

## Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 37th meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 via Zoom conferencing facility.

PRESENT: Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Derek THOMPSON [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, and 2 members of the public.

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

Apologies: Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty], Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt], Matt MCDONALD [Dunshalt], Andrew MCNAUGHTON [Gateside], Cllr. Gary HOLT, Cllr. David MACDIARMID.

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

3.0 **Police:** latest report has been circulated, officers will be invited to the next meeting in Dunshalt now that we are returning to meetings in person.

4.0 **Minutes of Meeting:** the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January were accepted.

5.0 **Matters Arising:** the Chair will take items and individual community matters within the agenda.

6.0 **Other Business:**

6.1 Local Place Plan; tenders, to conduct necessary information gathering, were sought by the Steering Group from three companies with the contract agreed with Community Enterprise. Initial seed funding was to be via a microgrant from the drawdown made by the Community Council [CC] from the Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund [BWTCF] through Foundation Scotland. This would be followed by a full application to the BWTCF by the Auchtermuchty Community Trust [ACT] in their own name, along with other fund raising, to cover the total cost [approx. £9000]. The ACT will need to complete an application form for the microgrant from the CC – a draft form has been completed by the Treasurer and will be circulated to members. Once the application has been submitted the CC will, as with any other future applications, make a decision that will be recorded in the Minutes. It is hoped that future drawdowns will be more widely publicised to allow groups to make application.

6.2 Parish Online mapping system; it appears that someone has registered the CC with the organisation, effectively blocking access. The Secretary will endeavour to find out who and recover password needed for members to trial the system.

6.3 Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund; the deadline for applications to the first round has been extended to the 9<sup>th</sup> March, applications from Strathmiglo and Auchtermuchty have already been made, though it appears that a condition relating to how vulnerable groups are safeguarded is proving problematic. There has been much delay in getting the fund operational with a much smaller 'pot' available in the first round than had been forecast. It is hoped that GreenCat will provide more information shortly, especially how much is to be made available in the next round.

7.0 **Fife Council:**

7.1 **Strathmiglo:**

7.1.1 Conservation Group; a well attended event was held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February with public involvement in a number of activities around the village. Further events are planned.

7.1.2 Path Group; a feasibility study is to be undertaken, funded by Fife Council, to look at the possible routes that could be taken. Involvement by the Auchtermuchty community is sought as the path will be designed to work both ways. Invitations will be made to the next Path Group meeting.

## **7.2 Auchtermuchty**

7.2.1 Auchtermuchty Community Association [ACA]; after a period of inactivity the ACA reformed but it was reported that the first meeting had been too single issue focussed. There is a need to attract more members from as wide a section of residents as possible. The Treasurer will attempt to attend the next ACA meeting [13<sup>th</sup> March] to explain the funding redistributed from the CC.

7.2.2 A91/B936 possible traffic lights; after local discussion the general feeling appears to be against the siting of traffic lights at this junction.

7.2.3 Yellow lines, Orchard Flat; Planning is awaiting any objections that may be submitted for consideration [a site visit has drawn attention to the incorrect mapping information].

## **7.3 Dunshalt:**

7.3.1 Community Association AGM; well attended and constructive.

## **7.4 Gateside:**

7.4.1 Speed calming; ‘speed bumps’ are now in place on the A91 at both ends of the village, it is now a question of waiting to find out how effective they are.

7.4.2 Glenvale parking; the Chair and the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust have exchanged messages providing further detail as to how the new measures are expected to work. The ‘clearway’ that had been put in place on the Dryside has now expired as it was a temporary measure [18 months] – any enforcement it appears was not a police matter but one for Fife Council – Cllr. Lothian is looking into how a new ‘clearway’ can be designated.

7.4.3 Foodbank; the situation, as to who covers Gateside, has not been resolved as it appears neither Cupar or Glenrothes will accept responsibility. The issue will be pursued.

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

## **9.0 Planning:**

9.1 Low Road Auchtermuchty, temporary entrance; it was noted that the most recent planning application concerning this entrance has it in a different location than that where work is currently being undertaken. The Secretary will have a look at the situation and pass on any comment necessary to the relevant officer.

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

## **11.0 AOCB;**

11.1 Naming of Fife documents; it was commented that Fife Council can be rather careless in the naming of documents, using terms/terminology [e.g. use of the word Plan] that can lead to confusion concerning the topic covered. It would be hoped that Fife Council would be more careful in future.

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

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Dunshalt Village Hall, 7.30p.m.**