

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	29th September 2022	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Belmont Outdoor Centre, Belmont.	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Derek MacKenzie (DM), Wanda McGregor (WMcG), Bob Ellis (BE), Ali Napier (AN), Jonny Channon (JC), Andy Boyak (AB), Kate Methley (KM), Rae Taylor (RT), Annie Anderson (AA)	
Apologies:	Hannah Woods (HW), Martin Elvins (ME), Kate Elvins (KE),	
Declaration of interest:	None declared	
Agenda items		Actions
3&4	Minutes of the meeting, held on 25th August 2022, were agreed to be an accurate representation of this meeting. Minutes were proposed by BE and seconded by WMcG.	
5	<p><b>Updates from relevant local groups and organisations</b></p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council (MACC)</u> RT gave an update on behalf of MACC. The Planning Application is yet to be validated for the Forfar Road Development. MACC will hold public meetings regarding this proposed development to allow the community to comment on this application. Applications for community councillors have been submitted and there have been 10 nominations. Next meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022, will elect the officers. There are two new members of MACC being Kenneth Mitchell and Tanya. RT will be staying on as the chair of MACC.</p> <p><u>Cateran Ecomuseum – BE</u> BE attended a meeting with two other members to discuss issues with two of our promoted forest cycle routes, Glenmarkie Estate and Drimmie Woods, which were impassable due to fallen trees. Due to the limited ability to rectify this issue, it has been highlighted on the website and informed users that all feedback is welcome.</p> <p>Claire Cooper has submitted funding bids to Paths for All and the UK levelling up fund (both for £28,000). A submission has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the amount of £250,000 with the aim of progression on the land in and around the Cateran Eco Museum.</p>	

	<p><u>Strathmore Development Trust Round Table</u></p> <p>BE gave an update on the recent activities of MACDT which was received well along with a keen interest in the Meikle to Ardler Path Project. Mount Blair DCT updated trustees regarding the potential acquiring of the Bannerfield for community use. The field is currently held by trustees however it is not currently being used. Colin Reid (Mount Blair CDT), attended a meeting with the new CEO of PKC Thomas Glen and two other senior officers which discussed the idea that all trusts should forward on their CAP reports for his perusal. Colin suggested all trusts send their CAP reports for him to collate and then forward on to Barbara Brenton (Deputy CEO) and Thomas Glen (CEO) which was positively received. All trusts have a good collaborative working relationship.</p>	
6	<p><b>Updates on core projects</b></p> <p><u>Meikle Bowling Club - KS</u> KS is awaiting further information from solicitor regarding the Deeds to the Bowling Green.</p> <p><u>Community Shed</u> DMacK and JC had a surveyor out to look over the community shed and laundry shed (resilience hub), final figure to be given regarding the removal of asbestos. So far there have been minimal issues identified within the community shed, main issues being the floor tiles and paintwork. All members of the trust are happy for resilience funds to be put towards the work required on the community shed and the storage location. There has been no communication from Jamie (CEO) as of yet. CIF application deadline is 4th November. KS, AN and SE plan to have short discussion with Jamie to obtain a letter which could potentially boost production and be a benefit towards the CIF application.</p> <p><u>Resilience Planning – DM</u> DM has conducted extensive research regarding generators for the community in cases of bad weather, power cuts etc. It has been established, and all trustees agree, that the best method is to purchase the generators rather than renting from a bigger company which requires various credit checks etc. The cost of purchasing the generators outright is estimated at £5000. Regarding the Kinloch Hall, DM had a meeting with an electrician regarding upgrading the power points however, due to the nature of the job, he has been given the information for an electrical engineer to conduct the work. Edwards Engineering in Perth will be looking over the job on 30th and evaluate the cost of the job. DM is also arranging for asbestos to be cleared from the storage space in which equipment will be stored. SSEN have</p>	<p><b>KS</b></p> <p><b>DM, JC, KS, AN, SE</b></p> <p><b>DM</b></p>

