

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 35th meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30pm on the 29th November 2022 via Zoom.

PRESENT: Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Ian MCCAULAY [Dunshalt], Andrew MCNAUGHTON [Gateside], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Derek THOMSON [Gateside], Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. Gary HOLT, Brian SLATTERY [ACT] & 6 members of the public

1.0 **Welcome and Apologies:** The Chair welcomed all those attending.

Apologies: ,Mathew MCDONALD [Dunshalt], Cllr. David MCDIARMID, Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

2.0 **Declarations of interest:** these will be made when appropriate.

3.0 **Police:**

3.1 Report has been circulated to members.

4.0 **Minutes of Meeting:** the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 31st October were accepted.

5.0 **Matters Arising:** the Chair will take items and individual community matters within the agenda.

6.0 **Other Business:**

6.1 Proposed Reediehills development: The applicant, Ms Paula Cowie, spoke to her application and was supported by her planning consultant, Joe Fitzpatrick, and the landowner, Dr John Fletcher. The application is for four “tiny houses” and after discussion the Council agreed to write to Fife Council’s planning service in support.

6.3 Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund; The chair had attended a Zoom meeting with Foundation Scotland and reported that there appeared to be a setback and confusion over timing with only £6k available soon and £250k available in May. The closing date for applications has been set to 24th February. The chair was unhappy at the lack of information and had asked to be present at the next meeting between Green Cat and Foundation Scotland. She had also asked for the £6k to be made available immediately for micro grants.

7.0 **Fife Council:**

7.2 **Dunshalt:**

7.2.1 Ferguson Trust vouchers have been issued to senior citizens.

7.2.2 Concern was expressed over speeding in Ladybank Road.

7.2.3 Concern was expressed over dog fouling.

7.2.4 Appreciation was expressed over the improved Dunshalt-Falkland pavement.

7.2.5 The village hall will be opened every couple of weeks as a warm place.

7.3 **Gateside:**

7.3.1 The first Toasty Tuesday has been held and it is hoped to repeat every week.

7.3.2 The Friday soup lunches continue to be held.

7.2.3 The hall was busy with many community events to be held over the festive season.

7.2.4 More work is being done on Station Road

7.3.5 It is to be hoped that the Cowiefaulds pavement A91 will be improved like the Dunshalt-Falkland pavement.

7.4 Strathmiglo

7.4.1 The Christmas Fair was held last Saturday but attendance was disappointing, this was thought to be due to the number of other, similar events.

7.4.2 The old age pensioners' lunch is to be held in December.

7.4.3 The warm hub at the Bowling Club has not yet started, neither has the lunch club.

7.4.4 The classical Christmas music concert on 17th December has sold out.

7.4.5 The Conservation group has held talks with Fife Coast & Countryside Trust about Strathmiglo becoming a biodiversity village. Hawthorn bushes and similar varieties have been obtained for planting by the Village Hall and an Open Day is to be held on 19th February.

7.4.6 Strath's Paths; the group is going from strength to strength. A technical advisor is advising on path surfaces.

7.1 Auchtermuchty

7.1.1 Funding applications have been made for running warm place hubs. Councillors were asked why the warm space grants were taking so long to distribute – Cllr Holt agreed to chase up.

7.1.2 The Community Association is advertised in Muchty Matters and it was suggested that the Community Council should also do so.

7.1.3 Concern was expressed about water running over the A91 at the entrance to Weddersbie Farm. Cllr Holt to pursue.

7.1.4 A suggestion has been received from a member of the public about the installation of traffic lights at the B936/A91 junction. Cllrs Lothian and Holt will investigate the possibility.

8.0 **OSP: none**

9.0 **Planning:**

Proposed Stratheden Place development; a new application has been lodged for a “temporary” access off the A91 Low Road. Concern was expressed as “temporary” appears to have no legal or planning definition and the Council is concerned that the land should be reinstated to its original state. The Secretary is to seek advice from Planning Aid Scotland and to express the Council's concerns to the Fife Council Planning Service.

10.0 **Correspondence:** the secretary has forwarded on to members all relevant correspondence received.

11.0 **AOCB; none**

12.0 **Date and venue of next meeting:**

Monday 30th January 2023 at 7.30pm. Via the Zoom conferencing facility.