

Meigle and Ardler Community Council

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting held in the Kinloch Hall, Meigle on Monday 12th December 2022 at 6.30 pm.

2) PRESENT

Rae Taylor (RT) Chair, Ruth Mutch (RM), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Karen Barton (KB), Edith Christie (EC), Kenny Archer (KA), Tanja Waaser (TW), Kenneth Mitchell (KM).

IN ATTENDANCE

4 members of the public.

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).

PC Robbie Blackwell Community Police Officer (RB)

APOLOGIES

Peter Menzies, Councillor Colin Stewart.

2) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

RT welcomed the attendees and noted the apologies.

3) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

4) MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising that would not be covered during the meeting.

5) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA) confirmed that he had been working on issues raised by residents:

The Planning Officers had now agreed to attend a meeting to discuss in general the planning application process but not a specific planning application in process. BS suggested that he contact David Littlejohn to set up a meeting in the New Year to take place during the working day. This will be advertised to enable members of the public to attend.

Information had been received in map form of blocked gullies. BS has communicated with Brian Milne to ask when works will commence to clear the blockages, but no finite date has been advised.

HA further advised that Perth and Kinross Councillors would be meeting on the 20th of December to discuss traffic issues along the A94 corridor. HA confirmed that the temporary speed restrictions introduced during Covid had been extended and BS asked that our request for a 20mph zone on the Coupar Angus to Forfar Road through the village be implemented.

6) SECRETARY'S REPORT

BS advised that he had received 66 pieces of external correspondence during the month which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate. TW asked that a summary of all correspondence be included in the minutes in a table format. Following discussion, it was agreed by a majority of 9 to 1 that the status quo remain.

7) **TREASURER'S REPORT** EC confirmed no expenditure during the previous month and the financial situation as being:

Date		Expense	Income	Amount
	Balance B/fwd 21.11.2022			£3439.50
	No expenditure during the month			
12.12.2022	Closing Balance			£3439.50

8) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.

Meigle – No Planning Applications or Approvals for Meigle.

Ardler – No Planning Applications or Approvals for Ardlar.

9) POLICE REPORT.

Meigle and Ardlar. No issues reported.

RT introduced PC Robbie Blackwell who has recently taken up the appointment of Community Police Officer for Coupar Angus, Alyth, Meigle

and Ardler. Robbie explained his role and willingness to work with the community. BS suggested he attend a meeting of the Tuesday Club which he is willing to do. He confirmed that he has made contact with PC Connor Lees over traffic issues in Meigle. Robbie also reported that he had received only about 10 calls in the last few weeks none of which were of a serious nature.

10) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

BS confirmed that there was no further update but that he had written to Alex Gudgeon, the Large Development Planning Officer to ask if a date had been set for the consideration of the proposed Forfar Road Development and whether members of the public could attend. HA advised that a representative of the Community Council may be able to speak at the meeting to express the issues raised by members of the community.

TW suggested that there was a statement in the letter of objection that the majority of the residents of Meigle opposed the development but only a majority of those attending the public consultation exercise were against the development as it was not known what the views were of those who did not attend. RT noted that the evidence also came from other sources but agreed that, if the statement proved to be unjustifiable, that a correction or clarification should be issued.

11) MACDT UPDATE

Please see the Appendix 1 to these minutes.

12) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE.

Outstanding issues remain:

- 1) Modify the VAS sign entering the village from the Newtyle side to record actual speeds and number of vehicles exceeding the 20mph limit.
- 2) Relocate VAS sign on the Coupar Angus side of the village.
- 3) Widen the pathway on the Dundee Road from the school up to the Kinloch Memorial Hall.

- 4) Install temporary speed measurement strips to evaluate any change following introduction of additional speed cushions.
- 5) Introduction of 20mph zone on the Coupar Angus to Forfar Road through the village.

HA was requested to raise these issues at the planned meeting on the 20th December. HA reconfirmed the manpower shortage in the Roads Team. KM asked if the 20mph signs at the beginning of the Dundee Road by the Spar shop could be moved to improve visibility to motorists. He also asked whether “20” road marking and possible rumble strips could be installed. BS confirmed that he will approach the PKC Roads team again on this issue however previous discussions had proved to be futile.

13) PARKING THE SQUARE AND GLEBEWAY.

As CS was unable to attend this meeting it was agreed that BS write to him for an update.

AOCB

18.1 Street Cleaning Meigle.

We are unaware of any street cleaning taking place. PKC Councillors requested to take-up this issue on our behalf. TW asked if a manual operative could be made available to sweep curb edges and pavement. HA advised that PKC has a moratorium on recruitment at present.

18.4 Belmont Estate Wall.

BS has written to Rod Houston who will complete a further site visit in late November and get back to us with an update. The wooden gate appears to have been replaced but a sign post at Lodge House is down so BS will report this. BS advised that there had been no update and a reminder has been sent

18.5 Unoccupied Bungalow Glebe Way.

Councillor Colin Stewart updated CC members on this issue after the last meeting. BS will write to Councillor Stewart for an update.

18.7 School Bus Stops in the centre of the village.

BS has received an email response from Moray Fraser to advise that we should communicate with Dundee High School as their bus is privately contracted. BS will do this. The bus to Blairgowrie is now a standard service so will continue as is.

18.8 LDP3.

An introductory Teams Meeting was held on 8th December attended by some CC members and local councillors. It was agreed that we will host a meeting in the future to which all interested parties will be invited and the Local Development Plans team will offer an insight into the way forward.

18.9 Potholes on Tree Back.

KM reported that potholes on Tree Back had now become a danger to vehicles and asked if anything could be done about it. BS advised that this had been the subject of considerable correspondence with PKC Roads who only accepted liability for the repair to the section in front of the new cemetery. It was agreed that we approach the two farmers who we have been advised have responsibility for the road from the Coupar Angus Road to the new cemetery. BS to liaise with KM. TW commented on the ownership and maintenance responsibility for Treeback and that PKC have a legal power under the Road Scotland Act 1984 to determine ownership and maintenance contribution. Treeback is an unadopted road in private ownership, same as the area in front of the village garden where carparking and e-chargers are proposed.

18.10 Tayside Contracts Volunteer Work.

BS had shared with CC members advice that Tayside Contracts Volunteers would be available to undertake works. CC members were requested to advise him of their suggestions. The Community Fund will be opening as of 9th January 2023. An early response would be appreciated. KB agreed to advertise this on Facebook.

18.11 Pathway along Belmont Wall.

BS has received advice that the above pathway is on the list to remove leaf mould and vegetation.

18.12 Local Place Plan Software.

Discussion took place on the offer to provide us with Local Place Plan Software, free for one year. It was agreed to review this in three months due to the uncertainty of benefit, maintenance, and possible future costs.

18.13 Cost of Living Funds.

BS advised that he had applied for a grant of £800 from the above fund to provide £10 vouchers for the elderly and disabled in both our villages. TW asked if this could be extended to cover single parent families.

18.14 Complaints Procedure.

TW asked if we should establish a formal complaints procedure. RT advised that there is a procedure that is dealt with by the CC collectively. TW began to raise the issue of a previous complaint she had made which RT said had been answered. RM has asked us to record that she left the meeting before it ended after commenting that she felt uncomfortable with the continuing line of questioning from Ms Waaser, in particular in connection with a complaint which has already been addressed. It was inappropriate to raise this again particularly when members of the public were present.

18.15 Register of Equipment.

TW asked if we have a list of equipment owned by the CC. RT advised that he had started to compile one. TW raised the question did MACC purchase Christmas Lights. A review of the minutes of 7,12.2020 confirms the purchase of Christmas Lights which were donated to the village Christmas Lights Team.

18.16 Update on Churches.

RT advised that he had received an offer from Maj. Gen. Michael Riddell-Webster to update the CC on future Church developments in our community. It was agreed that RT should invite him to attend our next meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 16th January 2023 at 18.30.

Appendix 1

Notes from MACDT

Please find below a short update regarding the current work activity of the development trust.

Resilience

Since the last update we have purchased further equipment for our local resilience work. We have a generator arriving before Christmas for the Tav in Ardler. There have been some issues in relation to the generator which we have purchased for the Kinloch Hall and hopefully these will be resolved in the coming weeks.

Dek Mackenzie has indicated that he is stepping down as the lead for resilience. We are presently looking for a lead for our resilience work to take this work forward in 2023. We are aiming to hold a Community event in January so that we can recruit a dedicated team for resilience, finalise the emergency action plan, agree how we will support vulnerable folks in our local area and (hopefully) identify a new lead.

Community Connector

Susie has made good progress with the Ardler Hall committee. A survey and information leaflet will be delivered to all households in Ardler prior to Christmas to guide the redevelopment of this site.

Heritage path walk

Work is progressing in relation to the development of this path. Community events will be held in the New Year to carry on a process of ongoing engagement to drive this project forward.

Historic Environment Scotland

We had a productive meeting with Historic Environment Scotland today about increasing footfall at the Pictish Stone Museum. We looked at options in relation to how we can improve access to the present museum, enhance the layout of the stones and develop a marketing plan to increase footfall.

Hogmanay Hoolie

We are working on the programme for this event which is going to be a great opportunity for us to engage with our local area.

Bowling Club

There has been no further progress in relation to legal side of things with the Bowling Club.

Belmont Camp

There has been no further progress in relation to activities at the Scottish Outdoor Education Centre (SOEC) regarding the development of a Community Shed and Resilience Hub.

We have no formal meeting in December and our next meeting will be our AGM on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 7pm.