

# **Meigle and Ardler Community Council**

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 at 7.00pm.

## **PRESENT.**

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

## **IN ATTENDANCE.**

5 members of the public.

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS).

## **APOLOGIES.**

Tanja Waaser (TW).

PC Robbie Blackhall.

## **1) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES.**

RT welcomed the attendees and noted the apologies.

## **2) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

RT reported that there had been a claim it was not correct (under item 5 Secretary's Report, sub item (b) Street Cleaning Meigle and Ardler, that "TW was invited to initiate this on behalf of the CC". There was unanimous agreement from those CC members attending the December meeting that the statement was in fact correct. However, RT clarified that the invitation merely gave TW the authority to initiate it on behalf of the CC (subject to appropriate weather conditions, equipment and appropriate health and safety conditions) if she so wished. There was no suggestions such sessions should be arranged.

Minutes of the previous meeting were therefore approved as a true record subject to this point of clarification.

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

## **4) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

HA advised that PKC was just starting again after a two week break over Christmas and the New Year. The flooding that took place in Meigle over this period was of major concern and he is awaiting a date to meet with road engineers to discuss what can be done to alleviate this in the future. He advised that preliminary discussions had taken

place on the Budget and that proposals from PKC officers should be presented in the next two weeks. Due to the Scottish Government capping Council Tax at last year's level, there will be a projected £1.5million funding shortfall which may require cuts in services.

CS had nothing to add to these comments.

## 5) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS advised that he had received 65 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 short staffed and problems with recent storms
- b) **Street Cleaning Meigle and Ardle.** No Change.
- c) **Ardler Bin at the entrance to the Water Treatment Plant.** Edith to speak to resident.
- d) **Rat Infestation in Church Yard.** Site visit took place and bait laid. A Meigle resident notified us of rats seen on the new bench in the community garden. Any food left, including bird seed will be removed.
- e) **Gullies.** On-going issues following recent storms. I have contacted PKC again about recent flooding and passed the details of those affected to the PKC Flood Team, so that they can explore compensation through the Scottish Government Flood Grant. Discussion followed on the continued blockage of gullies on the Dundee and Forfar Roads. KA asked what we could do to have the capacity of the drainage system improved. RT advised that we are repeatedly advising PKC of the issues we are facing. Walter Fraser understood that a blocked drain on the old railway line had exacerbated the flooding situation on the Forfar Road which resulted in flooding to his property. This gully will be discussed with the Road Engineers when the onsite meeting takes place. Ordinarily when this is on private land it is the responsibility of the landowner. Ron Niven suggested that to alleviate problems of flooding at Flour, the entrance be moved further up the Coupar Angus Road.

KB advised that several gullies on the Forfar Road remain blocked and BS said that this had been reported to PKC.

CS advised that the Planning and Infrastructure Committee had suggested to the PKC Chief Executive, that in light of climate change greater consideration is required to be given to flood risk in the future planning process and that flood maps be updated to the current situation. PKC officers will report back to the committee at the beginning of February. CS will forward a copy of the agenda for

this meeting to BS and members of the public are invited to send in their comments 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:** Approvals None.

**Ardler:** Approvals None.

#### **8) POLICE REPORT.**

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

Due to operational requirements no report received from PC Blackhall. Time permitting, he will forward a report to add to these minutes.

BS advised that we will be hosting a "Scam " meeting in the Meigle Church Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of January where PC Blackhall and a member of Trading Standards will brief members of the public on scam issues.

#### **9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.**

BS advised that he had written to the Meigle Primary School Headteacher to seek her views on the play area designated in Victory Park as opposed to that originally included in the plans for the proposed Forfar Road development area.

Her response is awaited.

#### **10) PARKING IN THE SQUARE AND GLEBEWAY.**

Councillor Stewart advised the following:

**Adoption of the Square.** A planned meeting still to be rescheduled.

**GlebeWAY Parking.** CS will endeavour to have this project included in the Housing Budget for FYE 2025.

#### **11) BENCHES IN MEIGLE.**

BS advised that the Greenspace Team have given us written agreement to the installation of the benches subject to us providing agreement to maintain them going forward. This was approved unanimously by the Community Council. BS will confirm this by email to the Greenspace Team.

#### **12) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE.**

Following several reminder emails BS had received copy advice from Daryl McKeown that his team should advise us of a clear date when the new VAS sign on the Coupar Angus Road will be activated. BS has further clarified to him the issues of gaps appearing in-between the two halves of the speed cushions in various places on the Dundee Road. Discussion took place on the life span of the speed cushions and the ability of the Road construction to allow them to be firmly bolted to the ground underneath.

Advice on the 20 mph zoning of the Forfar Road through the village is awaited PKC Councillors agreed to follow up on this.

### **13) MEIGLE BURN FLOODING.**

BS advised that he and MC had met with PKC Flood team representative Rory Stuart who undertook to have various obstructions in the Meigle Burn removed when the water level is lower and less volatile.

### **14) AOCB.**

- a) **Contamination Forfar Road.** This issue has now been reported to SEPA and we have a report number so await a response.
- b) **Ardler Road Wall and Path.** Willie Mahoney has advised that the wall has been inspected and found to be defective in several areas. He has written to Dundee City Council to raise this with them. KM suggested this land was “owned” by George McLaren.
- c) **Age Scotland Calendars.** BS advised that confirmation of our order had been received and delivery should be imminent.
- d) **Car on the Dundee Road.** KA reported that a car had been parked on the Dundee Road for some considerable time causing an issue. KM advised that the car appeared to be damaged. BS undertook to raise the issue with PC Blackhall at the scam meeting on Thursday evening.
- e) **Cost of Living Budget.** EC asked if there was any planned expenditure for the “Cost of Living” balance in our accounts. BS suggested this be retained for future refreshments at litter picks etc which was inline with the original grant allocation.
- f) **MACDT Update.** BS suggested that he write to Bob Ellis to ascertain whether MACDT had an update that we could include in our minutes of this meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

**The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 19.00 hrs.**

**The meeting closed at 19.50 hrs.**

