

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	27 October 2022	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Belmont Centre	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Jonny Channon (JC), Andy Boyack (AB).	
Apologies:	Bob Ellis, Hannah Woods, Martin Elvins, Kate Elvins, Derek McKenzie, Ali Napier, Jorgie Hill, Wanda McGregor, Annie Anderson, Kate Methley, Hannah Woods. Rae Taylor, Chair, Meigle and Ardler Community Council.	
Agenda items		Actions
	Minutes of the meeting, held on 29 September 2022, were agreed to be a true record; proposed by JC and seconded SE.	
	<p>Updates from relevant local groups and organisations</p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council (MACC)</u> Rae Taylor's written report is attached as Appendix One.</p> <p><u>Strathmore Development</u> No update.</p>	
	<p><u>Meigle Bowling Club</u></p> <p>KS Reported that the Meigle Bowling Club solicitors – McNabs had intimated that there were complex legal matters regarding the transfer of ownership of the land to the Trust.</p>	
	<p><u>Community Shed</u></p> <p>SE reported that further developments were awaited re the sub letting of the premises and that a positive meeting had been held with SOEC.</p> <p><u>Resilience</u></p>	

	<p>KS confirmed that Derek would be in the Netherlands for 4 weeks. A written report had been tabled accordingly and is attached as Appendix Two.</p> <p>The trust will support the installation of sensors in the Meigle burn. Additionally, a generator had been sourced from a Contractor in Dumbarton to supply emergency power in Kinloch Hall, Meigle. The budget will be reviewed to look at purchasing a small generator for the Ardler tavern.</p> <p>The Committee expressed the view that Dek was doing a fantastic job.</p> <p><u>Music, Art and Literature</u></p> <p>A written report submitted by Wanda is attached as Appendix Three. The excellent progress was noted</p> <p><u>Green Spaces</u></p> <p>The report submitted by Bob is attached as Appendix Four outlining that dates for the path clearing were being sought, hardcore costed. This was appreciated by the committee who also noted that there was a mound of ballast on the old railway section.</p> <p><u>Historic Environment Scotland</u></p> <p>Kevin intimated that HES had agreed to publicise the Pictish Stones museum and in this respect, John Swinney and HES were interested in options being explored which included joint ownership and relocation to the Old Steading which had failed to sell at auction. Funding was being explored and a possible Civil Engineer's estimate at minimum cost. SE proposed a feasibility study.</p> <p><u>Ardler Village Hall</u></p> <p>No developments</p> <p><u>Financial update</u></p> <p><i>Bank account</i> Kate submitted confirmation that the current balance in our account was £ 26,086.52p. Kevin reported that the Gala Day Vouchers which he had purchased had cost £55 and that this had now been refunded accordingly.</p>	KS
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	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Kevin intimated that he had visited Ken Hanning with best wishes re his current health problems.</p> <p>Kevin and Jonny undertook to temporarily take over resilience until Dek returns from Holland.</p> <p>There were no further developments regarding the Hogmanany Hoolie and the consensus of the meeting was that time was tight re organisation. It was resolved however to circulate re email to gauge interest.</p> <p>In respect of the December Xmas meal AB undertook to talk to Mark at the Kinloch re the possibly of holding this on or around Dec 15.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.29</p>	
Signed:	Andy Boyack	Date: 9/11/2022

Appendix One

Meigle & Ardler Community Council Chair's Report to the Meigle & Ardler Community Development Trustees Meeting

I must give you my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting in person. However, I have compiled a brief update of the key issues relating to the Community Council for the Trustees.

1. Community Council Membership

Ten nominations were submitted to P&K Council to join the Community Council with ten places being available. All ten were therefore appointed to the new CC. These are the existing eight members, together with Kenny and Tania. The first meeting of the new CC will be held on 21 November.

2. CC Meeting of 10 October

This meeting was (technically) the AGM. The key issues were;

- a. Chair's Report - I presented the Chairman's report (copy attached for information).
- b. Appointment of Officers - All the officers of the CC were re-appointed but the process will have to be repeated on 21 November for the new CC.
- c. Police Report - PC Robert Blackhall has been appointed as our new community policeman from 19th October
- d. Traffic Calming – The speed cushions have been re-sited. It was agreed that the Council should proceed with the proposed extensions to the traffic calming measures while the resources were available, though it was noted that these extensions still remain inadequate

3. Proposed Forfar Road Development

- a. The development proposal was issued following the CC meeting. The CC convened an extraordinary consultation meeting on Monday 24 October to allow it to compile a list of the issues being raised by residents and to gauge the feeling within the community in order to prepare its formal response.

