# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

## Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30 pm on the 24th November via Zoom conferencing.

PRESENT: Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt], Andrew MACNAUGHTON [Gateside], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN.

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

Apologies: Mark GIBSON [Auchtermuchty], Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], 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 27th October were accepted as correct.

5.0 **Matters Arising: [not on the Agenda]** none

6.0 **Other Business:**

6.1 BWTCF; No paperwork has been released [relief staff in place at Foundation Scotland resulting in delay] so number of grant applications unknown. The Community Council [CC] still have funds available from a previous transfer and applications are to be encouraged. It was suggested that these monies could be allocated to the Community Associations to distribute as they are one step closer to the groups/individuals likely to apply [applications would still have to meet the criteria set out]. It was felt applications at this point should still be to the CC but that the application form could be circulated to all members and the Community Associations to simplify process. It was also agreed that grant recipients are asked to report back to the CC within a period of time [3 months from receipt of grant was suggested] to tell the CC how the 'project' is progressing. The CC is still waiting for the next allocation of funds this will be raised at the next board meeting. It was also reported that the level of information asked for during the application process was very detailed, the reason why was not explained. Examples will be sent to A. MacNaughton.

6.2 Community Action Plan [CAP]; the AGM of the Community Trust discussed the CAP and it has been an item on the agendas of the Community Associations. There will be a meeting early in 2026 examining its progress and how to encourage local/community groups or individuals to 'own' some of the issues and take them forward. It is still to be decided whether this meeting is to be open to the public. It was suggested that the possible introduction of a Visitor's Levy [consultation by Fife Council is underway] could have an impact some of the aims of the CAP. It was agreed to keep CAP as a fixed item on the CC's agenda and keep it in the public eye e.g. through regular contributions to local newsletters.

6.3 Resilience Group; a 2nd visit to view 'leaky barriers' around Muckhart is still to be arranged and information from engineering groups/individuals has been sought concerning the proposed siting in Glassart's Glen and other locations. An article from the group appeared in the Scottish Flood Forum autumn newsletter [circulated to members by the Chair] containing a brief history of the group and the works proposed. This is to be forwarded on to the River Eden Sustainability Partnership.

Contact has been made by 'River Eden – Art for living', they will be asked to make a short presentation to the next meeting. CC may recommend the project be tackled at an Association level.

7.0 **Fife Council:**

7.1 **Auchtermuchty**

7.1.1 Millflat works; most construction issues appear settled, it was reported that the development is to be known as Leburn Square though it is still being advertised as Linen Lea by Ediston Homes.

7.2 **Dunshalt**

7.2.1 Village shop; a meeting was held to wind up the Community Shop group however it will need the signature of 75% of members on the dissolution form [this may prove difficult]. Monies paid for shares will be reimbursed with a projected surplus paid to the Dunshalt Community Association – as the only community based charity in Dunshalt.

7.2.2 Footbridge over the Eden; Cllr. Lothian has volunteered to repair the broken spar as it is a fairly straight forward matter.

7.3 **Gateside**

7.3.1 Community Association meeting; the meeting highlighted the road markings through the village with parts almost worn away completely. It was thought that repainting was urgently needed.

7.3.2 Drains/gullies on A91; a number of the gullies are clearly blocked causing water to run out on the road. It was recommended that these are reported using Fife Council's online reporting page. Giving an exact location has been an issue for some previously attempting to report, it was suggested that a system such as What3words be used.

7.4 **Strathmiglo**

7.4.1 Sandygates pedestrian build out; the safety barrier/bollards on the built out was reported as missing/damaged in April 2025 and an email received saying that an inspection had been conducted and repair would be scheduled. As work has been carried out it has been reported again, with photograph it is hoped with more success.

8.0 **Other Service Providers;**

8.1 Low Road closure; 2 days 30th November, another of many in recent times, this time Scottish Water.

8.2 Auchtermuchty Health Centre; A. MacNaughton raised the issue of updates that the CC used to get from the Centre and how they have appeared to have stopped. The Chair suggested that he and the Secretary arrange a meeting with the Centre.

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 26th January 2026, via Zoom conferencing, at 7.30 pm.**

Apologies: Bill Torrance