

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 1st Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 pm on Monday 29th October 2007
In the Village Hall, Dunshalt, Fife

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. David COWLING [Gateside], 3. Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], 4. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 5. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 6. Eric CARSLAKE [Gateside], 7. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 8. William GUDGEON [Dunshalt], 9. Robert SMEATON [Auchtermuchty] & 10. Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt]

Apologies: Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE, P.C. Mike KING

ATTENDING: Councillors Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDIARMID, Colin GILBERT [Fife] and 1 member of the public.

Cllr Donald Lothian took the chair for the election of office bearers.

Chair ;	David Cowling -	proposed Eric Carslake	seconded Bill Torrance
Vice-Chair;	Andy Heer -	proposed Bobby Thomson	seconded David Cowling
Correspondence Secretary;	Alan Muirhead	proposed David Cowling	seconded Andy Heer
Minute Secretary;	Bill Torrance	proposed David Cowling	seconded Alan Muirhead
Treasurer;	Bill Torrance	proposed David Cowling	seconded Alan Muirhead

All positions unopposed.

David Cowling took the Chair, though dealt with issues arising from his previous position as Correspondence Secretary.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed all present in particular members new to the Council.

2.0 MINUTES: The Minute of the Meeting held in the Town Hall, Auchtermuchty, on Monday 29th September was read and agreed given clarification of 5.1 by Cllr. Lothian;

5.1 Relating to the proposed wind farm, Rossie, Auchtermuchty, Cllr. Lothian clarified a point in that he was presenting the case because he had put in an objection and that it was felt inappropriate for officers of Fife Council to do so.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS: as there was no police representative matters would be dealt with as they arose.

4.0 MATTERS & BUSINESS ARISING:

- 4.1 Planning application report, Carmore Farm, Yellowhill Road, Burnside; Correspondence indicates that there is to 1 less cottage in the development and no references to new build houses. D. Cowling recommended that we withdraw our objection. AGREED G. Simpson [Gateside asked for clarification as to the consequences of our withdrawal on future applications. D. Cowling pointed out that these would be taken as separate and unrelated issues.
- 4.2 Planning application report, Reservoir site, Leckiebank Road, Auchtermuchty; The community Council did not object but commented on the contradictions inherent within the proposal, it has received correspondence from Fife that permission has been refused for the reservoir area of the development.
- 4.3 Planning Committee meeting 30th October 2007, proposed Local Plan boundary changes; the boundary is now restored to that pertaining in the current 'Cupar & Howe of Fife' Local Plan. The Chair gave new members a brief history and explained the significance of the changes.
- 4.4 Waste to energy plant and incinerator, Binn Farm, Glenfarg; The Chair reported on correspondence from the Scottish Government and Perth & Kinross stating no changes will be made to their decision to grant approval. Perth & Kinross pointed out that the issue was covered in their Local Plan, a mute point as the Community Council is out with their area and have had no sight of these documents. The Chair and Secretary will discuss possible future actions.
B. Torrance asked about the apparent increase in heavy traffic in our area towards the site, remembering an assurance that development would not increase traffic from the south. The Chair and Secretary will include this in their discussions.
- 4.5 Wind farm Rossie, Auchtermuchty; D. Cowling, as Secretary, wrote to J. Swinney MSP to ask if there was a possibility of financial assistance from the Scottish Government for the Community Council's objection. A reply was received but no promise of assistance.
The Chair reminded the meeting that the previous Community Council reiterated its objection to the wind farm and asked that the new Community Council to take a formal decision on its own position.

A. Muirhead made the formal proposal

"That the Community Council continues its objection to the proposed wind farm at Rossie". Seconded by A. Heer, the meeting carried the motion 8 For, 0 against, 2 Abstentions.

A. Muirhead pointed out to the new members of the Council that the original objection was made only after public consultation in the area.

The Chair asked to be assured that the Community Council was content, acknowledging our lack of a paid legal team, with his leading our objection. AGREED.

G. Simpson raised the question as to whether the enquiry would be held under Scot's Law. The Chair replied that it was his understanding that it would. He also pointed out that the Chief Executive had advised him that though financial

assistance could not be offered we could have access to Fife's legal department for advice.

