

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30 pm on the 28th April in Strathmiglo Public Hall.

PRESENT: Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Mark GIBSON [Auchtermuchty], Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN.

- 1.0 **Welcome and Apologies:** The Chair welcomed all those attending, and wished Andrew MacNaughton a speedy recovery.

Apologies: Andrew MACNAUGHTON [Gateside], 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 Strathmiglo; it was noted that the anti-social behaviour had greatly reduced, it was hoped that this would continue, police presence around the village had been much appreciated and effective.

- 4.0 **Minutes of Meeting:** the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 31st March were accepted as correct.

- 5.0 **Matters Arising:** not included in the Agenda, none

- 6.0 **Other Business:**

6.1 Eden towpath walk; nothing has been heard concerning this initiative, the CC will await news.

6.2 Resilience Group [RG]; a meeting and site visit was held with Duncan Sharp [Fife Council] concerning the siting of 'leaky barriers'. A suitable site was identified in Glassarts Glen that could hold back sudden influxes of water and allow a slow release preventing problems downstream. The RG will consult with the River Eden Sustainability Project [and other bodies with similar experience] and land owners [MacDuff Trust]. Finances would be raised through grant application. Consultation with SEPA would also be necessary. S. Jack suggested that a list of items/equipment that would require ongoing maintenance [with timetable of] be compiled and available for future CC members. The question was raised as to expanding 'leaky barriers' to other parts of the Eden and its tributaries, it was agreed that once information concerning water flow/sources has been gathered over the length of the river possible action could be determined.

- 7.0 **Fife Council:**

- 7.1 **Strathmiglo**

7.1.1 High Street drains; resident believe that there is a silt build up in the pipe work between gullies causing slow draining of water and would like it inspected/cleared. It was thought best to identify individual locations causing problems and then notify Fife Council.

7.1.2 High Street patching; the recent patching of potholes along the High Street was noted but B. Torrance again raised the point that this continuous repair must be indicative of an underlying problem.

- 7.2 **Dunshalt**

7.2.1 Play park; date for 'official' opening is to be set.

7.2.2 AGM of CA; 5th June, to be combine with Safety Team meeting.

7.2.3 Village Shop; now closed, the property is to be sold. There appears to have been a lack of information circulated concerning the situation or process. The CC will contact the management group to inform them of the concerns raised.

7.3 Gateside

7.3.1 Play park; sufficient funds have been raised to go ahead with the park renewal, Fife Council are adding extra funding.

7.3.2 Old Town; grace and favour repairs to the road surface are to be undertaken, it is hoped that residents will clear the street at the time to allow unimpeded access.

7.3.3 Gateside Gallop; the running of the Gallop is unlikely this year as arranging the closure of the roads involved has become more complex with considerable paperwork and multiple bodies within Fife Council needing to be liaised with. The question was raised as to why this could not be simplified with a single point of contact for applicants.

7.3.4 VE celebration; going ahead as planned.

7.4 Auchtermuchty

7.4.1 Old Distillery; no news yet, Cllr. Lothian will circulate any information that is forth coming.

7.4.2 Millflat development; as part of the planning conditions an item of public art [to a value of £4500] is to be installed in the location and suggestions for what this might be are being sought. The CC will refer the matter to the Auchtermuchty Community Association.

7.4.3 Low Road; the issue of trees along the south side of the road interfering with telephone lines was again raised as the branches are now in contact with the wires. Judicious pruning is required.

7.4.4 Anti-social behaviour; an individual involved in previously reported incidents has been arrested, with the possibility of being rehoused in another area.

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

8.1 Strathmiglo-Auchtermuchty footpath; the planned consultation meeting in Strathmiglo was well attended with option 2 – that furthest from the main road – being the preferred choice of routes.

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 Binn Wind Turbine Fund; it was noted that £100 from the last drawdown is still available to local groups [this will be reclaimed in August 2025 if not allocated] and Foundation Scotland have awarded £500 as a 'cost of living' grant [no conditions attached]. The Community Associations have been asked to send in comments concerning the process of applying for grants from Foundation Scotland, the aim being to improve/simplify the process.

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

Monday 26th May, Auchtermuchty Community Centre, at 7.30 pm.