

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Community Council held at 7.45 pm on the 31st August 2026 in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

PRESENT: Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt], Andrew MACNAUGHTON [Gateside], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Tony ROGERS Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Trust [ASCT] and Paul WATTS Auchtermuchty Community Association [ACA]

1.0 **Welcome and Apologies:** The acting Chair [A. MacNaughton] welcomed all those attending.

Apologies: Maaïke COOK [Strathmiglo], Mark GIBSON [Auchtermuchty], Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt]

2.0 **Declarations of interest:** these will be made when appropriate.

3.0 **Police:** members have experienced difficulties with non-urgent contact with local officers, responses have been slow or not coming. It is recognised that the demand on police time has increased while the number of officers falls but it is hoped that regular contact can be maintained. Any matters raised at meetings will be forwarded on by email.

4.0 **Minutes of Meeting:** the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th June were accepted as correct.

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

6.0 **Other Business:**

6.1 **Public Transport report by ASCT;** this has been circulated to all members and will be discussed at the September meeting.

6.2 **BWTCF;** A. McNaughton reported that the received applications to the main fund exceed the funds available. There is a meeting in October when the applications will be discussed and it will be at that point known whether there will be funds available to allocate to CC's for micro-grants. A question was raised whether all the applications came from within the BWTCF's catchment area, it is thought most are though some may cover a wider area. This will form part of the discussion.

6.3 **Resilience Group [RG];** the next meeting of the RG will be Friday 4th September. Attention is moving from focussing on flooding to wider general resilience with the gathering and dissemination of information on a wide range of topics including cyber security, power outages and the removal of the landline phone system. It was felt that the consequences of the shut off of the landline system have not been fully determined and the effect on the local community should be determined perhaps via the local community associations.

7.1 **Auchtermuchty**

7.1.1 **Old distillery, Distillery Street;** the condition of the building is still causing concern. The pavement barrier, put in place by Transportation, is there as a set response by Fife Council. Other Fife Council departments have carried out inspections over the years and the conclusion that the structure is deemed safe must be made. Local safety concerns will be formally passed on to Fife Council with the request that the CC be informed when inspections are to be or have been carried out – it is recognised that some information contained in these reports may be commercially sensitive and therefore confidential. It is believed that the ownership of the building has been established but that the issuing of a repair order will be a long and detailed process given its condition [including what needs to be done and the process by which this would be carried out] as such an order could be appealed.

- 7.1.2 **Burn walls [Upper Green];** it was reported that repairs are in hand.
- 7.1.3 **Low Rd and Station Road 20 mph limit;** this has been passed by Fife Council, it will now go out to consultation with a given period for objections to be considered. It was thought that the it may be 1 to 2 years before the limit is put in place.
- 7.2 **Dunshalt**
- 7.2.1 **Traffic calming measures;** still to appear.
- 7.3 **Gateside**
- 7.3.1 **Play park;** the question of how ‘snagging’ was to be conducted was raised as most pieces are now in place with an area left fenced off. Contact with Fife Council’s Ian Wilson was recommended.
- 7.3.2 **Old School;** the school’s car park had been used by local residents who have asked if this is still the case. It will need to be determined which portion of the car park area was included in the sale of the school. It was thought that the western end was not included in the sale and therefore still accessible by residents.
- 7.3.3 **Bus shelter;** the shelter sited by the old school has been damaged and in need of repair, this comes under the responsibility of Fife Transportation as need reporting.
- 7.4 **Strathmiglo**
- 7.4.1 **Flood pods;** an inspection of the pods in the village found that the padlocks were seized but these have been freed up and oiled. It was also found that the contents of the pod at the top of the California had been severely damaged by rodents. Over half of the anti-flood devices showed damage and will need to be replaced. It is to be discussed at the next Strathmiglo Community Association with a possible request to relocate the pod.
- 7.4.2 **Damaged door Cash Feus;** the CC had received an email concerning the time taken to repair a damaged door, it was reported that the matter is in hand.
- 8.0 **Other Service Providers;** none
- 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;**
- 11.1 **Winter meetings;** hall bookings for meetings have been made for the September and October meetings but the CC will need to decide how the following meetings are to be held – in halls or via Zoom.
- 12.0 **Date and venue of next meeting:**

Monday 28th September, in Auchtermuchty Community Centre, at 7.30 pm.

Apologies: Bill Torrance, Donald Lothian, Alan Muirhead