

## Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

### Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30 pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> March in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

PRESENT: Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Andrew MACNAUGHTON [Gateside], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN.

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

Apologies: Mark GIBSON [Auchtermuchty], Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt], 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 Anti-social behaviour; following a series of incidents, over a prolonged period of time, a police team attended Strathmiglo after a report of an attempted break-in at the primary school. An email describing the action taken has been circulated to members. Offenders names have been taken, with the youths concerned and their parents spoken to. The officers intend to continue monitoring the situation with patrols undertaken on foot and by vehicle. The Fife Safer Community team are to be made aware of the situation.

4.0 **Minutes of Meeting:** the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th February 2025 were accepted with one correction;  
6.2 'Fife Station' should read 'Fire Station'.

5.0 **Matters Arising:** not included in the Agenda

5.1 7.1.1 Old distillery; Cllr. Lothian informed the meeting that a report compiled by Fife Council has identified no immediate danger to the public, though work will have to be undertaken. The ownership of the building has been established and a repair notice will be served once discussion concerning what works should/could be undertaken is complete. Once served the owner will have a specified time to complete repairs or Fife Council can appoint a contractor and the owner billed.

6.0 **Other Business:**

6.1 Eden towpath walk; the instigator, Tober Reilly, will attend the next meeting – as he was not able to attend tonight's - to briefly describe the project that is being proposed in his email of the 14th March concerning a pathway, "Queen Mary's Way", following the course of the river Eden from Dunshalt to St Andrews.

6.2 Community Council membership; an email was circulated by the Secretary regarding Fife Council's consultation concerning the make up of the A&S CC. The question asked was whether there a wish to change to a straight 12 members total for the CC or to retain the aim of 3 members from each community. As the situation at present provides the CC with the flexibility to co-opt where a community does not put forward 3 members, it was agreed to stay with the current arrangements.

6.3 Resilience Group [RG]; in reply from the Fife Council flood team a meeting is to be arranged to discuss the positioning of 'leaky barriers' with a visit to Glassart's Glen. A. Macnaughton reported on a discussion held by the River Eden Sustainability Partnership, the James Hutton Institute and Falkland Estate regarding possible water retention in the watercourses in the area with possible action on flooding prevention and water quality.

7.0 **Fife Council:**

- 7.1 **Auchtermuchty.** None not already raised.
- 7.2 **Dunshalt**
  - 7.2.1 Water leak; a major leak occurred in the village causing road closure.
  - 7.2.2 Community Safety meeting; the planned meeting was cancelled due to the late response to questions raised and the issue of the groups remit/responsibility for speeding and the action that could be taken.
- 7.3 **Gateside**
  - 7.3.1 Community Association; AGM held with new officers in post.
  - 7.3.2 VE Day; a large scale event is planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> May to commemorate VE Day.
- 7.4 **Strathmiglo**
  - 7.4.1 A912 drain; despite gully cleaning being witnessed in the area the problem persists, Cllr. Lothian will report and B. Torrance will make use of contact provided by M. Gibson.
- 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.
- 10.0 **Correspondence:** the secretary has forwarded on to members all relevant correspondence received.
- 11.0 **AOCB;**
  - 11.1 Fife Plan; a question was raised as to when this new version is to be released as there was a desire to see if any of the contributions raised in the Local Place Plan have been included.
  - 11.2 Minor injuries clinic; the Chair has responded to the online consultation, highlighting that if the clinic are to be amalgamated it would be better to have a more central location ie. Cupar rather than St Andrews.
  - 11.3 Auchtermuchty-Strathmiglo pathway; public consultation is to be held in Strathmiglo Public Hall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 3.30-6.30pm, a number of possible routes have been identified though two have been put forward as most feasible.
- 12.0 **Date and venue of next meeting:**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April in Strathmiglo Public Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

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