave an overview of the Appin Development Trust website as a good example of how a webpage can be used to promote walking and tourism in a local area (<a href="http://www.appin.scot">www.appin.scot</a>)</p>	
7	<p><u>Financial update</u></p> <p><i>Bank account</i></p> <p>The balance of the CAF current account is presently £25811.99. DK &amp; KS have started purchasing resilience equipment which accounts for the reduction in the Trusts balance.</p> <p><i>Funding</i></p> <p>SE update the meeting that MACDT had submitted a funding application to the Investing in Communities Fund to secure funding to employ a Community Development Worker for three years. This role will project manage the core projects of the Trust and promote strong community engagement. We will know the outcome of this application in December.</p> <p>There is a need to generate ongoing streams of income to allow MACDT to deliver high quality outputs in relation to the current range of core projects. KH and SE had met with KS to discuss how we might restructure the finance team to make this goal achievable. It was proposed that SE remain in his role of working with trustees to secure funding from charitable organisations and that KH move into a role which would work with trustees to secure funding from commercial companies. KM attended this meeting as they were amenable to taking on the role of treasurer. This proposal was discussed as part of this meeting. This proposal was agreed by those present.</p> <p>At the end of this meeting the trustees who were present met to discuss the appointment off KM as treasurer. Trustees were unanimous that we should progress with this appointment. KS was actioned to contact KM to offer her the role of treasurer.</p>	KS
8	<p><b>Updates on core projects</b></p> <p><u>Meigle Bowling Club – KS</u></p> <p>There has been no progress with the legal process relating to the Bowling Club.</p> <p>MACDT is incurring costs to maintain this site and the land at the corner to an adequate standard. MACDT has engaged with MACC on a semi-frequent basis to address issues with using the Bowling Club to host aspects of the gala day. It was agreed that there is a need to conclude the legal process as quickly as possible to clarify the responsibilities of each organisation in this regard. KS was tasked with contacting MACDT's solicitor to try and get a timeline for when the legal process might be concluded.</p>	KS

	<p><u>Community Shed</u>  AN had given his apologies for this meeting.  JC updated the group that the new CEO of Scottish Outdoor Education Centre (SOEC) is coming into post on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022. This new CEO is supportive of a resilience hub and a Community Shed on the Belmont site. JC has offered to set up a meeting between MACDT and SOEC so that we can discuss these projects with the new CEO.</p> <p><u>Resilience Planning – DMcK</u>  DMcK had given his apologies for this meeting. The following update was emailed to KS:</p> <p><i>Resilience Plan and Supporting documents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resilience plan is complete and reviewed by KS and BE. Review comments updated but looking for ideas for a front page. At the moment, it's the MACDT emblem but I think an aerial view of the villages would be better. Open to suggestions</li> <li>• A community questionnaire will have to be distributed so we can gather information of vulnerable people and their needs. Also, able bodied people and their skill sets or ownership of useful equipment i.e diggers, tractors.</li> <li>• I'll have to have a think as to how we distribute the questionnaire and again open to suggestions on this.</li> <li>• We need to take into consideration data protection when we start getting the questionnaires back so this will have to be discussed further to arrange safe storage of this data.</li> </ul> <p><i>Equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further savings have been identified after review of the equipment list. If we purchase empty sandbags and fill them ourselves, we will save a substantial amount of money However, this will possibly require a bit of hard work and a kind gesture from SSE at the new Sub Station is they can supply the sand. BE I was wondering if you could help with this if you still have connections with SSE at the sub-station?</li> <li>• We have already purchased 2 pumps and 10 hoses which are currently stored in Kev's garage and at the Belmont camp.</li> <li>• Once I get back from holiday, I intend to rig up the pumps and hoses to complete a function test, so a perfect opportunity for a bit of training for anyone who is interested.</li> <li>• Further scope for storage at Belmont camp may be available but confirmation at a later date will be required by Jonny on this.</li> </ul>	<p><b>JC</b></p>
