

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	Thursday March 30th 2023	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Kinloch Arms Hotel, Meigle	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Hannah Woods (HW), Jorgie Hill (JH), Wanda McGregor (WMcG), Bob Ellis (BE), Jonny Channon (JC), Ali Napier (AN), Kate Methley (KM)	
Apologies:	Steve Ebbitt (SE), Andy Boyak (AB), Susie McNaughton (SMcN), Annie Anderson (AA) Kate Elvins (KE)	
Declaration of interest:	None declared	
Agenda items		Actions
3&4	Minutes of the meeting, held on 28 th February 2023, were agreed to be an accurate representation of this meeting. Minutes were proposed by BE and seconded by SE	
5	Updates from relevant local groups and organisations <u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council (MACC)</u> No new updates from MACC. <u>Cateran Eco museum – BE</u> <u>No new updates</u> <u>Strathmore Development Trust Round Table</u> No new updates <u>Meigle Development Trust</u> It was agreed that KS would indicate to the trustees of Meigle Development Trust that a legal transfer of all assets was the preferred option. MACDT will utilise MacNabs to conduct a legal transfer if Meigle Development Trust are agreeable to this.	KS
6	Updates on core projects <u>Meigle Bowling Club - KS</u> MACDT have officially received deeds and documentation of purchase of the Bowling Green. <u>Community Shed</u> No new updates	KS

	<p><u>Resilience Planning</u> No new updates.</p> <p><u>Flame of Fusion (FoF)</u></p> <p>WMcG has rebooted FOF project, and it has evolved into the creation of the Pathways merged with all footage and information collected from prolific members of the Meigle and Ardler community. FOF was established from a collaborating with Supporting Mind Scotland and the National Rural Forum for Mental Health which looked at delivering five ways of delivering methods of wellbeing after lockdown. The pathways, workshops and other events link into the project and is creating momentum. WMcG is keen to start up a podcast to better communicate about the MACDT our upcoming activities, events and progress on projects as well as meeting members of the trust and connecting with the community. Podcasting also has the opportunity to build relationships with local businesses. WMcG has had approval from the board to use £213 funding to purchase podcast equipment for the trust.</p> <p><u>Please see Appendix A for a complete update about the Meigle – Ardler Path</u></p> <p><u>Environment and green spaces – BE</u> <i>Path networks</i></p> <p>At a community meeting BE was approached by a member of the community who owns land that could offer a potential path connection between Meigle and Newtyle. Further conversation with the landowner will be had. BE and SMcN will connect with Newtyle path network and discuss a potential link up.</p> <p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>After establishing a connection with the Hoggs, it is clear that they are keen to work with the MACDT to introduce the community newsletter. Prior to moving forward, a proof of concept has to be established in order to move forward. KM and WMcG suggested getting a younger member of the community involved in the creative and editorial procedure to enhance inclusion from all members of the community. WMcG is happy to use her printer and ink to produce the first draft of the newsletter.</p> <p><u>Events</u></p> <p>JH and KM had a meeting with Karen Barton of the MACC to discuss the planning and organising of the Gala Day. Karen provided valuable information on expenditure, vendors and</p>	<p>WMcG</p> <p>BE</p> <p>AN, KM,JH</p> <p>JH, KM</p>
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	<p>timeline of the day. Based on the timescales to secure funding, it has been decided that the Gala Day will not be going ahead this year, however we plan to host one or two smaller events in the summertime.</p>	
7	<p>Financial Update</p> <p><u>Bank account</u></p> <p>KM presented a new-format financial report which outlines the financial status of each project/sub-committee (including actual and committed expenditure). This report will be updated as projects progress and funding is secured, and will be circulated at every monthly meeting.</p> <p>KM presented a budget document which showed proposed expenditure and potential funding for each project for the next 18 months:</p> <p>The following budgets for current projects were approved as part of this meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Meigle – Ardler Path. 2. The Old Ardler Hall Site. 3. Community Connector. 4. Resilience. <p>The budgets for the bowling club and the community shed were not approved as they were at too early a stage, but will be reviewed as these projects come on-line.</p> <p>KM also presented a proposed process document for expenditure approval and funding. The document was discussed and approved, with the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting agreed that when it comes to applying for funding, a representative of a subcommittee/project will be included in the preparation of the funding request. • The meeting agreed that each subcommittee will investigate when and where the money should be spent, and will then bring a proposal to the board for approval. • The meeting agreed that no one individual can make a financial commitment on behalf of the Trust: spend is initiated by subcommittees, but approved by the board • In cases where quick purchasing decisions are required in between board meetings, proposals can be circulated by e mail and can go ahead on 70% of approval being obtained. 	<p>KM, KS</p> <p>KS, SE, KM</p>

