

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Meeting Minutes - September 2023

Date:	28/09/2023	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Kinloch Arms Hotel	
Present:	Ali Napier (AN), Wanda McGregor (WM), Jorgie Hill (JH), Kate Methley (KM), Kevin Stirling (KS) Rae Taylor (Community Council).	
Apologies:	Steve Ebbitt, Bob Ellis, Andy Boyack	
	No declarations of interests	
Agenda items		Actions
	Minutes of the meeting held on 31 st August 2023, were approved as a true record, with one minor adjustment. Moved WM, Seconded AN.	
	Matters Arising	
AN	Wild flower seeds to be picked up and moved to the female changing room at the bowling club.	AN
	Updates from Local Groups and Organisations	
	Community Council	
RT	<p><u>Two places on the board</u> were vacant following two resignations. One application has been received from Steven Baillie who was co-opted. There have been a further three applications for the remaining vacancy. There is no specific process for the election which will be held at the next meeting. It may be a Hands or Ballot election, a written submission or spoken submission, however only members of the CC will vote.</p> <p><u>Planning Forum</u> has been reconstituted and Rae Taylor is the selected member for representing Meigle and Ardler for planning submission applications.</p> <p><u>Bus shelter</u> at the Kinloch Arms has been replaced but electrics still need to be completed which will include a real-time indicator which it didn't previously have.</p>	

	<p><u>Siting of the benches</u> – the Council are insisting that applications are completed under S56 of the Road Traffic Act, at a cost of £145 per bench, an authorised contractor is required to undertake the necessary work – volunteers are not permitted to undertake this work for insurance purposes. The benches need to be positioned in a place that is not considered to be ‘by the highway’ which increases the risk of the benches being stolen. It has been put forward that planning permission may be required.</p> <p>KS proposed that the benches be sited on the ground which MACDT owns at the front of the Bowling Club to eradicate any need for planning permissions. MACDT also has public liability insurance in place.</p> <p><u>Forfar Road Development</u> - won't be ready for months. Still due to go to the planning committee by October but this may be deferred due to timescales.</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - questions are now being raised as to their efficacy and robustness.</p> <p><u>Dispute at Glenluie Green</u> – resolved.</p> <p><u>MACDT Meeting Minutes</u> – Concerns were raised that MACDT minutes have not been made available on the Smart Village website. KS checked the website and confirmed that minutes have not been made available since March 2023. JH highlighted that passwords have been changed and she is therefore now unable to access the website. KS does have access and volunteered to post minutes.</p> <p>Strathmore Development Trust</p>	
BE	<p>No report as BE is currently on holiday.</p> <p>Organisation Updates</p> <p>Comms Team</p>	KS
AN	<p><u>Newsletter</u> - Requested the support of volunteers to deliver the 600 copies that have been printed. Peter and Dianne Hogg have recruited two volunteer couples to deliver. There are 440 addresses in the catchment area which does not include Glenluie Green. KM reported Marian Kaufmann volunteered for this at the Walk and Talk event. Ali Napier to get in touch via email. Reported there are 11 broad areas that require delivery which are complex in terms of route. AN highlighted the need to ensure</p>	AN

	<p>that Belmont Place, Glenluie Green and Longleys are not missed again.</p> <p><u>Website</u> - AN now looking at a website and has posted information about resilience. WM has content that can be posted which is now easily accessible on G Drive. AN highlighted that copy pertaining to Flame of Fusion is now outdated. WM conceded this and has updated copy which can be used. AN and WM agreed to update the copy on the website in the near future. WM confirmed that Flame of Fusion film has now morphed into a film about the development of the MAC Trail.</p> <p>KM suggested that copy/pages on the website be arranged into projects: MAC Trail, Resilience, Bowling Green, Ardler Community Garden. AN suggested that each project lead needs to take ownership of copy and content for the website. All agreed.</p> <p>AN highlighted that the Smart Village is also available for other groups and organisations to use such as CC, HS. RT reported that he has recently updated HS information on the Smart Village.</p> <p>AN agreed to host a session for trustees to look at the website collectively. RT would like to attend this.</p> <p>AN has a list of site members who have access to the site which will now be pared down.</p> <p>WM has sent content to the Blairgowrie Advertiser, but none is being published, which is disappointing. WM to try with one more e mail and if no success BE to follow up with them to see why our content isn't being accepted.</p> <p><u>Project Updates</u></p> <p>Bowling Club</p> <p>KS aiming to get an expression of interest into CLLD and HES for redevelopment of the pavilion and the female changing rooms.</p> <p>Community Shed</p> <p>£6,000 funding has been received from PKC. No further progress on lease. All agreed that KS should approach MacNabs to draft a lease agreement which can be provided to SOEC. The lease will cover both the Shed and Resilience, so funds are available to cover this.</p>	<p>AN / All Trustees</p> <p>AN</p> <p>WM / BE</p> <p>KS</p> <p>KS</p>
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WM	<p>Resilience Update</p> <p>Waiting for the outcome of 2 funding bids, one of which would cover a Resilience Worker.</p> <p>Resilience meeting has been held at Belmont to review current status of team and plan for Winter.</p> <p>Radios being tested on Saturday 30th September by DM & AN.</p> <p>Meeting with Alyth Resilience group for an equipment training session on Friday 6th October - all welcome.</p> <p>SSEN report to be completed by KS</p> <p>MAC Trail</p> <p>Walk & Talk took place on Saturday 2nd September - went very well. 35 people attended & many signed up for mailing list etc. Mailing list has been saved in the Communications folder so is accessible to all Trustees.</p> <p>Tayside Contracts have finished the work at Belmont and photos posted on Facebook. This is the first phase which covers up to the Xmas tree. Second phase is the muddy section that goes to the Faerie Tree - this has to be deferred to next year as the funding available has been fully used for this year. Invoice expected for £1,824 (the surplus over the £3k funded by TC) not yet received.</p> <p>Installation of posts - 2 consecutive half day sessions planned for Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th November. Need 3-4 people for each day. If not enough Trustees available will put message out on Resilience chat to ask for help. KS, AN, KM & WM all volunteered to assist Bob with this.</p> <p>There is still discussion around where poetry posts can be located: Lang Stracht now not looking possible. Suggestion to use existing telegraph poles, if permission can be obtained.</p> <p>Payment for poetry will follow Society of Author guidelines. Fee will include launch activity.</p> <p>Clypers still working on cluster poems. Now considering locating these at the entrance to Belmont.</p>	<p>DM / AN</p> <p>All</p> <p>KS</p>
	<p>Ardler Village Hall</p> <p>Not discussed</p> <p>Steading</p> <p>The £1,200 estimate for a feasibility study was discussed. Noted that £4,000 is available to fund steading costs.</p>	<p>BE / KS /</p> <p>AN / KM</p> <p>/ WM</p>

JH	It was agreed that since the funds are available we should go ahead with the study as a necessary first step, on the understanding that it will require minimal time and input from MACDT - priority must remain with the projects already in progress. KS to inform the contractor.			KS
	Events			
	Silent Disco - JH has obtained quotes for equipment at £200-£400. Agreed that basic package for 80 people was affordable: JH to circulate quotes by WhatsApp for agreement to go ahead. Event to be BYOB			JH
KM	Hogmanay - do we do it this year? JH to post a yes/no question in the chat.			JH
	<u>Financial Update</u>			
	New debit card received and held by KM. The card held by KS can now be cancelled. No news re Ardler Hall bank account, but £4,000 has been received from Mushroom Trust for Ardler Hall Garden. Confirmation statement submitted to Companies House. 2022/23 accounting records given to Edith Christie to review. PKC has approved Bowling Club Business Rates exemption.			
	<u>AOB</u>			
	Agreed Christmas dinner to be booked at the Tav instead of having a December meeting, with subcommittee volunteers invited as well as Trustees. JH will call Tav and book.			JH
	The meeting finished at 8.45			
	Date of next meeting – 26th October			
Signed:	Wanda MacGregor	Date:	28/09/2023	