Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes						
Date:	27/04/21					
Time:	7pm					
Location:	Online					
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Peter Menzies (PM), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Wanda McGregor (WMcG), Hannah Woods (HW). Ali Napier (AN) joined to discuss Men's Shed project.					
Apologies:	Alison McLure (AMcL), Andy de Vale (AdV)					
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	Minutes from the meeting on the 23 rd March 2021 agreed by SE to be an accurate representation. Most actions to be discussed as part of items on the agenda. - KS to meet with Jackie Brierton from GrowBiz to discuss engagement with the local farming and business communities.	KS				
5	 Updates from local groups and organisations a) PM - Meigle and Ardler Community Council MACC is communicating with Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) re improving the new speed restriction measures in Meigle. Awaiting a response. b) KS – Strathmore Development Trust Roundtable A group chaired by Russell Taylor from Alyth DT, amplifying the voice and sharing the experiences of 5 local DTs. Meet every 4-6 weeks. 					
6	 Project updates a) HW – CAP First draft of final document drawn up by Caroline Ness. HW to set up a poll of MACDT Trustees of which groups should be involved in actions listed in draft plan. KS to ask Jackie Brierton re local graphic designers. HW to email Sharon Rice Jones at PK LEADER re budget for design, digitization and printing. Photos required. KS suggested asking Stan Williamson, with WMcG asking for contributions on Facebook. 	HW KS HW WMcG				

b) Men's Shed/ Community Shed

- AN works at Duncan of Jordanstone, University of Dundee, and has a broad overview of 'making'. He has been working with a group researching the movement of the Men's Shed (sometimes known as a Community Shed); how they are used, and the benefits to the community and to individual members.
- Each shed has its own organically evolved 'identity':
 Monifieth and Carnoustie focus on e.g. repairs to street furniture in the community. At another shed in a former mining community, the emphasis is more on engineering and tooling.
- Three facets to starting up such a shed in Meigle and Ardler: funding, premises and core members.
 Tools/equipment can be donated via social media, or purchased with nominal membership fees.
- PM to find a contact/details for George McLaren, to enquire about using the Scout Hut as potential premises (at least initially)
- SE suggested applying to Robertson Trust for funding, as this is a project that would positively impact the community.
 KS and SE to work on application.

c) WMcG - Flame of Fusion

- A lot of progress made, despite engagement being an issue.
- Documentary film of the process by Pam van de Brug also gathering pace, despite slow start – may go national.
- WMcG writing a poem about walking around Meigle, for the FoF film, a film by itself and/or podcast.
- Idea for a community poem, based on a writing prompt.
 WMcG in touch with Miss Cross at Meigle Primary to ask if school children would participate.
- HW suggested logo artwork from primary school children could be used in the film – PM to ask MACC if possible.
- Little uptake of the orienteering, which is a shame.
- Aural histories for film and/or podcast Rae Taylor on board, and will pass on details of older/long-term residents.
 WMcG to also talk to Chris Dingwall and KS to pass on Stan Williams' contact details.
- Trying to find the best secure platform for residents etc. to post photos. SIMS suggested a private facebook group.
- In touch with Linda Grant, a fellow writer working with Culture Perth and Kinross on 'Brighter Days Ahead' project in care homes. Both her and her husband are experienced film makers and are happy to support us.
- WMcG to contact company used by CN to get promotional banners made for FoF film.

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- Legacy of FoF: WMcG has lots of ideas e.g., creative writing workshops based on old photos, Facebook survey to see what groups people would be interested in. WMcG also offered to write & facilitate a mental health awareness programme.
- For music, PM mentioned Donald Clark, who sings and plays the fiddle, and that AN is very musical.

d) PM – Meigle Bowling Club

- Draft lease prepared by PM with assistance from Elspeth Matheson from DTAS; lease includes an annual review of the right to buy by MACDT, and a photographic record of the current state of pavilion and grounds as standard.
 Once reviewed by the Bowling Club Committee it can be reviewed by the solicitors of both parties.
- Waiting to see how the grass recovers after being cut; it may be decided that an all-weather surface is more appropriate and would allow year-round usage.
- An expert in historic buildings is going to give a quote as to how the pavilion can be preserved, rather than repaired, and keep it safe from the elements.
- Ground at Hospital Corner has been cleared and burned, now needs a maintenance plan before nettles take over again. One possibility is a wildflower meadow that is cut back twice a year.
- Green space at Alyth Junction also cleared, dead wood removed etc. PKC needed to reinstall Give Way sign and replace the topsoil removed when the junction was widened.
- Improvements to village entrances e.g., with planters of flowers could be made with little effort, perhaps in conjunction with MACC, The Community Shed, Flame of Fusion participants, etc.
- Karen Barton's husband suggested that the dry stone wall society could run some training for local residents to help repair the fallen wall at Hospital Corner.

e) PM - Resilience

SE - SSEN Resilient Communities Fund open for applications until 10th June. PM and SE to complete application. Lottery funding would require evidence of greater association with Tayside Local Resilience Partnership.

PM, SE

f) HW - Smart Village

 History page updated to reflect contributions from Colin Dingwall and Rae Taylor (a potential digital champion).

	 Page for the Meigle and District History Society page in progress. KS mentioned pages for MACC and MACDT as a repository for minutes etc.; to be discussed further. 				
7	 a) Banking Both AdV and KS had received applications from CAF to set up bank cards, which should now be forthcoming. b) Fundraising SE listed funding opportunities, application deadlines and actions for 4 projects: Resillience equipment, Meigle Bowling Green, Men's/Community shed, and Belmont estate [AMcL added green space in Ardler, and outdoor activities for children]. See document in the 				
8	Funding folder on the GDrive here. Operational update KS – Membership co-operative The Trust requires members. KS, AMcL and SE met to discuss. AMcL keen to bring farmers into the heart of the community e.g., food parcels, different ways to use their produce etc. KS suggested benefits through e.g., a Meigle and Ardler Community Card, bus trips to Pitlochry Theatre etc. Overall, members should be able to see where their money is being invested back into the community. KS to draft plan for a membership cop-operative, and pass it to SE, before circulating to all Trustees				
9	 Any other business a) Newsletter Next newsletter is due in May. HW asked for contributions. WMcG to give an update for Flame of Fusion. PM to write a paragraph on the vegetation clearance work. b) Podcast After CN's successful release of first podcast episode, WMcG has ideas for future episodes/could cross over with Flame of Fusion. To be explored further. c) KS and WMcG to liaise re payment to WMcG for Flame of Fusion work 				
10	Next meeting 25 th May 2021. Location to be confirmed, as easing of restrictions may mean an in-person meeting would be possible.				
Signed:	Date:				