

Meigle and Ardler Community Council.

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle on Monday 9th December 2024 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT.

Steve Bailey Chairperson (SB), Karen Barton (KB), Edith Christie (EC) Mark Churches (MC), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Rae Taylor (RT), Tanja Waaser (TW).

IN ATTENDANCE.

2 members of the public.

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS).

APOLOGIES.

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).

Kenny Archer (KA).

Kenneth Mitchell (KM).

PC Ryan Tarbet (RTa).

1) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES.

SB welcomed all attendees and noted the apologies. He read out an email from PKC reminding community council members of their responsibility to follow the Code of Conduct and advised that he would forward this to all CC members

2) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

3) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Councillor Stewart advised that the last full council meeting of the year had taken place last Wednesday when discussion took place on the mapping of electricity planning developments for solar and battery storage locations, but the decision on the matter was deferred. The main discussion was the medium-term financial plan covering up to the next six years of council spending. A council tax planning assumption was required for the next three years, and this has been forecast as an increase in 2025 of 10%, 2026 of 10% and 2027 of 6%, based on a band D property. This was carried by 22 votes to 15 by councillors. These increases may be changed subject to the level of funding to councils that comes from the Scottish Government. The Finance and Resources

Committee had to approve the purchase of the derelict Drummond Arms Hotel in Crieff and due to its' dangerous condition will have to be demolished at a cost to the taxpayer, of circa £3m. A scrutiny review of procedures is to be undertaken as 130 buildings have been identified as at risk in PKC with 25 considered to be dangerous.

KB asked whether there was a limit on the increased level of council tax that can be applied by PKC and CS replied that there was no limit.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS advised that he had received 97 pieces of external correspondence during the month, which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate. Other items would be updated to members of the public on issues previously raised under AOCB.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer advised there were no items of expenditure in the current period however our Admin Budget had been topped up by PKC. A statement is attached as Appendix 1 of these minutes.

6) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.

Meigle: Planning application had been received for the erection of a house Southeast of East Camno farm.

Ardler: No Planning Applications.

Meigle: Approvals None.

Ardler: Approvals None.

7) POLICE REPORT.

Meigle and Ardler. No issues reported to the secretary from the Commander's weekly report dated 29.11.2024 which had been shared with community councillors.

A report was received from PC Ryan Tarbet which advised that there were twelve calls to Police Scotland from the Meigle and Ardler Area in the last month with 3 reported crimes of a non serious nature.

BS reported that the Herbert Protocol meeting conducted by PC Robbie Blackhall had taken place in the Meigle Church hall last Friday. Unfortunately, only three members of the public had attended including himself and Jacqueline. PC Blackhall explained the protocol which enables relatives and carers of vulnerable individuals to complete and retain a Missing Persons form containing details of the vulnerable individuals. This can be handed to the police in the event that they go missing. This would enable the police to act immediately to search for the individual. BS will obtain a link to the form and share this to our Facebook Page.

8) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

No current updates apart from concerns that road restrictions continue to be in place. KB advised that due to single lane use damage had occurred around a gulley which BS will report to PKC.

9) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE. CTRL MITIGATION MEASURES.

Daryl McKeown confirmed our requirements as part of the CTRL mitigation measures will be met. We will receive amended plans in due course.

It is understood that the transport team are preparing the requisite documentation for the work to proceed across PKC from March 2025. BS also clarified to him the need for the cut-out sign on the Dundee Road to be made more luminous.

12) MACDT UPDATE.

No representative from MACST was available to attend the meeting. A notice has been posted on Facebook to postpone the planned MACDT meeting for the 12th of December, to a date to be confirmed.

13) AOCB.

- a) **Bird feeder in the Square.** MC raised concerns over a bird feeder that had been placed in The Square had resulted in vermin and disturbance to elderly neighbours disturbed by raucous crows. It was not known who had placed the feeder in The Square, but TW advised that the bird table was the property of the village. It was noted that no consultation on its installation had taken place. A consensus was reached that the bird table be removed temporarily and the impact on noise and vermin be monitored.
- b) **Cricket Club Defibrillator.** No advice received from KA as to whether the Cricket Club had agreed the purchase of a defibrillator.
- c) **Noisy Drain Covers.** Noisy drain covers on the Coupar Angus Road outside of Hyderabad had been reported to PKC. BS had chased the repair, but Ron McNiven confirmed no repair had been completed. He had contacted both PKC and Scottish Water, but the latter had no knowledge of the required repair. BS will chase PKC and CS agreed to enquire why no effective repair has been completed to date.
- d) **Roadside Cleaning.** BS had shared with community council members the advice from Gair McRostie that manpower issues had precluded street cleaning in Meigle. CS advised that PKC had implemented a replacement slippage policy where a delay in recruitment takes place to reduce costs. He agreed to look at the budget for next year to improve on this issue. TW suggested that we relook at inviting individuals to clear the areas in front of their properties. It was suggested that we invite volunteers to do this, and RT suggested that a request for residents to clear their own areas, be included in a future village newsletter.

- e) **Meigle Road Signs.** BS advised that he had written to Willie Mahoney to enquire where we are with having the many Meigle road signs correctly repositioned, including the recently identified damaged sign at the Alyth corner.
- f) **Defibrillators.** RT suggested that monies were better used to provide more defibrillators in preference to holding spare sets of pads which are date limited, and have never yet been required. RT reminded members that spare pads were only being purchased as required.
- g) **Ardler VAS Sign.** RT advised that a request had been received for the provision of a VAS sign in Ardler village. BS will forward this request to Daryl McKeown.
- h) **Oakview.** TW raised an issue concerning the vacant property Oakview in The Square. BS agreed to contact the estate agent to establish what is proposed for the property.

The date of the next Meeting Monday 13th of January 2025 in the Kinloch Memorial Hall Meigle at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.16 pm.

Appendix 1. Treasurers Report 09.12.2024 -

Date	PAYEE	ADMIN	GENERAL	AED	COST OF LIVNG	SPEEDWATCH	BALANCE
11.11.2024	Opening Balance	£332.81	£622.76	£1156.44	£130.00	£200.16	£2442.17
Admin Grant Top UP		£399.29					
09.12.2024	Closing Balance	£732.10	£622.76	£1156.44	£130.00	£200.16	£2841.46