	<p>It was noted that monthly reports provided by each subgroup should include requests for funding, creating an efficient and proactive way of making quicker decisions which can be discussed briefly and approved or denied at monthly meetings.</p> <p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>KS is applying to Tayside contracts for funding on 01/04/23</p> <p>Funding for the bowling green can be applied for now MACDT are the owners.</p> <p>KS plans to apply for the Fore Trust for funding for the Community Connector.</p> <p>SE has reached out to the Gannochy Trust to discuss future funding.</p>	KS
8	<p>Operational update</p> <p>New proposal has been approved for how reports will be submitted to the trust prior to meetings for all attendees to review.</p> <p>A process for preventing different versions of documents being shared amongst trustees was approved. We will trial updating documents on the g-drive and sharing links to these documents. We will review this process in three months.</p>	KS KS
9	Any other business	
10	Next meeting to be held on 27th April, 7pm, in the Kinloch Arms Hotel	
Signed:	Jorgie Hill	Date:

Appendix A

Meigle and Ardler Community Trail Project, Update for MACDT Board, March 2023

This update was provided as part of a separate meeting held on 06.04.23

Matters requiring formal approval are as follows:

- Request Board to approve spend of £110 for woodchips from Murthly Sawmill to lay down to make the Belmont car park (£60 to cover 8m x 8m, plus £50 delivery)
- Request Board to approve spend of c. £163.20 to cover cost of 13 posts and lengths of wood for directional signs from Murthly Sawmill
- Request Board to approve spend on circular yellow arrows on a green background (£1.70 each for 50 minimum order - £88 plus VAT & delivery) and Logo circles with 2 colours (minimum order 50: £135 plus VAT & delivery)
- Request Board to agree spend of £1,000 to cover costs of the first 3 installations at Belmont - 2 school children projects and faerie tree.
- Request Board to approve spend of c. £600 (12 @ £50) for poetry posts: each wooden post will have a metal plate on top with a poem etched on it.
- Wanda to be invited to create an installation for the path. This was agreed unanimously as part of this meeting but should be approved at next formal meeting and minuted.

1. NAME

Recommend the MEIGLE AND ARDLER COMMUNITY TRAIL (MAC Trail) as the name of the new circular path (finally!).

Google Earth map showing the trail here:

<https://earth.google.com/web/@56.57933898,-3.16982283,61.10570697a,496.08777407d,34.99932982y,360h,0t,0r/data=MikKJwolCiExbHQ5cFNoY2dvNm1BQWhLby1JM3BDd2ZZc2JfaWIVR3lgAToDCgEw?authuser=0>

0. LOGO

We are developing a logo based on the Cross on Vanora's Stone in Meigle Museum circled with Railway Tracks to represent Ardler. Ali is helping with the production of the logo.

0. PATH CREATION

There is work still to be done to upgrade the path:

- Upgrade road surface near Belmont House – Kevin to update us about submission to Tayside Contracts for funding;
- Further widening of path at narrow place near Signal Box – Bob plus others to do by hand;
- Gradient needs to be levelled by railway cottage for Wheelers – Bob suggests this is done by hand, any volunteers? Bob to check in with owner of cottage.

0. PUBLIC CAR PARK CREATION AT BELMONT CAMP

Suggestion of a Volunteer Day on 22nd April (Earth Day) to progress this task. Jonny to confirm.

0. WAYMARK POSTS

Ready to buy these and put 13 posts in place. Bob has arranged a discount on materials from Murthly Sawmill. Circular yellow arrows on a green background are required: £1.70 each for 50 minimum order. (**£88 plus VAT & delivery**). Logo circles - £2.50 (**£135 plus VAT & delivery**) each for 50 with 2 colours

0. POETRY INSTALLATIONS

A two page proposal for the first 10 Installations has been circulated to all Board members for approval (please see below). Very excited to see things happening on the ground.

3 Installations will be ready for launch on 30th April.

30th APRIL LAUNCH

Bob and Wanda are working with Vicky MacMillan on an event to launch the first 3 Poetry installations in conjunction with Meigle School. The launch will highlight the MAC Trail project, contributing to local awareness of the Trail and its present state of development. It will be a family event. Bob and Wanda will begin contacting the media about this after the Board meeting.

Poetry Installations of the Meigle and Ardler Community Trail will give the local community a chance to engage with poetry from established, emerging and community poets. Inspired by other poetry paths such as Corbenic and Appin Sound Walk, our path's uniqueness will stem from its focus on community involvement,

encouraging all who walk it to participate and grow the poetic heritage of the area. As well as reading specially commissioned poetry from established poets responding to the Meigle and Ardler landscape, walkers will be inspired to see poetry as more than something to be read and admired.

