

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 2023 AGM of the Community Council held at 7.30 p.m. on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in

Strathmiglo Public Hall

**PRESENT:** Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty], Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt], Andrew MCNAUGHTON [Gateside], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Derek THOMSON [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo].

**ATTENDING:** one member of the public

**1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: PC LOWE, PC HADDOW, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. Gary HOLT, Cllr. David MCDIARMID

2. Declarations of interest; these will be made when appropriate.

3. Minutes of the 2022 AGM; the minutes were accepted as correct.

4. Matters arising; NONE

4. Chair's report; the Chair reported on a testing year emerging from Covid with great efforts made to mitigate the effects within the communities. The episode had highlighted the problem of social exclusion and a number of events and activities had been organised to counter this by the local Community Associations with the support of the Community Council. Discussion/liaison had taken place over the year with a number of bodies including the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust about matters having a direct effect on local residents and visitors to the area – in particular car parking. It was hoped that these communication channels will be kept open and much used in the future. The Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund, after a disappointingly protracted period, has finally started to fund activities within the local community to the benefit of local residents. Planning issues have been given careful consideration, the Community Council looking most closely at those which are likely to have an effect in all the communities. Where comment has been made we have always attempted to take a positive approach making constructive suggestions. Thanks are given to all members and officers for their efforts and participation throughout their, extended, period in post. [M. Cook pointed out that these thanks should be extended to the Chair herself.]

5. Treasurer's report; a copy of the 'cash book'/accounts had been circulated to members at the time of examination [March] showing payments for hall rental, online conferencing and annual fees. The main outgoing was the redistribution of the Fife Council grant after a reserve of approximately £500 has been put aside. At present accounting for the Community Council's expenses is relatively straightforward. The Treasurer was concerned that the introduction of the drawdown grants from Foundation Scotland could add a complication in meeting Fife Council's 'rules' next year but after discussion it is hoped that this will not be the case.

The accounts had been accepted and application for the current year's 2023-2024 Fife Council grant has been made..

6. AOCB; none

7. Date of next AGM; it was agreed that the choice of date would be left to the incoming Community Council.