

# **Meigle and Ardler Community Council**

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 6.30 pm.

## **PRESENT.**

Rae Taylor Chairperson (RT), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Karen Barton (KB), Tanja Waaser (TW), Edith Christie (EC).

## **IN ATTENDANCE.**

9 members of the public.  
Councillor Grant Stewart.

## **APOLOGIES.**

Kenneth Mitchell.  
Kenny Archer.  
Councillor Hugh Anderson.  
Councillor Colin Stewart.  
PC Robbie Blackhall.

## **1) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES.**

RT welcomed the attendees and noted the apologies. He confirmed that he had accepted the resignations of Peter Menzies and Ruth Mutch, which become effective following this meeting and asked that we canvass for applications for new members who can be co-opted on to the Community Council.

## **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.**

**Councillor Grant Stewart (GS)** advised that he had attended a Climate Change Committee meeting covering biodiversity and grass cutting issues. A report will be issued on findings. The current council reserves stand at 4%, which has risen due to staff slippages and unspent project funds. The PKC accounts have been finalised and will be presented to the Scottish Government for Audit which will now take place in October 2023. Due to agencies working collectively, the Council Tax receipts are at a 98.4% level, which is one of the highest in Scotland.

**Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA)** sent this email report read out by BS: “Just had a message back from Gair, he is on holiday till the 7/07, my apologies. Sorry about the resignations but hopefully there could be co-options. Not much sign of the housing plan coming forward, the housing industry is quietening down in many areas because of the bank rate increases. We still not had the A94 safety survey meeting with Daryl where we would chase on item 12 on the agenda. My apologies for missing tonight, have a previous arranged CC meeting in Scone.”

**Councillor Colin Stewart (CS)** sent an email report read out by RT:

“Just putting in my apologies for this evening as it clashes with the regular date for Scone CC.

Updates...

The Square: is the Tayside Contracts quote to do with resurfacing The Square/Treeback? I’m chasing up the group of officers I spoke to previously to have a follow-up discussion on co-ordinating between the different departments.

Glebeway Parking: we received a list last week of the Housing Departments projects for the year, and the parking was not on it. I have gone back to ask why. (The list was compiled without asking for councillor input as far as I can tell.)

Bench siting: despite the previous conversation I had which said the permission was not required, I chased up for this in writing as requested, and officers came back and said it was required. I have asked for a site visit to demonstrate that the locations are not “part of the road network” – just

trying to co-ordinate diaries currently (which will be easier this week as the council goes into recess) and I will let you know when that has happened.

Community events: there was a fund available for groups who had multi-year events licenses but lost out because of Covid. This fund will be underspent and so I have got agreement that it will be opened up to other community groups to apply for necessary licenses for events, e.g. market trader operators' licenses, public events licenses, etc. Hopefully this will be useful to community groups in Strathmore.

Community Investment Fund: the parameters for the fund for this year were agreed a couple of weeks ago at committee, and the fund will be re-opening for applications imminently. There will be £53,907.24 available for Strathmore ward."

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

BS confirmed that he had received 133 pieces of external communication which had been shared with Community Council Members as appropriate. He updated attendees on issues previously raised under AOCB:

- a) Belmont Estate Directional Sign.** Still not replaced. BS has chased Dundee City Council again and received a response that they will get back to us. He will chase again.
- b) Benches.** We are still awaiting written confirmation that we can install these without the requirement to pay a fee. Proposal from RT sent to Community Councillors. Having received an update from CS it was agreed to hold this in obedience.
- c) Street Cleaning Meigle and Ardler.** Still no sign of the road sweeper. Councillor Anderson has been in communication with Gair Rostie but not been able to get a date as to when it will happen.
- d) Seniors Vouchers.** Vouchers still not received from the Kinloch Arms Hotel.
- e) Demolished Bus Shelter Meigle.** Despite rumour that this will not be replaced further confirmation received by email today that it will be replaced, and real time information panel will be reinstated.

