

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 26th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 29th May 2017
in Dunshalt Village Hall.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], 3. Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], 4. Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], 5. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 6. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 7. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 8. Valerie WEIR [Gateside],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Susan JACK [Gateside], Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID,

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre on Monday 24th April, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 4.1 Neighbour dispute; a response has been received from the police and it was agreed that the CC would leave the matter as it stands as there is nothing more they can do.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS: none

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 A report was received covering police activities in the area including theft of tools in Station Park, calls recorded in the STORM system, work done by officers with local schools, use of the sped gun and Pop-up-Bob and their work with Trading Standard combating bogus workmen and rogue traders.

5.2 Public drinking in Strathmiglo; an increase in drinking around the King George V park area has been noticed. It was hoped that local officers and the Fife Community Safety team could take action.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Dunshalt;**

6.1.1 Village shop; an update on progress is being issued monthly. It has reached the stage of the formation of the business plan required for application to the Scottish Land Fund.

6.1.2 Defibrillator; installation will take place shortly in the old telephone box. A training session/opening event will then be organised, it is thought sometime around July.

6.2 **Gateside;**

6.2.1 Land south of the A91; the land has been reported as sold for 'agricultural use'. There was a general feeling that the previous owner may have left the soil in no condition to be used agriculturally and that testing would be required.

6.2.2 Field fire; a large fire in the field to the south of the A91 to the west of Gateside appears to have been the result of fires used for clearing waste wood/scrub getting out of control.

- 6.2.3 Road side litter; it was reported - though outside the CC area - a Perth & Kinross vehicle heading for the Binn complex had ineffectual covering which allowed plastic waste to escape on to the verge. The time and registration was noted and the Secretary will pass this on to Perth & Kinross for comment.

General discussion followed concerning the number of heavy vehicles passing through the area and their impact on the community.

6.3 Strathmiglo;

- 6.3.1 Sandygates speeding; the Strathmiglo CA is intending to ask the local officers and 'Speed team' to make their presence felt in the area.

6.4 Auchtermuchty;

- 6.4.1 Bowiehill parking; cars parked at the Madras Rd end are making progress through the area difficult, there is also the potential danger to pedestrians/children.
- 6.4.2 Skatepark; the park was closed without notification, though an email concerning the matter was forwarded to the Secretary from Cllr. Heer after the event. It was closed apparently after a routine inspection. The cost of repairs is being calculated and it is hoped that it can be suitably repaired, to be used until it is replaced with a more modern concrete installation. It was accepted that this would take time to fund raise for and organise. Monies from the original construction are thought to exist but it is uncertain where. Cllr. Lothian informed the members that a local firm had offered to repair the park at a reduced rate. It is hoped that a committee may be formed to pursue the matter.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS; none

8.0 PLANNING: The Chair drew attention to applications that appeared on the Fife list.

- 8.1 Land to the south of the A912 Low Road; an agent looking to apply for outline planning permission to build on the land between Carswell Wynd and the Garage had contacted the Secretary. The Secretary had replied that while the CC cannot stop the application it would certainly object. Any development in the area would need to contain a large proportion of 'affordable houses' as the land does not fall within an area listed in the Local Plan.

- 8.2 Planning lists; the Secretary drew the members attention to applications in the current planning lists.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: the Secretary is now forwarding all correspondence received electronically to members.

- 9.1 APRS bulletin; the Secretary drew members attention to the article concerning David Cowling, late of the CC. It was agreed that it well reflected David's participation in local affairs.

10.0 AOCB; none

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 26th June, 7.30pm, Gateside Memorial Hall.