



Case information

Case ID	300018602 & 300018572
File Reference	HGH/B/TC/279 & AMH/90213/16
Name of Site	Meigle Museum

Local Authority	Perth and Kinross Council		
National Grid Reference	NO 28722 44558		
Designation (if any)	Meigle Museum, symbol stones, cross slabs & Tombstones (scheduled monument 90213) Meigle Museum, Dundee Road, Meigle (Listed Building 18327)		
Designation Type	Listed Building Scheduled Monument	Current Category of Listing	A
Case Type	Listing amendment Scheduling removal		

Start Date	13/06/2016
Decision Date	18/01/2017

1. Decision

The decision is to remove the dual designation at this site.

Meigle Museum's designation as a scheduled monument will be removed as the nationally important carved stone collection is within a securely curated museum environment.

The Meigle Museum building continues to meet the criteria for listing. The statutory listing address and the listed building record will be amended. The category of listing will change from A to C.

2. Designation Background and Development Proposals

2.1 Designation Background

This building was listed at category A on 05/10/1971.

Meigle Museum, symbol stones, cross slabs and tombstones were scheduled on 20/11/1981.

2.2 Development Proposals

There are no known development proposals.

3. Assessment

3.1 Assessment information

This site has been considered as part of the Dual Designation project. This is a nationwide project to review structures which are both listed as buildings of special architectural or historic interest and scheduled as monuments of national importance. Where appropriate the 'dual designation' of structures is being removed and they are being listed or scheduled depending on their individual circumstances.

The site has not been visited by the Designations Team. The present assessment is desk-based, using available information and has included reference to Historic Scotland photographs from 2012, 2015 and 2016.

3.2 Assessment against designation criteria

A full assessment against the scheduling criteria has not taken place; the carved stone collection is of national importance and is within a securely curated environment. Scheduling is therefore not an appropriate mechanism to manage such a collection. The museum building is in use and its importance is appropriately recognised through its designation as a listed building.

An assessment against the listing criteria was carried out. The building was found to meet the criteria for listing. The category of listing will change from A to C. See **Annex A**.

The statutory listing address and the listed building record will be amended.

Current Statutory Address	Meigle Museum
Proposed Statutory address	Meigle Museum, Dundee Road, Meigle

The designation criteria are published in the Historic Environment Scotland policy statement June 2016, Annex 2, pp. 51-53.

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/planning-and-guidance/legislation-and-guidance/historic-environment-scotland-policy-statement/>

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ANNEX A – Assessment Against the Listing Criteria*

Meigle Museum, Dundee Road, Meigle

1. Description

A rectangular-plan, single storey, gabled former school room from 1844 which is now a museum. The building is squared red sandstone rubble with pinnings and has a base course. There are three large window openings to the north and south elevations and two window openings to the east (rear) elevation. The windows have raised cills and those to the south and east have hoodmoulding above. The west elevation has a central gabled porch with a Tudor-arched entrance to the south with boarded timber doors. There is a later timber ramp leading to the entrance.

The windows are timber sash and case with a 6-over 6-glazing pattern. The roof has grey slates and large skylight windows and there are two gable chimney stacks with no cans. There are shallow, ridged skewers to the building and the porch which have flat ends and projecting mouldings below.

There are rubble boundary walls to the north and south and a coped boundary wall to the west with railings.

2. Assessment Against the Listing Criteria (HES Policy Statement, 2016) Annex 2, pp. 51-52

Criteria for determining whether a building is of 'special architectural or historic interest' for listing under the terms of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 [www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1997/9/contents]

To be listed, a building need not meet all the listing criteria. The criteria provide a framework within which judgement is exercised in reaching individual decisions.

2.1 Age and Rarity

Meigle Museum was built in 1844 as the parish school for Meigle Parish (Gifford 2007). It is depicted on the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map, published in 1867 with the same footprint as now and is described in the New Statistical Account of 1834-45 as teaching 'the usual branches of education . . . , also Latin, Greek, geography and practical mathematics.' A new school was built in Meigle in 1876 following the 1872 Education (Scotland) Act and it is probable that Meigle Museum ceased to be a school at that time. The building houses a number of 8th and 9th century Pictish carved stones, the majority of which were found locally.

The 1696 Education Act established the principle of a school for every parish in Scotland. However, attendance was not compulsory. In the 18th and 19th century school buildings were typically of a domestic scale and of traditional construction, as here, as one or two rooms was adequate. The 1872 Education (Scotland) Act placed responsibility for education in the hands of locally elected school boards and

elementary education was made compulsory for all children aged 5 to 13. The boards were also responsible for providing adequate school buildings and there was a subsequent explosion in school building in Scotland. School buildings dating to before the 1872 Act and surviving in or near to their 19th century form are rare.

