

Meigle and Ardler Community Council

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting held in the Kinloch Hall, Meigle on Monday 16th January 2023 at 6.30 pm.

1) PRESENT.

Rae Taylor (RT) Chair, Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Karen Barton (KB), Edith Christie (EC), Kenny Archer (KA), Tanja Waaser (TW), Kenneth Mitchell (KM), Peter Menzies (PM).

IN ATTENDANCE.

8 members of the public.

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS).

APOLOGIES.

PC Robbie Blackhall Community Police Officer (RB)

Ruth Mutch (RM).

Kevin Stirling MACDT (KS).

2) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES.

RT welcomed the attendees and noted the apologies.

3) FUTURE OF ARDLER, KETTINS AND MEIGLE PARISH.

RT welcomed and introduced Maj-Gen (retired) Michael Riddell-Webster, Session Clerk to Ardle, Kettins and Meigle Parish. Michael gave a presentation on ongoing discussions over the future of our local Church of Scotland Parishes due to falling attendances, subsequent loss of revenue and reduced numbers of ministers. Various closure or amalgamation options are under consideration.

4) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

5) MATTERS ARISING.

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

6) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT.

HA advised that he had been in the village on 30.12.2022 to review the gullies situation.

A planning meeting is scheduled for next week. No issues affecting us but will include Alyth development.

Issues have arisen over proposed planning of solar farms affecting Coupar Angus and Burrelton, where no community councils exist.

CS advised that PKC is in the middle of budget consultations where options proposed by PKC officials are under consideration. Due to the financial climate this will prove to be a difficult task but not as dire as first expected. He will press for the retention of the Community Investment Fund which has proved to be beneficial to community led projects. The budget will be set on 1st March 2023.

7) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS advised that he had received 68 pieces of external correspondence during the month which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate.

8) TREASURER'S REPORT.

EC confirmed the financial situation as being:

Date		Expense	Income	Amount
	Balance B/fwd 12.12.2022			£3439.50
14.12.2022	Examiners Fee for Annual Accounts (Tesco Voucher)	£30.00		
28.12.2022	PKC Grant COL Elderly and Disabled		£800.00	
16.01.2023.	Closing Balance			£4209.50

We now need to identify senior and disabled recipients of the £10 vouchers funded by the PKC grant above. We need to consult with Flour, The Joinery and The Tav to determine if they are prepared to participate in the scheme. RT suggested that we also consider including the Kinloch Arms Hotel. RT requested that any future funding application include disadvantaged groups. It was noted that these may be difficult to identify due to privacy restraints.

Discussion followed on the ownership and provision of replacement pads for the defibrillators in our two villages. A Meigle resident said that the one at the Spar shop was purchased by a village ladies fund raising initiative and that KS was replacing the pads. RT advised that following the resignation of KS from our CC he had undertaken control of replacing pads at the cost to the community council.

A Meigle resident confirmed that the Millennium Statue in front of the Kinloch Memorial Hall is not owned by MACC. It was funded and erected through donations from Meigle residents and is in the ownership of Meigle residents. Correction. Meigle resident now confirms that further investigation has shown this was funded by a grant.

9) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.

Meigle – No Planning Applications or Approvals for Meigle.

Ardler – No Planning Applications or Approvals for Ardlar.

10) POLICE REPORT.

Meigle and Ardlar. No issues reported to the secretary.

PC Robbie Blackhall sent a report which is attached to these minutes as appendix 1.

11) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

BS confirmed that he has not received any indication as to when this planning application will be considered by the planning committee. He had recently reviewed the planning application and noted the following posted comments:

10.11.2022 from Regulatory Services Manager concerning remedial works to address the ground gas exceedances within the back filled trench.

27.10.2022 Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust Recommendation. "In line with Scottish Planning Policy, historic environment section (paragraphs 135-137 and 150) it is recommended that the development shall not commence until the developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of archaeological

investigation which has been submitted by the applicant, and agreed in writing by the Council as Planning Authority in consultation with Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust.”

2.11.2023 Requirement to connect to the Core Path network. No agreement made with the owner of the old railway line.

Siting of the SUDS system outwith the development site.

12) MACDT UPDATE.

Please see the Appendix 2 to these minutes.

13) 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.

These issues remain unresolved.

BS reported that he had received a phone call from Frank Mills IFM) to advise that the roads team will look again at our request to improve 20mph signage at the entrance to Dundee Road from the Forfar Road and provision of rumble strips. This will require to be funded in the new financial year. FM will contact BS to arrange an onsite meeting which KM requested he be invited to attend.

