

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 41st meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30pm on the 26th June 2023 in Dunshalt Village Hall.

PRESENT: Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Andrew MCNAUGHTON [Gateside], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Derek THOMSON [Gateside],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Gary HOLT, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, PC Mark LOWE, PC Kirstie HADDOW, Gordon SIMPSON.

- 1.0 **Welcome and Apologies:** In the absence of Chair Susan, Vicechair Jane Kerr chaired the meeting and welcomed all those attending.

Apologies: Maaïke COOK [Strathmiglo], Susan JACK [Gateside], Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], Cllr. David MACDIARMID.

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

- 3.0 **Police:**

3.1 Concern was expressed over large tractors speeding through Dunshalt. PC Haddow reminded the meeting that they were still recruiting speed watch volunteers. Community Councillors will raise at Community Association meetings and encourage volunteers.

3.2 The speed indication sign on Station Road, Auchtermuchty had not been working but was now again operating. Gateside was still waiting for the signs that should have been included as part of the speed reduction measures to be installed.

3.3 A speed check had been carried out on Low Road, Auchtermuchty but no one was caught speeding. It was acknowledged that a very significant factor was drivers passing the check in the opposite direction flashing on-coming traffic as a warning. This is also experienced when the Traffic Camera Van is operating in Gateside.

3.4 The speed bumps in Gateside are helping. There is a particular problem with large vehicles negotiating one set of bumps at the west end of the village. It was suggested that removing the build-out might help.

3.5 Police were called to an incident in Auchtermuchty which had resulted in a tenant who had recently been rehoused by the Council subsequently being removed by the Council and the house boarded up. The person involved had been involved in previous anti-social behaviour and was known to the Police.

Concern was raised over similar behaviour elsewhere in Auchtermuchty which had not resulted in the offender being removed. The person involved was living in Housing Association property and not Council accommodation and different procedures have to be followed.

3.6 Following recent sheep worrying incidents one individual has been arrested and the case is now with the prosecutor. It was confirmed that the dog involved in the incident had not been put down.

- 4.0 **Minutes of Meeting:** the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th May were accepted.

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

- 6.0 **Other Business:**

BWTCF:

6.1 The secretary expressed frustration with the amount of bureaucracy involved in dealing with Foundation Scotland. It is still not been settled how much will be available and when from the fund. Attempts to get more information from Green Cat are continuing.

7.0 **Fife Council:**

7.1 **Dunshalt**

7.1.1 The Community Association is now primarily concerned with matters relating to the Hall and the defibrillator with other village events being organised and run by volunteer groups.

7.2 **Gateside**

7.2.1 Toasty Tuesday is restarting to provide help during the school holidays

7.2.2 The patching on the Dryside had been successful, it was noted that 2 different approaches had been employed in fixing potholes with one method providing a more permanent fix.

7.3 **Strathmiglo**

7.3.1 Posters for the Fun Day on 2nd July were handed out.

7.3.2 There had been a serious house fire in Back Dykes.

7.3.3 Problems in the Cemetery are being addressed.

7.3.4 Himalayan Balsam is being removed from the sides of the river.

7.4 **Auchtermuchty**

7.4.1 The need for a sign at the Cemetery has been acknowledged and is being addressed.

7.4.2 Why the houses being built behind the Co-op require a new street name was queried as it is just a continuation of Stratheden Place. Secretary will respond.

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

9.0 **Planning:**

9.1 Planning Application 23/01320/FULL was discussed and it was agreed that the Community Council would not object but would submit a comment expressing concern about the further erosion of the space between the built environment and the surrounding countryside. Concern about the increase in traffic using the exit from Bondgate on to Burnside would also be made.

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

11.0 **AOCB;**

11.1 The secretary reminded everyone about the Community Council elections which will take place on the 28th September 2023 and the need to encourage new members and that information about the election should be spread as widely as possible. It was noted that Derek Thompson does not intend to put himself forward as a candidate for Gateside in the election.

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

AGM, Monday 28th August, Strathmiglo Village Hall, 7.30p.m.