

Meigle and Ardler Community Council

Final Draft minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle on Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT.

Rae Taylor, Chairperson (RT), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Tanja Waaser (TW), Kenneth Mitchell (KM), Karen Barton (KB).

IN ATTENDANCE.

7 members of the public.

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS).

APOLOGIES.

Kenny Archer

Mark Churches

Stephen Bailey

PC Robbie Blackhall

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 as a true record.

3) MATTERS ARISING. No matters arising that will not be covered within the meeting.

4) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Councillor Stewart advised that Budget negotiations for 2024/2025 had been concluded and followed Scottish Government advice that there be no increase in Council Tax. This does not apply to Scottish Water who will be increasing costs. There were suggestions that winter service and Primary Schools swimming lessons budgets be cut back but this was rejected. A proposed reduction of £3/4 million into rural areas transport budget was also rejected. An announcement by Stagecoach of service reduction has been delayed until May to allow for further investigation. 1% of Council Tax income for the foreseeable future will be deposited in the Capital Budget which will make this sustainable for the next 40 years. The Community Investment is preserved with £300K being allocated to this ward.

TW asked if there would be any impact on us of cost cutting measures being implemented. CS replied that Greenspace maintenance may be affected and personnel

replacements will be carefully monitored. At the moment the target is for undefined management cuts for example Individual department finance teams will be centralised.

Councillor Anderson advised that £5m had been approved for levelling up in cultural areas. Cuts in school staffing was rejected because of indiscipline in schools.

Councillors were meeting the next day with the Road Safety Team to discuss improvements across the A94 corridor in light of the CTRL planned opening next year.

BS asked that our ongoing improvement request be raised by HA and CS at this meeting. HA advised that Stagecoach had indicated that they were losing £1m per year and were looking at ways to reduce this, even considering no bus service after 6.30pm.

CS advised that £100k has been allocated for each of the next three years to explore different models of public transport provision so as to be less reliant on Stagecoach.

HA advised that a new Green Living Fund of £300k will shortly be announced.

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS advised that he had received 88 pieces of external correspondence during the month, which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate. He further updated member of the public on issues previously raised under AOCB:

- a) **Belmont Estate Directional Sign.** This has now been replaced.
- b) **Street Cleaning Meigle and Ardler.** No Change. BS suggested that we write to the PKC Chief Executive to record our concerns at no street cleaning taking place. This was agreed and supported by PKC Councillors.
- c) **Gullies.** BS reported that excavation of the gullies had revealed a greater extent of damage than had been originally anticipated. The work has overrun and as of this afternoon the contractors were awaiting the delivery of components to connect up the pipe work. KB reported that some gullies on the Forfar Road still appear to be silted up. She agreed to investigate further and notify BS of the particular areas of concern.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer advised there had been no expenditure in the current period and a statement is attached as Appendix 1 of these minutes.

7) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.

Meigle: No Planning Application.

Ardler: No Planning Application.

Meigle: Approvals None.

Ardler: Approvals None.

8) POLICE REPORT.

Meigle and Ardler. No issues reported to the secretary from the Commander's weekly report.

A report was received from PC Robbie Blackhall which was read out to members of the public and is attached as appendix 2 to these minutes. A further Coffee with A Cop session has been arranged for Sunday 2nd of June in the Meigle Church Hall from 1.00 to 3.00pm.

9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

Councillor Anderson had forwarded to us a PKC letter with suggested street names they had received from Campion Homes for the planned new development based on tree names. These were considered to be inappropriate for our village. It was agreed that the names should be relevant to the village. PKC were expecting a response by the end of March however CS suggested that we write to them to ask for a deferment. This was agreed and we will survey local residents to come up with more appropriate names for consideration at our next meeting.

10) PARKING IN THE SQUARE AND GLEBEWAY.

Councillor Stewart advised the following:

Adoption of the Square. A new person is in post, and he is arranging a meeting to discuss this matter further.

Glebeway Parking. CS is endeavouring to have this project included in the Housing Budget for FYE 2025.

11) BENCHES IN MEIGLE.

BS advised that the base had been installed at the bus stop at the hospital corner. A diamond cutter had been ordered to create holes in the slabs and installation will be completed when Peter Menzies returns from offshore. Installation of the bench for Glebe Drive will follow this as agreed.

12) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE.

BS read out a letter received from Frank Mills. Speed cushions had been re-installed. The prospect of a meeting with Road Safety Officers was discussed however it was agreed that they should come with tangible proposals for consideration. HA & CS advised that Councillors were meeting with PKC Officers on 12th March to view the proposals for improvements and standardisation of signage across the A94 corridor. The Councillors were requested to highlight our open issues namely:

- 1) 20mph zone through the village on the A94.
- 2) Illumination of the cut-out bollard on the Dundee Road
- 3) Speed recording on the VAS sign coming into the village from the Newtyle side.
- 4) Introduction of double yellow lines in The Square to replace the painted box which is ineffectual.

A member of the public raised issues of vehicles exceeding the speed limit through Ardler and the position of 20mph signage in Wallace Street. This will be followed up.

13) WRAP AROUND CHILDCARE.

