

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	27 th July 2021	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Online (Google Meet)	
Present:	Peter Menzies (PM), Andy de Vale (AdV), Wanda McGregor (WMcG), Ali Napier (AN), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Hannah Woods (HW)	
Apologies:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Alison Ebbitt (AE)	
Declaration of interest:	None declared	
Agenda items		Actions
3&4	The minutes from the last meeting (held on 29.06.21) were agreed to be an accurate representation of this meeting. The minutes were proposed by WMcG and seconded by SE.	
5	<p>Updates from relevant local groups and organisations</p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council - PM</u> Update from the meeting on 12th July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local councillors Colin Stewart and Lewis Simpson reported from Perth and Kinross Council, which is now in recess. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School meal production to be centralised Request by Colin on behalf of CC for the curb at the entrance to Glebe Way to be lowered, providing extra parking for residents of Ardler Road. Widening of pavement on the Dundee Road didn't have the legal access required, which has led to the new bus stop being removed. Parking outside bowling club deemed acceptable for events; more permanent parking would require matting or other surface more suitable for vehicles. Data from speed strips on the Dundee Road has now been collected, but will need to be compared to the data collected before the speed restriction measures were introduced. Nevertheless, the placement of the speed bumps has created a hazard that was not there previously. HGV usage of Strathmore Place reduced since signs erected. No consensus from residents on further action e.g. closing one end of the road. Davidson's Chemist will deliver prescriptions to elderly, long-term sick or confined persons. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gig on a Truck coming to Meigle Bowling Club on the 14th August, 7pm. Tickets are free and soon to be available on Eventbrite, with carefully considered covid measures in place. <p><u>Strathmore Development Trust roundtable (KS)</u> No update at this time as KS absent</p> <p><u>Other groups or organisations</u> The Development Trust Association of Scotland (DTAS) are holding their annual conference on the 5th-7th September, on the theme of 'Community Climate Action'. HW to circulate the details to see if any Trustees are interested in attending.</p>	HW
6	<p>Updates about core projects</p> <p><u>Flame of Fusion – WMcG</u> Friendship Tree: Shepherds the blacksmiths have asked for a rough drawing of what a tree might look like – AdV to sketch some ideas. Tree 6-7 feet tall, and in the community garden? Could also get footage of the tree being made for the film.</p> <p>Oral histories: Bill Craig (whose father used to be the minister) is happy to contribute, and Sheena Fraser and Stan Williamson are considering doing so. Sheena has provided a comprehensive list of others who might contribute, but Ardler is under-represented. PM will think of some Ardler names (e.g. Sorchu Bruce, Pete Grewar), and SE recommended Alison McLure. AN suggested asking farming families, as many have lived here for several generations (e.g. Sally Scarlet).</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, which has been edited slightly, 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 (stills of Meigle and Ardler with voiceovers) and friendship tree. AN suggested including snippets of footage from the old film, and repeating them now. AN working on a musical accompaniment to the Clachan. Aim to begin filming in the coming weeks.</p> <p><u>Community Shed - AN</u> The licence for MACDT to use the Scout hut is not yet in place. AN to ask Mike McLaren when this may be granted, as utilities cannot be restored, and contractors cannot enter before the premises are in our name. It would also be easier to advertise the venture with a clear date in mind.</p>	AdV, WMcG

	<p>AN has written a list of potential equipment and pricing, which SE can use for funding applications to the Robertson Trust and others. An initial grant of £2000 would get the project started. Equipment could also be sourced from donations.</p> <p><u>Meigle Bowling Club - PM</u> The solicitors have updated the antiquated lease to make it suitable for our purposes. PM to meet with Hamish for a final review, then the lease will be passed to Willey Henderson Solicitors with the understanding that it will be finalised with haste, given the length of time the process has taken thus far. The Bowling Club Committee will not have absolved responsibility for the buildings and structures, especially as any fault in the walls with the adjacent properties would require immediate repair.</p> <p>The resources from the Community Council to maintain the cleared spaces at Hospital Corner and the Alyth entrance to the village have been exhausted. For grant applications for the maintenance of the bowling club and associated grounds the lease must be in place – clear ownership is essential.</p> <p><u>Business Development meeting - AdV</u> AdV and KS met up with representatives from 5 local businesses on 01/07/21. A common concern was how to increase footfall; how to get those passing through to stop, and how to make Meigle more of a destination. Parking was also an issue. It was felt that more could be made of Meigle's history, for example. Exercises led by AdV generated interesting suggestions (e.g. hulabaloo market, light show in Belmont woodland, people library), including some that could involve the farming community (Hunt the potato, tattie throwing). Interestingly, one-off events tend to take footfall away from cafes as there is often mobile catering. AdV will share the ideas with the participants and with the Trust, and set a date for a second meeting.</p> <p>PM suggested that there was an opportunity to promote the history of the area on the new village signs being designed by a sub-committee of MACC. WMcG has lots of ideas too (e.g. literary events in Flour, storytelling in the woods). All ideas that could be shared at the next business development meeting.</p>	<p>SE</p> <p>PM</p> <p>AdV</p>
7	<p>Financial Update</p> <p><u>Bank account - AdV</u> Current mandate is for two to authorise any payments. KS and AdV are signatories at present, but it would be sensible to have more Trustees able to fulfil this role. AdV to organise.</p>	<p>AdV</p>

	<p>AdV to set up payment for CAP printing costs, and prepare invoice to send to Rural PK Leader. KS will need to co-sign.</p> <p>Receipt management software not necessary as yet, but will become invaluable as the various projects take off.</p> <p><u>Funding</u> Still awaiting the decision by SSEN for the <£20,000 funding bid to support resilience work. SSEN have contacted PM asking for further breakdown/exact quotes for the equipment required, but SE believes some funds will be awarded.</p> <p>PM and SE extolled the virtues of working together on a funding application, with proof-reading ensuring the submission was word-perfect. SE has circulated some guidance from Groundwork UK for future funding applications, and the CAP report will provide supporting evidence for many of our projects.</p> <p>A joint funding bid for £150k from MACDT and Pride in Meigle 2015 has been submitted to GreenSpace Scotland, and if successful would be used to enhance the village entrances.</p>	AdV, KS
8	<p>Operational update</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 and AdV to discuss the best date for an AGM from a finance perspective.</p> <p>SE - Will need to be aware of when OSCR require accounts (usually 9 months after the end of the financial year), as these will need to be signed off by an accountant and agreed at the AGM. Hamish used to be the accountant for the Kinloch Memorial Hall; PM to enquire.</p>	KS & AdV PM
9	<p>Any other business</p> <p><u>Belmont Estate</u> KS has been in contact with Dundee City Council. No further discussions possible until DCC have clarified their legal position. PM has asked MACC to enquire too, to ensure the community is kept informed of any progress.</p>	
10	<p>Next meeting 31.08.21 at 7pm. The meeting is provisionally scheduled to be outside but this will be dependent on both current Scottish Government COVID guidelines and the weather.</p>	
Signed:		Date: