

Meigle and Ardler Community Council

Draft minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle on Monday 11th December 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT.

Rae Taylor, Chairperson (RT), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Tanja Waaser (TW), Edith Christie (EC), Karen Barton (KB), Kenny Archer (KA), Mark Churches (MC).

IN ATTENDANCE.

9 members of the public.

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA)

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS)

APOLOGIES.

Kenneth Mitchell

Stephen Bailey

PC Robbie Blackhall

Councillor Jack Welch

Councillor Grant Stewart

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 approved as a true record.

3) MATTERS ARISING. No matters arising that will not be covered within the meeting.

4) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT.

HA advised that the budgeting process for next year has started. This will be extremely challenging due to no increase in Council Tax being allowed and in light of climate change and recent flooding levels. It will probably result in less grass cutting etc. Sustrans will no longer undertake responsibility for core and general paths.

CS advised that the Performance Committee reviewed part of the PKC Officers response to recent flooding in their November Meeting. They recommended PKC should provide more support, resilience, finance, training and equipment, The cost of this was passed by the Finance Committee. This will provide help for groups like Alyth and other local groups who have formed cooperative partnerships to work together. Coupar Angus and Kettins are in the process of setting up groups.

A letter is being compiled on behalf of all local councillors and Community Councils to request the installation of flood gates on the B954 to prevent vehicles trying to pass through flood water. MACC supported this proposal.

A request for the unspent balance of £83K for the Strathmore Cycle Network which has never come to fruition will be made by the Road Safety Team for the provision of standardised safety measures across the A94 in the lead up to the Cross Tay Road Link opening. Planning for these proposals will be made available for public consultation next year. This funding is for Capital Projects.

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS advised that he had received 108 pieces of external correspondence during the month which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate. He further updated member of the public on issues previously raised under AOCB:

- a) **Belmont Estate Directional Sign.** Sign still not replaced. Forestry team who are producing this were no doubt delayed due to the recent stormy weather. Advice has been received that this should be installed before Christmas.
- b) **Street Cleaning Meigle and Ardler.** Councillor Stewart advised that if there continues to be staff shortages, due to long term sickness, nothing appears to be able to be done to improve service levels. BS reported that the Road Maintenance Team are frustrated by the lack of road cleaning resulting in blocked gullies and have escalated this issue to senior PKC management. TW suggested that we ask residents to clear the pavements and drain covers outside their properties and KB agreed to put this request on our Facebook Page. TW suggested that we hold a leaf collection session across the village and provide refreshments. TW was invited to initiate this on behalf of the CC.
- c) **Ardler Bin at the entrance to the Water Treatment Plant.** Edith still to speak to resident.
- d) **Ardler Bus Service.** No advice to date from the village as to what they require. CS advised that various scenarios are being investigated to provide some service however Bob Ellis (BE) said that residents had agreed that they are content with using their own cars for the foreseeable future. It was agreed to drop this item from the agenda until demand from the village becomes apparent.
- e) **Rat Infestation in Church Yard.** Still being pursued with the Greenspace and Burial Teams.
- f) **Gullies.** Onsite meeting took place with Brian Milne and Watty Fraser on 4th December. Agreement received to raise the drop kerb on the Forfar Road and angle the pavement to direct flood water into gullies. Recent camera inspection has shown there is still a blockage in drainage pipes in the lower Dundee Road and in The Square. This will require excavation to effect repairs which will be carried out when funding is available. Brian Milne suggested that gully cover

cleaning be carried out by the resilience team. BE asked BS to email him on this issue.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer shared current expenditure and a statement is attached as Appendix 1 of these minutes.

7) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.

Meigle: no Planning Application

Ardler: No Planning Application

Meigle: Approval of alteration and car park at Kinloch House.

Ardler: Approvals None.

8) POLICE REPORT.

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

A report received from PC Robbie Blackwell was read out to members of the public and is attached as Appendix 2 to these minutes. A presentation by PC Blackhall on Security and Scam issues is planned for Thursday the 11th of January 2024 in the Meigle Church Hall from 6.00 to 8.00pm.

9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

JS read out a response to our queries to PKC Planners. Discussion over safety concerns relating to children from the development accessing the play facilities in Victory Park resulted in agreement to consult with the Head Teacher. KA reported that there has been no consultation with The Kinloch Memorial Hall over the provision of a footpath from the development to the Dundee Road. RT and CS explained that if the developer cannot provide a footpath on land not owned by them, they could apply for a variation of the planning consent. It was further agreed that we await the completion of the section 75 publication before taking any further action. This could take months to conclude. It is noted that KB mentioned that neighbours of the Forfar Road Development had been notified of Roads for the proposed development being constructed. A copy of this advice is attached to these minutes including how to make representation by 3rd January 2024.

10) PARKING IN THE SQUARE AND GLEBEWAY.

Councillor Stewart advised the following:

Adoption of the Square. A planned meeting was cancelled due to illness and is in the process of being re-scheduled.

GlebeWAY Parking. Estate monies for this year have been allocated and our project had not been included. CS is still pursuing this with the relevant team.

11) BENCHES IN MEIGLE.

