

Meigle and Ardler Community Council

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

RT called for a minute of silence for the loss of Queen Elizabeth.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

6 members of the public.

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS), Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).

APOLOGIES

Peter Menzies (PM), Ian Shaw (IS), Post Meeting Councillor Grant Stewart (GS).

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 read, and two minor amendments were made prior to approval.

3) MATTERS ARISING

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

4) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Colin Stewart advised that the recess finished in mid-August and a few committee meetings had taken place since then. A full meeting of the council took place today to record condolences on the death of Queen Elizabeth .

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee an increase of £32.5m was approved to the CTRL budget.

The council are to complete an action plan for road traffic on the A94 to the Angus border and the A93. PKC officers advise that traffic volume on the A94 is currently 4000 vehicles per day with a potential capacity of 13000. Our PKC councillors were attending a meeting with the Road Safety Team on Tuesday to discuss traffic calming issues across the road network and would highlight the negative impact of increased traffic volumes on noise, vibrations, road conditions and safety. Our request for a 20mph zone through the village will be included. CS advised that no increased budget had been allocated for increased traffic calming measures that villages across the routes had requested.

CS further reported that a new round of Community Investment Grants will be open for application from 12th September and would remain open for 8 weeks. A new category will be included for groups struggling with energy costs.

CS advised that he had recommended that Councillors be included on the Project Board evaluating projects. This was not accepted.

Councillor Hugh Anderson supported all that CS had said and in addition advised that Community Councils remain vigilant in respect of development planning applications. Alyth CC is concerned at a recent application that does not include smaller properties which would be suitable for adult children of residents of the town who wish to live independently there.

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT

BS advised that he had received 105 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
08.08.2022	Balance B/fwd			£3608.28
06.08.2022	Outdoor Explore Archery Gala Day	£200.00		
06.08.2022	Ceilidh Band (Free Wheelin) Gala day (cash)	£140.00		
06.08.2022	Vouchers to Volunteers Gala Day (cash)	£70.50		
10.08.2022	Gala Day Raffle in aid of Defibrillators (cash)		£1211.00	
14.08.2022	First Aid Kit and Face Masks Gala Day	£35.94		
14.08.2022	Screwfix £49.98, B&Q £133,97, B&Q £40.10 Gala Day	£224.05		
14.08.2022	Peter Menzies Toner and Paper Admin	£165.34		
14.08.2022	Peter Menzies Fuel collecting and delivering Gala Day	£68.26		
14.08.2022	A3 Laminator and pouches Admin	£53.98		
14.08.2022	KINLOCH Memorial Hall hire, whole day. Gala Day	£164.00		
14.08.2022	Alyth Dance Club donation. Gala Day	£100.00		
18.08.2022	Stationery. Admin	£25.97		
18.08.2022	Various expenses. Gala Day	£317.15		
29.08.2022	Barrie Starck. Paper & Laminating Pouches. Admin	£33.96		
29.08.2022	Peter Menzies Seal for Noticeboard. Admin	£3.72		
30.08.2022	Stencils, Tent Pegs, Rope, Fencing Pins. Staple Gun & Staples. Gala Day	£219.75		
30.08.2022	35L Box. Admin	£12.00		
06.09.2022	Defibrillator Children's Pads, Ardler AED	£136.74		
12.09.2022	Closing Balance	£1971.36	£1211.00	£2847.92

In addition to the above the Treasurer reported current month expenditure of £1539.65 on the Gala Day, £323.57 on Admin and £136.74 for replacement Children's Defibrillator pads for the Ardler AED as the current ones were date expired.

7) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER

Meigle – No Planning Applications and no Approvals.

Ardler – No Planning applications and no Approvals.

8) POLICE REPORT

Meigle and Ardler. No issues reported.

BS has emailed Sgt Duncan to enquire if a replacement for PC Munro has been appointed.

9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT

BS confirmed that no public notification of the Development Planning Application had been published. We therefore assume that this is still being evaluated. Local residents within 20 meters of the proposed development will receive a formal letter of notification of the planning application and as was previously agreed we will facilitate a public meeting to record the views of our villagers to this.

