

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 2nd Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 pm on Monday 26th November 2007
In the Village Hall, Strathmiglo, Fife

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. David COWLING [Gateside], 3. Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], 4. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 5. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 6. Bill GUDGEON [Dunshalt], & 7. Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt]

ATTENDING: Councillors Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDIARMID and 1 member of the public.

1.0. WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed all present.

Apologies: Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE, Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Bob SMEATON [Auchtermuchty], Eric CARSLAKE [Gateside].

2.0 MINUTES: The Minute of the Meeting held in the Village Hall, Dunshalt, on Monday 29th October was read and agreed given clarification of 2.5.1 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 a further reason for refusal rather than an objection.

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

Of note:

G. Simpson wished to know if police had been involved with the series of accidents that have occurred towards the south entrance of Dunshalt. There is a suspicion that the road surface is part of the problem. Cllr. Lothian stated that he was aware of the situation and though agreeing that the road may play a part, drivers are contributing to the problem. The Secretary will write to Transportation to find out if any work is planned for the area.

4.0 MATTERS & BUSINESS ARISING:

4.1 Waste to Energy Plant and Incinerator: Binn Farm, Glenfarg; no reply has been received by the Community Council to correspondence with John Swinney MSP. Cllr. MacDiarmid has also contacted and awaits reply.

4.2 Wind Farm at Rossie, Auchtermuchty; The enquiry process is now underway and the Chair is working on the presentation he is to make. [Precognition to be in by early December 2007] The documents are to be circulated by no later than the 4th December. Fife Council will assist with copying and circulation.

- 4.3 Lomond Hills Regional Park Partnership; Community Council agreed to put forward the name of George Aitken for election to the Park Management Committee.
- 4.4 Association of Scottish Community Councils AGM; the Chair attended and described the meeting as over-subscribed. He felt it was a good meeting and the possible new office bearers held promise. Additional funding is to be sought and a meeting with the Minister to be arranged. The new constitution had anomalies but amendments failed to be carried therefore election of office bearers could not be ratified. Area representatives, including the Chair, have been invited to the next Executive meeting [a Special AGM at the half year interval]. There was a larger membership in evidence than before and the Chair voiced the opinion that it would be better for our Community Council to be in than out as the Association's influence grows.
- 4.5 Adjacent developments in Perth & Kinross; No further developments.
- 4.6 Community Council Website and Email addresses; the website is functioning and under construction. Email messages can be sent through the site and will be redirected to members home email addresses.

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Content is being sought from contributors within the Community Council's area. It is hoped that items such as Minutes, agendas and Community Council submissions will be placed on the site.

- 4.7 Leden Urquhart Farm development application; against the recommendation of Development Services Officers, Fife Council East Area Committee recommended approval but with conditions which still have to be agreed. The conditions will be discussed at a later meeting.

5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS

The Chair and the Secretary raised the matter of the working party involving Fife Council and the Community Councils that appears to have been 'lost' since the last Local election. In the past new Community Councillors received packs with basic information. The Chair asked the Fife Councillors present if they were aware of its recent demise. Cllr. Lothian was unsure that this was the case.

Problems seemingly arising from the lost working party include the difficulty the Community Council is having in notifying Fife Council about the change in Community Council office bearers. The Chair was of the opinion that if Fife Council failed to do so it might be necessary for the Community Council to run a seminar of its own for new members. Fife Councillors present are to take the matter up with the groups at Council.

5.1 Strathmiglo

- 5.1.1 Roads; a meeting/site visit was held with Transportation to examine a variety of issues regarding roads and road furniture in the village.

5.2 Auchtermuchty

5.2.1 Low Road; repairs to man hole surrounds in the Low Road have been made, some strengthening work undertaken.

5.3 Dunshalt

5.3.1 20MPH zone; preliminary work has begun.

5.3.2 Water Mains; a series of burst to water mains is causing problems in the village. The Secretary will write to Scottish Water to ask for information.

5.4 Gateside

5.4.1 Street lighting; upgrading work in the Main Street has started.

5.4.2 Road gullies; there is growing concern in the village that the road gullies in the main road are not able to cope with heavy rain. Cllr. Lothian will conduct a site visit with B. Thomson.

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

6.1 Scottish Water; see under Dunshalt 5.3.2

7.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Mushroom Farm, Dunshalt; a change of use application has been made. The Secretary will request details and discuss with G. Simpson.

No comments made to other applications.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary listed the outgoing and incoming correspondence since the previous meeting.

Of note;

8.1.1 Children's Play Area Conference; the Secretary will write for details.

8.1.2 Seminar on 'Rethinking Scottish Local Government', 3 December 2007; Chair recommended that the Secretary attend, cost £116.33. AGREED.

8.1.3 Campaign group Against Binn Farm development; The Secretary will contact them and relay our support but that we are not in a position to supply funds.

9.0 AOB

9.1 Scottish Natural Heritage; SNH are to hold a conference covering how they are perceived to be dealing with planning in rural areas. The Chair will attend.

Date/venue of the next meeting;

Gateside Memorial Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Monday the 28th January 2008.

BILL TORRANCE
Minute Secretary.
12th December 2007.