

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	26th April 2022	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Derek MacKenzie (DMcK), Hannah Woods (HW), Jorgie Hill (JH), Ken Hanning (KH), Bob Ellis (BE), Mick Hassell (MH), Christopher Dingwall (CD), Lindsay Patterson (LP)	
Apologies:	Andy de Vale (AdV), Wanda McGregor (WMcG), Clair Smith (CS), Martin Elvins (ME), Kate Elvins (KE)	
Declaration of interest:	None declared	
Agenda items		Actions
3&4	Minutes of the meeting, held on 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2022, were agreed to be an accurate representation of this meeting. Minutes were proposed by KS and seconded by HW.	
5	<p><b>Updates from relevant local groups and organisations</b></p> <p><u>Ardler Hall Committee</u> MH (chair) and LP (vice-chair) from Ardler Hall Committee and CD met with trustees to discuss plans to redevelop the Ardler village hall site. MH emphasised the desire to revive the Ardler hall committee and merge this with MACDT to redevelop this site. BE proposed that the Meigle bowling green and Ardler hall site could be the starting and finishing points for the heritage path network between the two villages. Ardler hall is to be kept a community space for the community. CD informed MACDT of the Mushroom Trust funding which could be potential opportunity for MACDT in terms of Green Spaces.</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that MACDT would work with the Ardler Hall Committee to redevelop this area of land. MH &amp; LP will join the green spaces sub-group to further this work. The remaining funds from the Ardler Hall Committee will be transferred to MACDT to manage. These funds will be used solely for the redevelopment of this site. Community input in this redevelopment work is a top priority. KS to send a memorandum of understanding to MH to agree the scope of this partnership.</p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council (MACC)</u> KS was unable to attend last MACC meeting. Proposal for bowling club subgroup, green space subgroup and RT to attend</p>	<p><b>KS, MH, LP, CD</b></p> <p><b>KS</b></p>

	<p>MACDT meetings on behalf of MACC was discussed. No further correspondence with MACC secretary however RT confirmed no final decisions had yet been made but he would be attending next MACDT meeting regardless of subgroup decisions which are being discussed internally.</p> <p><u>Cateran Ecomuseum - BE</u> Trustees discussed agreeing a memorandum of understanding with the Cateran Ecomuseum. MACDT keen to sign a memorandum. KS to take forward</p> <p><u>Strathmore Development Trust Round Table</u></p> <p>At last meeting BE set out core path plan in and around east Perthshire and was requested to find a path network between Carmichael and Alyth which has been successful. Blairgowrie do not have access to a bus to connect residing areas (Spittal of Glenshee, Carmichael, Blairgowrie). BE considering requesting a collaboration to include a bus connection with Meikle and Ardler. BE to liaise with Community Council.</p>	<p><b>KS, RT</b></p> <p><b>KS</b></p> <p><b>BE</b></p>
6	<p><b>Updates on core projects</b></p> <p><u>Meikle Bowling Club - KS</u></p> <p>KS is still in regular contact with Hamish Macfarlane, chair of the bowling club committee, to try and move the lease or transfer of ownership forward. Hamish is waiting for advice from his solicitors. MACDT solicitors are trying to move this forward on our behalf.</p> <p><u>Community Shed</u></p> <p>No new updates</p> <p><u>Resilience Planning – DMcK</u></p> <p>No new updates. Discussion to be had regarding purchasing of equipment at May meeting.</p> <p><u>Flame of Fusion (FoF)</u></p> <p>WMcG has arranged for two interviews of C.Dingwall and R. Taylor. WMcG contacted Steven Morocco regarding making a short film which would cost 10-15K for 15-20mins, however cost could be lowered if MACDT conducted their own filming and funding for this can be obtained by P+K Heritage Trust. WMcG met with Ann Craig, who is having a poem placed Corbenic Poetry Path. Ann has passed on information of the organiser of the Corbenic Poetry Path for the benefit of MACDT. WMcG</p>	<p><b>KS</b></p> <p><b>AN</b></p> <p><b>DMcK</b></p>

	<p>suggests an extraordinary meeting at her house to discuss this project as it will require a huge amount of work.</p> <p>WMcG has been to visit local stables at Belmont Woods and has taken lots of pictures which could be of use to Smart Village. No further correspondence with Lauren.</p> <p><u>Environment and green spaces – BE</u></p> <p><u>Path networks</u></p> <p>BE has established path route and starting point for the walk which will be the bowling green. The Langstracht potholes have been smoothed over. Paths require tidying up and better maintained for all walkers / visitors. There is funding for the role of a project manager to manage these activities. The project has funding for one year.</p> <p><u>Belmont Woods</u></p> <p>No new updates.</p> <p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>Revamping of Smart Village is required to better engagement with the community and visitors. Facebook is a beneficial tool which can be used for broadcasting for the community. It has been established that the history section of the smart village is one of the most visited segments of the website. Establishing the content of the Smart Village and developing a plan of what we would like to see is the first step in regenerating the page. Ardler history written by CD in 1980's has been digitised on Abertay Historical Society. We should include this link on our community engagement platforms.</p> <p>HW, KH, AN &amp; JH will have a virtual meeting to discuss ideas and develop a plan for communications. Celebrations of heritage with local community could create further engagement and boost tourism and foundation for events. MACDT have funding in place for revamping of the Smart Village Webpage. Look into GPS for walks due to limited mobile phone service within the area.</p>	<p><b>WMcG</b></p> <p><b>BE</b></p> <p><b>HW, AN, KH, JH</b></p>
7	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p><u>Bank account – KS (on behalf of KH)</u></p> <p>Current balance of £27,100.60</p> <p>KH has taken ownership of the <a href="mailto:macdt.finance@gmail.com">macdt.finance@gmail.com</a> and is registered on the CAF bank account.</p> <p>File return to Company's House by mid May</p>	

	<p>Look into National Lottery Funding.</p> <p>Funding pack compiled by KS, KH &amp; SE for future funding opportunities.</p> <p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>PKC Leader Project - £5000 Arnold Clark Foundation - £2000</p> <p>GROWBIZ £1000 loan paid back in full</p> <p>BE refunded for gift purchased for Edith Christie who reviewed MACDT accounts.</p>	
8	<p><b>Operational update</b></p> <p>All trustees to complete a trustees declaration form</p>	<b>ALL</b>
9	<p><b>Any other business</b></p>	
10	<p>Next meeting to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022, 7pm, in the Kinloch Memorial Hall.</p>	
<b>Signed:</b>	Jorgie Hill	<b>Date:</b> 25 May 2022