

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	23 February 2023	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Kinloch Arms Hotel, Meigle	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Andy Boyack (AB), Susie McNaughton (SMC), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Wanda McGregor (WMc), Ali Napier (AN), Kate Methley (KM), Jorgie Hill (JH), Robert Walsh (RW) – Conservation Volunteers	
Apologies:	Hannah Woods (HW), Bob Ellis (BE)	
Declaration of interest:	None declared	
Agenda items		Actions
4	Minutes of the AGM, held on 26th January 2023, were agreed to be an accurate representation. Minutes were proposed by JH and seconded by AN.	
5	<p>Updates from relevant local groups and organisations</p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council (MACC)</u> KS reported that a Spring Fair was to be held on April 1st at the Kinloch Hall. It was open to Local Groups to take a table at £15 and it was resolved that MACDT would participate accordingly. Regards the Summer Gala Day, MACDT to organise this through Events Organiser JH. Additionally, it was confirmed that the Community Council were willing to hand over pavement gritting as part of a local resilience response.</p> <p><u>Resilience</u> RW (Conservation Volunteers) introduced himself and outlined action that can be taken re flooding hotspots; also, regeneration of green spaces and enhancement of the natural flow of the river – this includes training, Risk Assessments and education through schools.</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>RW</p>
6	<p><u>Organisational Update</u> The chart as attached to the agenda was approved.</p> <p>It was resolved to draw up a Resilience leaflet and it was a priority to find a lead for this function.</p>	KS

	<p>KS intimated that there had been communication with Meigle Development Trust. This Trust has been in abeyance for several years. Trustees from Meigle Development Trust have proposed that MACDT take over assets belonging to them. This would include the community garden and financial assets from their bank account (est. £3,500 in funds). It was resolved that KS would reach out to Meigle Development Trust to discuss this further and speak to Sharon Connolly (Macnab's solicitors) to discuss any legal requirements.</p> <p>In respect of the "Meigle and Ardler Blether", a further meeting to be held to take forward the production of future Newsletters. This will be coordinated by the communications team.</p>	
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7	<p>Project Updates</p> <p><u>Meigle Bowling Club - KS</u> This will soon be transferred over to MACDT. Legal fees are estimated to be £1,100/1200 with insurance cover having been discussed with the Broker used by the Development Trust Association for Scotland. It was agreed to go forward with the draft quotes.</p> <p><u>Ardler Hall</u> With the Hall Committee no longer in existence it needs to be established how the ownership situation stands. Maintenance and other work continuing.</p> <p><u>Community Shed</u> No progress to be reported.</p> <p><u>Music, Art & Literature</u></p> <p>Discussion centred round the Google G Drive and how this can be organised. The Secretary to look at indexing the documentation. It was reported that Tayside Contracts are looking to cost the Belmont Paths Widening – this could be up to 6k, possibly reduced by a 3k grant.</p> <p>The Sub Group intimated that the installation of poetry pieces will take place first and then the heritage installations will take place thereafter. Further costing to be outlined at future meetings. A full day Poetry session to be held at Meigle school on March 7, with a follow up in April. The Wise Women's' Walk was being advertised to coincide with International Women's' Day. On the 5th March a bus to Ardler would depart from the school at 10am, with a walk to the Signal Box and a talk on the Suffragettes fire raising.</p> <p>Further activities would follow.</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>AN</p> <p>WMc/ SMC</p>
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