

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 13th March 2023 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT.

Rae Taylor (RT) Chair, Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Karen Barton (KB), Kenny Archer (KA), Tanja Waaser (TW), Kenneth Mitchell (KM), Ruth Mutch (RM).

IN ATTENDANCE.

8 members of the public.
Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).
Councillor Colin Stewart (CS).
Councillor Grant Stewart (GS).
Kevin Stirling (KS) MACDT.
PC Robbie Blackhall (RB).

APOLOGIES.

Peter Menzies (PM).
Edith Christie (EC).
Councillor Jack Welch (JW).

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 approved.

3) MATTERS ARISING.

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

4) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT.

HA confirmed that the PKC budget negotiations for the new financial year, had been concluded resulting in a 3.9% increase in Council Tax, one of the lowest increases in Scotland. This followed a period of hard negotiation between the different political party ideologies. The issues related to the A94 corridor and requested speed restrictions still remain with no date set to bring this to a conclusion.

CS advised that he had written the proposed budget for the Independent, group of councillors which would, if it had been accepted, resulted in a 2% increase in Council Tax. He provided examples of their suggestions, including an increase in the Road Safety Team, provision of Vitamin D in care homes, breastfeeding information, and increased activity against fly-tipping. The Community Investment Fund across PKC will be retained at £400K. This will be open for grant application later in the year. Despite requesting a change of date for the Gran Fondo Cycling World Championships this will go ahead on the 4th August and will clash with the Perth Show. This will undoubtedly cause traffic congestion in and around Perth.

A member of the public asked about Nursery provision in Meigle School. CS advised that a pilot scheme is underway in Crieff which will be evaluated in due course.

CS further advised of a pilot scheme underway in Kinross where a Local Area Committee has been formed with a small budget (approx. £40K), to enable some tasks to be undertaken in the local community. In response to a question from RT, CS explained that the Local Area Committee was a sub-committee of PKC so although Community Council members are represented in this group, only PKC Councillors have voting rights.

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS advised that he had received 87 pieces of external correspondence during the month which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate. He further updated members of the public on issues previously covered under AOCB:

- a) Belmont Estate Directional Sign.** The directional sign to the woods at the lodge has not to date been replaced but BS has chased this up with Dundee City Council.
- b) Local Development Plan 3.** BS reminded attendees of the date and time of this meeting being 25th March from 1.00 - 4.00pm in the Kinloch Memorial Hall. This is an open meeting and members of the public are

encouraged to attend and to use any opportunities they have to disseminate information about the meeting to others. RT and a member of the public confirmed that they had attended a drop-in meeting in Alyth. RT advised that our meeting was a core meeting so would be more intensive and that he will be liaising with Dante Soza about the content prior to the event. RT noted that Dante Soza had requested a guide to how many would be likely to attend but he explained that this was impossible to know.

- c) **Belmont Estate Wall.** Remedial works on the pathway are part complete but a suggestion on social media by a resident that this was routine maintenance by PKC is inaccurate as we have been communicating with PKC over this issue for a considerable time.
- d) **Benches.** We are still awaiting receipt of written confirmation that we do not require planning agreement or to pay a fee to site the benches that we have in our possession.
- e) **Community Council Asset Register.** This has been shared with community council members. Discussion took place as to whether this should include purchase values but on a majority vote of 4 votes to 2 this was considered not necessary. A question was asked as to why the benches were not included but to date we have no agreement to install them and when installed they will be considered as being gifted to the community. It was agreed that the location of current assets not be included on the register but would be made available as necessary to afford an audit.
- f) **Street Cleaning Meigle and Ardler.** BS read out an email he had received from the roads cleansing supervisor which had been shared with community council members and local councillors. The content was considered to be less than helpful, and CS offered to raise this issue with the PKC line manager.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT.

EC confirmed the financial situation as being:

Date		Expense	Income	Amount
	Balance B/fwd 13.02.2023			£4209.50
24.02.2023	P & K Property Insurance 09.10.2022 – 30.09.2023	£141.60		

13.03 .2023.	Closing Balance			£4067.90
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7) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.

Meigle – One Planning Application for Meigle to build an extension and complete interior alterations to North Lodge. Planning Application Number 23/00014/FLL. No Approvals for Meigle.

Ardler – No Planning Applications or Approvals for Ardler.

8) POLICE REPORT.

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

PC Robbie Blackhall advised that no significant issues had arisen locally. The recent Traffic Day of Action had resulted in four crimes all related to one incident which occurred outside of Meigle. Another similar event is planned as is a further Coffee with a Cop event.

BS confirmed that following email correspondence with PC Connor Lees we are still waiting to share with Police Scotland confirmation that the 20mph zoning under Covid temporary speed restrictions had been extended to enable enforcement of these limits. CS advised that this had been extended and undertook to provide documentary confirmation.

9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

BS confirmed no update received to date. HA and GS will keep us advised as to when this is programmed to take place. GS further advised that a response to the points raised in our objection will be answered line by line by the planning officer and we should use this as a template if we speak at the planning hearing. This will be included on the planning application portal.

10) PARKING IN THE SQUARE AND GLEBEWAY. WRITTEN PERMISSION TO SITE BENCHES.

CS advised this is still on his to do list and his PA is endeavouring to get an on-site meeting with the PKC representatives to ascertain how we can take this forward.

He will send written permission to site the benches himself, this week if it does not come from PKC.

11) MACDT UPDATE.

Please see the Appendix 1 to these minutes.

In addition, Phil Baada was invited to outline the walking play planned for the village in the summer.

12) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE.

Outstanding issues remain:

- 1) Modify the VAS sign entering the village from the Newtyle side to record actual speeds and number of vehicles exceeding the 20mph limit.
- 2) Relocate VAS sign on the Coupar Angus side of the village.
- 3) Widen the pathway on the Dundee Road from the school up to the Kinloch Memorial Hall.
- 4) Install temporary speed measurement strips to evaluate any change following introduction of additional speed cushions.
- 5) Introduction of 20mph zone on the Coupar Angus to Forfar Road through the village.

HA had written to Daryl McKeown on these issues and was advised that 20mph limits on trunk roads are currently under discussion and re-siting of the VAS sign will not be considered until all other installations had been completed.

BS has again written to Frank Mills to arrange a meeting following his perceived return to work from sick leave and is awaiting a response. KM asked if speed test strips could be installed to record current speed issues. BS advised that we can include this in discussion with Frank Mills when we meet,

13) AOCB

1. **Spring Fair.** A member of the public confirmed this is taking place on the 1st of April with proceeds being shared between community projects.
2. **Coronation Event.** A member of the public confirmed that an afternoon tea is planned for Monday 8th May, location yet to be confirmed. She further confirmed that there will be a surprise event on the afternoon of 25th May.
3. **Treeback.** TW advised that she had contacted Tayside Contracts to ask for a quote to repair potholes in the Square and along Treeback.
4. **Seniors Vouchers.** KM asked why the distribution of vouchers had not been notified to the community council. BS advised that a randomised name selection was completed using local knowledge sources and visitation to individuals to ask if they would like to accept vouchers. To date in excess of 60 vouchers have been handed out with the request that participating hostleries redeem these shortly after the 31st March cut-off date. We will then be able to evaluate any residual funds and what we can do with them.
5. **Cut Out Dundee Road.** BS advised that he has chased the re-siting of bollards following a second collision and requested that “flexi” replacement ones be installed.
6. **Bus Shelter Lighting.** Following the defective street-lamp at the bus stop being repaired for the second time in a short space of time, BS has requested that the bus shelter lighting be activated.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 10th April 2023 at 18.30.

The meeting closed at 19.50.

Appendix 1

Please find below a short update regarding the current work activity of the development trust.

Resilience

Robert Walsh, Senior Project Officer, from Greenspace for Health, came to our last meeting, and we discussed some environmentally friendly flooding solutions that we might look towards implementing in our local area.

We are still looking to appoint a trustee to take this work forward.

Ardler Hall site

The working group from Ardler is meeting regularly and will be applying for funding (from the Spar Community fund) to drive this work forward.

Community Connector

Funding for Susie's role ends at the end of this month. We are waiting to hear from some funding bodies to allow us to continue to secure her services in this role.

Heritage path walk

We held two events on Sunday 5th March, in relation to international women's day, which allowed us to showcase aspects of this path network to our local area. In total, 35 people joined us for a walk which highlighted some of our local heritage in relation to the suffragette movement and women's rights, and in the afternoon around 40 people attended a talk held in the Kinloch memorial hall.

Bowling Club

We have a transfer of ownership date of Tuesday 22nd March and this has been (hopefully) agreed by both parties. After a lengthy legal process, we are excited to be taking ownership of this land and we hope to appoint a trustee to lead on this work in the near future.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kevin Stirling

Chair, Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust

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