

Meigle and Ardler Community Council EGM

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council EGM held in the Kinloch Hall, Meigle on Monday 21st November 2022 at 6.30 pm.

- 1) This being the first meeting of the newly elected community council Councillor Colin Stewart (CS) opened the meeting and listed the newly elected community councillors. He then invited nominations for the position of Chairperson. BS nominated RT and this was seconded by PM. Tanya Waaser (TW) nominated herself but there was no seconder. RT was therefore voted to remain as Chairperson.

RT then took over the Chair and asked for nomination for a secretary. KA nominated BS and EC seconded. BS to continue as secretary.

It was agreed that the role of Vice Chair be re-instated and BS nominated PM and this was seconded by KB. PM to be Vice Chair.

BS nominated EC to remain as Treasurer and RT seconded.

RT invited JS to continue as minute secretary which she agreed to do.

BS reminded councillors that the new constitution required signing at the end of the meeting.

PRESENT

Rae Taylor (RT) Chair, Ruth Mutch (RM), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Karen Barton (KB), Edith Christie (EC), Kenny Archer (KA), Peter Menzies (PM), Tanya Waaser (TW),

IN ATTENDANCE

7 members of the public.

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS), Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA). Councillor Grant Stewart (GS).

APOLOGIES

Kenneth Mitchell (KM).

2) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

RT welcomed the attendees and noted the apology.

3) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. TW said she had not received a copy of the minutes, but RT advised that these had been posted on our Smart Village website page and KB reported that this had also been posted on our Facebook page.

Post meeting File Note. Posting of the October draft minutes to the Smart Village website had been unsuccessful due to a technical issue. This has now been rectified.

4) MATTERS ARISING

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

5) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS) advised that following the October recess council meetings are now taking place face to face. Following a full meeting of the council it was decided to follow a full climate action plan.

The Sustainability Committee is looking into the link between planning and flooding, an issue which has repeatedly been raised. A report is expected in the near future to ensure this is linked up and taken seriously.

A meeting of the Education Committee had taken place where it had been agreed that there would be no Phase three investigation into schools.

However, a condition review will continue into works required to bring the school estate up to standard. A desk top exercise will be undertaken to analyse school catchment areas, number of pupils and transportation requirements going forward. An analysis of Early Years education requirements compared to availability will be undertaken. Meigle has no early years provision.

PKC officers are beginning work on the next PKC Budget. In the current financial crisis this is expected to be extremely difficult. CS is representing the Independent Group and he welcomed suggestions for cuts or new requirements to be advised to him.

A full council meeting took place to review recommended changes to Parliamentary Boundaries and representation has been made.

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA) confirmed that the revised Parliamentary boundaries would be based on population numbers and not geographical size. HA commented on flooding in Scone and the problems we had been experiencing with gully and street cleaning. PM asked for help in obtaining a map of gullies in Meigle so that we could identify problem areas. BS advised that we had been in communication with Willie Mahoney on this issue and that some cleaning of gullies was undertaken on 19th November, but we have no confidence that this was successful. PKC currently has a two-year cycle to clean gullies and with no road sweeping taking place this exacerbates the problem. HA agreed to investigate.

PM asked whether flooding risk was an integral part of planning application review and HA answered in the affirmative.

On budget issues the battle has been lost on the Cross Tay Road Link which is going ahead.

RM thanked HA for his positive involvement in refuse collection issues at Glenluie Green development which now appear to have been resolved.

PKC carbon footprint has been reduced from 4 to 2.

Councillor Grant Stewart (GS) apologised for his late arrival and explained that he had been attending a group meeting that overran. He endorsed previous comments. He confirmed the discussion of the climate change committee which is on all our minds and that Community Councils should be involved in any future discussions as we have a collective responsibility. He had attended a climate change course last week and completed an exam. GS advised that rock salt will be used instead of sea salt this winter. He further advised that hand salt spreaders are available from PKC. BS advised that we had investigated this use sometime ago, but PKC would not insure volunteer users.

6) SECRETARY'S REPORT

BS advised that he had received 154 pieces of external correspondence during the month which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate. TW questioned what determined wider distribution. BS advised that where he received numerous reports of road works that did not affect us, these were not disseminated.

7) TREASURER'S REPORT

EC confirmed no expenditure during the previous month and the financial situation as being:

Date		Expense	Income	Amount
	Balance B/fwd			£2847.92
15.10.2022	Kinloch hall Rental. August, September, October, 6 hours at £10	£60.00		£2787.92
07.11.2022	Admin Budget Top Up		£651.58	
21.11.2022	Closing Balance			£3439.50

8) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER

Meigle – No Planning Applications or Approvals for Meigle.

