

Meigle and Ardler Community Council.

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting and AGM held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle on Monday 14th October 2024 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT.

Rae Taylor Chairperson (RT), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Edith Christie (EC), Tanja Waaser (TW), Kenny Archer (KA), Steve Bailey (SB) .

IN ATTENDANCE.

6 members of the public.

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS).

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).

APOLOGIES.

Mark Churches (MC).

Kenneth Mitchell (KM).

Karen Barton (KB).

PC Ryan Tarbet (RTa).

1) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES.

RT welcomed all attendees and noted the apologies.

2) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

RT confirmed that as this was an AGM he would present his annual report, a copy of which is attached as appendix 1 to these minutes. He advised that he would be standing down as chairperson following the election of the new Chair. The nominations with seconders for Chair were received for Steve Bailey and Tanja Waaser and Steve Bailey was elected from the vote of Community Councillors. Steve Bailey then took over chairing the meeting. Nominations with seconders for Vice Chair were received for Rae Taylor and Tanja Waaser and Rae Taylor was elected from the vote of Community Councillors.

The following positions were elected unopposed:

Secretary Barrie Starck.

Treasurer Edith Christie.

Other Appointments:

Minutes Secretary Jacqueline Starck.

GDPR Representative. Rae Taylor.

3) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

4) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT.

CS advised that PKC were currently in recess. He confirmed that The Community Investment Fund applications had closed, and 14 applications had been received totalling £68K from a budget of £35K. Evaluation resulted in allocation of the £35K to 10 of the applications who would be notified in due course.

The Road Safety Team had met to agree the introduction of 20mph limits.

He further advised that PKC was implementing the Scottish Government edict of not parking on pavements. A softly, softly approach would be initially adopted but from 7th of November Parking Wardens would be issuing penalty notices. Very few exemptions had been approved with none in Meigle and Ardlar. CS confirmed that initial 2025 budget negotiations would commence next week. He advised that agreement had been reached to offer time expired fleet mini busses to local communities where they can be effectively utilized. They will be offered in road worthy condition with six-month road tax and availability advertised soon.

HA advised that money is extremely tight, and closure of libraries is being considered. Pressure on services increases and a 40-house development for Coupar Angus had been refused by PKC planners.

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS advised that he had received 73 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:

6) TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer advised there were no items of expenditure in the current period and a statement is attached as Appendix 1 of these minutes. She presented the audited annual accounts prepared for PKC which were approved and signed to be sent by the secretary to PKC.

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 Ardlar. No issues reported to the secretary from the Commander's weekly report.

A report was received from PC Ryan Tarbet which is attached as Appendix 3 to these minutes and recorded 12 calls from the Meigle and Ardler area with two reported crimes recorded in police records.

9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

No current updates apart from the provision of additional signage at the entrances to Strathmore Place, directing site traffic not to use the cut through to Forfar Road.

10) PARKING IN THE SQUARE AND GLEBEWAY.

Adoption of the Square. Councillor Stewart advised that his office had still to arrange a meeting with PKC officers to discuss funding. TW queried why this item continues to be minuted, with no progress being made. CS advised that PKC would not normally finance adoption of private roads, however he was hoping to get a solution as a result of out of the box thinking. A member of the public raised the issue of EV Charging points which BS confirmed had been part of a previous discussion with PKC Officers to be included in this project. CS agreed to follow up on this. Following discussion, it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda until CS had an update on this project.

GlebeWAY Parking. CS is still endeavouring to have this project included in the Housing Budget for the next financial year. KA advised that vehicles parked in this area had removal notices placed on them by PKC, and the vehicles had been removed.

11) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE. CTRLR MITIGATION MEASURES.

BS read out a letter from Daryl McKeown following the recent public consultation which had received a good attendance and favourable support for the proposals. He asked for a decision on phasing the mitigation works. Either:

- 1) To initially install ramps only and monitor subsequent speeds and then install speed cushions, if no speed reduction results.
- 2) Install ramps and speed cushions at the same time.

Following discussion, it was agreed to support option 1 but to establish whether the cost of installing speed cushions at a later date, could be ring fenced.

A member of the public raised the issue of near accidents at the pelican crossing and it was agreed that we ask for an improvement in signage to highlight the location.

General signage is to be standardised across the A94 as part of this project.

12) MACDT UPDATE.

Bob Ellis updated the meeting on MACDT issues, and a copy of his report is attached to these minutes as appendix 4.

13) AOCB.

- a) **Cycle Cage,** BE raised an issue raised by an Ardler resident asking for a bicycle cage in the Square. It was felt that current provision of bicycle racks was sufficient.

- b) Treeback from Coupar Angus Road.** Email discussion continues with the farmers who own land bordering Treeback. BS has forwarded them an email form the Greenspace team suggesting we obtain costs for the required work and apportion a share in relation to the frontages. KA suggested an onsite meeting with the farmers involving KM.
- c) Cricket Club Defibrillator.** KA advised that he is awaiting a response from the cricket club on the provision on an additional defibrillator.
- d) Cricket Club Rabbit Scarers.** KA advised that these had been removed for the winter period.
- e) Noisy Drain Covers.** Noisy drain covers on the Coupar Angus Road outside of Hydrabad had been reported to PKC
- f) Bus Shelters in the Square.** Real time bus information has now been reactivated. Damage to the other bus shelter has been reported and repair awaited.
- g) LDP 3.** It was agreed that we should record a request for a Meigle bypass to Dante Souza as part of the LDP 3 consultation.
- h) Community Council owned equipment.** TW asked if there was a register for this. KA agreed to share with her the list of property stored in the Kinloch Memorial Hall.
BS invited KA to take the equipment he has in his garage and will follow this up with him.

Suggested date of the next Meeting Monday 11th November 2024 in the Kinloch Memorial Hall Meigle at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 20.38 hrs.

Appendix 1 Chairman's Annual Report

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEIGLE AND ARDLER COMMUNITY COUNCIL – 14 OCTOBER 2024

In some ways 2023/24 seems to have been a relatively quiet year for the Community Council, though in other ways a lot has happened, especially with regard to the Forfar Road Development. In terms of composition, the only change has been the co-option of Mark Churches onto the Community Council in November last year.

Our community policeman, Robbie Blackwell, was replaced by Ryan Tarbet. Robbie was a frequent attendee to our meetings. He initiated the "Coffee with a Cop" drop-in sessions in the Church Hall, which appear to have been very much appreciated by those who have attended, and he also arranged an informal information sharing meeting on

managing the threat from scams. We thank Robbie for his efforts and wish him well for the future and, of course, welcome Ryan as our new Police Scotland representative.

As expected, the Campion Homes development on the Forfar Road was approved by the Planning Committee of the Council. I fully understand that new housing is urgently required but, like many others, I believe that it is too large a development for such a small community. I also feel that many of the issues raised by the Community Council and residents were not appropriately addressed, denying the village some of the opportunities to benefit from the development. There remain outstanding issues which, though written into the approved proposal, do not appear to be being addressed by the developers, nor being pursued by the Council to ensure that the plans are implemented as agreed. However, I fully expect the Community Council to continue to monitor, report and campaign to provide the best outcome for the village, including the new residents who will come to live in the new homes.

Another major change for the village will be the impact of the new Cross-Tay Road Link and consultation is underway on how the expected increased levels of traffic through the village will be managed with the Council holding a session in the church hall just on Thursday past to share information and gather the views of Meigle residents.

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. This has not been helped by the increasingly tight financial constraints on the Council but we have seen some street cleaning and clearing of gullies which, though insufficient in most peoples' view, I doubt would have happened at all without the relentless chasing by our Secretary. Following pressure from the community Council, the year has also seen Perth & Kinross Council upgrading of the pavement on the Ardler Road opposite the Cricket Club. We have also had progress on the installation of the benches, a seemingly simple operation which has been delayed by the many and varied complications which have arisen since their purchase by the Community Council.

I would, of course, 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 and those 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

14 October 2024

Appendix 2. Treasurers Report 09.09.2024 – 14.10.2024

Date	PAYEE	ADMIN	GENERAL	AED	COST OF LIVNG	SPEEDWATCH	BALANCE
09.09.2024	Opening Balance	£332.81	£622.76	£1156.44	£130.00	£200.16	£2442.17
14.10.2024	Closing Balance	£332.81	£622.76	£1156.44	£130.00	£200.16	£2442.17

Appendix 3. Police Report from PC Ryan Tarbet.

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Community Council Meeting.

Meigle & Ardler, Perth & Kinross

September 2024

Please see a list of local incidents which are worthy of note and their results in the month of September.

Should you have any questions, or any issues you wish to address, please feel free to contact myself via email or by calling 101 and asking for PC Ryan Tarbet D1744 and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Crimes of Note – September 2024

N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A

Roads Policing

Roads Policing (RPU) officers carry out regular patrols in the Meigle (and surrounding) areas and where possible will carry out speeding checks. There have been no specific incidents of speeding reported to Police Scotland in the month of September.

Unfortunately, I've not yet received a report from the Camera Safety Unit with regards to their speed checks from the month of August or September. **OFFICIAL**

PC Tarbet's Comments

During the month of September, there were 12 calls to Police Scotland from the Meigle and Ardler area and 2 crimes recorded on Police systems.

Appendix 4 MACDT Update.

Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust Report

1. Ardler Village Hall Project

On the 25th August, a summer fete was held on the Ardler Village Hall site, now known as Ardler Green. It was very successful and well attended despite the drizzle late on. The purpose of the event was to explain what our project was about in putting together a planning application for a substantial wooden gazebo and this was well received. We have now engaged with an architect who is drawing up plans and they will then be submitted to Perth & Kinross Council.

2. Community Shed

It has been a long time coming but at long last Dundee City Council, although we had a verbal agreement with them, we needed a written agreement with them to enable us to proceed with the Community Shed. This obviously included the Board of SOEC and their solicitors. We can now progress with this important project for the benefit of residents of all ages and sexes with the communities of Meigle and Ardler.

3. Meigle Bowling Green

This project is very important to the residents of Meigle and rightly so many questions have been asked of the Trust how this is going. We have engaged with an architect and we are looking at a funding package to be able to do some remedial work on the listed pavilion. We know that this will be quite a lengthy process, but we are committed to do our utmost to put it back to its former glory.

4. Outside Green Areas

With the acquisition of the Bowling Green, came quite a bit of land such as the Hospital Corner. We understand that it is very overgrown as are some of the other bits of land. You will now have seen that work has commenced in tidying up and we are looking at putting a programme together to look at paths and other green areas that are under our ownership and keeping them in good condition.

5. Question and Answer Session

During late November, the Trust is hosting a question and answer session in Kinloch Hall. The purpose of this event is to put our plans to the residents of Meigle and Ardler for the next year or so. We have been aware that some people have aired their thoughts about what they have heard but not seen any movement. So it was felt that we should do something about it hence this open invitation. The Trust also felt that this would be a good opportunity for other local groups, such as

the Community Council to join us in this event. We are a smallish community and it would be good to be seen to be working together for the benefit of all.

Kind regards

Bob Ellis