

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 16th meeting of the Community Council, held at 7.30 p.m.
on 26th October via Zoom conferencing online facility

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

Given the recent and sudden death of Helen Bowman [Auchtermuchty], the Chair was of the opinion that as a mark of respect only those items needing immediate attention would be covered and all other agenda items left to the next meeting. AGREED. The Chair expressed the shock and sadness felt by members and that Helen's absence would be a loss to the Community Council.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed Community Councillors, Fife Councillors

Apologies: Maaïke COOK [Strathmiglo], Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty], PCs Lowe and Haddow [no Zoom capability through Fife Police]

2.0 Declarations of Interest; it was agreed to make these when appropriate.

3.0 Items requiring attention

3.1 Activities of volunteer groups; a letter of appreciation from the Chair concerning the activities of a variety of groups in the area carried out in response to the Covid situation was published in the Fife Herald and it was noted that the Courier had given a specific award to the 'Muchty Angels for their activities. Chair will congratulate all those involved.

3.2 Dryside parking; inconsiderate/illegal parking is still causing problems with another ambulance having difficulty accessing the area. Chair has been given information that Perth & Kinross authority have been taking a more stringent approach, this will be forwarded to members. It was reported locally that Police based in the area have been taking action, the Secretary will contact them and ask what action has been, and is intended to be, taken. Any photographic evidence of the situation should be given to the Secretary to be forwarded on to the Community Officers.

3.3 KGV toilet block, Strathmiglo; completion awaits planning permission due to the requirement of a change of location within the park.

3.4 Stirling bus service; consideration has been given to a request for a change in the Dundee/Edinburgh express bus route and who would make such a request. Fife Council are at present in discussion with Moffat & Williamson concerning the extension of the 66 route to Kinross Park and Ride. It was felt that this was the more likely solution, and indeed would provide a better service than the 23 route it would replace even though it does not extend to Stirling. It was noted that it is always the question of the allocation of funds to subsidise the route.

4.0 Fife Council

4.1 Auchtermuchty

4.1.1 Madras Road speeding; a local resident has requested speed calming measures as a result of traffic failing to slow as they enter Madras Road from the B936. It was thought that clearer signage would be an alternative. It was noted that the Community Council have

already discussed and agreed a request be made for the B936 to be reduced to 20mph through Auchtermuchty. Councillors informed the meeting that though Fife Council are discussing speed limits, they are reluctant to reduce to 20mph. It was asked if it were known who would take on the Speedwatch program now that PC Parker [who had made it a focus of his attention] has moved from the area, the Secretary will add the question to the correspondence already being sent. It was also noted that speeding takes place in all streets of the communities and it is usually by local residents.

4.2 Dunshalt

4.2.1 Flooding; an issue of flooding in a local stream was dealt with promptly by Cllr. Lothian.

4.3 Gateside

4.3.1 Station Road; water seepage problem has been dealt with

4.3.2 Halloween walk; a socially distanced 'spooky' walk [in family bubbles] will take place this Saturday.

4.4 Strathmiglo

4.4.1 River blockage, Toll Bridge; the tree causing the problems has been cut back considerably which should allow most materials to pass and make the process of freeing anything stuck easier.

4.4.2 Community Woodland; an issue has arisen concerning the building of a 'den' which is causing disagreement within the village. This was being brought to the attention of Fife Councillors planning to attend the Strathmiglo Community Association's next meeting where it is likely to feature on the agenda.

5.0 Other Service Providers.

5.1 NHS consultation; it was noted that a recent request for responses to a consultation process gave almost no time to respond.

6.0 Planning

The Secretary gave a brief summary of those applications in our area. Members were reminded that they could be added to a Fife Council mailing list to receive weekly updates directly through development.central@fife.gov.uk.

6.1 Carswell Wynd development; nothing has been heard concerning the development though it is expected that discussions will have been or are being held between Fife Council and the developer.

7.0 Correspondence

This is circulated to members via email. Secretary will resend any material that fails to get through.

7.1 Condolence; Chair will send to Helen Bowman's husband the Community Council's condolence, though members were welcome to send individual notes as well.

7.2 Community Association cheques; cheques replacing those that should have been issued in March have been posted out to the Community Association's and to cover hall rent. Treasurer requests that these cheques be banked, as next year's accounts are already confusing.

8.0 AOCB

8.1 Zoom meetings; the Chair has now signed up to Zoom Pro [£14 per month] to ensure that there is no time limit to future meetings. Expenses will be settled with the Treasurer after Covid restrictions are lifted.

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

Monday 30th November at 7.30 pm in Auchtermuchty Community Centre [or Zoom online, will be confirmed nearer the date]