Rae Taylor

Chair

Meigle & Ardler Community Council

Appendix Two

Apologies for the short notice but I won't be able to attend tonight. A quick update on where we are with resilience.

Training

I attended a flood training session at the Alyth bowling club last week which was led by Paul Laidlaw from the Scottish Flood Forum. This gave me a chance to connect with Alyth's resilience team and exchange contacts. They are also keen to join forces so that we have an inter community collaboration as with Eassie and Nevay. The training session focused on early flood detection information provided by the flood sensors Alyth have in place. These are the same sensors Paul wants to instal on the Meigle burn area which is the reason for his visit on the 10th November. Scottish Flood Forum provides the funding for the installation of the sensors. However, after 15 months we are responsible for paying for the maintenance and calibration which is around £300 per year.

Flood Equipment

I'm in the process of arranging a company from Brechin to supply ready filled sandbags and deliver them to Fulerton Farm. Mike McLaren has offered to offload the sandbags and store them until we are ready to distribute them in the village. He has also kindly offered to assist where he can with resilience requirements in future.

Power Generators

After scouring the land for the past month looking for a suitable sized generator to power the Meigle hall, I have finally managed to secure one from a reputable company based in Dumbarton. The generator is second hand but comes with a 6-month warranty and they can also provide a 6-monthly service thereafter. With the savings made in buying a second-hand generator, it means that we still have a good bit of money left for other equipment such as smaller generators, radios, flood lights etc.

After discussions with Alan from the Tav in Ardler, he has kindly offered the Tav as a resilience refuge area and we have had discussions over a generator supply installation. The power supply set up they have at the Tav isn't the same as the hall in Meigle and would need to be upgraded before we could use the main generator. However, one of the smaller generators will be enough to provide power via extension cables for lights and internet and they have a log burner for heat.

Belmont Camp Asbestos

Eugene from Strathmore Environmental Services based in Meigle has completed a survey for taking samples and the removal of the asbestos for the Resilience Base and the Community Shed. He has also put us in touch with another company he

uses to fit out the Resilience base to make it safe to use. I'm still waiting on the quote for the full works.

Kind regards

Derek Mackenzie

Appendix Three

Walk on 5th November to foster community involvement and spread the word about the path. We will photograph and film for FoF [Flame of Fusion]. Victoria McMillan is a godsend! As you have seen, I've advertised on Facebook, in Spar, Flour Deli, School and leafed some residents.

We are also hoping to put on an event for IWD in march. I approached researcher, Judith Langlands-Scott/Bowen who has been involved with The Witches Scotland Podcast to do a talk for this. Judith is V interested in Heritage, as is her research partner and they have asked to interview me about the Heritage Path. All positive and excellent advertising for the trust.

Also spoke to man behind Ukelele. Karl Weidner. He is a chaplain, has worked for NHS Highland and Islands. thought he'd be great for community she'd? counselling and Ukelele group. He was happy for me to mention him at meeting.

I think zero waste shop is something we should think about for the future expansion of the village.

And that's it, sorry it's rushed.

Regards,

Wanda

Appendix Four

A brief summary of where we are.

In the first place, I contacted Dundee City Council and after a fair amount of email conversation I have secured permission to form a path through Belmont Woods. I then had a conversation with Pete Grewar in relation to his bit on the old railway path and he has given permission to put signposts on his land. I then spoke with the owners of Camno Cottage and they have given permission to signpost on there land and if need be do a little bit of levelling by their gate for wheelchair access. However, on looking at it again the other day, Kate may be able to access it, so it would be great if Kate has a look.

The problem bit is the land in the middle, which is around 300 metres. This bit is a narrow path with much vegetation on both sides and requires cutting back and strimming and maybe some lopping of low branches. To do all of this I had to seek permission of the owner. After contacting Angus Council, I discovered that it is still a Core Path under Angus Council but they had no knowledge who owned this part. After speaking with Kinpurnie Estates, I contacted Rettie Selling Agents in Edinburgh and after emails and telephone conversations, they are still in control of this bit of land and they have given us permission to crack on with what we want to do.

So, my plan is to do just this and possibly make a start next month. I have a bow saw and a pair of loppers we just need possibly a couple of strimmers and possibly a small chainsaw. I would like to open up the brick shed in order that Wanda can use this part of the Heritage Poetry Trail. The trees surrounding the shed are quite slender and I think that we could use them on the site, which would look good.

As to the Village Hall site, I am a bit disappointed in Christopher as he has not contacted me in any way. I asked him to meet with me to discuss and open consultation day with locals but he hasn't got back to me as yet. I will contact him again and if I get an answer before tomorrow nights meeting, I will phone Kevin.

Regards

Bob