

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	12.11.20	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Online (Zoom)	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Caroline Ness (CN), Peter Menzies (PM), Hannah Woods (HW) Andy de Vale (AdV), Steve Ebbitt (SE)	
Apologies:	Alison McLure (AMcL), Alison Ebbitt (AE)	
Declaration of interest:	None	
Agenda items		Actions
3&4	Last meeting's minutes agreed to be an accurate representation of the meeting; actions to be discussed	
5	<p>Operational update: No changes to the organisational structure, though KS still talking to David Kerr re a possible role as co-chair for resilience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) All new members need to complete a paragraph about themselves for 'Meet the Teams' section for social media. Email to CN, along with a photo. b) HW to send round OSCR Declaration to be a Trustee form to new members to sign and upload to Google Drive. CN to send round link for Trustees Register, which can be edited online. 	<p>HW, AdV, SE, AE</p> <p>HW and CN</p>
6	<p>Financial update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bank account application submitted and being processed as AdV has agreed to new terms as requested by CAF and follow up next week. Need bank account in place before we can receive any funding. b) Review of financial opportunities <p>KS: Should hear from Jackie Brierton at Growbiz this week regarding the next round of funding, which was for 6 months funding for the Community Development Worker role. KS sees this as our final joint bid with them and we should aim to become more independent as a Trust.</p>	AdV

	<p>PM suggested a separate meeting just to focus on funding streams, fix priorities and help to guide SE when searching for funding opportunities, following on from meeting between CN and SE this week. Look for small funding opportunities currently available that may be soon to expire. PM to write an initial funding strategy (one sheet of A4)</p> <p>AdV: Two projects currently active are the bowling green and the community action plan. Focus on those two short term goals, maybe one other, and short term money to get those done. PM to put together a list of what needs to be done immediately for the bowling club, and what is more long term.</p> <p>KS: Long-term, funding can also come from membership, though not yet enough in place to sell being an intrinsic member of the Trust. Events run for the local area are required that raises awareness of MACDT and creates an ongoing source of money for slush fund.</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>PM</p>
7	<p>Project updates</p> <p>a) Meigle Bowling Club PM has received the lease from the solicitors, but it will require major revisions as it does not reflect the current condition of the buildings and grounds and must not restrict our potential aims for the site. PM to review when he returns from offshore.</p> <p>PM: Whilst our community has been disengaged for quite a long time, hopefully we will get more volunteers soon. A few dedicated volunteers so far; one (Eddie) has cleared the space opposite the bowling green, so we will need some discussion as to what to do with that space.</p> <p>b) Smart Village CN: report from Daniel Muir that Adam has begun uploading the text that CN had assembled, but that he is grumbling somewhat regarding the directories. CN to hear from Daniel this week, and potentially join a call with both Daniel and Adam on Friday.</p> <p>CN met Caroline Shires, whose daughter Martha (aged 15) could be a digital champion – she's also keen on photography. Ideally a digital champion would be based in the Meigle and Ardler area, so that they are invested, and it would enhance the CV of any young person who took on the role.</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>CN</p>

	<p>c) Support in Mind Scotland Support in Mind Scotland are looking to support 3 or 4 Winter Lockdown Projects; communities who can get involved in mental health and wellbeing community-led projects. CN had a long phone call with Ros Hally, suggesting the idea of a modern version of the village life video that had previously been discussed by MACDT. Such a project could be a reason for people to reconnect, and address loneliness.</p> <p>d) Catearan Ecomuseum virtual walk KS has spoken with Clare Cooper, one of the Founding directors. KS suggested a virtual tour of the Catearan Trail, narrated by members of the ecomuseum. Anything that raises their profile and raises funds is welcomed. May be able to link in with digital marketing content currently being created. Perthshire Wildlife Trust provide funds to the Catearan Trail, so would also need to be consulted. KS to pursue the idea.</p> <p>e) Trello General agreement that it is a good system, and will continue using for now.</p>	KS
8	<p>a) Outdoor activities CN and AMcL met with Cally Gordon, an independent outdoor activity leader who is keen to get involved with delivering outdoor activities to children from the Meikle and Ardler area. Asking for £20ph, but CN feels £30ph more reasonable as he will provide equipment etc. Potential opportunity too for Cally to provide ski lessons at Glenshee. Cally has done a lot of work with local schools including Meikle PS, so the school is more likely to help promote. For local classes may have to alternate weeks for different age groups and abilities, and would try to recruit parent helpers.</p> <p>CN is editing the application form accordingly, asking for funding from January to June (approx. £3-£4K), and will send to SE for input. CN suggested offering two places fully funded, and subsidising other places. KS questioned if there is a way to evidence those that might benefit from a free place, and how to almost make that a philanthropic venture.</p>	CN

	<p>KS: Both Karen and Jonny from SOEC have been in touch to say they are likely to soon receive Government funding. Keeping lines of communication open for future collaboration, but as above, MACDT are pursuing other opportunities for now.</p> <p>b) Community Action Plan (CAP) CN has sent out invite for initial steering group meeting on Tuesday 17th Nov, along with draft survey, potential stakeholder groups, points for discussion (e.g. safety of distributing and collecting paper surveys) etc.</p> <p>Currently due to attend are CN, Colin Roxburgh (Small Town and Rural Development Group, very experienced in CAPs), Colin Stewart (one of the four councillors for the Strathmore Ward), Jackie Brierton (local resident and CEO of GrowBiz), Mairi Speedie (Ardler resident and community development worker for Strathtay) and Bob Ellis (MACC), all of whom have good networks. HW to represent MACDT, though it does not need to be the same representative from MACDT for all meetings.</p> <p>Although it would be good to have someone from the farming community on the steering group, it is not essential as long as their views are represented in the stakeholder interviews. Hopefully more engagement once people understand what the CAP aims to do, and CN can bring people up to speed if they join the steering group later.</p>	
9	<p>AOB CN to reply to Disclosure Scotland and begin process of enrolling MACDT to become a qualifying organisation to carry out its own PVG checks.</p>	CN
10	Next online meeting of MACDT scheduled for 7pm, 26 th November 2020	
Signed:		Date: