

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	25/05/2021	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	3 Steading Place, Meigle (meeting was held outdoors abiding by current Scottish Government COVID guidance).	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Peter Menzies (PM), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Andy de Vale (AdV)	
Apologies:	Wanda McGregor (WM), Hannah Woods (HW), Alison Ebbitt (AE),	
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	<p>The minutes from the last meeting (held on 27.04.21) were reviewed and it was agreed that they were an accurate representation of this meeting. The minutes were proposed by PM and seconded by AdV.</p> <p>It was agreed to send a card to Alison McLure to thank her for her contribution to setting up and establishing the Trust. KS agreed to do this.</p>	KS
5	<p>Update from relevant local groups and organisations</p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council (PM)</u> The Community Council are working with PKC to resolve ongoing issue with the speed cushions on the B954. Speed strips will be laid on this road to measure the effectiveness of the current position of the strips. PKC are reluctant to change the position of the speed cushions just now but the Community Council are pushing for this to be resolved as a priority. A survey is being sent to residents on Strathmore place to see what road improvements are preferred by residents.</p> <p><u>Strathmore Development Trust roundtable (KS)</u> No update at this time.</p> <p><u>Other groups or organisations</u> HW shared an email regarding The Scottish Men's shed Association. It was agreed to join this group. KS to share dates to join a Zoom meeting.</p>	KS

	<p>It was agreed to reach out to Ali Napier to see if he wants to join this meeting. Outstanding action to contact Geroge McLaren to discuss the old scout hall as a venue for a Community Shed.</p>	PM/KS
6	<p>Update about core projects</p> <p><u>Community Action Planning (CAP)</u> HW sent an update via email as she could not attend. The CAP report is now finalised and is being prepared for printing by Strathmore Printing. MACDT will receive 200 copies which will be shared with CAP partners. The activities that were agreed by trustees to be assigned to MACDT have been accepted and are included in the final report.</p> <p><u>Flame of Fusion</u> This discussion was held over as WM was not present. The group were very appreciative of WM's work to date.</p> <p><u>Meigle Bowling Club</u> PM has spoken to Hamish (Bowling Club chair) about progressing the lease. Peter has spoken to their solicitors regarding the lease contract. PM agreed to keep the group updated with any progress.</p> <p>Elspeth Bruce from Greenspace Scotland has previously advised on improvements to the pavilion at the bowling club. Greenspace Scotland is looking for new funding opportunities for regeneration projects and in this regard, Elspeth has provided advice on redeveloping the hospital corner, the bowling green and Cox's cemetery (at the Alyth junction). A funding bid of £150,000 is in the process of being developed to support this work. The funding bid has cleared first stage approval and PM has agreed to keep MACDT updated with progress. This funding bid is in partnership with Pride in Meigle 2015. KS suggested that we should reach out to the Community Council to see if they want to be a partner in this redevelopment work as the current maintenance work at the bowling green has been undertaken under their auspices.</p> <p><u>Development of a Members Cooperative</u> KS and EB had previously circulated a proposal document for creating a members cooperative. The proposal was reviewed favourably. The option of testing a loyalty card scheme for local businesses was discussed at length. Perth city centre has launched a loyalty card scheme to increase footfall post-lockdown. AdV agreed to look into this further.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting where local businesses will be invited to discuss how MACDT can support them to relaunch post-lockdown.</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>AdV</p>

	<p>KS agreed to contact Flour Coffee Shop and Deli, The Kinloch Arms Hotel, The Ardler Tavern, The Quirky Cuckoo, The Joinery, Drummonds and Shepherds.</p> <p><u>Belmont Woods.</u> KS gave an update from his recent meeting with DTAS regarding a community buy-out of Belmont Woods which would mean that the woods would be the responsibility of MACDT. DTAS described a stepwise approach to this process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact Dundee City Council to discuss their development priorities for the Belmont Estate. 2. Following this call, MACDT can register an expression of interest – this would be via the Dundee City Council website. As part of this process MACDT will have to define the area to be purchased, describe the vision for redeveloping the different areas of Belmont Woods (how will this meet the needs of the community which aren't being met presently), describe the management team who will lead this redevelopment and whether MACDT would want to lease, partner with Dundee City Council or purchase the land. 3. If Dundee City Council agreed to this asset transfer then the actual amount of money paid by MACDT will be agreed through a process of negotiation but this is normally where MACDT will discount the amount of investment required to bring the site up to standard from the actual market value. DTAS suggested that The Scottish Land Fund and The Community Woodland Association would be suitable funding partners. <p>It was agreed that MACDT should continue to explore this further. KS agreed to contact Dundee City Council.</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>KS</p>
7	<p>Financial Update</p> <p><u>Bank account</u> AdV gave an update about the finances. At the start of April, MACDT had £2380 in the bank account. £616 of this amount is required to cover Caroline's CAP fees. KS and AdV are to set up securities to allow MADCT to make online payments via CAF. MACDT now have a cheque book and a pay-in book. KS has a credit card.</p> <p>AdV is looking into accounting software. DEXT is the preferred solution and it will cost around £20 per month.</p> <p><u>Funding</u> SE and PM are developing a funding bid to submit to SSEN to support resilience work. The bid has to be submitted by 10th June and will be in the region of £20,000.</p>	<p>AdV/ KS</p>

8	Operational update It was agreed to invite WM to become a trustee. KS to speak to WM. There is a need to appoint trustees to represent Ardler after Alison stepping down.	KS
9	Any other business No matters were raised.	
10	Next meeting 29.06.21 at 7pm. This meeting will be outside but this will be dependent on current Scottish Government COVID guidelines. Date for the extraordinary meeting for the business community to be confirmed as soon as possible.	
Signed:		Date: