

## **Meigle and Ardler Community Council**

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council Meeting held in the Kinloch Hall Meigle on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 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)

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

11 members of the public.

### **APOLOGIES**

Peter Menzies (PM), Edith Christie (EC), Ian Shaw (IS).

### **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**

RT invited new Councillor Hugh Anderson to introduce himself to the meeting. HA referred to his main issues of concern being traffic volume and speeding with lack of enforcement, housing and CTRL issues affecting these. He is pressing for an extension of the 20mph limit through villages and is liaising on this with CS. A reduction in Police Scotland has resulted in this lack of enforcement but the Scottish Government has no plans to reverse this. HA

is a member of the Planning Committee and as such is unable to discuss individual applications.

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS). CS covered several points that will be included under agenda or AOCB sub-headings. Under the new council he has been appointed as vice chair of the Health and Social Care Board and Convenor of the Scrutiny and Performance Committee. He expanded on these roles. He further advised that the empty bungalow in Glebe Way has been made secure and discussion is ongoing with PKC Officers.

Councillor Grant Stewart (GS) arrived following the start of the meeting. GS introduced himself and explained that he too was a member of the Planning Committee and as such is unable to discuss individual applications. He advised that he is on a sharp learning curve and is experiencing IT difficulties. In answer to a question from RM over litter which she had emailed him about he said he would raise the issue with the Environmental Department at PKC.

## 5) SECRETARY'S REPORT

BS advised that he had received 121 pieces of external correspondence during the month which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate.

## 6) TREASURER'S REPORT

EC had sent an email confirming the current financial situation as being:

Date		Expense	Income	Amount
09.05.2022	Balance B/fwd			£6697.60
	Total expenditure			£0.00
13.06.2022	Balance Carried Forward			£6697.60

## 7) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER

**Meigle** - No planning applications or approvals.

**Ardler** - Planning application for old school building and no approvals.

## **8) POLICE REPORT**

No police reports affecting our areas had been received during the last month. BS has been informed that the job of community police post covering our area has been advertised.

## **9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT**

BS had shared the public survey comments and responses received from Campion Homes following the public consultation with community council members. RT advised that various issues had been raised. From discussions there appears to be a lack of clarity on the following:

- Use of prime farming land.
- Discrepancy between the two maps provided by the developer
- Two roads going nowhere therefore indicative of additional development.
- Queries on provision of social housing
- No bungalows included
- Archaeological survey
- Real as opposed to indicative numbers
- Additional traffic.
- House design to integrate into existing village landscape

CC members suggested that residents should attend the next Campion Homes presentation on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June at which more detail on layout etc is to be displayed.

The community council agreed to hold a public meeting following our next CC meeting to record appropriate comments on the development from our villagers.

In response to a question regarding future inclusion of the adjacent field as a possible phase 2 of the development CS advised that PKC would publish this detail as a consultation document but this is not expected within the next 18 months.

## **10) MACDT UPDATE**

Please see the attachment to these minutes.

RT confirmed that he had attended the Trust Meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> May and that report from the MACDT chair was accurate. He thanked the Trust for their commitment to ensuring that the Bowling Green area would be cut and tidied as soon as practicable before the Gala Day

## **11) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE**

Several letters from a Meigle resident had been shared with CC members. These resulted in an on-site meeting with Daryl McKeown to look at the issues raised concerning entering and leaving the village going towards Newtyle. This meeting took place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. In addition to the points raised by the resident, PM and BS took the opportunity to raise our ongoing incomplete projects with Daryl, to which he agreed to provide an update and include his suggested additional measures to improve road safety in our village. Our resident has summarised his understanding of what was discussed and agreed but we await the response from Daryl, despite a reminder having been sent by BS.

We highlighted to Daryl that a speed cushion had been removed having been damaged earlier by the snow plough. Daryl agreed to have this replaced as a matter of urgency, but this has not been done.

CS advised that the whole of the A94 is the subject of a route action plan and the transport team will come up with proposals for improved signage and speed restrictions.

A member of the public asked why the Coupar Angus Road VAS sign had not been re-sited and BS advised that this was included in the outstanding projects.

BS reminded attending Councillors that at the hustings meeting they attended that all undertook to support our CC over traffic issues and they were requested to follow this up with action.

## **12) VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNAGE MEIGLE**

Covered in projects above.

