

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Board meeting minutes – May 2023

Date:	25 May 2023	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Kinloch Arms Hotel, Meigle	
1 Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Steve Ebbitt (SE), Wanda McGregor (WMc), Bob Ellis (BE), Suzie McNaughton (SMc), Ali Napier(AN), Jorgie Hill (JH),	
Apologies:	Kate Methley (KM), Andy Boyack (AB), Jonny Channon (JC), Annie Anderson, Hannah Woods, Rae Taylor (Chair) Meigle and Ardler Community Council.	
2 Declaration of interest	None declared	
Agenda items		Action
3+4	The Minutes from the meeting held on 27 th April 2023, were confirmed to be a true record of proceedings; proposed by BE, seconded by WMc.	
5	<p>Presentation to the Community Connector.</p> <p>WMc led on giving a presentation and messages of thanks on behalf of the Trust. WMc read a poem which she had written about SMc and her work over the last six months. All trustees thanked SMc for her work as Community Connector.</p>	
6	<p>Appointment of the Chair of Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust.</p> <p>KS summarised the actions which had been put in place to elect a new Chair of the Trust. The Articles of Association do not provide clear guidance in relation to appointing a new chair beyond what happens at the AGM (where someone is proposed, and this is seconded). Therefore, SE and KS developed the following process to guide the election of a new Chair. The process was as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Trustees and members were made aware of KS's intention to step down as Chair at the previous meeting (this was recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 27.04.23). This decision was also circulated via email and text message.2. Trustees and members were invited, via email and text message, to express an interest in taking over the role of Chair prior to our next monthly meeting, which would be held on 25.05.23. Expressions of interest were to be made to SE as Vice-chair of the Trust.3. Trustees and members were informed on 22.05.23 that one trustee, Bob Eliis, had put his name forward for consideration to become Chair. Other trustees and members could still indicate whether they wished to be considered for this role by 24.05.23.4. SE and KS met BE prior to the trust meeting on 25.05.23 to discuss this role further.5. As part of the formal meeting, the appointment of a new Chair was discussed. BE stepped outside the room whilst trustees and members shared their opinion in relation to this appointment. Trustees and members voted on the appointment of BE as Chair of Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust. <p>No objections were raised as part of these discussions. BE was voted into the role of Chair unanimously. KM, JC and AB gave their approval for this appointment to KS prior to this meeting.</p> <p>BE accepted the invitation to become the Chair of Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust. BE, SE and KS agreed to meet in the coming weeks to map out a timeline for the transition of this role with the intention that</p>	BE, SE, KS

	this will be completed, at the latest, by the August meeting of the Trust.	
7	<p>Updates from relevant local groups and organisations</p> <p><u>Meigle and Ardler Community Council (MACC)</u> Apologies were given by Rae Taylor so there was no formal update.</p> <p>There was no update regarding MACC entering into discussions regarding how both organisations can work together to the benefit of the local area.</p> <p><u>Strathmore Development (BE)</u> No movement or update to report.</p> <p><u>Cateran EcoMuseum</u></p> <p>The Museum has advertised to recruit people to the position of four project coordinators. Following interviews, the EcoMuseum has appointed four project coordinators. WMc has been appointed to the Learning and Volunteer coordinator.</p>	<p>BE</p> <p>BE</p>
8	<p><u>Organisational update</u></p> <p><u>Meigle Development Trust</u></p> <p>There is no update in this regard.</p> <p><u>Communication Team</u></p> <p>The newsletter is due to launch in June. It will be two sides of A4 initially. BE has been invited to write a report on the Ardler Hall site. KS updated the group that MACDT had been invited to share upcoming events to go into this edition.</p> <p>JH outlined possible summer events, relating to an outdoor cinema event at the Bowling Club or a summer BBQ and music event at Belmont Outdoor Centre.</p> <p>There is a need to create a regular of press releases to showcase the work of MACDT in the local press. KS and JH are to get a press release relating to the Bowling Club in the next four weeks.</p> <p>AN has been put forward to lead the Communication group moving forward. The group were unanimously supportive of this appointment.</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>AN</p> <p>JH</p> <p>KS,JH,BE</p> <p>AN</p>
9	<p><u>Project updates</u></p> <p><u>Meigle Bowling Club</u></p> <p>MACDT has been given a ride on mower to maintain the bowling club land. Two members of the local community have volunteered to work with members of MACDT to maintain this land over the summer months.</p> <p>Trustees are to explore securing funding from HES to look at restoring the pavilion.</p> <p><u>Community Shed</u></p> <p>AN gave an update in relation to leasing of a hut at SOEC Belmont. There has been no progress in this regard. AN proposed two options for this work activity moving forward:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MACDT look at an alternative venue for the Community Shed. 2. MACDT stops activity in relation to developing a Community Shed. <p>It was agreed that prior to the next meeting, the trustees would reflect on what might be the next steps that might realise the development of a Community Shed – where can we locate a Community Shed if Belmont is not an option? AN to send a summary email to trustees to stimulate these discussions. KS agreed to reach out to SOEC to try and define a realistic timeline for gaining a lease for</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>AN</p> <p>KS/AN</p>