14) PARKING IN THE SQUARE AND GLEBEWAY.

CS advised that his admin support had repeatedly requested meetings with PKC department officials but had received no response. TW advised that The

Square is privately owned, and adjacent properties have a servitude right of access and a requirement to maintain The Square. PKC cannot install car parking and e-charger in an area that is privately owned and has a servitude right of access and CS was questioned why this is pursued by PKC. This is the same for the car park area at the Glebeway. A member of the public agreed with this statement.

AOCB

18.1 Street Cleaning Meigle.

BS read out a letter from Gair McRostie where he highlighted difficulties in the availability of the road sweeper vehicle and could not provide a date when this will be in Meigle. TW suggested a work party could clean the road edge. BS advised that there were issues of safety and traffic control which had precluded a similar suggestion at the top end of the village.

18.4 Belmont Estate Wall.

BS has written again to Rod Houston who will complete a further site visit this month to review outstanding work that was agreed in June last year. He has been reminded that a signpost at Lodge House is down and requires repair or replacement.

18.5 Unoccupied Bungalow Glebe Way.

It appears that the original tenant is now back in residence.

18.7 School Bus Stops in the centre of the village.

The Blairgowrie High School bus is now a regular timetabled bus service. Agreement has been received from Dundee High School to relocate their pick-up point to the bus stop at Meigle Primary School and drop off at the bus stop at Belmont Place. This will commence on a trial basis from 23rd January.

18.8 LDP3.

A meeting is planned to take place in the Kinloch Memorial Hall on Saturday 25th March from 1-4pm.

18.9 Potholes on Tree Back leading to the new Meigle Cemetery

BS initially asked if we should contact farmers via PKC. KM suggested that we, The Community Council, should contact the farmers directly and that initial contact should be via the Secretary. The two farmers were named. A resident said he was investigating ownership of the properties along Treeback to determine who had responsibility for maintenance. TW suggested she obtain a quote to carry out repairs which could be shared by the owners in the event that discussions with the farmers was unfruitful.

18.11 Pathway along Belmont Wall.

BS has received advice that the above pathway is on the list to remove leaf mould and vegetation. He has asked where we are on the list of projects including this work.

18.15 Register of Equipment.

This issue was again raised and it was agreed that we retain an equipment list for individual items purchased with a value in excess of £100 of a non-consumable nature.

18.16 Tree Planting.

PM asked a Meigle resident if she was still available to plant an oak tree in Victory Park which should now be to coincide with the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III. She advised that she was.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 13th February 2023 at 18.30.

The meeting closed at 20.35.

Appendix 1

Notes from PC Blackhall

Community Council Meeting

Meigle & Ardler, Perth and Kinross

January 2023

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 since the last meeting.

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 (since last meeting 12/12/2022)

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT

There are no crimes of note since the last meeting

Traffic Statistics

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 past 4 weeks and no issues involving road/vehicles.

Officer Comments

From 12th December 2022 there have been 2 calls to Police Scotland from the Meigle/Ardler area and 2 crimes recorded on Police systems however nothing of note. I have been in contact with Road Policing officers based in Perth who carry out regular patrols in the area and surrounding areas. If there are any specific areas that are causing issues please let me know and I can discuss this with RPU and local officers. 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.

Appendix 2

Notes from Kevin Stirling

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I won't be able to join tonight's meeting.

There isn't too much to update the community councillors about as our next formal meeting isn't until the 26th January. This meeting will be our AGM and we are grateful to Edith for all her help in examining our accounts in preparation for this meeting.

We are holding two public meetings this month.

The first meeting will be held on Monday 23rd January at 7pm and will discuss the next stages of the redevelopment of the old Ardler Village Hall site. The results from the survey, which was sent to all residents in Ardler in December, will be shared and discussed. As part of this meeting we aim to create a working group of volunteers who will take this redevelopment work forward.

The second meeting will be held on Monday 30th January at 7pm with the intention of setting up a resilience team in the Meigle and Ardler area. As part of this meeting, we will review the current equipment which the Trust has purchased for resilience activities and we will define the remit of this group. It is expected that we will recruit local volunteers who will take this work forward with support from the Trust and other organisations.

Both meetings will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle. Everyone is welcome to attend both these meetings.

Please just get in touch if you have any questions.

Thanks a lot,

Kevin

Kevin Stirling

Chair, Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust