

# **Meigle and Ardler Community Council**

Approved minutes of the Meigle and Ardler Community Council meeting held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall, Meigle on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.00pm.

## **PRESENT.**

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

## **IN ATTENDANCE.**

8 members of the public.

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS).

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).

Kristian Smith (KS) PKC Service Manager for Planning and Building Standards.

## **APOLOGIES.**

Rae Taylor.

Steve Bailey.

Tanja Waaser.

PC Robbie Blackhall.

PC Ryan Tarbet.

Bob Ellis MACDT.

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

KA welcomed the attendees and noted the apologies. He advised that Kristian Smith, (KS) (Service Manager for Planning and Building Standards) was available to answer questions on the approved planning application for the Forfar Road development. A series of questions followed from community councillors and members of the public covering the following issues on which KS advised the position of the PKC Planning Department.

KS further advised that the PKC Planning team would be offering training sessions to community councils in the future so that there would be a greater understanding of the process.

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

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

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

CS advised that a meeting is taking place this week of the Finance Resources Committee where it is expected that a new policy will be agreed on the disposal of redundant mini-

buses. Previously these were sent to auction but could be offered to community groups for their use.

Delivery of Public Transport is also under discussion with some rural groups undertaking this and offering an improved service to that provided by Stagecoach. Peter Menzies asked if this could be extended to the disposal of redundant grass cutting equipment and CS undertook to investigate this.

At a recent meeting of the Road Safety Group the A94 mitigation was discussed, and the team are finalising and costing plans for implementation. Daryl and his team will revisit locations to consult the public on what is planned for each village. An initial visit to Coupar Angus has yet to take place.

HA advised that the ring-fenced amount of £80K will not be sufficient to pay for the mitigation recommendations and that there is no provision in the CTRLR budget to cover this. BS asked if there was a funding source for this and CS advised it will be explored by councillors. HA confirmed that work would need to commence in the Autumn to be in place in advance of the CTRLR opening in Spring 2025. BS confirmed that Daryl had advised us that Meigle would be first on the list for mitigation implementation.

HA further advised that upgrade of the overhead power line from Alyth to Tealing was the subject of a recent meeting. These will be fitted to existing pylons which will be refurbished where necessary, but the project is probably 2 years away.

CS confirmed that he had recommended that the liaison team which had previously been involved with the Alyth Substation Project be recalled for this project.

CS advised that the planned private provision of a battery storage plant adjacent to the Alyth Sub Station had raised questions into the necessary infrastructure "security" of the substation site. He had raised this as an issue with the Network Planning Team.

HA advised that community councils were raising concerns over the lack of grass cutting across PKC resulting in blind spots at road junctions.

HA advised that funding for the Countryside Trust will from July this year be 50% allocated to councils direct, with expenditure required to be completed by March next year. He said that this is an extremely tight time-line.

Peter Menzies asked CS if improvement could be made to the footpath from Alyth Corner up to Washie Brae as this is extremely narrow and is unsuitable for pedestrian use. CS indicated that he would look into this.

## **5) SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

BS advised that he had received 70 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) **Street Cleaning Meigle and Ardler.** No change in service level. BS read out the letter rejecting our stage 2 complaint and it was agreed that he investigate taking the complaint to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman. BS asked CS

and HA if they could have any further input on this issue, but CS advised that their Code of Conduct precluded them from raising manpower issues.

- b) Gullies.** BS advised that gully work in the Square is programmed to commence on 8<sup>th</sup> July and raising the pavement at the top entrance to Smiddy Lane on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Gully cleaning across the A94 is currently being undertaken. KB asked if we could receive advance notice of when gully cleaning is taking place so that we ask motorists to move vehicles which are blocking access to a gully. BS will contact Willie Mahoney on this.

### **c) 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 confirmed the receipt of a donation from Doris Scott of £150 for the defibrillator fund. This was gratefully received.

### **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.

A report was received from PC Ryan Tarbet which is attached as Appendix 2 to these minutes.

BS confirmed that the Coffee with a Cop meeting had taken place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June in Meigle Church Hall with both PC Tarbet, PC Blackhall and 8 members of the public in attendance. Ryan and Robbie explained that they will be working closely together in their respective adjoining areas. On speeding issues, they confirmed that Polce Scotland had notified councils in Scotland that they would not be enforcing 20mph speed limits. An incident occurred recently where an electric scooter rider concerned a member of the village who had reported the issue to the police. PM captured video of this individual on the Dundee Road and this was reported to Ryan Tarbet. He confirmed the use of the scooter on the road is prohibited and asked if anyone has knowledge of this individual to pass the information on to the Police

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

No current update apart from the issues raised with Kristian Smith above.

## 10) PARKING IN THE SQUARE AND GLEBEWAY.

**Adoption of the Square.** Councillor Stewart advised he has arranged a meeting with PKC officers to discuss funding. In addition, he is enquiring as to whether BAMF, who are completing the CTRL project, may be able to offer support for this from their Community Benefit Fund.

**Glebeeway Parking.** CS is still endeavouring to have this project included in the Housing Budget for the current financial year and will be meeting with the Head of Service to push for this. He has also asked if this could be included with the programmed works being undertaken on the adjacent footpath along the Ardler Road.

## 11) BENCHES IN MEIGLE.

Work to commence in Glebe Drive on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 by Pride in Meigle 2015.

## 12) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE.

Advice included in PKC Councillors reports above.

BS has written to Daryl to ask when the bollard at the lower cut out will be replaced with one with a greater level of reflectivity.

## 14) MACDT UPDATE.

Bob Ellis was unavailable due to a prior commitment and no update report has been provided.

## 15) AOCB.

- a) **Contamination of Forfar Road.** SEPA advised that they are still investigating this issue but cannot provide public information on action they are taking,
- b) **“Witches Hat” Meigle Burn.** BS has sent a further reminder to Scottish water to request an onsite meeting to look at this.
- c) **Gullies Forfar Road.** In the process of being cleaned.
- d) **Pothole by Community Garden.** Councillor Stewart advised that Willie Mahoney has undertaken to have a repair completed.
- e) **Post office Closure Meigle.** BS wrote to the Post Office but received no response. He has subsequently raised a complaint and is awaiting a reply.
- f) **Village Signage.** BS wrote to Willie Mahoney on this issue and received advice that signs across the entrances to Meigle will be repositioned in due course.
- g) **Treeback from Coupar Angus Road.** KM advised that this stretch of Treeback has been damaged by agricultural vehicles belonging to George McLaren and Geoff Bruce. He will provide the email address for the former and BS will email them to ask for repairs to be affected.
- h) **Speed Cushion Movement.** KB advised that a speed cushion on the Dundee Road had moved, BS confirmed that he had reported this to PKC and sent a reminder.
- i) **Pathway along Belmont estate wall – Dundee Road.** BS advised that he had requested PKC Greenspace to weed spray this pathway which they had done in the past.

- j) **Bus Shelter real time information.** MC reported that the real time information screen in the bus shelter at the Kinloch Hotel has not functioned for a couple of months. A member of the public said that he had reported this to PKC. BS will chase this repair.
- k) **HGV Vehicle in Strathmore Place.** Peter Menzies had identified an HGV vehicle using Strathmore Place. The use of this cut through needs to be considered with the mitigation issues currently under consideration.
- l) **Movement of 20mph signage in Ardler.** EC asked CS for an update on the movement of the 20mph signage in Ardler. He confirmed this was on the list of projects from Daryl and he undertook to obtain an indication as to when this will be moved.
- m) **Begging in Meigle.** Marianne Kaufmann asked for it to be recorded that in May, two youths were begging outside the Spar shop.

**Due to the non-availability of a number of community councillors it was unanimously agreed that the next meeting will be held in the Kinloch Memorial Hall in Meigle on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 19.00 hrs.**

**The meeting closed at 20.45 hrs.**

#### **Appendix 1. Treasurers Report 12.03.2024 - 08.04.2024.**

Date	PAYEE	ADMIN	GENERAL	AED	COST OF LIVNG	SPEEDWATCH	BALANCE
09.042024	Opening Balance	£696.30	£622.76	£1006.44	£130.00	£200.16	£2655.66
04.06.2024	Fund Raiser			£150.00			£2805.66
	Closing Balance	£696.30	£622.76	£1156.44	£130.00	£200.16	£2805.66

#### **Appendix 2. Police Report from PC Ryan Tarbet.**

## **Community Council Meeting.**

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Please see a list of local incidents which are worthy of note and their results since the last meeting.

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 - May 2024

17/05/24 – 18/05/24

Theft by Housebreaking –  
Scottish Outdoor Education  
Centre, Meigle

Quantity of confectionary  
and alcohol stolen from the  
centre. Enquiries on-going  
to identify the suspect(s).

## 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 May.

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

## PC Tarbet's Comments

During the month of May there were 14 calls to Police Scotland from the Meigle area and 1 crime recorded on Police systems.

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend tonight's meeting. Hopefully as few of you have seen Robbie and I out in the village and at a few of the community events over the past month.

*Blairgowrie Police Office, Ericht Lane, Blairgowrie, PH10 6AH Tel: 101*