

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 42nd meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30pm on the 28th August 2023 in Strathmiglo Public Hall.

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

ATTENDING: one member of the public

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: PC LOWE, PC HADDOW, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. Gary HOLT, Cllr. David MCDIARMID

2. Declarations of interest; these will be made when appropriate.

3.0 Police: Latest area report distributed. Speeding remains an issue with recent complaint made by residents concerning Sandygates in Strathmiglo particularly from the entrance to East Mill Court and the Cash Feus/A912 junction. This stretch of road includes a blind summit, hedging to one side and a bend in the road. There is already an electronic speed indicator on entering the village, that has little effect, residents feel that physical traffic calming measures are required to slow traffic. The Community Sergeant is to be replaced, no officer has yet been named.

4.0 Minutes of Meeting: the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th May were accepted.

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

6.0 Other Business:

6.1 Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund [BWTCF]; the Chair reported that details of those interested in becoming Directors have been passed on to GreenCat. Funds for this year have reached their limit, though an amount is being held in reserve for Abernethy area who have not made a claim, this money will be allocated if Abernethy do not do so. Applications can still be made, though may be held over to next year.

6.2 Micro-grant Scheme; the Community Council is in receipt of £1500 from Foundation Scotland to establish its Micro-grant Scheme discussed at previous meetings. Given the delays in obtaining these funds and this being the last meeting of the current Community Council, it was AGREED that the £1500 should be awarded to the only application currently with the Community Council, that being from the Auchtermuchty Community Trust [ACT], to put towards the cost of the formation of a Local Place Plan [LPP] for the area. The incoming Community Council would be free to apply for additional funding to continue the Micro-grant Scheme if they wish. It was also agreed that the running of the scheme so far had not been as the Council had originally intended and that in future publicity to potential community groups should be a priority with awards of monies seen as seed or start up funds. [It should be noted that a number of declarations of interest were made concerning this issue, with councillors being members and Trustees of the Steering Group working with the ACT in the formation of the LPP. It was felt that as no personal gain is to be made by the individuals that their participation in the decision making could be accepted]

6.3 Community Council elections; there are 5 application known to have been made to stand as councillors [there is a need for 6 for the council to be formed]. Applications need to be submitted by the 31st August, encouragement needs to be given to prospective members.

7.0 **Fife Council:**

7.1 **Strathmiglo**

- 7.1.1 Community Association; the Fun Day was successful and well attended.
- 7.1.2 Flood concerns; a local resident is concerned that build up in the River Eden at the Toll Bridge will again threaten their property. The area concerned has been cleared of silt and gravel in recent years but returns particularly when the river is in spate, a longer term solution is required. Any remedial works are likely to have an effect on other areas of the river and will need the involvement of bodies such as SEPA, Fife Council etc. B.Torrance will contact possible interested parties and recommend a meeting/site visit so that solutions may be discussed.
- 7.1.3 West Road re-wilding; following a dispute arising from the clearing of an area of grass alongside the west Road a meeting of interested parties was to be arranged, this has yet to occur. Locally a meeting was held where some compromise was attempted, the matter will be raised at the next Strathmiglo Community Association meeting.

7.2 **Auchtermuchty**

- 7.2.1 Stratheden Place; as the current system of house numbering prohibits the extension of Stratheden Place, a new name will be sought for the section.
- 7.2.2 Speed indicator; the speed indicator on Station Road had been repaired but it is again not working.

7.3 **Dunshalt**

- 7.3.1 Nethermyres bridge parapet; damaged some time ago repairs are scheduled to be carried out this winter.
- 7.3.2 Volunteer groups; a number of groups established to take on a variety of roles within the village are in the process of consolidation.
- 7.3.3 Play Park; a plan has been drawn up and grants for new equipment have been applied for.
- 7.3.4 Noise abatement; local concern has been voiced over noise levels of a successful African drumming group using the village hall. Ways of mitigating the sound levels are being explored.

7.4 **Gateside**

- 7.4.1 Community Association; a B&Q and Quiz Night were organised which went well and were well attended. Toasty Tuesday was restructured over the schools holidays but will return to normal as the schools go back, with Soup Friday going strong.
- 7.4.2 Local Place Plan meeting; the meeting took place in the Memorial Hall, there was good engagement with local residents.
- 7.4.3 Speed signage; the promised signage has still to be put in place.
- 7.4.4 Play Park Committee; a plan is being established with the group looking to be included in the list of projects that Fife Council would be interested in making grants towards. Contact with the Locality Manager was suggested as a good way forward.
- 7.4.5 Glenfarg Community Bus; the meeting was informed that the newly established community bus from Glenfarg to Kinross is to be extended to include Gateside and Strathmiglo for a trial period. The question of whether it was 'accessible' was raised.

8.0 **OSP:** the Secretary forwards all relevant information that he receives.

9.0 **Planning:** the Secretary emailed out a list of those applications in the area.

9.1 Strathmiglo, Railway Tavern; is seeking to extend opening hours to 10am to promote use as a cafe environment.

10.0 **Correspondence:** the secretary has forwarded on to members all relevant correspondence received. The Chair brought to the attention of members that concerning the 'Common Good' consultation and the Local Heat & Energy consultation.

11.0 **AOCB;**

11.1 1st Responders; a sufficient number of applications have been made to provide local cover, once training is complete the service will be up and running.

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

is scheduled to be held on Monday 30th October, in the Auchtermuchty Community Centre, 7.30p.m. This will be confirmed to newly appointed Community Councillors by Fife Council.