

# **Meigle and Ardler Community Council.**

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council Meeting held in the Kinloch Hall Meigle on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 6.30 pm.

## **PRESENT**

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

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS). Councillor Lewis Simpson (LS).

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

7 members of the public.

## **APOLOGIES**

PC Gavin Munro

Ian Shaw

Kenny Archer

## **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**

**Item 16.1** RT advised that he had submitted CC's response to the LDP consultation stating the issues to do with meaningful development ranges and that the plan process should be defined by legislation with additional supporting guidance. Confirmation of receipt of his submission had been received.

**Item 16.12** Two sets of pads for the Meigle AED had been purchased and installed.

#### **4) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Lewis Simpson (LS) confirmed that he had received an assurance from Brian Cargill, "Head of Roads" that the four open road issues BS had communicated to him, would be completed within the current financial year. He also confirmed that he would share with BS, after the election, the contact details of appropriate individuals responsible for this to enable follow up. He further advised that the link between community councils and PKC Councillors helps a tremendous amount. LS advised that he had been chasing up the issues regarding fencing on Tree back and had been in contact with Iain Doig.

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS) advised that he had made contact with the responsible housing officer regarding the unoccupied property in Glebe Way. Unfortunately, she is on leave.

PKC's response to the Local Development Plan (LDP) consultation did not include our comments on indicative numbers. He has had these comments added to PKC's response.

CS advised that Police Scotland record some speeding issues which are reported to the Road Safety Team (RST) but these do not include speed issues within 20mph zones. Quarterly reporting of speeding issues takes place.

CS has raised as part of the housing committee the complexities of joining and SOPs' for the volunteer speed watch programme.

CS confirmed that the second tranche of Community Investment Funds had been allocated. A total of 17 applications had been received for circa £100K with circa £50K available. 11 awards totalling this amount had been made. BS asked whether individual recipients had been notified and KB confirmed that whilst a bank transfer had been received by the Kinloch Memorial Hall no official notification from PKC had been received.

BS asked about the report we were expecting to receive following the visit of PKC officers to Glebe Way and The Square. CS advised that he along with us was expecting a report but the officers who attended had advised him that this was not normal practice. They were to complete their inspection across PKC and then list proposed projects in a prioritised list.

RT expressed his appreciation of the help and guidance given to us by LS and CS since the formation of our community council.

### **5) SECRETARY'S REPORT**

BS confirmed that he had received 63 pieces of external communication which he had distributed as appropriate

### **6) TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Date		Expense	Income	Amount
14.03.2022	Balance B/fwd			£9215.89
04.04.2022	Defibrillator Pads Meigle AED	£65.94		
10.04.2022	Kinloch Memorial Hall rental Feb, Mar. April 6 hours @ £10 per hour	£60.00		
	Total expenditure	125.94		
14.03.2022	Balance Carried Forward			£9089.95

### **7) PLANNING ISSUES**

Meigle – Planning application for housing development of 6 houses on land 60 metres East of Kilkenny discussed and concerns registered in respect of flooding, surface water run-off from fields, sewage pipe run, traffic issues, turning in and out of a narrow un-made-up road onto busy main road. It was noted that individual residents should make their own objections to this on the PKC Planning Portal. BS undertook to submit an objection on behalf of the community council. Comments to be made by 13<sup>th</sup> April. No planning approvals for Meigle. No planning applications and no approvals for Ardler.

## **8) POLICE REPORT**

No Police Reports affecting our areas had been received during the last month. Advice has been received that due to holidays no reports would be available for the next two weeks.

## **9) MACDT**

No representative available from MACDT so the subject of involvement in activities involving the Bowling Club, Greenspace and Resilience deferred until next month.

## **10) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

Getting a date in the new financial year when the agreed works will be actioned. The repair and re-siting of the seed cushions on the Dundee Road. The re-siting of the VAS sign on the Coupar Angus Road and the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in the built-up area going through the village from the Coupar Angus side.

All issues remain open and will continue to be hastened following comments made by LS above.

## **11) QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2.6-5.6 2022**

A village working group is planning an afternoon tea event on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June in the community garden in the Square. This has been advertised and they are taking bookings. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall. Doris Scott has asked for the use of our resilience gazebos and PM and BS will liaise with her on this.

BS has made further contact with Provost Dennis Melloy who has reconfirmed that some central funding will be available.

