

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Meeting Minutes – July 2023		
Date:	27.07.2023	
Time:	7pm	
Location:	Kinloch Arms Hotel	
Present:	Kevin Stirling (KS), Andy Boyack (AB), Ali Napier (AN), Bob Ellis (BE), Wanda McGregor (WMc), Jorgie Hill (JH).	
Apologies:	Steve Ebbitt, Kate Methley	
	No declarations of interests	
Agenda items		Actions
	<p>Minutes of the meeting, held on 29th June 2023, were agreed to be a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>WMc raised the question of pathway consultation and KS confirmed that the CAP report had outlined that the path would join the two villages on Aug 14.</p>	
BE/WMc	<p>Updates from Local Groups and Organisations</p> <p>Community Council</p> <p>As the Community Council didn't meet in July, there was no report.</p> <p>Strathmore Development Trust</p> <p>B E reported that the Ceteran Eco Museum meeting went extremely well, with the organisation continuing to thrive. WM added that the Heritage Lottery Project included a rural/city exchange with learning strategies linked to the Eco Museum 'A presentation was being put together re the five Ps' climate change initiative.</p>	
AB/KS	<p>Meigle Iron Age Site</p> <p>Reference was made to the successful press and TV reports. KS proposed that a public meeting be held on the 1st August and this was agreed.</p>	
AN	<p>Comms Team</p>	

	<p>It was noted that a meeting was scheduled regarding the next newsletter, which AN clarified was a community publication, not a Trust publication.</p>	
KS	<p><u>Project Updates</u></p> <p>Bowling Club Ks intimated that strimming was to take place on Sunday 30 July in order to prepare for the wildflower planting, which was to be a community event. With the seed stored and ready it was suggested that 19th August be considered as a suitable date. Envelopes of land in front of the houses were to be checked for ownership.</p>	
AN	<p>Community Shed Funding of approximately £28k is being sought, part of which is for running costs. It was agreed that some form of membership fee be levied, perhaps around £30 per annum, with a constitution also being required. The meeting approved the related budget.</p>	
WMc	<p>Music, art and Literature WMc confirmed that the Waymarker posts etc were now available and the meeting unanimously agreed that the new Logo was excellent. With no volunteers found to assist with path maintenance, £185 has been paid for path clearance. The Clypers are composing short poems referring to historical village worthies. There was discussion on how to convey heritage aspects of the Path, with a Pict, a Roman Legionnaire and a Railway worker being amongst characters suggested; it was also agreed that the history society should be involved. 2 events are planned: a launch of the Faerie Tree in late August (date to be agreed with the school) and a “Walk and Talk” on Saturday 2nd September, to raise awareness for the MAC Trail and sign up volunteers to help. A budget of £100 was approved for these events. Trust volunteers are to lead the walk.</p>	
BE	<p>Ardler Village Hall The architect has drawn up plans and a £4,000 grant has been obtained from the Mushroom Trust.</p>	
KS	<p>Historic Environment Scotland The organisation is to involve in the Iron Age settlement excavations and a structural engineer engaged for the Steading survey.</p>	
KM	<p><u>Financial Update</u></p>	

SE	<p>A written report was submitted and it was indicated that with expenditure, the bank balance had reduced from £26,909 at the beginning of the financial year to £13,489 now.</p> <p>The funding update was attached to the agenda, with a £3,000 bid made to Tayside Contracts. Additionally, the Gannochy Trust had pledged £10,000 of matched funding as an annual donation; 10k was being bid for resilience, and a further application was current for the Bowling Club pavilion.</p> <p>Other bids included CLLD and Lottery Funds, PKC Restoration funds re habitat and land restoration.</p> <p><u>AOB</u></p>	
JH	<p>WMc raised the issue of vandalism to poetry boxes and to the Railway Hut. The placing of a camera was suggested.</p> <p>JH gave a presentation regarding the possibility of Outdoor Cinema, either at the Bowling Club, (125th anniversary) or at Belmont.</p> <p>Other suggested initiatives were a silent Disco, possibly tying in with Halloween. The details would be put on the WhatsApp chat.</p> <p>A repeat of the Hogmanay Hoolie was also discussed.</p> <p>The meeting finished at 9.25</p> <p>Date of next meeting – 31st August 2023</p>	
Signed:	Andy Boyack	Date: 09/08/2023