

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30 pm on the 26th January 2026 via Zoom conferencing.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN. Tony RODGERS

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

Apologies: Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo] Mark GIBSON [Auchtermuchty] , 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.

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

5.0 **Matters Arising: [not on the Agenda]** none

6.0 **Other Business:**

6.1 BWTCF; After the last funding round more funds became,available. A 2nd round for applications was not felt necessary so it was decided by the BWFTC to provide the extra funds to the CC's for distribution. The Community Council still has funds available from a previous transfer and more applications need to be encouraged more.
Dunshalt is planning to apply for grant, waiting for quotations.

6.2 Tony Rogers reported on the Community Action Plan (CAP) Planning Meeting that was held on Saturday 10 January. The meeting had good representation from across the four communities, including "representatives" from Strathmiglo CA, Auchtermuchty CA, Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo Community Council, Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo Trust, Auchtermuchty Theatre Group and Auchtermuchty in Bloom

At the meeting it was agreed to concentrate on five areas of the CAP during 2026. These areas would be addressed by specific sub-groups and across all four communities. The agreed sub-groups are:

- a) A programme of engagement and education with the local community about respecting the local countryside. This would address actions 1B and 4A in the CAP
- b) Initiatives to improve local public transport. This would address action 1C in the CAP
- c) Initiatives to improve access to healthcare services. This would address action 2D in the CAP.
- d) Initiatives to support local businesses and employment. This would address action 3A in the CAP.
- e) Bring together the various local clubs and halls to improve the provision of local entertainment, and sports and recreation. This would address action 5 in the CAP.

A project team to be established to address each project area. Immediate volunteers were:

- a. Project A – John Fraser, Al Sutton, Susan Jack
- b. Project B – Whitney McAllister, Tony Rogers
- c. Project C – Whitney McAllister, Heather Neilson, Andy Heer
- d. Project D – Tony Rogers
- e. Project E – Al Sutton, Shaun Giles and Deborah Stead

Further volunteers to be sought from Community Associations.

It was noted that Dunshalt were not represented at the meeting IM agreed to invite TR to a Dunshalt CA in February or March to share these priorities and seek volunteers.

Action: IM

Similar discussions were already organised for Strathmiglo CA, Auchtermuchty CA and Gateside CA. In addition, it was recognised that the four communities may each want to prioritise and work on certain parts of the CAP e.g. Strathmiglo was going to address potential solutions to address traffic flow in the village.

The planning meeting also discussed how Fife Council should be approached to engage with and support the plan. Communication with the Council needed to improve and that certain CAP actions should be shared with the Council as community priorities. This should be done in the first instance via the Community Council.

DL agreed to meet with TR, SJ and AH to agree how best to take forward the actions in the CAP that needed Fife Council support.

Action: TR to organise a meeting with DL, AH and SJ.

- 6.3 Resilience Group; Andy Heer has requested quotations for 2 RiverTrack Sensors to be placed at Auchtermuchty & Gateside. Andrew to send pictures from the Location in Gateside to Andy Heer. Andy has spoken to Gary Martin from RiverTrack, to remind him of the quotations, as nothing had been received.

Leaky Barriers: Ewan Band will go to Glassarts Glen to size water rise, then to calculate how many Willow-barriers are needed. Willow-whips needed for these barriers will come from a farmer in Falkland, who donates them.

7.0 **Fife Council:**

7.1 **Auchtermuchty**

- 7.1.1 Double yellow lines are still not done. Implementation time-scale is not working.

- 7.1.2. Mournipea: rain-water running down is washing away the surface of the road. Drainage needs to get working again.

7.2 **Dunshalt**

- 7.2.1 Road-plan: A Fife Council consultation about the road-plan, in shape of a 'drop in' meeting needs to be done a.s.a.p.. The Road-plan needs to be laid out, feedback needs to be collated. The person that made the road-plan had not taken the effort to speak with local people, nor asked for their idea's. A lot of time and work is wasted which could have been avoided. Cllr. Lothian to attend this meeting.

7.3 **Gateside**

- 7.3.1 Road maintenance: Markings on the Junction heading Glenfarg are still not done. Why are the road works not delivered as 1 complete project when the building-plans are made? Delivering the roadworks as it is now, takes months. The delivering-standards should be far better. Road signage has fallen by the way-side. Traffic Management Dept is not delivering, FC is responsible. A formal complaint about all outstanding issues should be made. Andy Heer will liaise and write a letter to FC

- 7.3.2 Drains/gullies on A91; a number of the gullies are clearly blocked causing water to run out on the road. It was recommended that these are reported using Fife Council's online reporting page. Giving an exact location has been an issue for some previously attempting to report, it was suggested that a system such as What3words be used.

7.4 **Strathmiglo**

- 7.4.1 No updates, as the AGM & 1st Regular meeting will commence 4th of February 2026

8.0 **Other Service Providers;**

- 8.1 Worries about lack of Dentists.
Auchtermuchty Health Centre have been contacted by the Secretary to arrange a meeting with the partners.
Regular updates from NHS Fife seem to have ceased.

- 9.0 **Planning:** CC received email from Strathmiglo Citizens about the plans for the Church hall, High Street Strathmiglo. There is a total upset about the Planning Application being approved, as the objections from local people were totally silenced and ignored. The presentation of this plan was based on very old historical facts when the Hall was still used as a Hall. In reality, the hall had not been used and had been up for sale for many years, thus giving a totally wrong impression. In the past, when activities were taking place locals would have walked to the Hall, or been driven in Mini-buses. Traffic was far less intense. Only 1 councillor shortly mentioned the parking-problem, 1 councillor accepted, even though being very much aware of the current parking problems. This upset the Locals even more. Applications in the past have been refused because of the parking problems. Local residents are furious, especially as appealing against the decision is not possible. All this takes place on the narrowest bit of the High Street, risking pedestrians and schoolkids, and hampering access for Emergency Services like Police, Ambulances & Fire Engines thus endangering lives..
- 10.0 **Correspondence:** the secretary has forwarded on to members all relevant correspondence received.
- 11.0 **AOCB;** February meeting will be via Zoom. March to June meetings will be held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.
- 12.0 **Date and venue of next meeting:**
- Monday 23rd February 2026, via Zoom conferencing, at 7.30 pm.**