- 4.6 Lomond Hills Regional Park Partnership; The Community Council is to intimate our intention to remain a member. G.Aitken volunteered to be our representative though with numbers limited, it may be between Falkland and Glenrothes Community Councils and ourselves as to who gets a place on the Partnership.
- 4.7 LEADER 2007-13; East Fife has been designated a LEADER area for the next 6 years [continuing the 6 years that it has been already. We are invited to be in touch with the Local Action Group. Secretary to contact LEADER.
- 4.8 Association of Scottish Community Councils; The Chair is to attend. The Chair also informed the meeting that he can now be the area representative for Fife which leads to the possibility of an executive position. The Community Council saw no objection to him taking up on the role and would leave the decision to accept an executive position to him.
- 4.9 Adjacent developments in Perth & Kinross; No further developments, Chair and Secretary will keep a watching brief.

5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS

5.1 Dunshalt

- 5.1.1 20MPH; Cllr Lothian informed the meeting that the 20MPH zone was to be installed on the 3rd December. G. Simpson reported that the Dunshalt Community Association would like a 30/40 MPH buffer zone to be installed before the 20 MPH particularly to the south of the village.
- 5.1.2 Flood prevention; the matter is progressing but no date has been set.

5.2 Gateside

- 5.2.1 Bulbs!; An email requesting bulb planting, sent to Councillors, has met with success.
- 5.2.2 Water culverts; Water fails to enter drains at Station Road and flows onto the main road [A91]. B. Thomson to liase with Cllr. Lothian.
- 5.2.3 A912 junction; Lorries turning at the A912 are mounting the pavement causing damage and danger. The Chair and Secretary to contact Transportation.

At this point in the meeting a consensus was formed that the staff at the Ladybank recycling centre were to be applauded for their service to users of the site.

5.3 Strathmiglo

- 5.3.1 A912 Toll Bridge; Surface water at the Toll Bridge is causing problems. A blocked drain appears to be the problem. Cllr. Lothian has met with officers and has hopes for some progress.

G. Simpson asked Councillors present for a report on the flooding and work being undertaken in the Community Council area as a whole rather than the small problem areas being treated separately. He requested a 'policy' document relating to flood prevention from Fife stating its long-term intentions on how it intended to meet the problems associated with the predicted climate changes.

Cllr. Lothian stated that Strathmiglo, Dunshalt and St. Andrews are held as priority areas at present. The Chair suggested that the matter be left with the Councillors. AGREED.

- 5.3.2 Woodland Walk; This is now complete and the Community Association and the local community express their thanks to the Ranger Service, especially Bob Weston.
- 5.3.3 Eastern Gateway; B. Torrance asked Cllr. Lothian if he knew of a starting date for this work. Cllr. Lothian is to enquiry to see if plans are drawn up and available for inspection.
- 5.3.4 Cash Feus – A912; The damage done to the newly installed pavement linking Cash Feus and the A912 by the parking of commercial lorries is being compounded by council refuse lorries.
- 5.3.5 Street signage Cash Feus; At the Cash Feus – A912 junction posts have been erected for some time but the street signs have yet to appear.

5.4 Auchtermuchty

- 5.4.1 Newburgh Road works; These have been undertaken.
- 5.4.2 Burnside CCTV; A CCTV camera has been bought and installed by Fife in the Burnside. Though not showing live images to a control room police officers can download and use recorded images.

- 5.5 Lighting; Guidance was requested as to where and how lighting problems were reported. 01334 412020

5.6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No comments made to applications.

5.7 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair [as his final duty as previous Correspondence Secretary] listed the outgoing and incoming correspondence since the previous meeting.

5.8 AOB

- 5.8.1 Account signatures; The Treasurer pointed out that with the new Council the signatories to the bank account would need amended. He would see to the forms.

A. Muirhead proposed that these be the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer.
Seconded W. Gudgeon. AGREED

5.8.2 Smart Community Fife; Peter Winterborn, chair of the SMART community, informed the meeting of the progress of the SCF. A request was made to users/providers/organisers of organisations within the area to pass on details of their organisations and events that are happening within the Howe of Fife for inclusion on the portal. This can be done via one of the SCF representatives or the project coordinator, Jill Donnachie. The Chair made the point that the Community Council needed a web profile.

5.9 Date/venue of the next meeting; Due to renovations being undertaken at Gateside the next Community Council meeting will be held in Strathmiglo Village hall on the 26th November 2007.

BILL TORRANCE
Minute Secretary.
15th November 2007.