Ardler – No Planning Applications or Approvals for Ardler.

9) POLICE REPORT

Meigle and Ardler. No issues reported.

Speeding Issues were reported by PC Connor Lees. 6 warnings were issued and three reports to the Procurator Fiscal.

10) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT

BS confirmed that a response from the Community Council had been agreed and had been emailed to Alex Gudgeon recording our objection to the development. Included with this were residents questions and comments from the public meeting held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall. These documents will be posted on our Facebook page and have been shared with local councillors.

11) MACDT UPDATE

Please see the Appendix 1 to these minutes.

PM questioned Kevin Stirling (KS) on resilience issues, particularly provision and storage of equipment, funding for which has been in place for over twelve months. He asked if the new CC will be involved in pushing resilience forward and what was in place if key members of MACDT were away.

12) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE

BS advised that additional speed cushions on the Dundee Road had been installed. A wider white line had been painted along the Dundee Road going out of the village to encourage drivers not to drive too close to the pavement.

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.

13) PARKING THE SQUARE AND GLEBEWAY

Councillor Colin Stewart confirmed that he is still investigating this with Council officers and will press for a response.

AOCB

18.1 Street Cleaning Meigle. BS contacted Gair McRostie who advised he had no driver capacity at present to arrange street cleaning in Meigle. This lack of street cleaning is adding to the problem of blocked gullies.

18.3 Benches. CS was again requested to obtain written approval for us to proceed with installation of our benches without the requirement to apply for planning permission. A member of the public commented that the bench at the bus stop in the square was too low. PM and BS agreed to look at this. TW asked where these were to be sited and this was answered. TW advised that the new bench at the bus stop in Meigle square was now too close to the public car park.

18.4 Belmont Estate Wall. BS has written to Rod Houston who will complete a further site visit in late November and get back to us with an update. The wooden gate appears to have been replaced but a sign post at Lodge House is down so BS will report this.

18.5 Unoccupied Bungalow Glebe Way.

Councillor Colin Stewart updated CC members on this issue after the meeting.

18.6 Retention of 20 mph zones.

BS confirmed that he had responded to Daryl McKeown's questionnaire confirming our wish to retain the existing 20 mph zones and add the Coupar Angus to Forfar Road coming through the village. Councillor Colin Stewart confirmed the 20mph zoning in Ardler is included in this.

18.7 School Bus Stops in the centre of the village.

A member of the public suggested re-locating the school bus stops to a different area on the Dundee Road to reduce congestion in the centre of the village. It was agreed that BS pursue this with the Public Transport Unit.

18.8 LDP3

KB asked when we will be consulted on LDP3. Councillor Colin Stewart advised that consultation will commence late this year through and into next year. PM requested that we be kept in the loop and that a meeting be held in Meigle with representatives from PKC to discuss this.

18.9 Meigle Christmas Lights

A member of the public confirmed that Meigle Christmas lights will be switched on, on Sunday 4th December at 4.30pm.

18.10 Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland

BS confirmed that he had shared a letter from the above organisation with CC members. It was agreed that he make contact should we require advice on the proposed Forfar Road development.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 12th December 2022 at 18.30.

Appendix 1

Notes from MACDT

Resilience

Thanks to our local volunteers who stepped up last week to support our local area during the inclement weather. We managed to support a lot of work activity within a short period of time. Specific thanks should be made to Peter Menzies, Jonny Channon, Bob Ellis, Pete Grewar and Mike McLaren whose help made this response possible.

We are setting up a debrief to review how we can make improvements for future events.

Community Connector

Delighted to announce that we have secured funding to appoint a Community Connector. This post was advertised widely via our networks. Last week we were able to interview and appoint Susie McNaughton to this role. Susie will work 20 hours per week up until 31.03.23. Susie started today and she will focus on the development of the heritage path, the redevelopment of the Ardler Hall site and (in time) the Bowling Club.

Heritage path walk

We recently held a walk around the Belmont section of the heritage path. In total, 35 local folks of all ages came on this walk which was great to see. We received lots of good feedback which will guide the next stages of this project.

Historic Environment Scotland

We are having productive meetings with Historic Environment Scotland about increasing footfall at the Pictish Stone Museum.

Hogmanay Hoolie

This is the first year that the Trust has hosted this event. It has now sold out and we have folks on a waiting list for this event.

Bowling Club

There has been no further progress in relation to legal side of things with the Bowling Club.

Belmont Camp

We have met with the CEO of Scottish Outdoor Education Centre (SOEC) regarding the development of a Community Shed and Resilience Hub. SOEC are keen to explore options regarding the use of these buildings for community engagement activities.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks a lot,

Kevin Stirling.

