

## Chair's 2023-24 Report

Speeding continues to be a problem in all our villages. The 20mph limit down Newburgh Road and Burnside in Auchtermuchty is widely ignored and a long time ago there was a decision to install speed bumps but nothing has been done since. It is also disappointing to see that 20mph limits are to be introduced on main roads through several towns and villages in North East Fife but none in our area.

The Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund has got off the ground disappointingly slowly but as reported at our last meeting we should soon be seeing regular disbursements to worthwhile projects.

Flooding. It is just over a year since we experienced bad flooding in Auchtermuchty and then in December we had more flooding affecting Muchty, Dunshalt and Strathmiglo. As a result the Community Council set up a Resilience Group which has had regular meetings with Council officers, the Scottish Flood Forum and our neighbours at Falkland Flood Action group. Councillor Lothian has had a meeting with Council officers and representatives from Scottish Power and landowners to find a resolution to the flooding at the west end of Auchtermuchty High Road and extra flood pods have been installed in Muchty, Dunshalt and Strathmiglo. In addition Andrew MacNaughton and I have been attending meetings of the River Eden Sustainability Partnership which is addressing a wide range of issues concerning the river as well as flood management. It must be stressed however that this is a long term project whose results can only be expected years from now.

I have attended several online meetings of the Fife Community Council forum. This is an initiative started by community councils mainly in central and south Fife to address what they see as shortcomings in Fife Council's treatment of community councils. It is apparent to me that there are many differences in expectations and activities between different community councils and it does seem to me that few if any of their complaints affect us.

And finally...

The previous session of our community council agreed to produce a Local Place Plan. This has involved a lot of hard work in conjunction with the Auchtermuchty Community Trust, involving several of our community councillors and members of the Trust. There were consultations and surveys and public meetings and I would like to thank all who participated and contributed. The Place Plan was submitted to Fife Council back in June. It was returned for a couple of technicalities to be corrected and it has now been accepted and can be viewed on Fife Council's web site.

Our challenge now is to encourage and facilitate members of our communities to come forward and bring to fruition those wishes and aspirations expressed in the Plan.

As a consequence of this the Auchtermuchty Community Trust is making plans to change its name and its constitution to cover not just Auchtermuchty and Dunshalt but to include the whole of our community council area in order to assist any such projects. These changes will be discussed at its forthcoming AGM in Auchtermuchty Church at 7pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November to which everyone is invited.