

Meigle and Ardler Community Council

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council Meeting held in the Kinloch Hall Meigle on Monday 18th July 2022 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

Rae Taylor (RT) Chair, Karen Barton (KB), Kenny Archer (KA), Ruth Mutch (RM), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS,) Peter Menzies (PM), Edith Christie (EC).

IN ATTENDANCE

7 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS), Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA), Ian Shaw (IS). Kevin Stirling.

1) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

RT welcomed the attendees and noted the apologies.

2) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3) MATTERS ARISING

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

4) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT

No Perth & Kinross Councillors available to attend the meeting and no email reports received.

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT

BS advised that he had received 91 pieces of external correspondence during the month which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT

EC confirmed the current financial situation as being:

Date		Expense	Income	Amount
13.06.2022	Balance B/fwd			£6697.60
08.07.2022	Ink & Paper Campion Leaflets	£44.30		£6653.30
13.07.2022	Gazebos for Gala Day	£1716.00		£4937.30
13.07.2022	4 Roadside Banners Gala Day	£142.08		£4795.22
18.07.2022	Balance Carried Forward			£4795.22

7) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER

Meigle - Planning application for a house on the site of the old Guide Hut on Forfar Road. No approvals.

Ardler – No Planning applications. Approval for old school building conversion to housing.

8) POLICE REPORT

Meigle - attempted break-in to car in Kinloch Place. No advice received on replacement for PC Munro. BS will email Sgt Duncan to ask if the position has been filled.

Ardler – nothing reported.

9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT

Further to the previous minutes, general discussion took place on the proposed Campion development and how the community best responds.

Next steps agreed were:

BS to ask Campion for the summary feedback from their second public consultation.

BS to contact PKC planners to establish unused capacity of our Meigle sewage plant and time span between Campion submitting a formal planning application and when this will be decided. Current advice from LPD2 appears

to restrict building to no more than 50 houses before expiration of this in 2024. BS will clarify this and has emailed Councillor Stewart to seek his advice.

It is intended that we hold an open public meeting to determine the views of our residents once we have the information above. In advance of setting this date BS will contact those departments who comment on planning applications to confirm their availability to attend such a meeting.

10) MACDT UPDATE

Please see the appendix to these minutes. BS requested copies of the MACDT minutes which were distributed to Community Council members. Kevin Stirling has confirmed that these can now be viewed on the MACDT Smart Village website.

11) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE

BS advised that he had shared with Community Councillors the latest email from Daryl McKeown which detailed his understanding of our last on-site meeting. Whilst the content of this was generally accepted, frustration was recorded that no timescales for implementation were included. It was agreed that BS request timescales from Daryl so that we have some indication of when the works will proceed. A Meigle resident had separately communicated with Daryl expressing his major safety concerns which in general were shared by Community Council Members. PM reminded us that all the PKC Councillors elected following our pre-election hustings meeting had agreed to support us on these issues, but we have seen no evidence of this. BS will email them to remind them of their commitment.

An Ardler resident confirmed that Peter Grewar had built a road to his farm to reduce heavy vehicles going through the village which was an improvement. However, this appears to have led to an increase in excessive speeding taking place through the village. She asked if VAS signs could be installed to alert drivers of their speed. BS will request these.

12) VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNAGE MEIGLE

BS had informed Community Council members that signs are in production and should be installed by mid-August. In an answer to a question from KB,

BS confirmed that new posts were to be supplied and the sign would be positioned to comply with current traffic regulations.

13) GALA DAY 6th AUGUST 2022

KB provided an update on planning to date. This included an outline of activities taking place on the day. Facebook advertising was live, banners in position on the entrances to the village and a leaflet drop to both Ardler and Meigle was underway. The evening Ceilidh was intended for our village residents. Tickets would be available on a first come first serve basis to a maximum of 140. KB confirmed that any required clearances had been obtained from PKC. BS to contact Rod Houston to see who we need to contact to get agreement to use the Belmont Park for car parking on the day. This should reduce roadside parking. PM suggested we obtain a number of traffic cones to help with this.

Numbers for insurance purposes were estimated to be 250 and BS will notify PKC insurance officer of this.

