

**Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust
Meeting Minutes – June 2023**

Date:	29 th June 2023	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Kinloch Arms Hotel	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Andy Boyack (AB), Ali Napier (AN), Bob Ellis (BE), Kate Methley (KM), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Rae Taylor (RT) Community Council	
Apologies:	Wanda McGregor, Jorgie Hill, Kate Methley, Johnny Channon, Annie Anderson, Hannah Woods	
	No declarations of interests	
Agenda items		Actions
	Minutes of the meeting, held on 25 May 2023, were agreed to be a true record.	
RT	<p>Updates from Local Groups and Organisations</p> <p>Community Council</p> <p>Rae Taylor gave the report from the Community Council: It was confirmed that the Bowling Club was legally in MACDT ownership. The 20mph zone had been ratified in Dundee Road, with the speed guns recalibrated and the Coupar Angus Road signs to be moved. The defibrillator had a new battery installed and the wrecked bus shelter is to be replaced, although new benches had proved cost prohibitive. Rae updated the group on recent resignations from the CC. A flood risk assessment was awaited re the Glenluie development proposals, additionally, the Forfar Road decision was awaited with only two of the CC in favour. The resurfacing of Treeback was discussed, and questions had been raised re updating the Victory Park equipment.</p>	
BE	<p>Strathmore Development Trust</p> <p>Bob Ellis reported that the Cateran Eco Museum was moving forward with a number of events.</p>	

KS/AB	<p>Meigle Iron Age Site</p> <p>KS intimated that the open day had been hugely successful and that the clock was ticking in terms of the AOC licence. AB had prepared a draft press release to increase public awareness and to stress the importance of Meigle as a historic centre of culture. It was resolved to issue the press release accordingly, with an updated version agreed. This was to be sent to appropriate media outlets, organisations and politicians in order to drum up maximum support for further excavations.</p> <p><u>Organisational Updates</u></p> <p>Transfer of Chair The transfer of the Chair from Kevin Stirling to Bob Ellis was agreed and formalised as from August. The Trustees proposed a vote of thanks for the excellent and innovative job that KS had done in his three years in the post. KS intimated that he would remain a Trustee.</p>	
AN	<p>Comms Team</p> <p>The meeting noted the excellent newsletter and associated distribution efforts. It was noted that Mark Bulle had offered to assist with future printing; the Facebook edition had received in excess of 200 hits. AN was looking at a new Website map of facilitation.</p> <p><u>Project Updates</u></p>	
KS	<p>Bowling Club</p> <p>It was noted and appreciated that the grass had been excellently mowed by Kenneth Mitchell, with the site to have a wildflower area. Donations of seeds had been offered and the school were making good use of the green space.</p>	
AN	<p>Community Shed</p> <p>Further verbal indication had been given of a go ahead with where possible, local suppliers to provide servicing and equipment. A breakthrough had been made with board members and the opportunity was to be taken to liaise with the Scone Shed initiative to learn from their funding successes. The installation of solar panels was to be considered.</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>A discussion ensued on bringing further expertise into this area.</p>	

BE	Music, art and Literature The poetry commissions were progressing and a further £1,000 of funding was agreed for this project.		
	Green Spaces BE reported problems had been experienced with the strimmer. All agreed additional assistance is required for green space maintenance. Facebook post to be created asking for volunteers. Several Trustees agreed to contribute on a fortnightly two teams' basis.		
	Ardler Village Hall A written report had been submitted.		
	Historic Scotland Our £4,000 funding bid for a survey of the Steading had been successful and advice was to be sought from a Structural Engineer and Architect.		
KM/SE	<u>Financial Update</u> A written report had been submitted and it was agreed that BE and AB be added to the list of Bank Signatories. It was further agreed that a new debit card be requested in the name of KM and the debit card in the name of KS be cancelled once this is received. A funding bid was to be made to the Gannochy Trust with a view to reinstating the Community Connector position. Also, an SSEB of up to £10,000 can be made as can a Lottery Fund Bid. <u>AOB</u> No further business was raised, and the meeting closed at 21.30		
Signed:		Andy Boyack	Date: 13/07/2023