Dating to 1844, Meigle Museum has retained much of its 19th century form and setting and uses some traditional architectural features to for decorative effect. These are discussed in more detail below.

2.2 Architectural or Historic Interest

Interior

The interior was not seen and has not been taken into account in this assessment. However, photographs taken by Historic Scotland in 2012 show an open timber roof over a large open space housing museum artefacts. There are no apparent 19th century features remaining. See under 'Other Information' for further detail.

Plan form

The simple rectangular form with added porch is standard for a mid-19th century school building. It can be seen in Kellas, Dundee (LB 17460), for example. Many pre-1872 school buildings have had extensions added to their 19th century plan-form as their use has altered. Meigle Museum is unusual in retaining its 19th century form as depicted on the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map.

Technological excellence or innovation, material or design quality

Red sandstone is a standard building material in this area of Perthshire, which lies close to the Angus border. The builder has used a number of traditional techniques in the building for decorative effect which include the placing of small pinning stones between the squared rubble in a vertical row. Other techniques are the hoodmoulds above the windows, the Tudor-arched entrance and the ridged skews with long bases. These add a distinctive character to the building.

Setting

Meigle Museum is situated in the centre of the village and is set back from the road with the gable end facing the street. There are later houses to the immediate north and south. The building sits to the south of the Parish Church and is one of the surviving buildings from the 19th century village.

Regional variations

There are no known regional variations.

2.3 Close Historical Associations

There are no known associations with a person or event of national importance at present (2016).

3. Working with the Principles of Listing (HES Policy Statement, 2016) Annex 2, pp. 53

In choosing buildings within the above broad headings particular attention is paid to:

- a. *special value within building types*
- b. *contribution to an architecturally or historically interesting group*
- c. *the impact of a grouping of buildings*
- d. *authenticity*

When working with the principles of listing Meikle Museum has particular interest under a and d.

- a. The building is a pre-1872 school building with some decorative architectural features.
- d. Meikle Museum retains its mid-19th century plan form.

4. Summary of Assessment Against the Listing Criteria**

Meikle Museum is a former school building, dating to 1844, which has retained its traditional plan form and is part of the streetscape and history of the village of Meikle. Built in 1844, the building predates the sudden increase in school buildings following the 1872 Education (Scotland) Act and is rare in retaining its 19th century plan form. The building has some decorative features in its stonework, skews and hoodmoulding which give it a distinctive character.

In our current state of knowledge it continues to meet the criteria for listing

5. Category of Listing

Categories of listing are non-statutory and buildings are assigned a category (A, B or C) according to their relative importance following the assessment against the criteria for listing.

Category definitions are found at: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/listing-scheduling-and-designations/listed-buildings/what-is-listing/>

Category C buildings can be simple, traditional buildings which group well with others and are of local importance. The Meikle museum is a former mid 19th century school, built to a traditional plan-form and with some decorative detailing. It forms an important part of the core of the village and is of local importance. Category C is considered to be the most appropriate category.

6. Other Information

Meikle Museum houses a nationally important collection of early medieval sculpture. As a securely curated environment, it is no longer appropriate to retain the building

as a scheduled monument. The listing has been revised in 2016 to amend the statutory address and to reflect the interest of the building itself.

7. References

Canmore: <http://canmore.org.uk/> CANMORE ID 30837.

Maps

Ordnance Survey (Surveyed 1863, Published 1867) Perth and Clackmannan Perthshire Sheet LXIV.4. 25 Inches to the Mile, 1st Edition. Southampton: Ordnance Survey.

Printed Sources

Gifford, J. (2007) *Buildings of Scotland: Perth and Kinross*. London: Penguin Books. p.518.

New Statistical Account (1834-45) *Meikle, County of Perth*, Vol. 10. p.238.

* This assessment is based on our current state of knowledge and has been prepared for the purpose of consultation or to provide a view on the special interest of a building. This assessment is a consultation document and will form the basis of any new or updated listed building record should the structure be listed. The content of this assessment may change to take into account further information received as a result of the consultation process.

** A building may be found to meet the listing criteria but in some circumstances may not be added to the list. See 'When might Historic Environment Scotland list a building' at <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/listing-scheduling-and-designations/listed-buildings/what-is-listing/>