A risk assessment will be completed nearer the time when some of the activities are in place.

EC advised that a free taxi service will be provided from Ardler for both the afternoon and evening Ceilidh.

KB asked for donations of Raffle Prizes, the proceeds of which would be used to help fund replacement defibrillator pads for both villages.

14) QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TREE PLANTING VICTORY PARK

Tree planting postponed until after school holidays.

AOCB

18.1 Parking Glebe Way Meigle. CS confirmed that he had received advice from PKC officers that this project has been listed for completion in the current financial year. Open issue.

18.2 Parking in the Square Meigle. CS previously advised that discussions are underway to add electric car charging points as part of the project to

improve parking and the road surface in the square adjacent to the community garden. Open issue.

18.3 Benches. BS advised that PKC are suggesting we need to pay a fee of £145 per site to get planning agreement to install these benches. He has queried this and will follow up with the PKC Greenspace representative on her return from leave.

18.4 Belmont Estate Wall. Rod Houston has confirmed that DCC Forestry Team will complete tree cutting back over the coming months and remove loose stones to behind the wall. BS requested KB to send him contact details for the Drystone Walling Association.

18.5 Community Speedwatch. BS confirmed speed camera has been re-calibrated. PM agreed to email volunteers to check on their availability to complete speed watch activities in Meigle and Ardler. He further advised the resident from Ardler that PC Jim could be made available to them provided he was secured overnight.

18.6 Ardler Bus Service. BS advised that negotiations were underway to facilitate the use of the school bus in Ardler and at extending the Forfar to Meigle bus service to include Ardler. The current taxi service is stopping. Live issue.

18.8 Meigle Bus Shelter. The Meigle bus shelter has been replaced but there are problems with the back plate that have been reported. This precludes notices being displayed. Live issue.

18.9 New Benches. Thanks was recorded to the ladies who organised the Jubilee Tea Party for funding the provision of picnic benches which had been sited in the Community Garden and Belmont Field.

18.10 Ardler Village. Appreciation recorded for those who had cut back the grass along the old railway line and verges in the village.

18.11 Hadden's. BS advised that he and PM had collected surplus materials that had been made available to us by the generosity of Hadden's.

18.12 Cricket Ground Litter Bags. RM advised that litter bags provided to the cricket club had resulted in a lot less litter being deposited around the ground.

18.13 Belmont Place to Glebeway footpath. PM advised that a Meigle resident had reported excess litter and poo bags on this footpath and requested a further litter bin. BS will contact PKC Waste Services to request this.

18.14 Travellers Larghan Park Coupur Angus. A Meigle resident advised that Travellers had moved into Larghan Park in Coupur Angus and expressed concerns that they could move to Alyth corner. Prohibitive methods were discussed but in the short term we are unable to implement anything.

RT thanked all those who had attended the meeting which closed at 20.08.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Hall in Meigle on Monday 8th August 2022 at 18.30.

Appendix

MACDT update for Community Council meeting on 18.07.22

Ardler Village Hall site.

- The site has now been cleared.
- We will be holding public engagement events over the summer to get consensus on what the redevelopment of this site might look like.
- A survey will also be circulated around Ardler.

Meigle and Ardler Heritage pathway

- We have an extraordinary meeting on 26th July to plan this project in detail.

Resilience

- We continue to purchase equipment.
- We have identified a dedicated building for resilience work at SOEC Belmont.

Community Shed

- This development will hopefully move forward in August or September this year.

Bowling Club

- We are still waiting for feedback from the Bowling Club trustees regarding how best to move forward with the bowling club.
- The bowling club land will be tidied up before the Gala day in August.

Approval of Community Councillors to join sub-groups

At our last meeting on 30.06.22, the following Community Councillors were approved to join MACDT sub-groups:

- Meigle Bowling Club: Nil
- Community Shed Initiative: Ruth Mutch.
- Resilience: Karen Barton & Peter Menzies.
- Music, Arts & Literature: Nil
- Green Spaces: Kenny Archer.

The respective leads for each of these sub-groups will reach out to these colleagues in the coming weeks.

Kevin Stirling

Chair, Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust

