

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 12th meeting of the Community Council, held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 24th February 2020 in Auchtermuchty Community Centre

PRESENT: Helen BOWMAN [Auchtermuchty], Maaïke COOK [Strathmiglo], Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Ian MCCAULAY [Dunshalt], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], Valerie WEIR [Gateside]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, PC. Phil PARKER, Mike Izzi [Gladman Development]

- 1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Secretary welcomed Community Councillors, Fife Councillors and 10 members of the public.
Apologies: Susan JACK [Gateside], Matthew MCDONALD [Dunshalt], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN
- 2.0 Police Matters; PC Parker reviewed the November to January statistics for Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo [Dunshalt and Gateside the review is given to the Community Associations].
Tasks recently undertaken included; Licensed Premises checks, Wildlife Officer liaison, firearms enquiries, school liaison and intelligence gathering on anti-social behaviour/ drug related activities.
The Community Speedwatch campaign has been gathering pace with more volunteers coming forward [though more are looked for] - information gathered by the volunteers is passed on to Traffic Division. A suggestion was made that PC Parker contact Auchtermuchty Against Speeding for potential volunteers.
More details were given in the Community Council report circulated to members in January.
- 3.0 Declarations of Interest; it was agreed to make these when appropriate.
- 4.0 Minutes of Meeting: the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th January held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre were accepted as correct, with one correction;
 - 4.1 1.0 Apologies; Sharon DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty] should read Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty]
 - 4.2 5.2 Burnside road works; Burnside should have read Burnside, Auchtermuchty
- 5.0 Matters Arising:
 - 5.1 11.2 Resignation; Fife Council have been informed. It was noted that there are now two vacancies on the Community Council, these can be filled by residents from any of the communities.
- 6.0 Other business
 - 6.1 Gladman Development; Mike Izzi addressed the meeting and gave the Gladman interpretation on the situation so far with the proposed development. Though interrupted on a number of occasions he made the following points;
 - the development was to be of affordable housing following Fife Council needs [as identified by Fife Council Housing Services], these houses would not be for the open market but for rent through Kingdom Housing Association.
 - a larger development may be in the offing though unlikely to be very large given the existing community size and local concern was noted.
 - the planning in principle being sought requires less detail, this would follow in a full application made by Campion Homes the potential builders although if the PPP application is approved detailed conditions will also be attached to that.
 - it is an edge of settlement development, they are looking for 49 houses but would accept 30 if it were a condition of planning.
 - infrastructure for the development [e.g. schools] is the responsibility of Fife Council, it would be expected that any extension to service provision would come once the development was complete.

- the Low Road site seemed most suitable to them though they recognise that it is not a brownfield site or in the Local Development Plan in its entirety.
- Gladman will be going ahead with its application, the planning process will run its course and will meet conditions set out by Fife Council Planning for permission to be granted, Gladman will then step aside and Kingdom Housing Association - through Campion Homes - will take over.
- in response to a question it was stated that Gladman could apply to develop greenfield sites where a 5-year local plan is unavailable/not functioning.

Points made by those attending included;

- Gladman was mistaken and should not have described the meeting held with individuals, from Auchtermuchty, as consultation with the Community Council or Auchtermuchty Community Trust.
- consultation with residents of the area prior to submitting the planning application would have been "common sense".
- the precise details of the development, i.e. what Kingdom Housing Association intend to build, should be passed on to the Community Council as soon as possible - perhaps even before a planning application in full is submitted.
- a member of the public wished to express thanks to Helen Bowman and John Davie for meeting with Gladman.

6.2 Future meetings; the Secretary was looking for guidance as, due to clashes of the calendar at the venues, the meetings to be held in Dunshalt in March and August, and the meeting in Strathmiglo in October will need to be relocated. It was suggested if venues were available the next two meetings would be held in Gateside, the August meeting will be held in Strathmiglo and the October meeting held in Auchtermuchty. The Secretary will circulate a revised list once arrangements have been confirmed.

6.3 Community Council Facebook page; S. Dryburgh has volunteered to establish a Facebook page for the Community Council designed to enlarge the profile of the council and its activities. Maintenance of the page will be required - dependent on the amount of 'response' allowed - initially the page will not accept contributions but direct viewers to the Community Council's web page where contributions can be logged and vetted before publication. The Secretary will arrange for a Community email address to be established for the Facebook page's use and a test page will be set up.

7.0 Fife Council

7.1 Auchtermuchty

- 7.1.1 Dropped kerb Pitmedden Wynd; the meeting was informed that a permit is required for a dropped kerb to be installed, there may be no issue with the dropped kerb but the removal of the parking sign is not acceptable. Fife Councillors will press for its reinstatement.
- 7.1.2 Millflat road condition; the deteriorating state of the road has been reported but residents have received no reply. Cllr. Heer will pursue.

7.2 Dunshalt

- 7.2.1 Village shop; snagging issues are holding up the shops opening.

7.3 Gateside

- 7.3.1 Horses; there is local concern around the welfare of horses in the field to the south of the A91. The meeting felt that this would be best reported to the SSPCA.
- 7.3.2 Burnside/Yellowhill Road parking; parking at the junction of the A91 and the Yellowhill Road is blocking the turning area of service bus causing them to mount and damage the grass verge.

7.4 Strathmiglo:

- 7.4.1 Flooding Cash Feus; blockages caused by garden debris [including large tree branches] snagging around a tree is causing concern to residents at the east end of the village. The matter has been reported and it is hoped action taken [local

residents or Fife Council] but it was requested that the river inspections that used to take place in the past be reinstated to prevent problems rather than react to them.

8.0 Other Service Providers; none

9.0 Planning

9.1 Applications; the Secretary drew attention to the fact that there were no applications over the period.

10.0 Correspondence; this has been circulated to members via email.

11.0 AOCB;

11.1 Place Making; Cllr. Heer will forward the, rather lengthy, email to the Secretary for circulation as there has been interest shown by members in the initiative.

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting of the Community Council.

Monday 30th March, 7:30 p.m. Gateside Memorial Hall.