

## Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Meeting Minutes - October 2023

Date:	26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Kinloch Arms Hotel	
Present:	Ali Napier (AN), Jorgie Hill (JH), Kate Methley (KM), Bob Ellis BE)	
Apologies:	Wanda McGregor (WM), Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Andy Boyack (AB), Jonny Channon (JC), Rae Taylor (RT) (Community Council)	
Declaration of Interest:	No declarations of interests	
Agenda items		Actions
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes</b>  Minutes of the meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023, were approved as a true record.	<b>JH</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildflower seeds to be picked up and moved to the female changing room at the bowling club. AN is struggling to find time to do this, so JH offered to take this over</li> <li>• Resilience actions – see project updates</li> <li>• Communications actions – see Item 6</li> <li>• Events actions – see Item 10</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Updates from Local Groups and Organisations</b>  <u>Community Council</u> No report  <u>Strathmore Development Trust</u> No report  <u>Any Other Relevant Groups</u> No reports	
<b>6</b>	<b>Communications</b>  <u>Newsletter Delivery</u> – AN has newsletters ready but needs help to deliver them. BE took newsletters for Ardler, AN will contact M Kaufmann to help	<b>AN/BE</b>

	<p><u>Minutes on website</u> – AN to check KM access, then KM will upload minutes</p> <p><u>Website</u> – arrange screenshare session to review/amend and remove access for those who no longer need it. Both carried forward to next meeting.</p> <p><u>Blairgowrie Advertiser</u> – WM advised that she had been in touch with Clare, clarified what e mail address news items should be sent to, and received confirmation that future MACDT items would be published.</p>	<p><b>AN/KM</b></p> <p><b>AN</b></p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>	
	<p><u>Meigle Bowling Club</u> No report</p>	
	<p><u>Community Shed</u> There is no further news about progress with a lease: KS is approaching MacNabs about getting one drafted.  It was noted that no word had been heard from the Lottery yet as to whether our funding bid has been successful.</p>	<b>KS</b>
	<p><u>Resilience</u></p> <p>Radios were tested as planned on Saturday 30th September and all worked well – the range was found to be very good.</p> <p>The team also met with the Alyth Resilience group for an equipment training session on Friday 6th October – training went well and was just in time for heavy rains and flooding on 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October. The team was called out again on 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October.</p> <p>The issue of commercial, and potentially toxic, waste being found dumped near Forfar road by the resilience team was discussed: all expressed concern at the impact of this on the environment, particularly when one team member commented that there has frequently been a smell of fuel in the Square when there is heavy rain, suggesting that this might be the reason. It was agreed that the information, including photos and videos should be provided to the Community Council, as the appropriate local body to take this issue forward. BE to e mail the CC chair.</p> <p>Debrief: A full debrief of recent call-outs is to be scheduled, but there was discussion at the meeting of some initial thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment worked very well, albeit with some extra parts and fittings required.</li> </ul>	<b>BE</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WhatsApp chat worked well, but chat could get confusing. Radios should be used more in future.</li> <li>Hi-vis vests should be purchased for all Trust members (the purchase of full jackets was considered, but it was felt that this would be more difficult to manage w.r.t. sizing, while vests can fit over any clothing size.) KM to look into purchasing c. 20 vests, AN can get MACDT printed on them.</li> <li>Full debrief to be scheduled and learnings documented.</li> </ul> <p>BE reported that the Tav has incurred c. £800 of costs for the final electric work to connect the generator. Agreed that this cost be reimbursed from the remaining resilience funds, on confirmation that everything is now in working order.</p> <p>Unfortunately, our funding bid to SSEN for more equipment and a resilience hub was rejected as they were oversubscribed.</p> <p>Carried forward to next meeting: SSEN report to be completed</p>	<p><b>KM/AN</b></p> <p><b>KS</b></p> <p><b>KS</b></p>
	<p><u>MAC Trail</u></p> <p>Subcommittee has not met this month, so no report</p> <p>Discussion around installation of posts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BE to ask Lindsay Paterson if he has a post driver that can be borrowed</li> <li>BE to work out what materials are required (postcrete etc) and liaise with KM to purchase them</li> <li>Timings and volunteers agreed as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 9am Volunteers so far: BE, KM, AN</li> <li>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 9am Volunteers so far: BE, AN</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>KS &amp; WM offered to help at the September meeting: to confirm which days with them. Need 3-4 people each day.</p>	<p><b>BE</b></p> <p><b>BE</b></p> <p><b>BE/KM/AN</b></p> <p><b>BE/AN</b></p> <p><b>KS/WM</b></p>
	<p><u>Steading</u></p> <p>No report</p>	
	<p><u>Ardler Hall</u></p> <p>Project stalled due to planning issues. Hall subcommittee needs to reconvene to decide a way forward.</p>	<p><b>BE</b></p>
	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Bank balance and movements as per report submitted.</p> <p>Debit cards - KM requested change of decision re card held by KS: it had previously been agreed that this card would be cancelled, as it was being replaced by the card issued to KM.</p>	

	However, when equipment needed to be purchased quite urgently for the Resilience team KM was travelling and unable to purchase, therefore KS stepped in. All agreed it was sensible to have 2 debit cards, so the card held by KS should be retained.		
9	<u>Funding Update</u> Excellent news received that £15,929 has been approved by CLLD to fund a Community Connector for one year. CLLD will fund 60% of the total cost and we already have match funding from the Gannochy Trust for the remaining 40%. KM to contact the previous Community Connector asap to see if she is available to resume the role.		KM
10	<u>Events</u> Silent disco venue is being moved from Belmont Woods to the Kinloch Hall. All agreed that this was sensible given current weather conditions. Hall committee has approached us about holding a joint event for Hogmanay. Agreed this was a good idea. KS to let the Hall committee know. Christmas meal booked at Tav on 21 <sup>st</sup> December. Deposits to be paid into Trust bank account and KM will then pay over to the Tav and confirm numbers. Project leads to make sure they invite all those involved in subcommittees who do not attend Trust meetings.		KS  All
11	<u>AOB</u> BE informed the meeting that AB was stepping away from secretarial duties, due to increased workload elsewhere, but would remain a trustee. BE thanked AB for his hard work as secretary this year. KM will manage meeting minutes in the interim until a new secretary is in position. Decision still to be taken on who will monitor secretary e mail address. There was general discussion around the need for more people to get involved in MACDT activities, with a suggestion that it might be easier for some people to attend meetings if some months were online instead of in person. Agreed to post a WhatsApp poll to see if there was any enthusiasm to test out an online meeting in November. <i>(subsequent to meeting: 7 votes in favour, none against, so November meeting will be online)</i> Meeting finished at 8.45pm		
	<b>Date of next meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> November - online</b>		
<b>Signed:</b>	Kate Methley	<b>Date:</b>	28/10/2023