# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

## Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30 pm on the 25th August 2025 in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Tony ROGERS [Auchtermuchty& Strathmiglo Community Trust]

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

Apologies: Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt], Susan JACK [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], Mark GIBSON [Auchtermuchty], Cllr. Gary HOLT, 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 30th of June were accepted as correct.

5.0 **Matters Arising:** None

6.0 **Other Business**

**6.1 Community Action Plan** [CAP]; a revised plan has been prepared by the Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Trust. This includes feedback from meetings held with the Community Associations. This plan had been distributed to all Community Councillors. Due to the Summer holiday season, several Community Councillors were not present in the meeting, so approval could not be given. It is requested that all Councillors will read the revised plan, and give their comments in the September CC meeting. A review from the CAP will be given to the CC on a Quarterly basis. There are no time scales, it will be a 'slow burner'.

The name CAP causes confusion, it needs to be made very clear that this plan concerns all 4 Villages within our Community Council not just Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo.

**6.2 Binn Wind Turbine Fund**; A new round of Funding has taken place. After all costs (Foundation Scotland fee and amounts to the CC's) an amount of Approx. £28000 is be available in the 'open fund' for Applications. The Lowest grant-amount is £500 limit. Closing date for grant-applications is the 7th of October 2025. Any one can apply for a grant, personal & private, as well as Community Associations.

Each CC will receive £1653 for Micro-grants, upper limit for CC Micro-grants is advised to be £500. A further £400 is still available from the Foundation Scotland grant received earlier.

Any problems with and/or Complaints arising from the, very complicated, Application system/forms from Foundation Scotland, please inform Susan Jack. She will forward these to Foundation Scotland.

**6.3 Resilience Group:** Andy Heer & Ewan Brand have had a meeting with the McDuff Trust about a leaky barrier in Glassarts Glen as well as an extra Barrier near the Pitcairly burn at the deep gorge there. McDuff trust agrees with this, but are worried about liabilities if this leaky barrier would fail. An email has been send to the Scottish Flood-forum about this.

Newburgh road just outside Auchtermuchty is very liable to flooding. Fife Council has cleaned all gullies, problem is the steep bank where all water runs down, as well as tree-leaves and mud filling and blocking the gullies on a regular basis.

There has been a discussion with Fife Council, Cllr Lothian and farmers about the road west from Auchtermuchty.

RiverTrack systems: AH has emailed with questions about this system for our area, no answers yet.

Local storage for filled sandbags: How does this work in villages? Storing sand at a certain public spot has the risk it will disappear before anyone can fill a bag, Store sand at a farm? The farmer will not be happy with strangers coming on their premisses. Deliver sand to people's houses? Is not always possible, or it will be used for gardens. There have been options in Dunshalt, but people are not pro-active.

7.0 **Fife Council:**

7.1 **Auchtermuchty**

7.1.1 Orchardflat : double yellow lines still not done. There are a lot of outstanding issues with lines. DL to pursue this. The work for parking-wardens is easier when lines are visible.

7.1.2 Road- signs are left after all the road work is done, these should have been taken away. Signage during the road-works should have been far better.

7.1.3 Road-closures were not necessary, causing dangerous and hazardous situations, as well as frustrations from road-users.

7.2 **Dunshalt**

7.2.1 Annual fète & Duck-race was a success.

7.2.2. Open reach: Email was received with announcement to progress with full fibre for the whole village.

7.2.3 Speeding within Dunshalt becoming ridiculous, 5 persons have stepped forward for Speed-watch.

7.2.3. Community Safety Meeting; A lot of work had been prepared to see what can be done for Dunshalt. Fife Council came to the meeting where ideas were given on a big map. Speeding always occurs near the Village Hall and at the junction near the Auction house. Ideas for this junction included stop-signs on all points, a roundabout or 'tidal' traffic lights. Someone from FC-Transportation is needed to come to Dunshalt. Cllr Lothian to send an email to Steve Sellers.

7.3. **Gateside;**

7.3.1. Road-signs/Speed Signs, Cllr Lothian to pursue this.

7.3.2. Remembrance Sunday: Event in the Hall will take place.

7.3.3. Bus 787 St. Andrews to Edinburgh Airport: 'Stop at request' service has started in Gateside, with a direct stop at Kinross, which is a big advantage for School-kids etc.

7.4 **Strathmiglo;**

7.4.1 Upgrade on water-treatment plant. 4 pylons with big lights, but only during working hours

7.4.2 Fun in the Park Day, on 31st of August. Animal theme this year, reps from SSPCA & RSPB are invited. Letter with question was written to David Attenborough, 5 days later a handwritten answer from himself was received, with a personal message for the next generation.

8.0 **OSP:** the Secretary forwards all relevant information that he receives.

8.1 Broadband; a general discussion took place regarding the unsatisfactory situation many parts of the area find themselves in. There appears to be no immediate plan to roll out full fibre to all parts leading to a very poor level of service for some residents.

9.0 **Planning:** the Secretary has circulated a list of the latest applications in the CC's area.

10.0 **Correspondence:** the secretary has forwarded on to members all relevant correspondence received.

11.0 **AOCB:** None

12.0 **Date and venue of next meeting:**

**Monday 29th of September, in Auchtermuchty Community Centre, at 7.30 pm.**

Apologies Andrew McNaughton for this meeting