

Meigle and Ardler Community Council

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council Meeting held in the Kinloch Hall Meigle on Monday 8th August 2022 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

Rae Taylor (RT) Chair, Ruth Mutch (RM), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS,) Peter Menzies (PM), Edith Christie (EC).

IN ATTENDANCE

5 members of the public.

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

APOLOGIES

Karen Barton (KB), Kenny Archer (KA), Ian Shaw (IS), Councillor Grant Stewart (GS).

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.

3) MATTERS ARISING

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

4) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Hugh Anderson advised that he was endeavouring to get PKC to complete effective pothole repairs. The subject of these in Treeback leading to the new cemetery and council houses was raised and councillors were requested to support PKC effecting repairs.

Councillor Colin Stewart advised that the Council had been in recess since late June and would reconvene in late August.

As Chair of the Scrutiny Committee he had called a planning meeting and welcomed comments from community councils as to what they should become involved in, in order to improve delivery of PKC services. PM asked if this could include accountability as there appeared little evidence of this.

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT

BS advised that he had received 57 pieces of external correspondence during the month which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT

EC confirmed the current financial situation as being:

Date		Expense	Income	Amount
18.07.2022	Balance B/fwd			£4795.22
05.08.2022	Kinloch Memorial Hall Hire. May, June, July 6 hours @ £10.00	£60.00		£4735.22
06.08.2022	Ruth Mutch. ribbon, glue, planters & bunting for Gala Day	£38.34		£4696.88
06.08.2022	Alyth Pipe Band Gala Day	£100.00		£4596.88
06.08.2022	Bouncy Castle Man Gala Day	£265.00		£4331.88
06.08.2022	Ruthven Community Hall hire of Marquee and tables, Gala Day	£120.00		£4211.88
06.08.2022	Moirra Fletcher, Magician Gala Day	£250.00		£3961.88
06.08.2022	Karen Barton Microsoft Teams January to July ADMIN	£33.60		£3928.28
08.08.2022	Mrs Bovie Face Painting Gala Day	£100.00		£3828.28
08.08.2022	N.S.C Design Climbing Wall Gala Day	£220.00		£3608.28
08.08.2022	Closing Balance	£1186.94		£3608.28

Discussion took place on the continued subscription to Microsoft Teams. It was agreed we would continue this for the immediate future.

BS confirmed that our CC Financial Year end is 31.08.2022 and he had passed the required proforma to Edith to be completed. We are required only to

pass to PKC expenditure from our Admin Budget for the purpose of getting this topped up.

7) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER

Meigle – No Planning Applications and no Approvals.

Ardler – No Planning applications and no Approvals.

8) POLICE REPORT

Meigle and Ardler. No issues reported. Sgt. Duncan notified of Gala Day. Replacement for Gavin Munro expected in September.

9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT BS confirmed that he had shared with Community Council members the summary of public comments to the second consultation meeting hosted by Campion Homes. RM commented that it appeared that Campion Homes considered this to be a done deal.

BS had also emailed the PKC Planning Department as was agreed at our last meeting. Their response had been shared with Community Council members. This communication was shared with the members of public in attendance. Further clarification is required from the planners which BS has requested. He will approach Scottish Water and SEPA directly for their response to our questions.

CS advised that normally there would be a 21day response period prior to a decision on the development being taken, however a community council can request an extension to this. Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that we scrutinize the Campion Planning Application when it is published and call an open public meeting to allow our village community to air their views on the development. This can include negative impact on traffic flow into the village from the direction of Forfar which was raised by a member of the public. PKC Councillors agreed to support us in asking for a member of the planning team to attend a public meeting.

CS clarified the position on “Community Gain” which could result in some benefit to our community if we record our wish list to PKC.

RT commented that to date there had been no response to the comments he had submitted to the LDP National Consultation. CS advised that such a delay was not unusual.

10) MACDT UPDATE

Please see the appendix to these minutes.

11) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE

BS had shared an email from Frank Mills that had belatedly been received this afternoon. This includes plans for re-positioning of the existing speed cushions, possible siting of additional speed cushions and signage and road markings to try to impose adherence to the 20mph speed limit. Following discussion, it was agreed that BS and PM would walk the course to review what has been proposed and respond to Frank Mills. BS requested that PKC Councillors request an earlier re-position of the existing speed cushions than the end of October/November included in the email from Frank Mills.

