

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes		
Date:	31 st August 2021	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Meigle Bowling Club Pavilion (outside)	
Present:	Peter Menzies (PM), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Wanda McGregor (WMcG), Ali Napier (AN), Hannah Woods (HW)	
Apologies:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Alison Ebbitt (AE), Andy de Vale (AdV),	
Declaration of interest:	None declared	
Agenda items		Actions
3&4	The minutes from the last meeting (held on 27.07.21) were agreed to be an accurate representation of this meeting. The minutes were proposed by WMcG and seconded by PM.	
5	<p>Updates from relevant local groups and organisations</p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council - PM</u> Update from the meeting on 9th August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gig on a Truck was successful, and hopefully means future events will be possible, with associated possibilities for fundraising. Kinloch Memorial Hall were able to raise money through the squares raffle, and from renting out the hall facilities. The wooden sculpture outside the hall has been removed as the central wooden beam had rotted, making it unsafe. The sculpture will be safely stored until a decision has been made to either safely re-erect it (with a steel central post and set in concrete) or a new feature designed to mark the site of the time capsule. Willie Mahoney (Roads and pavements, PKC) has visited Meigle to assess the pavements, gullies, etc. to ensure they are usable, as some are overgrown and/or filled with organic debris. The snowplough route will also soon be published, though as some roads in Alyth will be cleared first it is unclear whether, in the event of snow, roads and paths would be cleared in time for the start of school. Speed cushions – Police Inspector Wallace has been asked to visit Meigle and observe the number of cars that are driving in the centre of the road between the speed cushions. PKC are reluctant to move the cushions closer together. If 	

	<p>police observation is not sufficient, the matter will be escalated to John Swinney SMP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some organisational change within MACC as Iain Doig steps down as treasurer <p><u>Strathmore Development Trust roundtable (KS)</u> No update at this time as KS absent</p> <p><u>Other groups or organisations</u> No updates at this time</p>	
6	<p>Updates about core projects</p> <p><u>Flame of Fusion – WMcG</u> Friendship Tree: WMcG to ask AdV to sketch some ideas for the friendship tree that can be given to Shepherds. Could also get footage of the tree being made for the film.</p> <p>Oral histories: Wanda has interviewed her neighbour, Bill Craig, whose grandfather used to be the minister and who also gave her a copy of both The Meigle Book and Meigle Past and Present. WMcG plans to collect further oral histories in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Flame of Fusion film: As this began as the Winter Lockdown project, WMcG has requested any photos/footage of the past winter. Jackie Brierton may know a professional film-maker we can use to record footage. WMcG would also like banners in the villages to muster support – HW to find details of previous order for CAP. Support in Mind Scotland have released the film by Pam Van de Brug - WMcG to share the link.</p> <p>Smart Village: WMcG and HW to continue to work on the website, possibly changing structure to make the active parts more accessible.</p> <p><u>Community Shed - AN</u> The wording of licence for MACDT to use the Scout hut has been agreed, and now requires two signatures. Aiming for an entry date of 15th September. AN to contact Mike McLaren regarding completion.</p> <p>Once MACDT has access Peter Drummond and an electrician associate have agreed to examine the existing electrics and plumbing for free before the utilities are reconnected.</p> <p>AN has written a list of potential equipment and pricing, which SE can use for funding applications to the Robertson Trust and others. The PKC Community Investment Fund may also be a potential source of funding, but application deadline is Friday 3rd September. SE has completed the majority of the application,</p>	<p>AdV</p> <p>WMcG</p> <p>Photos - all</p> <p>HW</p> <p>WMcG & HW</p> <p>AN</p> <p>SE & AN</p>

	<p>and will liaise with AN to get it completed and submitted this week.</p> <p>AN has four, metal-framed workbenches from work that he can donate to the Shed, and SE has two sofas. AN to continue to talk to people in the community to spread the word.</p> <p>Council tax for the Community shed – The Bowling Club is exempt, and PM believes the same will be true for the Community Shed, as we are a registered charity. Possibility for both sites to be covered in the same public liability insurance policy. Scottish Men's Shed Association may also be able to help with funding for insurance, but only if the building is exclusively used as a shed.</p> <p><u>Meigle Bowling Club - PM</u> Ian Lindsay from Wyllie Henderson Solicitors has reviewed the lease, and returned with a question regarding insurance. PM and Hamish agreed that the responsibility of insurance would lie solely with MACDT, rather than being purchased by the Bowling Club committee and the cost reclaimed from MACDT. Other queries from Wiley Henderson were minor, and Mr Lindsay is happy with the lease overall. Hamish seek the approval of the lease with the 5 other members of the Bowling Club Committee.</p> <p>It has been determined that the western boundary wall is the property of the Old Schoolhouse, and so they would be responsible for its maintenance and repair. The front boundary wall facing the Dundee Road belongs to the Bowling Club and is bulging in places; supporting posts may soon be required. It is less certain which other parcels of land belong to the Bowling Club, which once owned the land in front of the adjacent houses on the Dundee Road but which in many instances (but not all) were sold to the homeowners.</p> <p>Clarification is also required on the ownership of the land opposite Hospital Corner, which PM and other volunteers have been clearing. The old milestone post, which had become loose and was in a state of disrepair, is currently with Peter Kinnear for refurbishment.</p> <p><u>Business Development meeting - AdV</u> No formal update as AdV absent.</p>	PM
7	<p>Financial Update</p> <p><u>Bank account - AdV</u></p>	

	<p>No formal update as AdV absent. Still to recoup costs of printing CAP reports from Rural PK Leader; HW to ask AdV to prepare an invoice.</p> <p><u>Funding</u> Still awaiting the decision by SSEN for the <£20,000 funding bid to support resilience work. No further response from SSEN since they contacted PM asking for further breakdown/exact quotes for the equipment required. PM to email SSEN to ask if any further information is required and to see if the original application gave an indication of timescales.</p> <p>See above for Community Shed funding opportunities.</p> <p>PM: If AN and SE are unable to submit an application to the Community Investment Fund, PM would like to make a separate application for funds to acquire equipment that can be used to maintain the green spaces in the two villages (equipment previously borrowed from Greenspace) and/or be used towards the resilience planning. Has various quotes for equipment, depending on what money is available.</p> <p>PM: The JustGiving page led by Pride in Meigle 2015 in conjunction with MACDT has raised nearly £400 so far to cover the costs of maintaining the green spaces in Meigle. Whilst this way of fundraising is good in principle, the process has been beyond our control in this instance and is something to be mindful of in future.</p>	PM
8	<p>Operational update</p> <p>SE - OSCAR require accounts (usually 9 months after the end of the financial year) that have been signed off by an independent examiner and agreed at the AGM within 9 months of the end of the financial year. Accounts should be relatively easy for AdV to prepare for our first year. PM to speak to the accountant that examines MACC accounts and see if he can do the same for us.</p> <p>Date for AGM to be set in January, when KS will hopefully have returned.</p>	PM
9	<p>Any other business</p> <p><u>Gig on a Truck</u> Everyone expressed how much they enjoyed the evening, with AN reporting that the band, The Collective, enjoyed it too. Logistically a challenge as planning began in January and guidelines could/did keep changing!</p> <p><u>Scottish Flood Forum (SFF)</u></p>	

	<p>PM met with Paul Laidlaw (Community Resilience Manager from the Scottish Flood Forum) and Keith Colville (Emergency Planning & Business Continuity Officer for PKC) on the 20th August. Together they walked round Meigle and discussed the flood risks and impacts involved at various points in the village and surrounding areas. It was agreed that through MACDT Meigle (and Ardler?) would be added to the SFF community group national register (at no cost to us) and could then be considered as a case study for a community flood alert project. If selected, SFF would help provide and set up flood alert sensors, valves on outflow pipes etc. PM to reply to Mr Laidlaw confirming our participation.</p> <p>Flood defences etc. for unadopted roads may be more difficult; the topic of getting roads adopted by PKC is one that is brought up regularly at CC meetings.</p>	PM
10	<p>Next meeting scheduled for 28th September 2021 at 7pm. Location to be confirmed, with Meigle Scout Hut/Community Shed one possible venue.</p>	
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