

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	29/06/2021	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	3 Steading Place, Meigle (meeting was held outdoors abiding by current Scottish Government COVID guidance).	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Wanda McGregor (WMcG), Hannah Woods (HW)	
Apologies:	Peter Menzies (PM), Andy de Vale (AdV), Alison Ebbitt (AE), Ali Napier (AN)	
Declaration of interest:	None declared; KS reminded team that any potential conflicts can also be flagged as we discuss items on the agenda.	
Agenda items		Actions
3&4	The minutes from the last meeting (held on 25.05.21) were reviewed and it was agreed that they were an accurate representation of this meeting. The minutes were proposed by KS and seconded by SE.	
5	<p>Update from relevant local groups and organisations</p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council</u> No formal update as PM absent. After concerns raised by MACC, Perth and Kinross Council are using speed strips to assess the effectiveness of the recent road safety measures implemented on the Dundee Road.</p> <p><u>Strathmore Development Trust roundtable (KS)</u> No update at this time. Alyth DT are compiling their Community Action Plan.</p> <p><u>Other groups or organisations</u> AN intends to affiliate MACDT with the Scottish Men's Shed Association. See more comprehensive details below.</p>	
6	<p>Update about core projects</p> <p><u>Community Action Planning (CAP)</u> Final layout of CAP report completed by Strathmore Design and agreed on by Steering Group. 250 copies being printed by Mailbox in Stirling, which will be kept by the Trust and distributed as needed.</p> <p>HW to add a digital copy of the CAP report to the Smart Village website and share a link in the next newsletter.</p>	HW

	<p>HW to instigate regular (2-3 times a year) meetings with the steering group to review progress in actions.</p> <p><u>Flame of Fusion – WMcG</u> WMcG has received knitted flowers and butterflies from Linda Grant, as a starting point for a friendship tree (or two – one in Ardler?) Craft packs for people to collect might encourage participation, and an accompanying book would let people write notes expressing the sentiments behind the gifts. Still to approach the committee for the Kinloch Memorial Hall as a location; KS to speak to Shepherds re creating a metal tree that could be situated within/in front of the bowling club grounds.</p> <p>Oral histories: Creative Perth and Kinross were looking to recruit an individual to take oral histories regarding the pandemic, but did not get the funding. They are collecting paraphernalia relating to lockdown; WMcG to speak to MACC at next meeting to ask re submitting thumbs up/thumbs down signs. Creative P&K have shared with WMcC the process for taking oral histories.</p> <p>Digital Champion: WMcG has completed the digital champion training, and Rae Taylor is also taking on the role to keep the history pages on SV updated. Eventually both MACDT and MACC will have pages on SV website, as well as Flame of Fusion page.</p> <p>Flame of Fusion film: Meigle Primary school have given a voice recording of each child, which will open the film along with the logos they designed. The Clachan community poem will come at the end. WMcG has a vision of drone footage of as many local residents as possible gathered at the castle/in the square, all saying the final line together. Middle of the film still to be finalised, but might include oral histories, friendship tree, the community shed, the bowling club, and changing of the seasons. WMcG to ask AN if he would write some music.</p> <p>Film needs to be advertised. WS to write a piece for the newsletter, and put together a page on the SV website. There is still funding from SIMS, and Linda Grant offered some filming/editing services for £200; WMcG to clarify.</p> <p><u>Meigle Bowling Club</u> The lease has gone for legal review, following the comments from Lucie Howiston's initial review.</p> <p>A funding bid for £150k has been submitted to GreenSpace Scotland, and if successful would be used to rejuvenate the village entrances.</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>WMcG</p> <p>WMcG</p> <p>WMcG, AN</p> <p>WMcG</p>
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7	<p>Financial Update</p> <p><u>Bank account</u> Caroline Ness has received her final payment from MACDT. No further updates as AdV absent.</p> <p><u>Funding</u> SE and PM submitted a funding bid for just short of £20,000 to SSEN to support resilience work. Awaiting decision.</p> <p>SE to write a step-wise approach to our funding bid process.</p>	<p>SE</p>
8	<p>Operational update</p>	

	<p>Two new trustees appointed – Wanda McGregor and Ali Napier. Both required to complete the OSCR Trustee Declaration form; HW to send forms round.</p> <p>The Trust currently has no representation from Ardler; recommendations for possible Trust members welcome!</p> <p>AGM required, provisionally in September (end of financial year) but could be later. Mandate requires 20 members to be quorate, without which we cannot make decisions. KS to discuss with AdV best date for an AGM from a finance perspective.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>KS & AdV</p>
9	<p>Any other business</p> <p>KS asked who owned the podcast, as Caroline Ness is still contributing. WMcG to clarify when next she speaks to Caroline.</p>	WMcG
10	<p>Next meeting 27.07.21 at 7pm. The meeting is scheduled to be outside but this will be dependent on current Scottish Government COVID guidelines.</p>	
Signed:		<p>Date:</p>