

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 36th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 28th May 2018
in Strathmiglo Public Hall

PRESENT: George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], Susan JACK [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN,

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Valerie WEIR [Gateside], Cllr. David MACDAIRMID, PC's Parker and Fisher

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Gateside Memorial Hall on Monday 30th April, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

- 3.1 3.4 Bondgate; the question of parking restrictions are still to go to Committee.
- 3.2 6.1.2 Cllr. Lothian has passed on the CC's observations.
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- 3.4 6.2.1 Hogweed; the public path from the Toll Bridge east has been sprayed, it was noted that patches have been seen on other parts of the river bank through the village, west of the West Road bridge near to the Bankwell Crescent-West Road footpath was an area mentioned.
- 3.5 6.3.1 Low Road hedge; this has been dealt with.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS: none

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

- 5.1 May Community report; the Secretary circulated the report to members.
- 5.2 New Sergeant; Sgt. Stewart Hay intends to visit Community Councils in the area to 'put a face to the name'.
- 5.3 Community Speed Watch; Ian MacCaulay recommended participation in the scheme particularly in areas with a perceived speeding problem. The question of sustainability was raised being dependent on maintaining the enthusiasm of participating volunteers and the presence of initiating officers. The use of 'Special Officers' for the task was suggested.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Strathmiglo;**

- 6.1.1 Roadside/pathway grass; areas around road junctions particularly A912/Cash Feus needs cutting. The question of who was responsible for cutting the Strathmiglo-Dunshalt path was raised. With the retiral of Bob Weston - who took on a great deal of this type of work in the area - there is a question if anyone has taken on his duties. The Secretary will write to the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust.
- 6.1.2 King George V park wall; the repairs to the wall have been scheduled.
- 6.1.3 One-way traffic system; discussion is still in the very early stages and pro's and con's being raised and a lot of consultation with residents has yet to take place before any official

approach is made. Identifying the main concerns of the residents will be the major focus and whether a one-way system would be the agreed solution.

6.2 Auchtermuchty;

6.2.1 Service of Union; a united parish of Edenshead is being formed - Gateside, Auchtermuchty, Dunshalt and Strathmiglo - and a service of union to be held. The future of the church buildings in the area is still in question.

6.3 Dunshalt;

6.3.1 Village shop; the sale of shares [until 30th June] is to be advertised. More details can be found on the shop website. <https://dunshaltshop.co.uk>

6.4 Gateside;

6.4.1 Speeding; this is still a major concern, notably between 6-8 a.m. It is the resident's impression that the 20mph limit in Bower Park is being generally ignored, though it was acknowledged that this will be mainly by local residents of the Park. There is also thought to be an increase in the HGV traffic using the A912, it was questioned whether traffic information gathered officially would support this, perhaps this would call for a traffic survey to be undertaken.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

7.1 Fibre-to-Premises - broadband; it appears that work in Dunshalt is complete but there is no sign as to where the installation team will go next'

8.0 PLANNING: The Secretary drew attention to applications that appeared on the Fife list since the last meeting.

Of note; Bus Shelter High Street Strathmiglo; a request by a local resident to purchase the shelter has been submitted. Any change to its form would require planning permission.

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

Of note; Community Council nominations; the Secretary reminded members that the papers related to nominations due to be released at the August and need submitted in early September. The Fife Councillors present were asked if the nomination papers could be released earlier.

10.0 AOCB;

10.1 Land query; the Community Council has been asked if it were aware of any proposed development on land to the north of Back Dykes in Strathmiglo. It was generally agreed that a proposal had been put together some time ago but had not been taken further, the land in question being outside the village envelope. The Secretary will reply.

10.2 Auchtermuchty Community Centre AGM; the Secretary informed members that the AGM is to take place at 7.30pm on the 13th June.

10.3 Fife Region Community Council grant; the Treasurer informed the meeting that the application will be made once the accounts are returned from the examiner.

10.4 Strathmiglo hall let; it was noted that the let for the Public Hall would increase from £10 per hour to £12 from May 2108.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 25th June, 7.30pm, Auchtermuchty Community Centre.