- Open invites to participate in playful word art will come in the form of word-hoards on painted rocks. Collective poetry begun by local school children will be found sequestered inside poet-tree boxes in the woods, ready to be added to by the next passer-by. Faerie villages might be hidden from view but those with the sharpest eyes will be drawn into their tiny libraries and writing studios.
- Established poets will create work to be permanently displayed within the landscape using durable materials shaped by local artisans. Poems from the Clype Collective will form a bridge between community and professional poetics by weaving together words of local people gathered through meeting minutes, old stories and interviews to generate a new local literature to reflect our residents and landscape.
- Utilising both ephemeral and permanent artworks, the path will evolve and change over time, growing and developing just as our community does.
- Poetry evokes emotional response, creates imagery, depicts beauty, conjures up new ways of seeing and expressing, it entertains and teaches, shifts perspectives and gives new ways of seeing the world around us. It can help us to take ownership of our lives and the spaces we occupy by connecting us to culture and landscape, rhythm and sound. Poetry, on the Meigle and Ardler path at least, welcomes all.

Overview of the Installations

	<i>Description</i>	<i>Person</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
1	Word-hoards : Meigle School project of stones painted with words and placed in Belmont Woods	Jim McIntosh (poet), Wanda	Launch 30 th April 2023	Centred in a clearing near 'Christmas tree'
2	Poet-tree Boxes: Meigle School project – wooden bird boxes with notebooks and pens inside for people to write in as they go through the Woods.	Jim McIntosh, Wanda, Kenny, Bob, Vicky	Launch 30 th April 2023	Various locations in Belmont Woods (children will decide)
3	The Meigle Faerie Tree: hand-made faerie items installed on a tree to enthrall children and adults alike. Kerrie to perform her specially-written Beltaine poem beside the Tree which will be available after via QR code. More information can be found here .	Kerrie Fleming (My Jagged Roots)	Launch 30 th April 2023	This ancient yew tree is on a path near Belmont camp

4	Clypers Cluster #1: the Clypers to 'word-smith' with characters in the book, 'Meigle Past and Present', by A. Mackay, circa 1876.	Clypers c/o Wanda	Within 6 months	Near Meigle Cricket Club on MACT
5	Clypers Cluster #2: the Clypers to 'word-smith' with fragments from the community' using words generated on the heritage walk last year and document and interview sources	Clypers c/o Wanda	Within 6 months	Location to be decided later
6	Well-known Poet Commission #1: well-known poet invited to write a poem on the theme: Connections – land and people, prompted by a particular place in the landscape on the MACT.	Jim McIntosh, Makar of Cateran	Within 6 months	Lang Stracht or Ardler Road by berry/ potato fields (to be decided)
7	Well-known Poet Commission #2: well-known poet invited to write a poem on the theme: Connections – land and people, prompted by a particular place in the landscape on the MACT.	Beth McDonough,	Within 6 months	Lang Stracht or Ardler Road by berry/ potato fields (to be decided)
8	Our very own Wanda commission - Bee Corridor: this has been brewing awhile and it deserves to come out and find expression – theme of climate change, bio-diversity, and connection. Explore commissioning stone carver from Alyth, Neil Paterson, to make installation.	Wanda Macgregor	Within a year (2 nd phase)	On old railway corridor on MACT Path between Ardler village and the old signal box
9	Meigle Community Poetry Installation: interactive poetry installation created with Meigleites with locals at the Bowling Green – who knows what will emerge? Expression given full rein for the creation of both the words and the installation. Potential theme: memories of the Bowling Club	Wanda/ Clypers workshop-ing	Within a year (2 nd phase)	Bowling Green, Meigle

10	<p>Ardler Community Poetry Installation: interactive poetry installation created with Ardlerites on the Ardler Hall Green – who knows what will emerge? Expression given full rein for the creation of both the words and the installation.</p>	Wanda/Clypers workshop-ing	Within a year (2 nd phase)	Ardler Hall Green
11	<p>Waymarkers: Except where mentioned above, the basic ‘go to’ for installations will be a wooden post topped with a metal plate 10cm x 10cm, which will have the poem printed on it. This will be topped with a coating to preserve it. <i>This has been costed @ £50 per post.</i></p> <p><i>A QR code will also be embedded in each post for people to listen to the poem being spoken.</i></p> <p><i>Maximum length of any one poem on the ‘go to’ post installation is 10 lines, and using specific script and colours for maximum readability.</i></p> <hr/> <p>More information can be found here.</p>			