KB has made contact with Peter Drummond regarding possible tree planting in Victory Park. Their committee have decided not to support this. Suggestions for an alternative location would be welcome

## **12) PARKING ARDLER ROAD AND THE SQUARE**

**Ardler Road Glebe Way.** An onsite meeting took place with CS and PKC officers. Our request to mark out parking bays is feasible and is being costed.

**The Square In Meigle.** An onsite meeting also took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. No housing funds can be made available for this project, but the team will do a report. CS will explore possible funding from a variety of sources to improve the parking possibilities and improvements to the road surface.

BS, PM and CS were expecting a visit report on this from PKC Officers in attendance, but this has not been forthcoming. PKC Officers confirmed that once all requested parking sites in PKC had been inspected, they would produce a priority schedule for consideration for completion during this financial year.

## **13) VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNS**

Following our last meeting we received advice that there was no funding for sign replacement in the current financial year. BS will liaise with CS to progress this early in the new financial year. Issue still open.

## **14) GALA DAY**

A date of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of August for this event was approved by the community council and the working group have commenced initial planning.

## **15) SENIORS LUNCH**

Final numbers and planning for this event have been concluded.

## **16) HUSTINGS MEETING**

A husting's meeting for candidates for the forthcoming local council elections will take place in the Kinloch Memorial Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. Six candidates have confirmed their attendance.

## **AOCB**

### **16.1 Local Development Plan**

RT confirmed that he had completed the questionnaire and provided a written response. BS advised that he had received confirmation of this.

### **16.2 Sculpture at the Kinloch Memorial Hall.**

KB confirmed that the Kinloch Memorial Hall had received a grant from the Community Investment Fund to pay for re installation of the Sculpture, Rewiring of lighting boxes, provision of increased parking slots, re-siting of the tiles, additional gravel for the roadway and replacement of the wooden seats in the benches. Volunteers will be sought to help with the manual work

### **16.3 Pathway from Treeback to Victory Park & Glenluie Development**

We will need to review what the contractor is providing before exploring this any further. PKC Planning have confirmed that entry from the development footpath to Treeback will be completed. Open Issue.

### **16.4 Benches.**

The community council voted to locate the new benches in prominent areas in both Meigle and Ardler. Refurbished benches will be positioned at the bus stop across from the road leading to the Care Home and in front of the grassed area in Glebe Drive. We have been advised that the refurbished benches will be returned to us week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> of April. LS to advise who we need to contact to get PKC agreement for the siting of the benches.

### **16.5 Belmont Estate Boundary Wall.**

BS confirmed that he and PM will meet with DCC Officers on site after Easter to discuss what remedial work to the walls can be achieved.

### **16.6 Meigle Bus Shelter.**

BS advised that he had received advice from Moray Fraser that a new bus shelter, including our notice board, had been ordered and this should be available for installation in some 10-12 weeks.

### **16.7 Post Box Ardler.**

BS advised that he had emailed Royal Mail again for a response to our request for a larger post box for Ardler.

### **16.8 Pre Election Husting's**

BS advised that the pre-election Husting's had been re-scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> April. Six candidates had indicated their intention to participate. PM will chair the proceeding which will take place in the Kinloch Memorial Hall commencing at 7.00pm

### **16.09 Bus Service Ardler.**

BS confirmed that he had again raised the issue of a bus service in Ardler and was awaiting a response. He has asked for numbers using the taxi service to be provided to us.

EC advised that a resident had attempted to use the scheduled taxi service, but this did not arrive on the day. CS confirmed that PKC were paying for this service so non arrival should be reported.

### **16.10 Unoccupied Bungalow Glebe Drive.**

CS confirmed that he had written to the responsible PKC Officer but had received an on-leave advice. He will continue to pursue this.

### **16.11 Winter Service.**

BS had shared with Community Council members the winter service schedule he had received from PKC. It was agreed that no amendment was required.

### **16.12 Planning Training.**

BS had shared with Community Council members an offer to undergo training in the planning process. It was agreed not to pursue this offer.

### **16.13 New Meigle Cemetery**

A member of the public raised concerns on the condition of the new Meigle cemetery and in particular rabbit damage. BS advised that Pride in Meigle 2015 had met on-site with a representative of a newly formed PKC cemeteries group to discuss forming a Friends of Cemeteries volunteer group and more information will be forthcoming. BS has reported the problem with rabbits, damaged fencing and other issues which will be addressed.

**16.14 Generator Ardler**

EC advised that Alan at the Ardler Tavern was considering purchasing a large generator which would be available to the village in the event of a power outage.

RT thanked all those who had attended the meeting which closed at 20.05.

**The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Hall in Meigle Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 18.30.**