BS read out a letter received from Shona O'Connor which had been shared with CC members. This detailed the PKC position on providing wrap around childcare. It was agreed that we follow her suggestion of surveying the local community to establish demand for the requirement. Shona will complete this through the school and online and will provide feedback to us. It is suggested that a minimum number of 16 participants would be necessary for the scheme to be viable. Shona will also produce a poster to establish if anyone locally would like to explore becoming a child minder and she would help set this up.

14) MACDT UPDATE.

Bob Ellis provided the following update.

As you have probably seen on posters, Facebook etc, the Trust is conducting a survey and all aspects of the Bowling Club.

We are also asking professionals in regards to the Bowling Club Pavilion and what we need to do about refurbishment.

We, that is to say Ardler volunteers have now finished planting a hedge and fruit trees on the old Village Hall site. We are also now in the process of applying for Planning Permission for a purpose-built gazebo type structure.

As far as Resilience is concerned, we now have a lead person and that is Paul Soppit from Mains of Camno. Paul has a vast amount of experience and has already got a committee who have had experience especially of flooding.

As some of you are aware, the trust has now been in operation for 2.5 to 3 years and we have decided to have a good look at what we have done, what we are doing and what we want to do within the area that we live, work and play. So this coming Saturday, we are having an Away Day. This will give us a great chance to review everything we plan for the future.

BS asked for an update on the Community Shed. BE advised that this was more difficult than originally envisaged due to the necessity of extensive and costly repairs to the building.

KM asked if the land to the side of the Kinloch Hall which is under consideration as a footpath to the planned Forfar Road development actually belonged to MACDT. BE advised that the MACDT solicitors had been requested to clarify this. He had scheduled

a meeting with Champion Homes to explore this. BS requested BE to keep us in the loop over this which he agreed to do.

BS offered to forward to MACDT the contact details for an expert who had previously inspected the building.

14) AOCB.

- a) **Contamination Forfar Road.** SEPA are continuing to investigate this issue and will update us when they can.
- b) **Defibrillator.** RT confirmed that he had received an email from BS suggesting that the British Heart Foundation would possibly fund the provision of a defibrillator at the SPAR shop. RT will explore this further.
- c) **Litter Pick.** KB advised that the litter pick had been very successful with 16 volunteers attending and over 20 bags of litter being collected which were picked up the next day by PKC. A member of the public expressed concern at the level of dog poo in Victory Park where she had recently picked up a number of bags.
- d) **Community Council Owned Property-Insurance.**
BS advised we had received advice that, to insure our PKC owned property would cost £176.80. Following discussion, it was agreed that we would not renew the policy for this year. It was further suggested that we endeavour to sell the fogging machine and BS will provide details to KM to explore this.
- e) **Traffic Offence Dundee Road.** A member of the public had written to us to record the details of a recent dangerous driving incident on the Dundee Road. This was shared with CC members, PKC Councillors and PC Robbie Blackhall. The Meigle resident had established the Logo on the side of the vehicle and BS had traced the company registration on the Companies House register. He offered to write to the company about this incident however it was agreed that it was now a police matter for them to take appropriate action.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 8th April 2024 at 19.00 hrs.

The meeting closed at 20.40 hrs.

Appendix 1. Treasurers Report 12.02.2024 - 11.03.2024.

Date	PAYEE	ADMIN	GENERAL	AED	COST OF LIVNG	SPEEDWATCH	BALANCE
12.2.2024	Opening Balance	£696.30	£622.76	1173.24	£130.00	£200.16	£2822.46

11.3.2024	Closing Balance	£696.30	£622.76	£1173.24	£130.00	£200.16	£2822.46

Appendix 2 Police Report from PC Robbie Blackha



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Community Council Meeting

Meigle & Ardler, Perth and Kinross

February 2024

We do apologise for not being able to attend in person, however, please see a list of local incidents which are worthy of note and their results in the month of February.

Should you have any questions, or any issues, you wish to address please feel free to contact us by calling 101 and asking for Constable Robbie Blackhall D1648 and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Crimes of note in the last month

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT

Road Policing

Roads Policing (RPU) officers carry out regular patrols in the Meigle/Ardler (and surrounding) areas and where possible will carry out speeding checks. There have been no specific incidents of speeding reported to Police Scotland in the last month.

Officer Comments

In the month of November there were 15 calls to Police Scotland from the Meigle/Ardler area and 0 crimes recorded on Police systems. The only significant incident was near to the primary school when 4 persons were shouting in the street. I traced all parties and gave them suitable advice and they apologised for their actions.

I would like to make you all aware of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. I am sure you are all aware of what the neighbourhood watch is or the intended concept of it however there is a more modern version of it which I think would benefit the community greatly. You can sign up for alerts which are posted by various agencies, Police Scotland being one of them. The alerts come through as emails and you can reply directly to them. The North Perthshire Community Policing Team, which I am part of, regularly post updates on what we have been doing along with witness appeals and they are only shared to the area they are relevant to. You can sign up yourself via the following link - [Neighbourhood Watch Scotland | Keep Your Community Safe with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland](https://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk) or via <https://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk>. I have included this previously however I am going to keep it in my reports as I believe it is a very useful tool for information sharing and keeping everyone up to date with our activity as a community Policing team.

If there is anything you wish to discuss prior to the next meeting please feel free to contact myself. If you have been the victim of a crime and require an urgent Police response call 999 however if it is not urgent please call 101. Any community related issues don't hesitate to contact myself. Thanks, Robbie.