- f) Suggestion Boxes.** No suggestions in Meigle Suggestion Box but the slips we have put in keep disappearing. No suggestions received from Ardler.
- g) Spar Bins.** Still an issue with emptying every night. Doris Scott has reiterated to Spar the need for these to be emptied daily and had reported to PKC overflowing bins in the community garden due to lack of frequency of emptying.
- h) Rats Strathmore Place.** Email sent.
- i) Mud on the Forfar Road.** Reported to Willie Mahoney who will continue to monitor.
- j) Electric Box Christmas Lights.** Box still not re-secured. Doris Scott said that she will approach the Meigle Community Trust to ask them for funding of this work.
- k) Ardler Bins.** On site meeting took place with Edith and Ardler resident followed up by an onsite meeting with Lucy Garthwaite. This will result in the re-siting of a bin from the park to the Meigle end of the village by the woods. The dog poo bin on Wallace Street will be added to service schedule. In due course an ordinary litter bin will be provided at the entrance gate to the water treatment works.
- l) Meigle Bus shelter bin.** The bin damaged in the hit and run has been replaced and will be re-sited when the bus shelter is replaced.

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

The treasurer's report is shown as appendix 1 to these minutes.

## **7) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.**

**Meigle** – Planning Application principle for small development at Glenluie. This had been revised from the earlier application which was objected to and refused by PKC. The new application was reviewed by our CC members, but no consensus was forthcoming to object to this application. RT pointed out that detailed scrutiny will be required in certain areas if the application is successful. Approval for extension to dwelling house chimneys at Drumkilbo.

**Ardler**-No 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 unable to attend tonight's meeting.

### **9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.**

No further advice from the Large Development Planning Officer.

BS advised that there was an open tour and walk around of the Iron Age site and update on the archaeological investigation to date. Further excavation will take place until nothing significant new is found. All excavations will be recorded and documented into a final report. A public meeting will be held to share the findings with residents.

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

Please see (CS) report above.

### **12) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE.**

BS and KM met with Frank Mills, and we have received the following email:

"Apologies Barrie,

This has been added to our list of assessment sites.

Frank

Good morning, Frank,

Thank you for your email.

The only item which appears to me to have been omitted is the extension of double yellow lines covering the entrance to the square at the side of the Community Garden up to the existing double yellow lines at the bus stop. You indicated this in the longer time could replace the 'KEEP CLEAR' sign that you have organised to be repainted.

Barrie Starck

Following up from site visit 19th May,

1. The Square -

a) Size of speed restriction signs. The size of sign is the recommended size for the location, however it has been added to our list of sites for possible replacement with larger sign b) Rumble Strips. As mentioned on site, there can be an issue with noise, especially with larger vehicles however these can be added to our list of sites, if there is full agreement from owners of properties in the vicinity of any proposed locations.

c) Box marking at Treeback - proposed to have existing 'KEEP CLEAR' marking renewed.

2. Island bollard at priority system on Dundee Rd - now been hit a number of times. Will continue to monitor situation with our road maintenance colleagues - reviewing signing in area including additional advance sign on approach.

3. Relocation of VAS (Coupar Angus Road) - We're working with our colleagues in street lighting to get the electrically illuminated signs moved to a suitable location. Once we have programme of dates we will update you further.

The VAS sign is still expected to be relocated by end of June / early July.

4. Speed Cushions lifting at corners - noted and will continue to monitor situation.

5. Dundee Rd inbound -

a) VAS speed recording. This is still on our list/ currently we are focusing on new site locations and relocation of existing VAS.

b) Rumble Strips - as for 1 b) above

6. Speed recording (surveys) coming into 20mph zone - we are currently putting together a list of sites around Perth & Kinross for pricing.

7. Extension of 20mph (Coupar Angus - Forfar Rd) - Priority at the moment is to address the temporary 20mph speed limits installed in rural villages during the Covid pandemic to facilitate increased pedestrian activity. This is necessary as the Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders are only valid for a limited period. Perth & Kinross Council is involved in a Transport Scotland workshop to develop a national strategy for 20mph speed limits on unrestricted roads in urban areas. This would cover entire villages and hamlets like Meigle. Once we receive further guidance from Transport Scotland, the Council will update the Ward Councillors and Community Council.

8. Ardler Road dropped kerbs - location has been added to our assessment list. However, if you could provide specific locations.