	<p>this hut.</p> <p><u>Resilience</u></p> <p>No updates. Still waiting for the three phase generator to be delivered to the Ardler Tavern. Once the generator is delivered and installed a flyer will be sent to all households in Ardler informing them that the Tavern is the refuge for this area if there is an adverse event in the local area.</p> <p>SE and KS to progress a resilience bid with SSEN to secure ongoing funding for this work.</p> <p><u>Music, Arts & Literature</u></p> <p>WMc has made contact with both Jim Mackintosh and Beth McDonough regarding a commission for the trail. Both have accepted. Wanda is waiting for Jim to get in touch and will arrange to meet/walk with both poets and KM.</p> <p>WMc met with AN and Kerry Fleming to discuss the possibility of recording the Faerie Tree poem and accessing it digitally with a QR code. This will then be used as a wider advertising campaign/press release about the Trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ali, Kerry and WMc have arranged to record the poem insitu on Tuesday 30th May @18.30hrs. ○ The recording will be embedded into the Smartvillage ○ The QR code will be laser-cut into a slice of a large branch that lies next to the tree, and then attached to the tree for people to scan and listen to the poem. <p>WMc has approached Neil Paterson re taking forward the geometric design of the bees for the trail and asked for a ballpark figure. Neil has quoted a ballpark figure of £500 all in for design, carving, travelling etc. This may change. Wanda to go back to Neil with a view to a commission once further funding has been secured.</p> <p>WMc has emailed Alison McLure who is delighted about the Bee commission and happy to guide Wanda with research for the poem. She will arrange to meet Wanda on her return from holiday next month.</p> <p>WMc reported that the poet-tree box beside the Faerie Tree has been vandalised: ripped from the tree and broken, the poetry book had its pages ripped out and couldn't be found. JC has kindly fixed the box and reattached it to the tree.</p> <p><u>Green Spaces</u></p> <p>BE has secured a quote for 50 logo circles with 2 colours. This should come under the approved cost of £135 (plus VAT & delivery). It was agreed to progress with this order. A facebook post will invite members of the local community to come and install the waymarkers. These posts will require to be secured with Postcrete. BE to explore costings.</p> <p><u>Historic Environment Scotland</u></p> <p>A funding bid has been submitted to the Architectural Heritage Fund to allow a feasibility study of the redevelopment of the Old Steading in Meigle to be made. This bid w afro £10,000 will be reviewed in mid-June and we will know the outcome of this process by the next MACDT meeting.</p> <p><u>Ardler Village Hall committee</u></p> <p>The committee has a meeting on Monday. Coronation BBQ went well. The central pergoda is now going to be 8m x 6m. These are revised dimensions based on feedback received during the coronation BBQ. A formal planning application will need to be submitted to PKC. BE is to look into an architect to produce formal drawings for this application.</p> <p>Finance and Funding Update</p> <p>The balance of the current account is £15,370.72. Some monies have started to be transferred over from the Ardler Hall bank accounts (£2,298.36 has</p>	<p>KS/SE</p> <p>WMc</p> <p>BE</p> <p>KS</p> <p>BE</p>
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	<p>been received from one account to date). £1,000 has been received from the Robertson Trust.</p> <p>Various funding applications have been made to support core projects. The outcome of this process will be learnt in the next 6 – 8 weeks.</p> <p>A funding bid for the Pavilion at the Bowling Club and the Old Steading will be explored with HES in the coming weeks.</p> <p>CIF awarded MACDT £4,000 previously. CIF are now requesting a funding report. BE and KS agreed to complete this report. It was agreed to use some of the project management funding allocation in this bid to cover a percentage of Community Connector's final salary.</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>Blaigowrie and East Perthshire Tourist Association (BEPTA) it was approved to join this group at an annual cost of £35.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.28. Next Meeting 29th June 2023</p>	BE, KS
	Signature: Kevin Stirling	Date: 01.06.23