

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30 pm on the 26th May in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN.

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

Apologies: Mark GIBSON [Auchtermuchty], 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.
 - 3.1 Speedwatch; efforts are still underway to organise a Speedwatch campaign in Dunshalt but there is still the question of liability insurance as Police Scotland still maintain that it is the local groups responsibility to arrange this. Fife Council has re-established its insurance policy which covers Community Councils but it is unclear as to whether local organisations such as Dunshalt Community Association are able to use the facility independently.
- 4.0 **Minutes of Meeting:** the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th April were accepted as correct with two amendments,
 - 4.1 Attending; Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt] was in attendance.
 - 4.2 7.2.3 Village Shop; it was raised but not recorded that Cllr. Lothian, D. Simpson and I. Macaulay declared an interest as share holders.
- 5.0 **Matters Arising:** not included in the Agenda, none
- 6.0 **Other Business:**
 - 6.1 Resilience Group [RG]; The leaky barrier installation is progressing as land owners permissions are gathered. [An item featured on BBC's Landward program related to leaky barriers was recommended viewing]
- 7.0 **Fife Council:**
 - 7.1 **Auchtermuchty**
 - 7.1.1 Old Distillery; no news
 - 7.1.2 Millflat development; the request for suggested themes for the art work has been referred to the Auchtermuchty Community Association. The question of possible installation of "swift" bricks – due to the loss of nesting sites in the area – was put to developers and though bird boxes are to be installed in the area this would not include "swift" bricks. Discussion followed as to how Fife Planning could encourage such installation in future developments. The Chair will contact the RSPB for view.
 - 7.2 **Dunshalt**
 - 7.2.1 The Wynd; resurfacing is scheduled to be undertaken
 - 7.2.2 Play park; date for 'official' opening is Saturday 31st May, all welcome.

- 7.2.3 Community Association; AGM on the 5th June, to be combined with Safety Team meeting. The 1st meeting of the new year will discuss the proposed Community Action Plan being formed by the Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Trust.
- 7.3 **Gateside**
- 7.3.1 VE events; the celebrations were well attended and well received.
- 7.3.2 Gateside Gallop; the running of the Gallop is still uncertain though there was positive views expressed about possible difficulties, including the necessary road closure, being overcome.
- 7.3.3 Old Town; discussion took place concerning advance warning for residents of when work is to be undertaken to ensure that vehicles can be parked elsewhere that would allow works to be carried out without hindrance. As the works are to be contracted out by Fife Council there appeared to be no direct communication channel that would allow such prior notice. Cllr. Lothian will seek a possible contact, it was thought that a direct link between the Gateside CA and the contractor would be of mutual benefit.
- 7.4 **Strathmiglo**
- 7.4.1 Road build outs; both build outs in Sandygates and the A912 exit towards the A91 have been struck by vehicles damaging the protective bollards/indicators. The build out in Sandygates forms an important pedestrian crossing and the bollards are required protection. There was a suggestion that large planters could be installed to increase the visibility of the build outs, this will be raised at the next Strathmiglo CA meeting.
- 7.4.2 A912 culvert; the slow draining culvert at the community woodland entrance has been put on to a program for examination as it is suspected that root ingress may be the cause of the problem.
- 8.0 **OSP:** the Secretary forwards all relevant information that he receives.
- 8.1 Scottish Water; it was noted that the refurbishment of the Glenfarg water treatment unit is to be undertaken – it was thought that this serves our area. In a related matter it was also noted that the upgrade of the waste water treatment works in Freuchie is planned and that it is thought that all plants within the area will undergo a similar upgrade.
- 9.0 **Planning:** the Secretary has circulated a list of the latest applications in the CC's area.
- 9.1 Coach House, Lochieheads House Rossie Auchtermuchty; a recent conversion to a domestic dwelling is now to be changed to a short-term let. Though it was thought that the loss of possible housing for local residents was unfortunate, not enough is known of the circumstances for the Community Council to comment.
- 10.0 **Correspondence:** the secretary has forwarded on to members all relevant correspondence received.
- 11.0 **AOCB;**
- 11.1 Binn Wind Turbine Fund; the Treasurer noted that, in recent guidance issued by Foundation Scotland, a 'Micro-grants Completion Report' will need to be completed once all the funds have been awarded or 12 months after the receipt of the award [11.10.25] and that the micro-grant money should be shown 'ring-fenced' and reported on separately in the CC's accounts. This could prove difficult as the accounts follow a pro-forma issued by Fife Council, the Treasurer will endeavour to include an explanation under 'Notes'.
- 12.0 **Date and venue of next meeting:**

Monday 30th June, Strathmiglo Public Hall, at 7.30 pm.