A member of the public requested the inclusion of the Coupar Angus Road passing through the village in the 20mph zoning. CS confirmed that this is in process and existing 20 mph limits are also in the process of being made permanent.

12) VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNAGE MEIGLE

Now installed ahead of projected date.

13) GALA DAY 6th AUGUST 2022

In the absence on leave of KB, EC submitted the following on her behalf. Meigle and Ardler Community Council and the Organising Committee would like to thank everyone for coming along and supporting our Gala Day which resulted in a great day for all. The Ceilidh was also a great success, and it was lovely to see so many families attending, and the floor was often packed. An event such as this does not happen overnight and without a lot of hard work and we would also like to thank everyone who helped to make it such a success. You know who you are!

Financials. Raffle £600, Teas £102 Ceilidh £505. Following discussion, it was agreed that these sums be ring fenced to provide defibrillator pads and replacements as required to the defibrillators in both our villages.

14) WEE TREES PROPOSAL

Following an approach from a member of the public, Bs had shared with Community Council members background information on the WEE TREES project which encourages concentrated native tree planting in an area the size of a tennis court. The concept is to involve school children in the environmental impact of the tree growth. It would be proposed that our primary school children be involved so BS will make an approach to the Headteacher. The member of the public expanded on the principle and illustrated possible avenues of funding, one of which included asking for a plot of land from Campion home should the proposed development proceed. It was agreed that we do more research and perhaps visit some of the local pilot sites.

AOCB

18.1 Parking Glebe Way Meigle. CS confirmed that he had received advice from PKC officers that this project has been listed for completion in the current financial year. Open issue. BS requested a possible date of installation or to be advised where we are on the list. CS to chase up and advise.

18.2 Parking in the Square Meigle. CS previously advised that discussions are underway to add electric car charging points as part of the project to improve parking and the road surface in the square adjacent to the community garden. CS reminded of his commitment to pursue this issue with possible provision of Electric Charging Point.

18.3 Benches. BS advised that PKC are suggesting we need to pay a fee of £145 per site to get planning agreement to install these benches. He has queried this. Greenspace officer following up with Colin Heggie. Councillors Stewart and Anderson requested to raise our concerns with this issue.

18.4 Belmont Estate Wall. Rod Houston has confirmed that DCC Forestry Team will complete tree cutting back over the coming months and remove loose stones to behind the wall. BS will ask when the two openings that DCC said they would repair will happen.

18.5 Unoccupied Bungalow Glebe way

Councillor Stewart reminded of his commitment to pursue returning this property to be available to a new Social Housing recipient.

18.6 Ardler Bus Service. BS advised that negotiations were underway to facilitate the use of the school bus in Ardler and at extending the Forfar to Meikle bus service to include Ardler. The current taxi service is stopping. Live issue. BS will now pursue this with Moray Fraser.

18.13 Belmont Place to Glebeway footpath. PM advised that a Meikle resident had reported excess litter and poo bags on this footpath and requested a further litter bin. BS contacted PKC Waste Services to request this and is awaiting a response.

RT thanked all those who had attended the meeting which closed at 20.30.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Hall in Meikle on Monday 12th September 2022 at 18.30.

Appendix

MACDT update for Community Council meeting on 18.07.22

Gala day

The trustees would like to thank the gala day organising committee and the community council for organising such a fantastic community event on Saturday 6th August. This allowed the trust to engage with lots of members of the community and to hold some productive conversations regarding some of our current work activity.

Resilience

We were able to showcase some of our resilience equipment as part of the gala day. This generated some very helpful conversations to guide the next steps of this work activity.

The next step in purchasing equipment will be focussing on securing generators. Derek Mackenzie will be in contact with Peter Menzies to progress this matter.

Bowling Club

There has been no progress with the legal side of things with the Bowling Club. We will carry on maintaining the land.

As part of the gala day we were able to hold some very helpful conversations to guide the next steps of this work activity.

Belmont Camp

We hope to have a meeting with the CEO of Scottish Outdoor Education Centre (SOEC) regarding the development of a Community Shed and Resilience Hub.

Kevin Stirling

Chair, Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust