

Meigle and Ardler Community Council.

Minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council Meeting held in the Kinloch Hall Meigle on Monday 14th February 2022 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

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

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS).

IN ATTENDANCE

7 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

PC Gavin Munro

Councillor Lewis Simpson (LS).

Ian Shaw

Ruth Mutch

Kenny Archer

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

RT welcomed the attendees, noted the apologies and confirmed that it was nice to return to face to face meetings and see so many members of the public in attendance.

2) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to the change to the final sentence of item 16.8 Any Other Competent Business, Publication of Minutes to read "RT reported that he had recently initiated a prototype Community Council Webpage, including access to recent minutes, on the Smart Village website.

3) MATTERS ARISING

Item 10) Post Box Ardler. Royal Mail are undertaking a survey which could take up to 12 weeks. They will report back after that.

4) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT

Written report received from Councillor Lewis Simpson (LS) was read out to the community council. This with responses from BS is included at the end of these minutes.

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS) endorsed the comments from LS about holding a village hustings for the upcoming May elections. The community council supported this and CS to advise BS of suggested date and who to contact.

CS advised that he had attended the SSEN meeting over the Alyth Substation and work was progressing. He further advised that the PKC budget meeting will take place shortly, following which the level of council tax will be set. He suggested that we ignore speculation that is bound to appear in the press prior to this meeting. There are differing opinions in the various political parties as to the level of spending increase in these inflationary times. Applications to the Community Investment Fund close this Friday. BS invited to attend the panel.

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT

BS confirmed that he had received 120 pieces of external communication which he had distributed as appropriate.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT

EC confirmed the current financial situation as being:

Date		Expense	Income	Amount
11.01.2022	Balance B/fwd			£12519.22
11.01.2022	Sports & Playground equipment for Meigle School	£807.41		
04.02.2022	Church Hall advance hire	£520.00		
14.01.2022	Mobile phone bills	£242.10		

14.01.2022	Paint & brushes etc for Ardler bus shelter	£110.94		
14.01.2022	Sand & Postcrete for Milestone Marker	£15.78		
25.01.2022	Kinloch Hall hire for CC meetings	£40.00		
25.01.2022	PKC Insurance premium for speedwatch kit	£141.61		
11.01.2022	Pre printed Christmas cards	£65.91		
11.01.2022	Stationery	£45.91		
	Total expenditure	£1989.66		
14.02.2022	Balance Carried Fward			£10529.56

Discussion took place on making advance pre-paid bookings of the Kinloch Hall for the use of non-commercial local groups if a special price could be agreed. EC advised that

adding KB and PM to the list of cheque signatories was in process with RBS.

7) PLANNING ISSUES

Meigle – No planning Applications and no Approvals.

Ardler – No planning Applications and no Approvals.

8) POLICE REPORT

No Police Reports affecting our areas had been received during the last month.

9) MACDT CAP

Agreement still needs to be made on priorities between MACC and MACDT and who will do what. PM to follow up.

10) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Written update received from LS responded to by BS registering our dissatisfaction. CS advised that the department is seriously under-manned but the work will be done. BS said that we currently have no indication where we are in the works programme and CS undertook to get this information to us. RT reiterated that the inappropriate location of the speed cushions have directly led to serious dangers to the safety of road users that were not previously present.

11) QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2.6-5.6 2022

Local discussion is underway for planning an event. An update will be provided at our next meeting.

12) PARKING ARDLER ROAD AND THE SQUARE

CS advised that he had a date of 9th March for an onsite meeting with a PKC official. This clashes with a full Council meeting so he will confirm if this date needs to be rearranged and notify BS.

13) VILLAGE SIGN

BS had shared the village sign design with CC members who had approved it. Tayside Contracts have advised that production will be completed this week with installation planned for next week.

14) GALA DAY

BS suggested that if we are to go ahead with this we need to set a date, possibly 20th August after the children return to school, determine what is to take place and where, set up the planning group and arrange a first meeting. KB to check on other events around this time and proceed with planning.

15) ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

15.1 Local Development Plan

RT reported that the structured questionnaire for the consultation process for the forthcoming review did not help in expressing the CC's concern that the ranges for the scale of development in identified areas for future development were routinely grossly exceeded. He had asked for advice on how to respond.

The CC also agreed unanimously to RT's suggestion that the CC should support statutory determination of the process for developing the plans but for clear guidance for how the rules should be interpreted.

15.2 Sculpture at the Kinloch Memorial Hall.

KB advised that the Kinloch Hall were processing an application for a grant to the Community Investment fund.

15.3 Meigle Burn footpath.

BS confirmed he will attend a meeting with the Meigle Burn Group in April to discuss options. Part of the old railway bridge will be removed from the burn as soon as is practicable.

15.4 Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch.

