

Meigle and Ardler Community Council

Final Draft minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle on Monday 10th April 2023 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT.

Peter Menzies Vice Chair (PM), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Karen Barton (KB), Tanja Waaser (TW), Kenneth Mitchell (KM), Ruth Mutch (RM). Edith Christie (EC).

IN ATTENDANCE.

6 members of the public.
Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).

APOLOGIES.

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS).
Councillor Grant Stewart (GS).
Kevin Stirling (KS) MACDT.
PC Robbie Blackhall (RB).
Councillor Jack Welch (JW).
Kenny Archer (KA).
Rae Taylor (RT).

1) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES.

PM welcomed the attendees and noted the apologies. He advised that he was standing in for RT who was unwell.

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.

HA advised that CS had sent his apologies as he was attending a meeting in Coupar Angus to form a new Community Council. He further advised that the meeting days for the various community councils may conflict with future attendance. He had received an email from Daryl McKeown concerning the 20mph speed restrictions on the A94 but this was not comprehensive and he will follow up on the issues that we have. The Transport Team is still undermanned although an increase in numbers has been agreed. There is to be a meeting of PKC Councillors in two weeks-time to discuss local issues. Drivers for mechanical vehicles have been recruited and are under training. The majority of PKC staff are still working from home and the future of Pullar House is under review. PM asked what performance assessments PKC implement and HA advised that CS is working on this. HA expanded a little on the recently agreed budget and in particular the Perth Swimming Pool where reserve funding will be used to finance this going forward. Whilst PKC had a reduction in school pupil population Scottish Government regulations preclude reducing staff numbers.

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS advised that he had received 59 pieces of external communication which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate. He updated members of the public on issues previously recorded under AOCB.

- a) Belmont Estate Directional Sign.** Still not replaced. BS will again chase Dundee City Council.
- b) Pathway Works Belmont Wall, Dundee Road.** Remedial works on the pathway now completed.
- c) Benches.** We are still awaiting receipt of written confirmation that we do not require planning agreement or to pay a fee to site the benches that we have in our possession.
- d) Street Cleaning Meigle and Ardler.** Still no sign of the mechanised road sweeper.
- e) Senior Vouchers.** 77 vouchers issued. We will collect redeemed vouchers over the next few days from participating establishments and make payments to them.
- f) Cut out Dundee Road.** Repaired.
- g) Bus Shelter Lighting.** Apparently not repaired. BS will check and chase.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT.

EC confirmed the financial situation as being:

Date		Expense	Income	Amount
	Balance B/fwd 13.03.2023			£4067.90
	No expenditure			
10.04 .2023.	Closing Balance			£4067.90

EC advised that £166 had been raised at the Spring Fair which will be ring fenced for future defibrillator costs.

7) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.

Meigle – One Planning Application for Balmyle Farm, Meigle to build an extension to offices and improve car parking 23/00294/FLL. No Approvals for Meigle.

Ardler – No Planning 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. Please see appendix 2 at the end of these minutes for his written report.

BS confirmed that following email correspondence with PC Connor Lees we are still waiting to share with Police Scotland confirmation that the 20mph zoning under Covid temporary speed restrictions had been extended to enable enforcement of these limits. CS advised that this had been extended and undertook to provide documentary confirmation. Still awaiting this from CS.

9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

BS confirmed no update received to date. HA and GS will keep us advised as to when this is programmed to take place. BS highlighted a letter posted on

the Planning Portal received from Scottish Water that indicated works were to be completed at the sewage farm.

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

CS advised this is still on his to do list and his PA is endeavouring to get an on-site meeting with the PKC representatives to ascertain how we can take this forward.

He will send written permission to site the benches himself, this week if it does not come from PKC. Nothing received to date. It was agreed that BS write again to CS.

11) MACDT UPDATE.

Please see the Appendix 1 to these minutes.

A member of the public suggested that the bowling club and other land had been handed to the village in perpetuity and that in the interest of openness MACDT should share with the community the terms under which the title had been transferred to MACDT and what was included in the event that MACDT no longer continued to exist. PM explained that initial suggestions from MACDT was for a tripartite agreement between MACDT, the Community Council (CC) and Pride in Meigle 2015 (PIM2015). Both CC and PIM 2015 were unable to commit to part ownership and financial liability. MACDT were in the best position to proceed due to their registered Charitable Status which made funding applications easier.

12) 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.

HA had written to Daryl McKeown on these issues and was advised that 20 mph limits on trunk roads are currently under discussion and re-siting of the VAS sign will not be considered until all other installations had been completed.

BS advised that he had written to Daryl McKeown and received a response to say that Frank Mills was on a phased return to work and he would contact me week commencing 10th April to arrange a site visit which was to include PM and KM.

13) AOCB.

a) Microsoft Teams. KB asked whether we should continue to subscribe to Microsoft Teams and it was agreed that this should end.

b) External Communication. PM suggested that any official communication to external agencies should be processed by the Secretary. This was voted on and unanimously agreed.

c) Suggestion box. TW suggested that a suggestion box be placed in both villages. Following discussion it was agreed that we look to place one in the Spar shop and one in the Ardlar Tavern (with the agreement of the proprietors) which will be lockable and suggestions will be listed by BS, for AOCB inclusion at the next meeting. This was voted on 7 to 1.

d) Community Council Funds. A member of the public asked what the current level CC funds consisted of. PM explained that certain funds for example Admin Budget, Seniors Vouchers and Defibrillator costs were ring fenced and could only be used for that purpose. It was agreed that the treasurer would provide more detail at our next meeting.

e) Litter and dog fouling. RM commented on the ongoing level of litter and dog fouling taking place in the village. A specific area of concern is the Spar shop where the bins are often over-flowing. A member of the public undertook to speak to the shop to get their bins emptied on a more regular basis.

KB suggested a simple form of dog poo bag dispenser could be produced. Someone will need to follow up on this.

f) Big Place Conversation. TW relayed her experience of the recent Big Place Conversation meeting.

- g) Village Directory.** TW asked if we could produce a village directory of businesses, organisations and trades people. PM advised that this is really an area for MACDT and some information exists on the Smart Village Website.
- h) Public Notice Board.** A member of the public asked if a public notice board could be produced on the framework in front of the community garden. PM and BS will look for a simple solution to this and if found to be successful look for a more permanent solution for both villages.
- i) Used Ink Cartridges.** A member of the public from Ardler is collecting old ink cartridges to raise funds for dementia. A collection box was left in the Kinloch Memorial Hall
- j) Spring Fair.** A member of the public advised of the success of the recent Spring Fair which was attended by 120 people and monies raised will be used for the benefit of the village.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 15th May 2023 at 18.30.

The meeting closed at 20.00 hrs.

Appendix 1

Hi folks,

I won't be able to make tonight's meeting so please accept my apologies. I have drafted a short update regarding the current work activity of the development trust.

Bowling Club

We have now taken ownership of the Bowling Club. We hope to receive the keys for the properties shortly following the final meeting of the Bowling club trustees.

Once we have access to all buildings we will run Community engagement events to map out how this redeveloped site will benefit the local area.

Gala Day

After meeting with Karen it has been decided that we don't have the lead in time to arrange a gala day. We will aim to run some community events at the Bowling Club over the summer months instead with the intention that we may run a Gala Day next year.

Ardler Hall site

The working group from Ardler is meeting regularly and have applied for funding to drive this work forward.

Community Connector

We are waiting to hear from some funding bodies to allow us to continue to secure the services of our Community Connector.

Heritage path walk

We are making good progress with this walk and we will be running more community walks later this month to showcase some of the installations which will form part of this walk.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks a lot,

Kevin

Appendix 2

Police report PC Robbie Blackhall.



POLICE SCOTLAND Keeping people safe **Community Council Meeting**

POILEAS ALBA
Meikle & Ardler, Perth and Kinross

April 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

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
21/03/2023	Theft of fuel	Enquiries ongoing

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 past 4 weeks.

Officer Comments

Since the last meeting there have been 4 calls to Police Scotland from the Meigle/Ardler area and 1 crimes recorded on Police system.

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.