

Meigle and Ardler Community Council

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle on Monday 13th of January 2025 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT.

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

IN ATTENDANCE.

6 members of the public.
Councillor Colin Stewart (CS).

APOLOGIES.

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).
Kenny Archer (KA).
Edith Christie.
Ryan Tarbet.

1) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES.

SB welcomed all attendees and noted the apologies.

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 council meetings had restarted this week following the Christmas recess and over the next five weeks discussions will be taking place with council officers over their budget proposals for the next financial year. It is the intention of Councillor Stewart to negotiate a return to previous levels of bloom group budgets and no closure of libraries. It is unclear at the moment what level of Scottish Government grant will be forthcoming, but this will impact on PKC budgets although a 10% increase in council tax has been forecast.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS advised that he had received 54 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 report advised there were no items of expenditure in the current period. A statement is attached as Appendix 1 of these minutes.

6) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.

Meigle: Planning application in principle received to erect two houses on land in the grounds of Meigle house.

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 10 calls to Police Scotland from the Meigle and Ardler area in the last month with no reported crimes.

8) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

No current updates. KB advised that in sighting the temporary sales off ice damage had occurred to her fence and that of her neighbour. Unsatisfactory repairs had been completed without prior consultation and both parties are pursuing this with Campion Homes. BS agreed to circulate the contact details of Mike Hay of Campion Homes.

9) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE. CTRLR MITIGATION MEASURES.

BS read out the following email received from Daryl McKeown in response to our email of 19th December.

"The amended drawing and covering letter are due to be issued within the next two weeks. The proposal is to install ramps at the entrances then monitor vehicle speeds and consult with the community before any decision is taken about installing further ramps or speed cushions within the village. This two-phase approach will apply to all the communities getting the physical measures. The temporary Traffic Regulation Order has been drafted for the 20mph speed limit and the signs have been manufactured. All these works are programmed for mid-March.

We have been in discussion with Tayside Contracts about replacing the temporary speed cushions on Dundee Road with permanent asphalt cushions. This could be done this financial year but TC has suggested waiting until the April holidays to minimise the disruption to the primary school. I'll get the Technician in charge of the project to inform you when a date has been agreed upon.

We no longer have a separate budget for vehicle-activated signs. Any request for new VAS gets added to our list of future road safety projects, then assessed and ranked. This technically-based list is discussed with the Local Elected Members at our regular Ward meetings to agree the community priorities and establish the programme of work.”

10) MACDT UPDATE.

Bob Ellis gave an update on MACDT activities, supported by Ali Napier, and a copy of his report is attached to these minutes

11) AOCB.

- a) **Noisy Drain Covers.** Noisy drain covers on the Coupar Angus Road outside of Hydrabad had been replaced.
- b) **Roadside Cleaning.** Recent sightings of the road-side sweeper were welcomed.
- c) **Meigle Road Signs.** Advice received from PKC Roads Team that the signs will be attended to next week.,
- d) **Ardler VAS Sign.** Please see above. CS advised that this will be included in the future list presented to councillors.
- e) **Oakview.** The background of this issue was shared with community councillors and a later advice received that the windows had been closed, and the tape will be removed. There is no evidence of squatters.
- f) **Meeting Agenda.** SB asked if the monthly agenda needed to include items where there is no update. Following discussion, it was agreed that items with an impact on our villages should continue to be included, but this will be kept under review.
- g) **Community Councillor Interests.** SB asked that we update the list of community councillor interests and BS agreed to do this on receipt of information from community councillors.
- h) **Treeback Road repairs.** KM asked if we had received an update from the PKC Legal Team in response to the letter received from local farmers that we had received to our request for them to effect repairs to the road. BS confirmed that he had hastened a reply.
- i) **Pavement Raising Forfar Road.** Wattie Fraser confirmed that this work had stated today.
- j) **Dundee Road Cut Out Sign.** BS confirmed that the damaged sign will be replaced.

The date of the next Meeting Monday 10th of February 2025 in the Kinloch Memorial Hall Meigle at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Appendix 1. Treasurers Report 09.12.2024.

Date	PAYEE	ADMIN	GENERAL	AED	COST OF LIVNG	SPEEDWATCH	BALANCE
09.12.2024	Opening Balance	£732.10	£622.76	£1156.44	£130.00	£200.16	£2841.46
13.01.2025	Closing Balance	£732.10	£622.76	£1156.44	£130.00	£200.16	£2841.46

Appendix 2 MACDT Report.

The Trust is now moving forward with the Community Shed, with all the relevant paperwork signed, sealed and delivered with SOEC. There is a fair amount of work to be done, which will be started this month. We do though have electricity as Ali intimated. We also have a building that will be used for our resilience equipment, which is very handy.

Work on the Meigle to Ardler Trail (MACTRAIL) can now be started as it has now been confirmed who owns the piece of land where the old signal box was situated and as a result, we have permission to proceed. This work includes some ground work, cutting back, taking away sleepers and repairing the roof. Like the Community Shed, we aim to get started as soon as possible.

The Trust as you are aware owns some tracts of land in Meigle and the aim now is to have a schedule for grass cutting and maintenance throughout the growing season.

The Open meeting with other organisations, which was planned last month unfortunately had to be postponed but we now plan to hold it in February. The format will be that all organisations will speak first and they will outline their plans for the year ahead and then during refreshments, questions can be asked.

The Trust's Community Connector, Clare has now left as her year's contract has come to an end. Clare did a really good job in getting our many projects up and running and we wish her well. We have now advertised for a new Community Connector as we would like to work with the communities a lot more.

Finally, my term as Chairperson is coming to an end and Ali Napier will take over the reins. It has been a pleasure for me to have been in this post and being able to come to the Community Council to give a report.