Road markings in the area are due to be renewed early July - to include a '20' Roundel adjacent to the Kinloch Arms and extending the existing waiting restrictions (both have been marked out on site). This is being arranged by our colleagues in the Roads Maintenance Partnership.”

Subsequent discussion took place concerning siting rumble strips outside of the Spar Shop. There was no support for this from residents. It was agreed BS approach residents at the Dundee Road end of the village who would be affected by a similar installation to ascertain their opinion.

TW queried the re-positioning of the Coupar Angus Road VAS sign, but this is being installed at a position advised by PKC officers.

BS will meet with Doris Scott to record the best sites for drop kerbs.

EC advised that CS had agreed to pursue the re-siting of the 40mph signs in Ardler to beyond the Grewar Buildings. As there has been no apparent movement on this. BS will meet her on site to record where they are required to be sited and will relay this to PKC.

Ruth Mutch suggested the installation of 20MPH repeater signs along Main Street. BS will follow up.

### **13) AOCB.**

a) BS advised that we need a Community Council Volunteer to become a property member for CC owned equipment and for storage of these. KB volunteered to discuss storage with the Kinloch Memorial Hall Committee.

b) RT advised that he had been invited to attend the next MACDT meeting this Thursday as an observer. Doris Scott asked if these could be open public meetings and income and expenditure be made public. RT explained that it was an MACDT decision to hold closed meetings. TW asked RT if he would approach MACDT to allow her to attend. RT further explained that our CC is happy to continue to work with MACDT or any other body that was for the benefit of our communities, for example with resilience. KB advised that there had been no meeting of the MACDT resilience group for some months and that a planned communication contact tree, in the event of an emergency, had never materialised. TW asked where the resilience equipment is stored.

c) TW asked what is happening with Speedwatch. BS advised that no volunteers had been forthcoming, and that the camera now has to be

recalibrated. He will get this done and noted that permanent speed limits are now enforceable.

d) TW raised the issue of the Square and Treeback surfacing and the quote she had obtained from Tayside Contracts. Following discussion RT concluded that it appeared that not all residents would be prepared to contribute to these estimated costs. It was agreed to hold this in obedience until we get an update from Councillor Stewart on proposals that he is pursuing on our behalf. It was agreed that BS could share after any necessary redaction a copy of a report prepared by a previous councillor covering the ownership issues of Treeback.

e) A resident raised the issue of a Meigle resident and his partner begging for support outside of the Spar shop and continued rifling of bins overnight. Anti-social activities of an extreme nature continue in Glebe Way. Reports to Police Scotland and the Housing Department have not alleviated the situation. BS advised that Police Scotland will shortly be arranging a second "Coffee with a Cop" session and all affected parties should come and express their concerns to PC Robbie Blackhall. BS will pursue the broken window with the housing officer. Both Councillors Stewart and Anderson are aware of these issues and Councillor Grant, who attended this meeting, will investigate further. RT advised that it was important to formally report all incidents and that, whilst it may appear nothing is being done, support agencies share relevant information within the multi-disciplinary groups.

f) Doris Scott asked Councillor Grant if occupiers of social housing were required under the terms of their tenancy to maintain their gardens as several in the village are in a poor state.

g) Doris Scott said that at her cost she had put notices on the trees along Treeback to alert drivers to the presence of children playing. She had also provided a litter notice for the community garden.

h) TW reconfirmed that the bench at the bus stop was too close to the car park. She volunteered to re-site this with help. BS confirmed that volunteers would be required to install the village benches once permission had been granted for their installation.

i) A resident asked about improvement to play areas in Meigle for children. The management of Victory Park was explained to him, and BS invited him to share his email address so that any relevant funding opportunities could be shared with him to explore with his group. It is apparent that the PKC maintain the play equipment in Victory Park and carry out some grounds'



maintenance. BS will investigate this. It was suggested that this resident also contact MACDT to ask if they have plans to install/improve play areas.

j) Doris Scott advised that CS had agreed to look into the “Wrap Around School Project” in relation to Meigle School but no update has been received. BS will send a reminder.

**The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 18.30. There is no planned meeting for July.**

**The meeting closed at 20.42 hrs.**