BS advised that a meeting with the Greenspace Team had taken place and formal agreement to the siting of the benches is awaited. The broken bench at Belmont place will be taken away for refurbishment.

12) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE.

BS read out an email received from Frank Mills advising:

- a) The new VAS sign should be activated this week.
- b) The existing speed cushions and directional bollard will continue to be monitored.
- c) The provision of double yellow lines and removal of the "Keep Clear" box will be subject to a Road Traffic order.
- d) Speed Control entering Dundee Road from the Forfar Road will be subject to investigation by the Road Safety Team. This will be subject to prioritisation by the Team on the grounds of safety.
- e) Speed strip information from the Dundee was provided, which we need to analyse.

CS advised that if the 20 mph zoning of the Forfar Road through the village is implemented, this should alleviate this issue.

13) MEIGLE BURN FLOODING.

RT advised that he, BS & MC had met with Peter Grewar (PG) and Mike McLaren (MMC) to review Meigle Burn potential flooding issues.

Issue 1.

Possible falling of debris from the old Railway Bridge. MMC said that there had been no evidence of this for a few years and what had fallen previously was from the underside of the bridge. He keeps an eye on this. He said that during this period, Meigle had experienced the highest rainfall ever recorded and the burn had not flooded over its bank.

Issue 2.

There is evidence of highwater levels along this stretch of the burn which may be blocked by debris in front of the sewage pipe attached "witches hat", which runs across the pipe. Scottish Water have been requested to reposition this to run parallel with the burn.

Issue 3.

Burn Footpath. PG advised this is not an issue for the Meigle Burn Group. Advice to be sought from the PKC Flood Team and SEPA.

CS advised that he had received a communication from the PKC Flood Team on this issue and BS requested that he forward it to us.

14) MACDT Update.

Bob Ellis advised:

A new Community Connector will be starting work in early January.

Ardler Hall will require planning permission and a building warrant no matter what form the structure takes.

The resilience team worked well in the recent adverse weather preventing flooding of residential properties and helped in Alyth.

When a lease is signed, resilience equipment can be stored in the Outdoor Centre and the planned Men's Shed established.

Meigle and Ardler sign posting now installed.

The track worked on by Tayside Contracts has proved successful and application will be made next year to extend this to the Outdoor Centre.

15) AOCB.

- a) **Contamination Forfar Road.** RT read out a response he had received from PKC to a complaint he had raised. The PKC Environmental Health Team suggested that it was an issue for the Flooding Team and SEPA. BS agreed to contact SEPA.
- b) **Money Worry Leaflets.** RT produced leaflets left by BE. KB agreed to explore putting the leaflet on our Facebook Page. BS will put on our noticeboard.
- c) **Ardler Road Wall and Path.** BS advised that he had contacted Willie Mahoney regarding the condition of the wall along Ardler Road. This will be inspected. The pathway up to Belmont Castle is included in works for 2024-2025 subject to budget being available.
- d) **Age Scotland Calendars.** BS advised that he had ordered 95 calendars from Age Scotland which will be distributed on receipt.
- e) **Dundee Road Street Lights.** Defective lights reported.
- f) **Local Place Plan.** PKC letter read out. Decision taken to register interest but there was a general feeling that this would take a considerable time and bring little benefit.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 8th January 2024 at 19.00 hrs.

The meeting closed at 20.50.

Appendix 1. Treasurers Report 20.11.2023-11.12.2023.

Date	PAYEE	ADMIN	GENERAL	AED	COST OF LIV	SPEEDWATCH	BALANCE
20.11.23	Opening Balance	£726.30	£618.95	£1239.18	£130.00	£200.16	£2914.59
22.11.23	Rae Taylor Credit Benches		£3.81				£2918.40
8.12.23	Examiner Fee	-£30.00					£2888.40

11.12.23	Closing Balance	£696.30	£622.76	£1239.18	£130.00	£200.16	£2888.40

Appendix 2



Community Council Meeting

Meigle & Ardler, Perth and Kinross

November 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 in the last month

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
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Road Policing

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 last month.

Officer Comments

In the month of November there were 10 calls to Police Scotland from the Meigle/Ardler area and 1 crime recorded on Police systems. The only crime was a road traffic matter and the person was reported.

I have recently been out giving advice to members of the public about CCTV. I will be holding an event in Meigle where anyone is welcome and it will focus on personal/online safety, home security, scams/frauds and general safety advice. Once a date is agreed I will communicate this through Barrie and Tayside Police social media.

I would like to make you all aware of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. I am sure you are all aware of what the neighbourhood watch is or the intended concept of it however there is a more modern version of it which I think would benefit the community greatly. You can sign up for alerts which are posted by various agencies, Police Scotland being one of them. The alerts come through as emails and you can reply directly to them. The North Perthshire Community Policing Team, which I am part of, regularly post updates on what we have been doing along with witness appeals and they are only shared to the area they are relevant to. You can sign up yourself via the following link - [Neighbourhood Watch Scotland | Keep Your Community Safe with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland](#) or via <https://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk>. I have included this previously however I am going to keep it in my reports as I believe it is a very useful tool for information sharing and keeping everyone up to date with our activity as a community Policing team.

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.