## **13) GALA DAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022**

KB advised that planning meetings are progressing and clarification re-entertainment licence, road closure, procession licence and insurance are being investigated. Volunteers are welcome to sign up for the day. Availability of selling space has been advertised.

## **14) QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TREE PLANTING VICTORY PARK**

BS advised that he had obtained an oak tree sapling from PKC Greenspace which Doris Scott has agreed to arrange to plant, in conjunction with Meigle Primary School.

## **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.

**18.2 Parking in the Square Meigle.** CS 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.

**18.3 Benches** BS met with a representative of the PKC Greenspace team to review our suggested locations of the benches and written agreement to these is awaited.

**18.4 Belmont Estate Wall.** PM and BS had met with representatives from DCC, who have confirmed what repair action to the walls can be completed under tight budget constraint. A copy of the email from Rod Houston has been circulated to CC members. BS requested KB to send him contact details for the Drystone Walling Association.

**18.5 Community Speedwatch.** BS confirmed that new and revision speedwatch training was completed by Police Scotland on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Our speedwatch camera requires re-calibration at a cost in excess of £300. BS has secured funding for this from the PKC Road Safety Team.

**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.

**18.7 Ardler Post Box** BS advised members of the public that the post box in Ardler had been replaced and sited next to the bus stop.

**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.

RT thanked all those who had attended the meeting which closed at 20.00.

**The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Hall in Meigle on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 18.30.**

### **Attachment to the minutes From the Chair of the Development Trust**

I would just like to firstly thank the chair of the Community Council for the amount of time that he's made available to myself since the last meeting on 9th May. It has been very much appreciated by myself and the other trustees that the chair has taken the time to appreciate our concerns in relation to this meeting.

### **Points of Clarification**

Before I give my update, I would like to provide some clarification in relation to two matters which were in the draft minutes and have now been approved as part of the final minutes for the meeting on 9th May. I would be grateful if these clarifications be minuted so that an accurate record exists for the benefit of those who live in our local area, the organisations that the Trust is currently working and for our funding partners.

My first clarifying point is in relation to statements made relating to the resilience work of the trust. These specifically related to the Trust's response to Storm Arwen which affected our local area between the 25-27th November. The previous lead for resilience for the Trust indicated their intention to leave the trust with immediate effect on the 26th November. The departure of this trustee limited the response that the Trust could make in relation to storm Arwen. I will provide a further update about where we're at with resilience in a moment.

The second point of clarification is in relation to the statement that both parties had agreed a lease document relating to the bowling club. On Friday, I spoke to Ian Lindsay, who is the solicitor acting on behalf of the bowling club trustees and I spoke to Hamish McFarlane who is our link contact for the bowling club trustees. Ian Lindsay confirmed that he had held discussions with a previous trustee in relation to drafting a lease document but that he had never provided a recommendation or advice in this matter to the bowling club trustees. Hamish McFarlane has confirmed that he has never received a legal document from their solicitors and that he has not presented this document to the bowling club trustees. This is why we are still working

with our solicitors to move towards a definitive conclusion in this matter. I will provide an update relating to the bowling club in a moment.

## **Update**

It was great to have the chair of MACC join our recent meeting. The matter of which community councillors joined which sub-group was held over until matters relating to the meeting on 9th May were concluded. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

### Ardler Village Hall site.

- Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed and signed.
- We are going to clear the site and hold 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 walk

- We have made some good working partnerships with Chris Martin (PKC ranger), Newtyle path network and other poetry path teams to map out the content for this pathway.
- We have an extraordinary meeting next week to plan this project out in detail.

### Resilience

- We have been working with SOEC Belmont for a number of years. They have offered us the opportunity to take over a hut and use this to store resilience equipment on a short to long term basis. This does give us the opportunity to create a resilience hub which is between both villages and will have capacity to hold many people who may be displaced.
- Equipment has begun to arrive on site and more is ordered.
- SOEC are renovating the catering hall just now and we are trying to secure more funding to renovate a hut to give us a high-quality resource for our local area.

### Community Shed



- This development will hopefully dovetail with the upgrade work required for the resilience hub.

### Bowling Club

- After speaking to Ian Lindsay on Friday we are hopeful that the bowling club trustees might get the advice they have requested to allow them to make a decision about whether to move forward with a lease of the bowling club or to transfer ownership to the trust.
- We have approved a maintenance contract for the summer months to ensure the bowling club and the land at hospital corner is well maintained. This should ensure that the bowling club looks well presented for the gala day.

Chair, Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust