Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes					
Date:	29th March 2022				
Time:	7pm				
Location:	Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle				
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Martin Elvin (ME), Wanda McGregor (WMcG), Hannah Woods (HW), Jorgie Hill (JH)				
Apologies:	Andy de Vale (AdV), Ken Hanning (KH), Bob Ellis (BE), Derek MacKenzie (DMcK)				
Declaration of interest:	None declared				
	Agenda items	Actions			
3&4	Minutes of the AGM, held on 29th March 2022, were agreed to be an accurate representation of this meeting. Minutes were proposed by KS and seconded by SE				
4.5	Amend operations to confirm KH is taking over financial responsibilities of MACDT. JH taking over role of MACDT secretary.				
5	Meigle and Ardler Community Council (MACC) KS attended to represent MACDT. Proposition of Rae Taylor (MACC Chair), to attend meetings to observe and provide community input and consider MACC member to take position on bowling club & Green space subgroup. Not officially confirmed due to absences, however, positive feedback obtained, tbc. HW,SE and KS emailed Pride in Meigle in connection of bowling green work. No response, however open ended for potential future work. Cateran Ecomuseum – BE No new updates Strathmore Development Trust Round Table BE attending in representation of MACDT alongside Alyth,	KS, HW, SE KS, BE			
	Blairgowrie and MT Blair DT. Prioritising operationalising community action plans with main group consensus of focusing on Paths & Networks and Youth Engagement. Marie Todd working alongside the trusts to better support with PKC. Next meeting to be held in May 2022.	BE			

Updates on core projects	
Meigle Bowling Club - KS	
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Initial proposition is 10-year lease with review every two years, however new potential to purchase the bowling green outright. McNab's and Wylie & Henderson solicitor (Bowling green solicitor) have discussed MACDT taking full ownership of land if bowling committee agree. Responsibility of maintaining the space would be MACDT whether rented or owned. MACDT would respect the wishes of bowling committee in regard to keeping the space a green space. Ownership would mean better opportunities applying for grants and funding. Respect the wishes of not disrupting the green space All members present would prefer to purchase the space as a first option and leasing would be the second option. KS and SE will go through digital verification process.	
Community Shed	A N1
No new updates on community shed.	AN
Resilience Planning – DMcK	
Last MACDT meeting, it was discussed using resilience fund to cover cost of taking Meigle land. BE contacted SSEN regarding DMcK revised budget. SSEN have agreed to MACDT using the funds.	DMcK, BE
Flame of Fusion (FoF)	
No new updates – ME provided WMcG Dictaphone to record future interviews.	WMcG, ME
Environment and green spaces – BE	
Path networks in local area. KS and BE submitted funding bid into PKC leader via grow biz in January however were still awaiting a response in March. KS and BE then submitted revised bid to the community investment fund for £8500 to map paths, sign posting and updates on smart village. Community Investment funding awarded MACDT with £4000 of initial £8000 bid. Today, PKC have awarded MACDT with £5000 funding.	BE, KS
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Communications

Discussed pros and cons to current communications strategies and establish what is working and not working alongside methods of resolution for moving forward.

- What is the objective of communication?
- Community action plan What do people want?
- How do we find out what people want?

HW conducted community action plan survey last year throughout Meigle and Ardler. Obtained positive feedback for potential methods of engagement however, limited information from youth perspectives. JH to build a template survey for school children in the area to discuss with their families for a more diverse opinion.

HW, JH

ME established that without anything tangible, it's difficult to communicate and engage with the community with lack of information to publish. Due to Covid everything has stalled projects causing a pause in communication. HW has obtained 130 email addresses that subscribe to local newsletter which is a baseline to start communications with the locals. Other small communities have small events based on their social environment. Consider approaching farms to do a walk-through farming life, small community festival based on the niche of the surroundings. Tattie Festival in the October holidays which was an idea provided from local businesses. Open air cinema is another potential idea.

Facebook page "Meigle Past and Present" is a base for locals to communicate and connect which has seen high levels of engagement. Smart village is a beneficial tool to use to engage with our local businesses and community. Needs to be rebooted.

Establish small tangible projects to work on every 3 months for locals to attend which will boost community engagement with the MACDT and other members of the community. Newsletter to be used to advertise upcoming events.

Walking path project is a good baseline to communicate with the community and ask them to join in and offer suggestions and feedback on the development of the project.

KS, WMcG,

KH will take over Facebook communications.

KH

ME will discuss community apps with a friend for other potential method of communicating with the community.

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	<u>Priorities</u>	
	 KH Tidy up Facebook Consider ways to make the smart village more engaging Purpose and functionality of newsletter JH Map out school Survey & create a sandbox for ideas to be shared on GDrive Establish 2 good events (1 big event and 1 fundraising event) Consider new ideas for Smart Village for next meeting, what headings would people like to see in the menu of the website. 	
	Financial Update	
	Bank account – KS (on behalf of KH)	
	Current balance of £21138.60	
	KH has taken ownership of the macdt.finance@gmail.com email, and is registered on the CAF bank account.	
	<u>Funding</u>	
	CIF awarded funding of £4000	
	PKC awarded funding of £5000	
7	KS applied to Arnold Clark foundation for funding to cover legal costs, they have awarded MACDT £2000. This means we can pay legal costs without detriment to resilience fund and we can pay GrowBiz back £1000.	KS
	Small sub finance group of KS, KH, SE.	KS, KH, SE
	Consider businesses for funding initiative and develop a prospective funding pack for various organisations and businesses.	KS, KH
	2.5% management fee in place for next big bid	KS, KH
	Funding bid for men's shed to launch again in the new financial year.	
	Operational update	
8	KH has officially taken over financing responsibilities on behalf of MACDT.	KH, KS

	JH officially taken over the role of MAC place for HW to transfer over macdt.se google drive accounts to JH.	KS, HW, JH		
9	Any other business			
10	Next meeting to be held on 26th April 2022, 7pm, provisionally in the Kinloch Memorial Hall.			
Signed:	Jorgie Hill	Date:	24/04/22	