

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 September 2024 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT.

Rae Taylor (RT), Kenny Archer (KA), Barrie Starck (BS), Jacqueline Starck (JS), Karen Barton (KB), Mark Churches (MC), Edith Christie (EC), Stephen Bailey (SB).

IN ATTENDANCE.

14 members of the public.

Councillor Colin Stewart (CS).

Councillor Hugh Anderson (HA).

APOLOGIES.

PC Ryan Tarbet.

Bob Ellis MACDT.

Kenneth Mitchell

Tanja Waaser

1) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES.

RT welcomed the attendees and noted the apologies. He introduced Sarah Auld and Alistair McCleod from the Greenspace Team who were here to explain PKC policy on the introduction of Community Orchards.

2) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

4) PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILLORS REPORT.

HA advised that PKC now had limited capacity to cut grass areas. Pullar House has areas of under occupation and future alternative use is being reviewed.

A project has been approved to build a new swimming pool at a cost of circa £90m which will not include ancillary activity areas. This has been the subject of public criticism and CS will share a link to enable the public to comment on this issue. Funding to PKC from the Scottish Government and Sustrans had been delayed which will hamper expenditure in the current financial year. There has been a great restriction on capital spend projects. Chemical use maintenance is restricted in public areas due to banned weed killing products.

Peter Menzies (PM) suggested that there appeared to be no overall plan for the development of Perth City and that everything was being done piecemeal. This needs greater thought and planning. HA advised that he will forward a link to a document, which does include a comprehensive plan. This will be shared with our community. CS advised that the Community Investment Fund had closed, and applications would be considered in early October.

At the Road Safety meeting last week there was a special briefing on pavement parking restrictions which will be implemented in October/November 2024. Enforcement will be completed by current parking staff. Some exemption areas may be introduced for safety reasons.

20mph limits will be introduced next year on all urban non trunk roads. BS advised that Police Scotland had indicated they would not enforce the speed limits on these minor roads. However, CS suggested that research had suggested that such restrictions did reduce speeding levels.

The Climate Change and Sustainability Committee had obtained agreement to change the winter support level to an all-year abnormal weather response level in light of climate change.

Answering an earlier question from a resident he advised that the building opposite the council buildings on the High Street, which is grade listed, had been offered to a developer to renovate for use as a hotel with a financial input of £1.8m from PKC. When the work is completed, the building would then be handed over to the developer. Current maintenance costs are circa £200k per year.

On the swimming pool decision CS suggested that attendees take the opportunity to view the PKC U tube Part 2 meeting record of 4.09.2024 and if they wish to sign the petition at the following link. [Petition · Urge Perth & Kinross Council to build an ambitious PH2O facility - Perth, United Kingdom · Change.org](#)

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BS advised that he had received 139 pieces of external correspondence during the two-month break, which had been shared with Community Council members as appropriate. He further updated member of the public on an issue previously raised under AOCB:

- a) **Gullies.** BS advised that gully work in the Square programmed to commence on 8th July and raising the pavement at the top entrance to Smiddy Lane on 15th August were delayed due to manpower issues. This has now been re-scheduled to 7th November and 14th October respectively. CS advised that he had visited the Flour location during recent heavy rain and gullies were flowing and there was no sign of flooding. MC suggested that with leaf fall shortly this could change.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer advised there were several items of expenditure in the current period and a statement is attached as Appendix 1 of these minutes.

7) PLANNING ISSUES MEIGLE AND ARDLER.

Meigle: No Planning Application.

Ardler: No Planning Application.

Meigle: Approvals None.

Ardler: Approvals None.

BS advised that approval had been given to build a replacement chicken processing plant in Coupar Angus. CS advised however that this decision had been challenged by SEPA so has now been referred to the Scottish Government to decide on whether the project will progress.

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.

9) FORFAR ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

Advice had been received that works were being undertaken at the Forfar Road development site. BS wrote to Campion Homes who confirmed that the Section 75 Agreement with PKC had been concluded and is being submitted to the Registers, which will in turn permit the granting of planning permission and construction works will then commence. Our query on the availability of the Archaeological Report was answered that this was currently with PKC Heritage Trust who CS advised are contracted by PKC planners to act as archaeological advisors. An issue with employee parking has been resolved.

10) PARKING IN THE SQUARE AND GLEBEWAY.

Adoption of the Square. Councillor Stewart advised that bringing together the players who control different budgets is proving difficult. He will give this fresh impetus in the immediate future.

Glebeway Parking. CS had spoken to the team installing a footpath along the Ardler road with a view to them completing the carpark work at the same time. As this did not happen, he will follow up on the issue.

11) BENCHES IN MEIGLE.

BS suggested that the last bench in our possession be installed at the top edge of the new Meigle cemetery. This work would be undertaken by Pride in Meigle 2015. Verbal approval for this had been received from the PKC Greenspace Team and this would be obtained in writing. This proposal was unanimously approved.

12) TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES MEIGLE.

Daryl McKeown had emailed us proposed plans for traffic calming measures in Meigle and this information had also been posted to Meigle residents. BS has requested from him suggested dates for a public consultation meeting to be held in the Meigle Church Hall from 4.00 to 7.00pm on a Thursday or Friday when the hall is not booked. Following the meeting it is expected that costings along with those for similar projects along the A94 will be summarised and funding sought for implementation.

13) PROPOSED COMMUNITY ORCHARD.

Sarah Auld and Alistair McCleod were in attendance to answer questions on the proposed siting of a community orchard on three area of "The Glebe " estate. This is a project initiated by Pride in Meigle 2015 (PIM2015) following discussion with the PKC Greenspace Team. The provision of suitable trees would be funded by PKC with maintenance undertaken by PIM 2015.

The site is PKC land, owned by PKC which is a current condition of the funding of the fruit tree provision. The grassed area would continue to be cut by PKC. Residents of the area posed a series of questions and expressed their concerns of such a provision which they confirmed would not be welcome to the immediate residents. Pictorial examples of other orchards in Perthshire in a state of neglect were shared. Alternate sites were tabled for consideration, but these were independently owned and clarification would be requires as to the ability to fund the provision of trees which would not be installed on council land. A decision will not be taken until the closure of the current public consultation which has a couple of weeks to run.

The PKC team agreed to ascertain if the views of nearby residents. would carry extra weighting compared to the views of other village residents. They would also clarify whether funding would be available to sites other than council owned

14) MACDT UPDATE.

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

15) AOCB.

a) KA suggested thought be given to a more joined up approach to projects in the village from the various groups. PM noted that Pride in Meigle 2015 completes its' projects.

b) KB asked if we could make representation regarding the last bus service from Blairgowrie on a Saturday, which terminates in Alyth. BS action Point.

c) BS had shared with community councillors an email from PKC inviting comment on the approach to consultation and engagement concerning Local Development Plan 3. We held open public consultation meetings at an early stage with PKC researchers who had taken away the views of our community. When the LDP 3 stages of planning are made public for comment we will respond.

RT, who had led on this process was sceptical as to the validity of public comment in this process.

d) BS asked if we should discuss the defibrillator at the Spar Shop. RT indicated 3 recent occasions when the defibrillator at the Spar Shop had been accessed. The provision of spare pads was discussed but no consensus was achieved. A option would be the purchase of a second piece of equipment and KA suggested he will speak to the Cricket Club about this.

e) BS advised that there is open correspondence with local farmers on the maintenance of Treeback coming from the Coupar Angus Road.

f) BS has been chasing PKC about the repair to real time bus information in the Square, bus shelter but has received no response from Moray Fraser. CS agreed to establish if he is still a PKC employee.

g) BS advised that we had received an anonymous email form a resident concerning some form of alarm system in Victory Park which has adverse effect on his two-year old child which prevents them from using the play area. KA undertook to investigate this.

h) Melanie Menzies asked if we could speak with MACDT about the condition of the listed Pavilion at the bowling club. BS advised that he had passed to them the details of the Architectural engineer who had provided advice to PIM 2015 in the past,

i) PM raised an earlier issue which had not been recorded concerning the footpath from Washie Brae to Meigle. CS advised that footpaths were being reestablished on a piecemeal basis and undertook to find out where we are on the list pf this project.

j) Walter Fraser asked if any action had been taken over contamination at the Forfar Road Garage as farmer McLaren had advised him that he had cleared drainage on the site. BS will follow up with SEPA.

k) Ron McNiven had reported a noisy drain cover to PKC, but no action has been taken to date. BS undertook to chase this.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next meeting which will include an AGM will take place on Monday 14th of October commencing at 7.00pm

Appendix 1. Treasurers Report 10.06 – 09.09.2024.

Date	PAYEE	ADMIN	GENERAL	AED	COST OF LIVNG	SPEEDWATCH	BALANCE
10.06.2024	Opening Balance	£696.30	£622.76	£1156.44	£130.00	£200.16	£2805.66

11.06.2024	B Starck Stationery	£113.49					
20.06.2024	Kinloch Memorial Hall rent Sept23-June24	£250.00					
Closing Balance		£332.81	£622.76	£1156.44	£130.00	£200.16	£2442.16

Appendix 2 PC Tarbet Police Report.

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

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 –

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21/08/24 – 22/08/24	Theft by Opening Lockfast Motor Vehicle – Mains of Camno	Theft of tools reported. Enquiries still currently on-going.
21/08/24 – 22/08/24	Theft from Motor Vehicle – Mill of Camno	Theft of tools reported. Enquiries complete, no suspect(s) identified.
21/08/24 – 22/08/24	Theft from Motor Vehicle – Franklin Street, Ardler	Theft of a wallet from insecure vehicle. Property found and returned to owner. No suspect(s) currently identified.

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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 August.

Unfortunately, I've not yet received a report from the Camera Safety Unit with regards to their speed checks from the month of August. Please see the below update from the month of July;

PKC A94 – Balmyle x 1 offence detected in the early evening. 1 x LGV –registered to Perthshire.

PKC A94 – Longleys x 2 offences both detected in the morning. 2 x LGV registered to Scotland.

PC Tarbet's Comments

During the month of August, there were 9 calls to Police Scotland from the Meigle and Ardler area and 4 crimes recorded on Police systems. I would urge residents to keep their properties, outbuildings, garages, vehicles etc. locked and secured at all times due to the crimes documented above. Criminals will often target rural locations with no overlooking properties, CCTV etc. where there is less chance of them being disturbed or caught.