

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30 pm on the 26th August 2024 in Strathmiglo Public Hall.

PRESENT: Mark GIBSON [Auchtermuchty], Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN and 1 members of the public.

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

Apologies: Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Susan JACK [Gateside], Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt], Andrew MACNAUGHTON [Gateside], Cllr. Gary HOLT, Cllr. David MACDIARMID, PC's HADDOW and LOWE.

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

3.0 **Police:** it was noted that the latest police report had been circulated.

3.1 Officers attendance; it was noted that one of the many demands on officers time has again prevented their appearance at the meeting.

3.2 Vehicle causing obstruction; a white box van has been badly parked at the junction of the High Street and the West Back Dykes footpath for a number of weeks. A penalty notice has been attached to the screen but no further action has been taken. B. Torrance will pass information on to local officers.

3.3 Mournipea anti-social behaviour; abusive language and threats are being experienced by local residents, it was suggested that this was a gathering of youths from Auchtermuchty and Newburgh.

4.0 **Minutes of Meeting:** the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th June were accepted.

5.0 **Matters Arising:** not included in the agenda.

5.1 Glenfarg Bus Service; a representative will attend the next Community Council meeting [30th September in Auchtermuchty Community Centre].

5.2 Binn Wind Turbine Fund; A. Heer, A. Muirhead and B. Torrance will be taking part in the Good Practice for Micro-grants Zoom meeting taking place on the 29th August run by Foundation Scotland. The Treasurer is concerned at the on-going issue regarding the previous drawdown and the confusion as to how the Community Council stands and its delaying of the next drawdown award. A paper trail of decisions/statements made by Foundation Scotland will be made. S. Jack and A. Heer will attend an update meeting with other involved Community Council reps and Gavin Catto of Green Cat Renewables Ltd on 16th September at Binn Group offices. G. Simpson hoped that full figures and details concerning generation and export of electricity from the site and any 'switch-off' requests made will be made available.

6.0 **Other Business:**

6.1 Resilience Group [RG];

6.1.1 Flooding at Low Road High Road junction; agreement has been reached as to action that could be taken by land owners, Fife Council and Electricity board to prevent future problems.

6.1.2 The broken drain at the Auchtermuchty fire station has been added to Fife Council's high priority list.

6.1.3 Flood information leaflet; the aim is to have an online 'leaflet' that will put a local slant to

information put out by regional and national bodies. Being online it can be updated quickly and easily.

7.0 **Fife Council:**

7.1 **Strathmiglo**

7.1.1 Drains at West End; [Coton Road, Eden Bridge, Bankwell Crescent] A local resident pointed out that all the road gullies in the area have been blocked with mud/debris. The problem has been reported to Fife Council with no effect. A similar problem in Auchtermuchty was met with a more positive reaction when contact was made with members of the relevant department directly, it appears getting through the system is difficulty.

7.1.2 A912 blocked drain; despite being reported on a number of occasions [with photographs supplied] no action has been taken. After heavy rain the water can pond covering half the carriageway presenting a serious accident risk.

7.1.3 River Eden Day; the event run by the River Eden Sustainability Project and held in the Strathmiglo Public Hall on the 24th August was well attended and much appreciated by local residents.

7.1.4 High Street pot holes; a much reported road condition that Fife Council were reported to be monitoring regularly, is now forming holes that cover a small area but are sharp sided and up to 10cm in depth. These are occurring along the High Street with no obvious cause.

7.1.5 Bellfield A912; a large pot hole has formed on the south bound carriageway of the A912 on the corner just before Bellfield Court.

7.2 **Auchtermuchty**

7.2.1 Orchard Flat; speeding and careless driving has been reported as an issue in the area, this is not a 20mph area and is awaiting double yellow lines on the south side. Fife Transportation could be approached to see if they could offer possible solutions. [A similar issue is developing in the area of Stratheden Place] A low accident rate in the area may influence what works would be undertaken.

7.2.2 Low Road; the road condition, by the Low Road park, has deteriorated with a substantial area breaking up. Cllr. Lothian will have the area added to a list of similar issues being compiled.

7.3 **Dunshalt**

7.3.1 Speeding; continues to be an issue particularly at the south end of the village as the road narrows crossing the bridge.

7.3.2 Village Hall; refurbishment is nearing completion.

7.3.3 Play Park; work has begun.

7.3.4 Road markings; it was reported that a planned 'refresh' of road markings and signage is to be undertaken though attempts to have the pavement 'build-outs' extended has been unsuccessful.

7.4 **Gateside; none**

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

9.0 **Planning**

9.1 Latest lists; the Secretary has circulated a list of the latest applications in the CC's area.

Of note;

9.1.1 Strathmiglo Church; the possible change of use to a cafe and craft/gift shop has been met with a positive reaction locally.

9.1.2 Reediehill; the changes made appear sensible.

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

11.0 **AOCB;**

11.1 Condition of pavement A91; It was thought that the damage done near the Low Road/High Road junction on the western approach to Auchtermuchty had not been cleared after an accident, but it is difficult to tell as the general condition of the pavement along the A91 between Strathmiglo and Auchtermuchty is poor, with the pavement narrowing due to field run off.

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

Monday 30th September, in Auchtermuchty Community Centre, at 7.30 pm.

[Apologies; B. Torrance]