CS advised that LDP 3 will be introduced in 2024 and prior to this consultation with local interested parties including our CC should take place. This will include the suggested increase on the Forfar Road development.

10) MACDT UPDATE

Please see the appendix to these minutes.

An Ardler resident expanded on the Ardler Hall proposed development initiative and avenues of funding.

11) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE

BS had shared the latest email from Frank Mills received in response to our email to him on suggested additions to traffic calming measures they had proposed. Frank Mills had advised that existing speed cushions would be re-sited around the 3rd of October to a width of 1200mm. In response to the latest email from Frank Mills, BS advised that he had requested that we be advised of dates for the further improvements and re-consideration of the provision of rumble strips. He further asked when the VAS sign coming into the village will be re-sited.

12) ROAD CLEANING MEIGLE.

BS had shared with CC members a copy of an email he had received from the Roads Cleaning Supervisor in response to our complaint that little or nothing had been actioned for some considerable time. He had shared this with our PKC Councillors asking for their assistance in getting this issue resolved. No assistance was forthcoming. BS advised that road edges really required debris to be scraped away. KA suggested volunteers could be recruited to undertake the work and he was invited to organise this. JS suggested that this could be dangerous, and a member of the public advised that traffic control would need to be put in place.

AOCB

18.1 Parking Glebe Way Meigle. CS confirmed that he will follow up on this.

18.2 Parking in the Square Meigle. CS will be meeting with PKC departments with a view to taking this project forward,

18.3 Benches. BS advised that HA had confirmed with PKC officers, that planning application is necessary. CS queried this interpretation, so BS requested him to take up this issue on our behalf which he agreed to do.

18.4 Belmont Estate Wall. BS has written to Rod Houston again and is awaiting an update.

18.5 Unoccupied Bungalow Glebe way. Councillor Stewart advised that he is still consulting on this.

18.6 Ardler Bus Service. BS advised that Ardler residents are now able to use the Blairgowrie High School bus and timings have been published on our Facebook page.

18.13 Belmont Place to Glebeway footpath. BS wrote to PKC and is awaiting an update. This included issues in relation to waste bins at the Kinloch Memorial Hall.

18.15 Kerbstone Defect Spar Shop. BS notified CC members for information purposes that at the request of a resident he had reported a trip hazard to PKC. This had taken three weeks to be acknowledged and is still not repaired.

18.16 Community Council Elections. BS reminded those at the meeting that Community Council Elections are underway. Nominations close on Thursday 22nd September at 4.00pm.

18.17 Overhang Ardler Road Meigle. RM advised that she had cut back on overhang of the pavement along Ardler Road which was blocking the pavement and that the owner had raised no objections.

18.18 Speeding in Ardler. EC raised the issue that a request had been passed to PKC to re-site the 20mph signs and extend the zone. Two Ardler residents endorsed this and complained of speeding through the village. An offer to loan PC Jim provided he was secured at night was not taken up.

RT thanked all those who had attended the meeting which closed at 20.15

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Hall in Meigle on Monday 10th October 2022 at 18.30. We have been advised by PKC that this should be an AGM Chairman's Annual Report and Election of Office Bearers.

Appendix

MACDT update for Community Council meeting on 12.09.22

Firstly, apologies for not sending the invite to our last meeting to the Chair. This was an internal error which has now been corrected.

Ardler Hall

We are hoping to have some illustrative drawings developed so that we can show what the redeveloped site might look like to residents in Ardlar. These drawings, accompanied by a survey will shape what this redeveloped site will look like.

Resilience

Derek Mackenzie is scoping out the work required to convert a hut at Belmont outdoor centre in a resilience hub.

Bowling Club

There has been some progress in relation to legal side of things with the Bowling Club. The Bowling Club trustee are willing to transfer ownership of this land to the Trust. We are awaiting a title deed to review.

Belmont Camp

We hope to have a meeting with the CEO of Scottish Outdoor Education Centre (SOEC) regarding the development of a Community Shed and Resilience Hub.

We were delighted that Kate Methley has joined the Trust and has agreed to take on the role of treasurer. Andy Boyack has also joined the Trust as part of our secretarial and communications team.