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	<p><i>Flood Defence requirements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have started putting together a map showing the flood risk areas and have already visited Douglas Graham for information on what happened the last time they were flooded out. Douglas agreed for me to come back to measure his doorways for flood barriers.</li> <li>• If anyone in the team has further information on vulnerable properties at risk of flood or have been flooded in the past please let me know.</li> <li>• SEPA have people available to assist with surveys apparently, so I'll be looking into this further and asking them to provide their data on flood risk areas.</li> </ul> <p><u>Art, Music &amp; Literature</u></p> <p>WMcG is still conducting interviews for the Flame of Fusion project. It was agreed that MACDT would need to look for another means of filming the video of the Clachan as the costs quoted by Steven Morocco (£10-15K for a 15-20min film) were prohibitive.</p> <p>WMcG has met with John Plunkett, who was instrumental in establishing the <a href="#">Corbenic Path</a>. WMcG is still to meet with John Glendie to discuss the Corbenic Path. This information will be helpful to guide the development of the Meigle and Ardler Heritage Path.</p> <p>WMcG, BE and SE agreed to explore submitting a funding bid to Paths for All - <a href="#">Ian Findlay Path Fund</a> to ensure that we can deliver this project to a high standard.</p> <p>It was agreed that MACDT will hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss Meigle and Ardler Heritage Path on <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 2000hrs in the Kinloch Hall, Meigle</b>. WMcG and BE will lead this meeting so that we can map out the work needed to create the path network, where we might locate installations and how we might develop the digital walking guide.</p> <p><u>Environment and green spaces – BE</u></p> <p><i>Path networks</i></p> <p>BE has been in touch with Chris Martin, Countryside Ranger at Perth and Kinross Council, regarding the redevelopment of the path network in Meigle and Ardler. Chris can loan MACDT equipment to allow us to clear paths and make them more accessible. This will be discussed further at the extraordinary meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p><i>Belmont Woods</i></p> <p>No further updates</p>	<p><b>WMcG, BE, SE</b></p> <p><b>WMcG, BE</b></p>
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	<p><b>Ardler Hall</b></p> <p>The MOU has been signed by the Chair and Vice of Ardler Hall committee. The Ardler Hall site has been cleared and local engagement events are to be arranged on site. A survey will also be distributed to residents to get their opinion into how this site should be redeveloped. An illustration of what the redeveloped site might look like will be undertaken to stimulate discussion at these events.</p>	<b>BE</b>
9	<p><u>Approval of Community Councillors to join sub-groups</u></p> <p>The following Community Councillors were approved to join MACDT sub-groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meigle Bowling Club: Nil</li> <li>- Community Shed Initiative: Ruth Mutch.</li> <li>- Resilience: Karen Barton &amp; Peter Menzies.</li> <li>- Music, Arts &amp; Literature: Nil</li> <li>- Green Spaces: Kenny Archer.</li> </ul> <p>This will be communicated to MACC as part of their next meeting.</p>	<b>KS</b>
9	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>WMcG suggested that MACDT should undertake some local fundraising activities (such as sponsored walks and ceilidhs) to raise awareness of the Trust within our local area. KS suggested that we should meet with JH to discuss whether she would be willing to lead on managing these events. Trustees were supportive of this meeting taking place.</p> <p>KH suggested that MACDT should look at getting some pop-up stands for these events and the gala day so that we have a clear brand to promote.</p> <p>It was agreed to trial holding trustee meetings on the last Thursday of the month as Tuesdays were proving challenging for a lot of trustees.</p> <p>JC, manager of Belmont SOEC centre, offered to host future MACDT meetings at the Belmont centre as they have presentation facilities.</p>	<b>KS, JH</b>
10	Next meeting to be held on 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2022, 7pm, provisionally in the Kinloch Memorial Hall.	
<b>Signed:</b>	Kevin Stirling	<b>Date:</b> 03/07/2022