

Meigle and Ardler Community Council

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle on Monday 14th August 2023 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT.

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

IN ATTENDANCE.

10 members of the public.
Councillor Hugh Anderson

APOLOGIES.

Kenneth Mitchell.
Councillor Jack Welch
Councillor Colin Stewart
Councillor Grant Stewart
PC Robbie Blackhall.

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 read and 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 the council is just returning after recess, and he would be participating in a Planning Decision Meeting at the end of the week which did not include anything for Meigle and Ardler. Next week there would be a Climate Change Meeting at which nothing will be determined and will mainly be talking about greenspace areas and lack of

maintenance due to staff shortages. Long grass is an issue but some of this is due to a reduction in cutting due to climate change issues. He suggested that a decision on the Forfar Road development application would not be imminent and could be deferred for a year. A full meeting of Councillors to discuss road safety issues has been scheduled for 6th of September. He explained that where some community councils had changed their meeting days, this presented difficulty in attendance by Councillors.

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS confirmed that he had received 102 pieces of external communication which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate. He updated attendees on issues previously raised under AOCB:

- a) **Belmont Estate Directional Sign.** Latest notification advises the sign on the Newtyle Road should be in place by the end of August. I have reminded the sender of this advice that the sign on the Ardler Road into Belmont Camp also needs replacing.
- b) **Benches.** We are still awaiting written confirmation that we can install these without the requirement to pay a fee. Pride in Meigle 2015 volunteers re-sited the bench at the bus stop in front of the Kinloch Arms Hotel. It was agreed that BS send the letter to the Council Chief Executive that RT tabled at the last meeting.
- c) **Street Cleaning Meigle and Ardler.** Following intervention by Councillor Hugh Anderson, mechanical road sweeping in Meigle and Ardler has taken place. It was agreed that BS write to Gair Rostie to ask for a schedule of future visits.
- d) **Seniors Vouchers.** Vouchers still not received from the Kinloch Arms Hotel. They understand that we now need to close this. BS completed final report and has obtained agreement we can retain the £130 credit balance. TW asked if this could be ring fenced for spending on young people in the village. The consensus was that proposals needed to be put forward for consideration.
- e) **Demolished Bus Shelter Meigle.** Three reminders have been sent to PKC to request an installation date. This advice is still awaited. It was agreed that BS continue to chase.
- f) **Suggestion Boxes.** No legitimate suggestions in Meigle Suggestion Box. We have repeatedly put new slips in these, which keep disappearing. The box in the Tav has been removed following complaints from regulars and rude comments. It was agreed that BS and EC look at installing the suggestion box in the bus shelter in Ardler with a notice to this effect being placed on the noticeboard.

- g) **Spar Bins.** Still an issue with emptying every night. It was agreed that BS write to Spar head office if this continues to be a problem.
- h) **Electric Box Christmas Lights.** Box secured by Pride in Meigle 2015.
- i) **Ardler Bins.** Bins re-sited as requested by Ardler residents.
- j) **Mobile Library Timetable.** From 5th September the mobile library will call on a Tuesday morning from 11.00 to 12.00 every **THREE** weeks. A notice will be put on our noticeboard, and I will ask Karen to post on our Facebook Page.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's report is shown as appendix 1 to these minutes. TW asked if an invoice had been received for Kinloch Hall rental charges. EC advised that she would receive it that evening.

7) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.

Meigle:

Applications

10.7 Alteration to dwelling house and outbuilding at Kinloch House.

!1.7 Alterations and extension to existing house at Kinloch House.

Ardler:

16.7 Old School Ardler alterations, extension and change of use.

31.7 Storage unit Class 6 to form extension to Church House Ardler.

Meigle and Ardler no approvals.

8) POLICE REPORT.

Meigle and Ardler. No issues reported to the secretary from the Commander's weekly report apart from a fire in the Jubilee Pavilion in Alyth, believed to be arson.

PC Robbie Blackhall sent a report which is attached to these minutes.

9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

RT explained that the recently convened meeting over the Iron Age settlement was convened at short notice as it was thought to have been an urgent matter. However, HA reported that this is not as pressing now but suggested that we would receive the Archaeological Report on findings prior to planning consideration.

No further advice from the Large Development Planning Officer. Repeated reminders have been sent to ask for a proposed date of any planning

consideration meeting. It was agreed that BS continue to press for this as RT, HA, Nick Cole (NC), and those in attendance concurred.

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

Still awaiting an update on these issues from Councillor Stewart who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Benches issue covered above. If we do not receive a resolution we will consider siting the benches away from the roadside where we believe planning consent will not be a requirement.

11) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE.

BS chased Frank Mills for an update and has received this response:
"Afternoon,

1) VAS - we do not have a confirmed timescale for this. There are some issues with power supply! The existing VAS is still operational.

2) Road markings - this is being carried out by our colleagues in the Road Maintenance Partnership (RMP) as part of their maintenance programme, and their contractor is currently working on a list of works, which includes Meigle Square. I wrongly assumed the timescale supplied was for Meigle, however this was for when the lining contractor was programmed to start on a list of sites.

The 20mph limit on the Dundee Road south of the village is being extended slightly to where the existing advance give way sign is (which is being relocated to approximately the location of the existing 20mph limit)

Regarding the bolt / speed cushion, I had my colleagues in the RMP to check out the situation and rectify. I believe this has been done with the cushion being removed.

Regards
Frank"

12) MACDT Update.

Bob Ellis (BE) apologised that RT had not received an invitation to attend the last MACDT meeting and confirmed that he has an open invitation to attend future meetings and will receive an advance agenda. Bob confirmed that the creation of a Community Shed is proceeding, funding application in place. This will be open to all, have a Constitution, and possibly a membership fee. Ardler Village Hall plans submitted, originally excluding toilets. Planners have advised that it would be beneficial if these were included.

Ruth Mutch (RM) asked if the community shed was ready. BE advised that an existing building in the Outdoor Centre at Belmont has been reserved. Ardler-Newtyle pathway is mowed every two weeks. There is a need for volunteers to assist with this work.

BS asked why minutes of MACDT meetings are not promptly posted on the smart village website. BE agreed to rectify this.

Wanda McGreggor provided an overview of the CATERAN Eco Museum projects which is attached to these minutes.

13) AOCB.

13a) KA asked if there was the need for so many separate organisations in the village. These are separate entities, fully constituted performing different functions. He asked if commercial notices should be allowed to be posted on the community noticeboard. Consensus was no and it was agreed that advice to this effect be placed on the noticeboard. He further raised the issue of parking at the Kinloch Memorial Hall at busy times where consideration was being given to parking at the rear of the hall. It was agreed that the Kinloch Hall Committee need to formulate a plan of what they wish to achieve.

13b) TW asked if an update on the rejuvenated Meigle Community Trust (MCT) could be provided. NC comprehensively explained the history of the Trust. New directors had been appointed very recently and it is up to them to take things forward, RT advised that all of these separate entities were fully independent out with the Community Council's jurisdiction, albeit that on occasion we could ask them to attend one of our meetings.

13c) RM had previously shared with Community Council members concern of residents over the siting of bins in Glenluie Green in front of some properties. She shared approved document H and mentioned the Deeds and Conditions applicable to the properties which confirmed that refuse bins should be located at the rear of properties. TW suggested that this was only

applicable to England. HA has agreed to raise this issue with the applicable department in PKC. RT advised that this is not an issue that we can pursue and suggested that the residents of the development form a Management Committee. RM asked for this to be recorded in the minutes.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 11th September 2023 at 18.30. With some attendees finding it difficult to attend at that time, we may need to consider starting our meetings later in future.

The meeting closed at 20.10 hrs.

PC Blackhall Police Scotland Report



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Community Council Meeting

Meigle & Ardler, Perth and Kinross

July 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
29/07/2023	Theft by housebreaking	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 since the last meeting.

Officer Comments

In the last month there have been 9 calls to Police Scotland from the Meigle/Ardler area and 2 crimes recorded on Police systems.

Unfortunately, I have been unable to attend meetings for some time. I work a shift pattern consisting of early shifts, late shifts and days off and unless the meeting falls on one of my late shifts I am unable to attend. That being said, I am in the local area as often as possible. Some of you may have seen me out on our new e-bikes. I am scheduled to have the bikes out again soon so if you see me please stop and say hello! I also recently held a Coffee with a Cop which received a good turnout. I will look to hold another one in a few months.

Wanda Mc Gregor Report.

This will be included when received.

