

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Meeting Minutes - November 2023

Date:	30 th November 2023	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Online	
Present:	Jorgie Hill (JH), Kate Methley (KM), Bob Ellis (BE), Wanda McGregor (WM), Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Andy Boyack (AB), Rae Taylor (RT) (Community Council)	
Apologies:	Ali Napier (AN), Jonny Channon (JC), Tristan Woods (TW)	
Declaration of Interest:	No declarations of interests	
Agenda items		Actions
3	Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 26 th October 2023, were approved as a true record.	
4	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildflower seeds to be picked up and moved to the female changing room at the bowling club. Carried over to next meeting (JH) • Communications actions – see Item 6 • Belmont lease – see Item 7 • Resilience actions – see Item 7 • MAC Trail actions – see Item 7 • Steading actions – see Item 7 • Events actions – see Item 10 • Community Connector – see Item 11 	
5	Updates from Local Groups and Organisations <u>Community Council</u> A second new member has been co-opted to the council and it is therefore now back to full strength. The information panel has been activated in one bus shelter and will soon be activated in the other one. The planning permission for the Campion Homes development on Forfar Road has been approved. <u>Hall Committee</u> Members of the Hall committee have approached MACDT to discuss the access requirements Campion Homes are likely to need in order to fulfil their plans for a connection between the new development and Dundee Road. The proposed access	

	crosses both MACDT and Hall land. It was noted that it would be sensible for the two committees to have a combined discussion and to be in agreement about what would work for the community before engaging with Campion Homes.	
6	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The newsletter has been delivered in Meigle and Ardler All minutes to September 2023 have been uploaded to the website <u>C/fwd to next meeting:</u> Website: to arrange screenshare session to review/amend To remove access for those who no longer need it. 	AN AN
7	Project Updates	
	<u>Meigle Bowling Club</u> 3 funding applications are in progress: one HES application specifically to renovate the pavilion, plus two others aimed at funding work to convert the ladies changing room into a useful community space	KS/SE
	<u>Community Shed</u> KS has engaged with MacNabs: discussions now progressing with respect to a Licence to Occupy rather than a lease. SOEC are in agreement with this, and in principle it will be a minimum of 10 years. £10,000 received from the Lottery, total received now £16,000. The Lottery are issuing a press release on 7 th December and KS hopes we will be in a position to make a statement about the Licence to Occupy by then.	KS
	<u>Resilience</u> It was agreed a debrief will take place on 15 th December at 10am.	BE/KS
	Carried forward to next meeting: SSEN report to be completed	KS/SE
	<u>MAC Trail</u> Report as submitted. The posts were successfully installed on 18 th November. Thanks to all involved. Work on poems continues.	
	<u>Steading</u> KS reported that when he contacted the agent to gain access to the site for the structural survey, he was told that the property had been sold. It will not therefore be possible to continue with any work in this area and AHF have been informed that the £4,000 funding will not be required.	

	<p>It was agreed that in order to fully close off this item to the satisfaction of all, the title deeds would be purchased from the Land Registry, to find out whether it is a developer or an individual who has purchased the property.</p>	KM
	<p><u>Ardler Hall</u> The subcommittee is now looking at scaled down, simpler plans, in order to meet planning requirements.</p>	
8	<p><u>Finance</u> Bank balance and movements as per report submitted. Hi vis vests: one of each size (L, XL, XXL) will be purchased as a trial before deciding on final quantities</p>	KM
9	<p><u>Funding Update</u> Funding position is currently very healthy, with all projects having funds available, apart from the Bowling Club, which has applications in progress. All agreed appointing a Community Connector is key now to utilising the funds and moving projects forward.</p>	
10	<p><u>Events</u> Silent disco has been postponed, but needs to be re-scheduled within 3 months to ensure booking is retained, i.e. by mid-January. All agreed that adding this to the Beltane/May Day event would be the best option. Equipment to be re-booked for this date Hogmanay Hoolie is being planned with members of the Hall committee. Tickets are selling well but there is concern about whether there will be enough people to help on the evening.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>KS</p>
11	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary - TW has offered to step in to replace AB. Community Connector – 2 applications have been received and a 3rd person has expressed interest but not yet applied. All are very well qualified for the role. Interviews to take place week commencing 4th December, with a view to a January 2024 start date. Away Day – scheduled for 13th January. The day will include: team-building, brain-storming/strategy session, website?, training (use of Google Drive, DTAS & BEPTA memberships, anything else?) Bowling Club – it was reported that the broken window needs attention again. May need a better interim solution until funding is available for proper repairs. KS to investigate. <p>Meeting finished at 8.55pm</p>	<p>BE/SE/ KM</p> <p>BE/KM/ WM</p> <p>KS</p>

	Date of next meeting – Xmas Dinner 21st December, Ardler Tavern			
Signed:	Kate Methley	Date:	07/12/2023	