

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	1 st March 2022	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Martin Elvin (ME), Derek MacKenzie (DMcK), Wanda McGregor (WMcG), Jorgie Hill (JH), Bob Ellis (BE), Clair Smith (CS), Hannah Woods (HW)	
Apologies:	Andy de Vale (AdV), Ali Napier (AN), Ken Hanning (KH)	
Declaration of interest:	None declared	
Agenda items		Actions
3&4	Minutes of the AGM, held on 31 st January 2022, were agreed to be an accurate representation of this meeting. Minutes were proposed by KS and seconded by BE.	
5	<p>Updates from relevant local groups and organisations</p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council (MACC)</u> No updates available at this time. KS has met with Rae Taylor, chair of MACC, and proposes that Rae or another MACC member attends the MACDT monthly meetings so the two groups can be kept informed of the other's work. All in agreement; new arrangement to be reviewed in 6 months.</p> <p><u>Cateran Ecomuseum - BE</u> Meigle and Ardler were not included in the initial Cateran Ecomuseum ("a museum without walls"), but the Pictish history of the area has warranted its inclusion. Potential to work with Claire Cooper and the Cateran Ecomuseum to develop the Pictish story of the area, and for MACDT to take the lead on developing a safe pedestrian and cycle route to Alyth.</p> <p><u>Strathmore Development Trust Round Table</u> Strathmore Development Trust Round Table is meeting on the 16th March; BE to attend (virtually) to represent MACDT. HW to forward the Meigle and Ardler CAP to the chair, Russell Taylor (chair of Alyth Community Development Trust) as the focus of this meeting will be potential collaborations to achieve CAP priorities</p>	HW, BE
6	Updates on core projects	

	<p><u>Meigle Bowling Club - KS</u></p> <p>Legal fees from Thorntons Solicitors to finalise a ten-year lease will amount to £1500 + VAT. CS suggested getting a quote from a smaller firm, or seeing if the price could be negotiated. No source of funding as yet. SE suggested applying for a grant from the Robertson Trust, and BE to ask SSEN about a short-term loan.</p> <p>KS has emailed MACC and Pride in Meigle asking to what extent they would like to be involved. MACC cannot have any financial input or liabilities, but would like to collaborate on any development of the site. Pride in Meigle have asked for clarification on how responsibilities would be divided, should they be on the lease. Although it would mean forfeiting any potential Greenspace funding, in order to get the lease finalised the simplest solution may be for MACDT to be sole leaseholders initially, with Pride in Meigle able to then select their level of inclusion with the site regeneration. HW to email Pride in Meigle for opinion.</p> <p><u>Community Shed</u></p> <p>AN absent so no update at this time; SOEC board yet to meet.</p> <p><u>Resilience Planning – DMcK</u></p> <p>Any equipment purchased must be maintained and certified, with people trained and deemed competent in its correct usage and with liability cover. DMcK is drafting detailed response plans, incorporating risk assessments, which will be circulated to BE and HW for initial review of content and format.</p> <p>Storage container prices higher than when grant application was first made, but savings from revised equipment list (alternative suppliers etc.) should compensate. ME to ask Meigle Country House where they sourced their storage container. DMcK to speak to Peter Menzies re flood barriers.</p> <p><u>Flame of Fusion (FoF)</u></p> <p>With the latest Covid-19 wave receding, WMcG can begin scheduling interviews for FoF, but needs recording equipment. ME may have a digital dictaphone that will be of sufficient quality. WMcG also to speak to Shepherds re friendship tree, and filmmaker Stephen Morocco re recording footage.</p> <p>WMcG and KS have applied to the Community Investment Fund for approx. £8000.00 to create a 'walking narrative' path between Ardler and Meigle, with the outcome decided mid-</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>SE, BE</p> <p>HW</p> <p>DMcK, BE, HW</p> <p>ME, DMcK</p> <p>WMcG</p>
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	<p>March. BE is on the Community Investment Fund panel and will have to declare a conflict of interest.</p> <p><u>Environment and green spaces – BE</u></p> <p><i>Path networks</i> BE met with Dudley Treffry, chair of Newtyle Path Network, and discussed the potential for future collaboration. BE asked to speak at their AGM. The online consultation regarding a safe walking & cycling route between Dundee and Newtyle was not deemed by local residents to be very productive. Sustrans possibly developing a safe route from Stanley Junction to Montrose or Arbroath, which would come through Coupar Angus, Ardler and Meikle.</p> <p><i>Belmont Woods</i> MACC initially put in a note of interest to Dundee City Council (DCC) re an asset transfer of Belmont Woods, and possibly the Castle. Ss has conformed with Rae Taylor (MACC chair) that they are happy for MACDT to take the lead. BE has spoken via email and phone to Alastair Kay (Team Leader for Asset Management at DCC), who is going to discuss with the legal team for an update on the current situation of Belmont Estate.</p> <p>KS has submitted a funding bid to PKLeader for funds to map out the paths in Meikle and Ardler. If successful the money would be required to be spent almost immediately.</p> <p><u>Communications</u> We have the means of communicating (Facebook, Twitter, newsletter) and a repository of information (Smart Village) but lack content. ME, KH, JH, HW and CS to form communication sub-committee. HW to circulate initial email, and next meeting to focus on communication and content.</p>	HW
7	<p>Financial Update</p> <p><u>Bank account – KS (on behalf of KH)</u></p> <p>Current balance of £21146.00.</p> <p>KH has taken ownership of the macdt.finance@gmail.com email, and is registered on the CAF bank account.</p> <p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>No further updates (see section 6 for recent funding applications). To date, administrative costs have been minimal but should perhaps be considered on future funding bids.</p>	

8	Operational update		
	HW to step down from the position of secretary (though staying on as a member), as other commitments are preventing her from fulfilling the secretarial duties as efficiently as required. KS thanked her for all she has done in the last 18 months. Jorgie Hill has volunteered to take over the role, agreed by all present. HW to organise transfer om macdt.secretary@gmail.com email account and to detail responsibilities.		HW
	The Smart Village website contains a wealth of information, but could be reordered to show current activities and local news more prominently. Daniel Muir (GrowBiz) to work with HW and communications team to reorganise site.		HW
	A loan of £1000 was provided by GrowBiz in order to open the CAF bank account, and is to be repaid before the end of the financial year.		KH
	KS to provide OSCR with AGM minutes, Trustee report and accounts.		KS
9	Any other business		
	Clair Smith provides mentoring support at GrowBiz, and MACDT would be delighted to accept her offer of support to our organisation.		
	Jonny Channon, manager of Belmont SOEC centre, was invited to this meeting but unable to attend. Keen to be involved.		
10	Next meeting to be held on 31 st March 2022, 7pm, provisionally in the Kinloch Memorial Hall.		
Signed:		Date:	