	<p>been in contact regarding the spending of funding they provided for the equipment and plan to correspond with DM in the near future. After attending the Community Flood Resilience Event in Perth. There was information regarding the installation of flood sensors along the Meigle burn. DM obtained further information and was advised to contact Perth &amp; Kinross flood officer to establish a good working relationship which could benefit us in terms of training on flood management. This could also allow MACDT to be covered by their liability insurance. It has been established that buying sand bags in bulk and filling them ourselves is the most cost effective method. DM plans to contact Perth &amp; Kinross Council to obtain a grit bin for storage of the sand bags to keep them close to where they will be most required. It has also been highlighted that the drains close to flour have been neglected therefore causing flooding. This issue has been identified and raised within appropriate channels.</p> <p><u>Music, Art &amp; Literature</u></p> <p>WMcG had a conversation with Penny Cousins from Appin which developed the App for a sound walk in Fort Appin. Upon the launch of the app it was discovered that attendees used the leaflet more than the app. It cost £10 for the app to be downloaded which discouraged walkers. WMcG also had a meeting with Victoria McMillan from School of the Moon, who is eager to help with development of the heritage path and creative aspects which may be incorporated in the walk. Victoria is keen to do some workshopping to help develop ideas for the poetry path and engage with the community to find out what they would like to see. She will be back in Meigle on the 5th November to go on the walk with anyone interested and share ideas. Based on a previous project, Victoria suggested several activities such as Post Box Poetry and A Mindfulness Tree. WMcG is looking to morph flame of fusion into advertisement for our upcoming plans.</p> <p><u>Environment and green spaces – BE</u></p> <p><i>Path networks</i></p> <p>The Meigle to Ardler path project is still gradually moving forward however it is yet to be established who the owner of middle area between Camno Road and Ardler Bridge. BE found out that it is owned by Kinpurnie Estate who in turn is now owned by an Indian Pharmaceutical Business which BE intends to establish communication with, by next meeting.</p> <p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>HW has created a revised layout for the Smart Village which has not yet been launched but is in the process of being updated.</p>	<p><b>WMcG</b></p> <p><b>BE</b></p> <p><b>HW</b></p>
7	<b>Financial Update</b>	

	<p><u>Bank account</u> Current Balance – 26,908.00</p> <p>KM, KS, SE and HW all now have access to the bank account, alongside HMRC &amp; Companies House. KM is currently looking at switching banks for funds held by MACDT. KM has suggested that we look at planning a yearly budget which will help organise and plan where funds are going. KS has been informed that Tax returns for next year can be started.</p> <p><u>Funding</u> SE had a successful meeting with Community Local Lead Development (CLLD) which were very impressed with MACDT's current projects and future ideas. The key projects discussed were the Bowling Club, Belmont Woods, Community Shed, Meigle and Ardler Path network and Ardler Village Hall. If the trust successfully obtained a grant, there would be money to hire a temporary part time project co-ordinator. CLLD are particularly interested in the path network between Meigle and Ardler in which they would potentially invest £3000 specifically to that project. The deadline for a funding bid is 10th October 2022 and if successfully obtained, there would be a budget plan put in place to overview spending.</p>	<p><b>KM, KS,SE, HW</b></p> <p><b>SE</b></p>
8	<p><b>Operational update</b> Corine Napier and Karen Barton are relinquishing control of the hall and Kenny Archer is the new person in charge of the Kinloch Hall.</p> <p>Andy Boyack (AB) will now be joining the MACDT secretarial team with JH to share the workload required for this role.</p>	
9	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>JH,JC and BE will be looking into the feasibility of hosting a Hogmanay Ceilidh at the Kinloch Hall for the local community.</p>	
10	<p>Next meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2002 at 7pm, at the Belmont Outdoor Centre, Belmont.</p>	
<p><b>Signed:</b> Jorgie Hill</p>		<p><b>Date:</b> 24/10/22</p>