

Meigle and Ardler Community Council

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council AGM and meeting held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle on Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT.

Rae Taylor, Chairperson (RT), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Tanja Waaser (TW), Edith Christie (EC). Kenny Archer (KA). Kenneth Mitchell (KM).

IN ATTENDANCE.

13 members of the public.
Councillor Colin Stewart.

APOLOGIES.

Councillor Hugh Anderson.
Karen Barton.
Steve Bailey.
PC Robbie Blackhall.

1) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES.

RT welcomed the attendees, and noted the apologies.

2) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT.

RT presented his annual report which is included as an appendix to these minutes.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

RT invited nominations for office bearers and the following were elected, unopposed.

Chairperson Rae Taylor.
Treasurer Edith Christie.
Secretary Barrie Starck.

3) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

4) MATTERS ARISING.

RT advised that he had received a query on the process for the adoption of a coopted member. On referring the matter to PKC, he had received written confirmation that we had adhered to correct procedures, which he read out to the meeting.

5) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Councillor Stewart advised there had been a full meeting of the Council during week and that Autumn recess would be taking place soon. He advised that Councillor Anderson had moved committees from Planning to Environment and that the Community Investment Fund had approved an award of £6000 towards the creation of a Community Shed to be located in Belmont Camp.

On planning issues, he advised that the Planning Users Forum meeting would take place on 25th October with RT representing us. He reminded us that the Planning Committee was meeting on 11th October to determine the outcome of the Forfar Road Developemnt and members of the public were welcome to attend.

6) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS confirmed that he had received 110 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.** Following a further reminder, Dundee Forestry Team confirmed that production of the sign is almost complete, and it will be installed as soon as is practicable.
- b) **Street Cleaning Meigle and Ardler.** Due to non-response a further email was sent to Gair McRostie to ask for future schedule of road sweeping in Meigle and Ardler. His response email was read out. Being

unacceptable Councillor Stewart agreed that he would discuss this with Councillor Anderson and try to determine a way forward.

- c) **Demolished Bus Shelter Meigle.** Bus shelter replaced. LED lighting in both bus shelters now working. Real time bus information still awaited. BS will follow up on this.
- d) **Meigle Suggestion Box.** As agreed at our last Community Council meeting, this has been removed from the Spar shop.
- e) **Spar Bins.** Steve Tattersall had pursued re-siting of the bins with the Spar shop manager, but nothing has changed. It was agreed that BS now raise this issue with C J Lang.
- f) **Ardler Bins.** EC will speak with this lady in the coming weeks.
- g) **Rats Strathmore Place.** No action to date that we are aware of so further reminder email sent.

7) TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer shared annual and current expenditure and provided independently audited accounts to be forwarded to PKC to cover our Admin Budget. Please see appendix 2 & 3 to these minutes. These were approved by the community council.

8) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.

Meigle: Kinloch House, alteration, and extension to driveway with formation of parking area.

Ardler: Applications None.

Meigle: Approvals None.

Ardler: Approval of alterations and installation of a flue to Ardler Church House with inclusion of a storage unit.

9) POLICE REPORT.

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

No report received from PC Robbie Blackhall.

10) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

Advice had been received that a Planning Committee Meeting would consider this application on Wednesday 11th October. BS had written to ask CC members of their availability to represent our previously recorded objection to this application at the meeting. As no one volunteered he agreed to do this. RT advised that this representation must be in accordance with our original objection letter unless it referred to an issue only arising since the end of the official consultation period.

11) PARKING IN THE SQUARE AND GLEBEWAY.

Councillor Stewart advised the following:

Adoption of the Square. No cost centres received from PKC Officers to date. He will chase to receive these. His PA was chasing PKC Officers for a date for a meeting.

Glebeeway Parking. Estate monies for this year have been allocated and our project had not been included. CS is to pursue this with the relevant team.

12) BENCHES IN MEIGLE.

BS and Peter Menzies had an onsite meeting with Willie Mahoney following which we have written agreement that we can install benches without planning permission or payment of a fee at the following locations:

Belmont Place: to replace a damaged bench which we plan to hand to the Community Payback team to refurbish.

Glebe Drive: on grassed area. Permission has been requested of PKC Greenspace Teams for these installations.

On the greenspace just beyond the bus hardstand at Hospital Corner.

Request has been made to MACDT to permit this installation.

Some additional slabs and material will be required to facilitate this installation, and this is being costed. This was estimated to be around £200, and the committee agreed expenditure up to this figure in an effort to speed up the installation.

13) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE.

BS had chased Frank Mills for an update but nothing forthcoming to date.

Both he and Daryl McKeown are on leave until tomorrow. He will continue to chase them for a response.

14) GDPR EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE REQUIREMENTS.

RT clarified the requirements of GDPR for communication with those individuals who had not given permission for their contact details to be shared.

15) COOPTION PROCEDURE OF CANDIDATE SELECTION TO FILL ONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY.

RT advised that it is disappointing that PKC have no policy in place to determine how a candidate is chosen by a Community Council to fill a co-opted vacancy, when multiple validated applications had been processed by PKC. Following discussion, it was agreed that candidates would be asked to submit to MACC a statement of up to 100 words on what they can bring to our Community Council. All candidates would be requested to attend an in-camera session immediately prior to our next Community Council Meeting at which they would be available to answer questions.

