

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	31st May 2022	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Derek MacKenzie (DMcK), Wanda McGregor (WMcG), Ali Napier (AN), Jorgie Hill (JH), Bob Ellis (BE), Rae Taylor (RT), Johnny Cannon (JC)	
Apologies:	Andy De Vale (ADV) Hannah Woods (HW), Ken Hanning (KH), Martin Elvins (ME), Kate Elvins, Clair Smith (CS)	
Declaration of interest:	None declared	
Agenda items		Actions
3&4	Minutes of the meeting, held on 26th April 2022, were agreed to be an accurate representation of this meeting. Minutes were proposed by SE and seconded AN	
5	<p><b>Updates from relevant local groups and organisations</b></p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council (MACC)</u> RT attended MACDT meeting to provide representation for MACC and provide insight on their core work activity. RT provided an update on the new housing development where 100 houses are proposed to be built. MACC is hosting a gala day on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022 with some events being held at the bowling club. MACDT agreed to ensure that the green spaces at the Bowling Club were tidied up for this event.</p> <p><u>Cateran Ecomuseum – BE</u> No new updates.</p> <p><i>Historic Environment Scotland – HES</i> KS had a meeting with Pauline Megston from HES. It was agreed that MACDT will work with HES regarding joint marketing campaigns to increase awareness of the resources in the surrounding area.</p> <p><u>Strathmore Development Trust Round Table</u> Blairgowrie &amp; Rattray D T joined meeting meaning there were a full complement of Trusts in our area. Each Trust rep gave their reports, BE presented update on MACDT.</p>	<p><b>KS, RT</b></p> <p><b>KS</b></p> <p><b>BE</b></p>

	<p>Paths were again discussed as it is felt that making connections between settlements is a tremendous asset within each community. BE explained that MACDT are working with Chris Martin (Countryside Ranger) in regard to our own connecting path / trail between our two communities. Chris is coming to walk this route to see for himself what needs to be done. Chris also informed BE that there are gardening equipment available should MACDT need them and also onboard training to teach volunteers how to use this equipment safely.</p> <p>BE was asked to organise a meeting with Blairgowrie &amp; Rattray Access Network (BRAN) with a view to them giving MACDT a presentation on the work that they do.</p> <p>We also discussed how we should try and spread our wings in telling all organisations etc within our geographical area about what we do and what we would like to do, our visions. BE suggested that we speak with our relevant Tourist Associations namely Blairgowrie &amp; Rattray Tourist Association (BEPTA) now Visit Cateran Country and Glenshee &amp; Strathardle Tourist Association.</p> <p>No date yet in place for follow up meeting.</p>	
6	<p><b>Updates on core projects</b></p> <p><u>Meigle Bowling Club – KS</u> Bowling club chair is still awaiting legal advice regarding the transfer of ownership to MACDT. The maintenance of both the Bowling green and Hospital corner was discussed, Mclean's from Keilor farm have quoted £270 - £300 per cut of both areas. Legal representative has advised not to undertake significant work on these areas of land until ownership has been transferred. JC is going to discuss the work with another business to compare prices. KS suggested that Keilor maintains the grounds throughout June and July in preparation for the Gala day in August. Further discussions to be had to establish best option for long term.</p> <p><u>Community Shed</u> AN is making progress with the correspondence with Chief Operations Manager / upcoming Chief Exec of SOEC regarding community shed. All parties keen to take a further look at the project over the coming summer period. AN has begun sourcing equipment for the shed. A space for the shed has been earmarked and now awaiting confirmation on the designated space to move forward.</p> <p><u>Resilience Planning – DMcK</u></p>	<p><b>KS, JC</b></p> <p><b>AN, JC</b></p>

	<p>DMcK has been meeting JC to look at using a hut at the Belmont outdoor centre as a location for the storage of equipment in the short to long term. Previously discussed locations at the bowling green and beside Kinloch Hall pose some challenges so the use of a location at Belmont camp is a positive step forward. The equipment list has been finalised which means that purchasing of equipment can begin. DMcK and KS discussed looking at funding application for 2023 with SSSEN.</p> <p><u>Art, Music &amp; Literature</u> WMcG has interviewed 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 has set up a meeting with the organiser of the Corbenic Poetry Path to obtain further information and create new connections and potential allies for the development of the Meigle and Ardler Poetry Path. WMcG suggests an extraordinary meeting to discuss this project as it will require a huge amount of work.</p> <p><u>Environment and green spaces – BE</u> <i>Path networks</i> BE has discussed the project with some people in Ardler and has obtained some volunteers to start tidying up and putting up posts for signs etc. WMcG and RT will help BE with the project.</p> <p><i>Belmont Woods</i> No further Updates</p> <p><i>Ardler Hall</i> KS has sent an MOU to Chair and Vice of Ardler Hall committee. MACDT and the Ardler Hall committee are going to work together and get community input to redevelop the Ardler Hall site over the next two years. The money from the Ardler Hall committee will now be transferred over to MACDT for management by KH. The only stipulation provided by the Chair of Ardler hall to confirm that whoever uses or maintains the Ardler Hall site, the site will remain the property of the Ardler Community and cannot and will not be sold.</p> <p><u>Communications</u> AN provide short presentation on the ideas regarding the redevelopment of the Smart Village. Ideas provided by AN, KH and HW were shown in order for members to form an opinion on the best layout. It was discussed what the most important headings for community and visitors to see first. It has been agreed that the subgroup within the trustees that took on the task of redeveloping the webpage will continue to work together</p>	<p><b>DMcK JC, KS</b></p> <p><b>WMcG</b></p> <p><b>BE, WMcG, RT,KS</b></p> <p><b>AN,HW, KH,JH</b></p>
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	to reconstruct the page and make constructive decisions on what needs to be on the page and how it is to be laid out. New pictures to be selected for the welcome page. Small side meetings will be held with all who are keen to be involved in the smart village project.	
7	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p><u>Bank account – KS (on behalf of KH)</u></p> <p>Current balance of £27,092.60</p> <p>No further outstanding payments.</p> <p>DMcK has sent forward resilience equipment list to KH and KS to begin purchasing.</p> <p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>MACDT are on the cusp of submitting major funding applications to various trusts.</p> <p>Community Investment fund can be applied for, deadline is the end of June. The lottery community fund is keen to work with MACDT and get to know the trust better. The lottery representative has suggested that MACDT apply for “Awards for all” funding which can help us with various projects. As it stands, we are eligible for £10,000. Set up and Extraordinary meeting to establish best funding opportunities.</p>	SE, KS
8	<p><b>Operational update</b></p> <p>WMcG projects within MACDT to be renamed “Literature, Music &amp; Arts”.</p>	
9	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Jonny Channon, manager of Belmont SOEC centre, attended meeting and provided valuable insight regarding certain projects.</p> <p>Rae Taylor attended the meeting on behalf of the MACC.</p>	
10	Next meeting to be held on 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022, 7pm, provisionally in the Kinloch Memorial Hall.	
<b>Signed:</b>	Jorgie Hill	<b>Date:</b> 27/06/2022