The community council agreed to support a Spring Lunch on 20th April 2022 at the Red House to replace the postponed Christmas Lunch. This will be widely advertised in March and be subject to prevailing Covid regulations and Risk Assessment.

15.5 Pathway from Treeback to Victory Park & Glenluie Development

BS has contacted the PKC Planning Department to explore this further and is awaiting a response.

15.6 Benches.

PM confirmed he has suggestions for the siting of the two new heavy metal benches have been received. These will be collated and brought to the March MACC meeting for open discussion as to where they should be sited. BS is awaiting advice from the Community Payback team as to when the repaired benches will be returned. They have agreed to carry out re-painting of benches in Meigle and Ardler when the weather permits.

15.7 Belmont Estate Boundary Wall.

BS continues to write to DCC to request repair or an onsite meeting to review what can be done.

15.8 Old Steading Meigle.

A member of the public reported that during the recent storms large pieces of debris were blown off the roof of the derelict steading building in Meigle. BS undertook to report this to MYPKC and request assistance to prevent possible injury to pedestrians.

15.9 Voting Rights Co-opted Members.

As a point of information RT advised that co-opted members are entitled to vote on all issues with the exception of the co-option of new members.

15.10 Community Council Page.

KB suggested that MACC Facebook posts should no longer be shared on other Facebook pages, including Meigle Past & Present. This will avoid any confusion about the role of the different Facebook Pages and avoid more than one conversation occurring on shared posts. This was unanimously agreed. Members of the public will be advised to Like the Meigle and Ardler Facebook page if they wish to be kept up to date on MACC issues.

15.11 Contacting Meigle and Ardler Community Council

If members of the public wish to contact us they should use the email address **meigleardlercc@gmail.com**

15.12 Replacement of Defibrillator Pads.

RT reported that he would be ordering one set of replacement pads for the Meigle defibrillator prior to the next meeting of the CC at a cost of c.£70.

RT thanked all those who had attended the meeting and confirmed subject to Covid restrictions.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Hall in Meigle Monday 14th March 2022 at 18.30. The meeting closed at 20.05.

Copy of communication received from Councillor Simpson with response to him from Meigle and Ardler Community Council Secretary.

Meigle and Ardler Community Council Report Monday 14th February 2022

Firstly, please accept my apologies for this evening's meeting.

With regard to road safety issues, can I advise the following? In connection with the speed cushions in Dundee Road and the re-positioning of the VAS on Coupar Angus Road, there is still a lack of capacity within the Traffic and Network Team but I too find the delays unacceptable, especially given the amount of effort made by the members of the Community Council and the previous amount of public engagement. I understand that the re-positioning of the speed cushions was not previously considered a major issue. Unfortunately, as previously advised the suppliers appear to have increased their prices considerably.

The VAS Programme has been be-set by delays due once again to a lack of officer capacity, the decision to prioritise settlements without any VAS installations and a world-wide again sought an update with regard to price and time scale for both the re-positioning of the speed cushions and the shortage of components for new equipment. I have once VAS, and I will advise as soon as the information is to hand.

We were advised of a price for re-siting the speed cushions back in October 2021 and were told that the work could proceed. Surely it is now only a question of writing a Works Order on the chosen contractor which would take only a few minutes of time! There must be someone who in PKC who can instruct that this is given the priority that we have asked for and it deserves!

The re-siting of the VAS was agreed prior to the pandemic. There is no need for a replacement VAS sign only for it to be moved to a

more appropriate position. The advice of the shortage of components is therefore a red herring.

In relation to the path from Treeback to the Glen Luie development, it is my understanding that Kristian Smith (Service Manager – Planning) has provided a suitable response. Please advise if there is anything further to be done.

Having received your earlier advice, I have emailed the team and planning officer and am awaiting an email response, a meeting, date or a phone call.

It is the Council Budget next week and my group has included extra funding for Traffic & Network in our Budget proposals. This will cover more funding for VAS. In addition, we have proposed more funding to do away with the present unattractive and difficult to fill short term contracts for skilled officers and replace them with full time positions.

As previously mentioned, Community Councillors might wish to study all groups' proposals to see which group is listening to local concerns.

Local Elections are due to be held on 5th May 2022 and can I again suggest that all Community Council Members ask probing questions of the prospective candidates and hold them to account if they are successful. This is especially true for parties who propose low taxation. Can I further suggest that this Community Council might consider holding a hustings meeting which would allow prospective candidates an opportunity to “set out their stalls” and answer your questions.

Please note that it is not my intention to seek re-election and that I will be standing down after nineteen years as a Perth & Kinross Councillor. I have greatly enjoyed my time spent with Meigle and Ardler Community Council. It is extremely helpful for elected members like me to work with such an enthusiastic and high performing group.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if there is anything at all that you might feel I could assist you with.

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