16) MACDT Update.

No MACDT report received and no member in attendance.

17) AOCB.

17a) TW asked if anything could be done to prevent burning of garden waste which sometimes includes plastic. She was aware that this is not illegal but concerning. This was discussed but no solution was clear.

17b) TW Suggested that funding applications from different organisations in the village should be coordinated to enable a prioritisation of projects. It was concluded that these organisations are completely autonomous and this was outside the remit of the Community Council.

17c) BS proposed that we hold a community litter pick on the weekend of 25th and 26th of November to start and finish from Meigle Church Hall. The cost of hall hire to come from our Admin Budget and provision of refreshments from the Seniors Vouchers credit balance. KA seconded this proposal, and it was carried.

17d) EC advised that the resignation of Peter Menzies from our Community Council needed to be minuted to enable his removal from our cheque signatory list. It was confirmed that the ratification of his resignation was included in the minutes of the 26th June 2023.

17e) BS advised that he had emailed PKC about the weekend flooding on Forfar Road and the continued blocked gullies on Dundee Road, Forfar Road and The Square.

17f) TW tabled a paper copy of a proposed template recording Community Councillors register of interest in local groups. This was handed to the Secretary. RT requested that this also be emailed by TW to the Secretary in digital format so that it could be circulated to all CC members.

The next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 20th November 2023 at 19.00 hrs.

The meeting closed at 20.50 hrs.

Appendix 1.

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEIGLE AND ARDLER COMMUNITY COUNCIL – 9 OCTOBER 2023

Once again, like the previous year, 2022/23 has also been a year of change and transition for the Community Council. The Community Council elections led to the re-election of the existing members, with Kenneth Mitchell and Tanya Wasser being welcomed onto the Community Council to fill the vacant two positions, bringing it up to its full strength of 10 members. The resignation of Peter Menzies and Ruth Mutch from the Community Council in June prompted an agreement to fill the two vacant positions with co-opted members. This process is underway with Steve Bailey already being accepted onto the Community Council as a co-opted member.

The Council elections also changed the composition of the Councillors supporting us at our meetings and I wish to thank Councillors Hugh Anderson, Colin Stewart and Grant Stewart in supporting our work.

We were pleased to welcome PC Robert Blackwell as our link to Police Scotland. He initiated informal “Coffee with a Cop” meetings, which appear to have gone down very well with Meigle & Ardler residents and I would like to thank him for his efforts to communicate with, advise and otherwise assist our residents.

The key planning matter has been the proposed Forfar Road Development. A public meeting, initiated by the Community Council, was held on 24 Oct 2022 which helped to advise on the content of the Community Councils objection to the development the following month. Since then, and particularly in reaction to the open day held by AOC Archaeology on the site, the community was amazed by the large souterrain, paved central area and associated traces of Iron Age buildings on the site and we eagerly await the full report to learn the extent and true significance of their findings. Meanwhile, we await to learn how Perth & Kinross Council intend to manage the process in the light of these discoveries.

Progress on the large range of issues concerning the Council has been frustratingly slow, which has been reflected in their repetitive appearance in the minutes. These issues include the traffic calming measures in the village, street and drainage gully cleaning and the long standing issue of the siting of the benches. However, some progress has been made, and I have to thank our Secretary, Barrie Starck, for his dedication and persistence in routinely following up on our requests, or promises received, for action. This has rarely been simple but it has resulted in benefits which would otherwise have either taken even longer or disappeared completely “into the long grass”.

Finally, I would like to once again thank those who have given their time and effort to our community and helped us in our work: The Perth & Kinross Councillors; PC Robert Blackwell; the volunteers who have helped improve village life; the Community Councillors themselves, who have stuck with what is a largely thankless task and the members of the public who have attended meetings, raised issues of concern or otherwise helped make Meigle and Ardler better places to live.

Rae Taylor

Chair

Meigle & Ardler Community Council

9 October 2023

Appendix 2 Treasurer's Financial Statement 11.09-9.10.2023

Date	PAYEE	ADMIN	GENERAL	AED	COST OF LIV	SPEEDWATCH	BALANCE
11.09.23	Opening Balance	£109.40	£822.76	£1357.80	£130.00	£200.16	£2620.12
	No Expenditure						
0910.23	Closing Balance	£109.40	£822.76	£1357.80	£130.00	£200.16	£2620.12

Appendix 3 Treasurers Financial Statement 1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023.

INCOME

Opening Balance £2,984.66

Administration

Grant £651.58

Funds from Table

Sale AED £166.00

Cost of living

Funding PKC £800.00

EXPENDITURE

Microsoft Teams £54.00

Kiloch Hall Hire £310.00

Examiner's Fee £30.00

Stationery £131.86

AED Pads £302.34

Cost of living Funding £670.00

Insurance £141,60

Suggestion boxes & Tape £50.17

Plywood for Noticeboard £63.26

Items for linking	
Gazebos	£228.89

TOTAL	£4,602.24	Closing Balance	£2,620.12
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