

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 10th Meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008  
In Auchtermuchty Town Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDIARMID, and Sgt. [acting] Ian Laing

- 1.0. WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed all present and explained that the meeting had moved to Auchtermuchty [out of the set order] due to heating problems in Gateside.  
The Chair also explained that Bob Smeaton [Auchtermuchty] had resigned from the Community Council despite best efforts to persuade him to stay on, so possible candidates for co-opting are to be sought – this also applies in Dunshalt which is short of 2 community councillors.

Apologies: PC. PEARSON, Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE, Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Colin GILBERT [Fife Council].

- 2.0 MINUTES:  
The Minute of the Meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008 was accepted with one correction.

4.2 Cllr. Lothian made the correction that it was not a 'Committee' that met to discuss the flooding review but an informal Locality meeting.

- 3.0 POLICE MATTERS: Acting Sergeant Ian Laing informed the meeting that a new Sergeant, SGT. J. Seath, has been appointed to the council's area

Matters raised;

Gateside: The Chair is delighted at the level of correspondence and contact with the Fife Safety Camera Partnership through Andy Jones and with the more frequent presence of camera vans and police traffic cars in the village.

A report was made concerning the 4x4 vehicles travelling at excessive speed through the village early one morning. They were easily identified by their 'Alfred Dunhill' logos. Sgt. Laing will raise the issue with the Inspector liaising with the golf tournament in St. Andrews as this would have to be their most likely destination.

Strathmiglo: Off road motorcycles have been seen using the village roads to get between fields. They do not have registration plates and are driven by children unlikely to be licensed. Motorcycles have been seen using the Strathmiglo-Falkland cycle path. Speeding in Cash Feus and Sandygates [A912] is an ongoing problem.

Auchtermuchty: Youths are using the area in and around the primary school during the hours of darkness causing concern and a litter problem – the possible use of CCTV [Domehawk] was discussed. Speeding on the Low Road [A91] is an ongoing problem.

Dunshalt: Cyclists [children] riding around the village with no lights are in need of a warning with the onset of darker evenings. Sgt. Laing will look into the possibility of discounted lights being made available through the local schools.

#### 4.0 MATTERS & BUSINESS ARISING:

4.1 Draft Local Plan; The Secretary had attended the recent East Area Committee meeting ... most of the discussion at the meeting concerned AGLV's and the Landscape Designation review (see below).

4.2 Area of Greater Landscape Value [AGLV]; The Secretary reported that at the Area meeting the general feeling of representatives from East Fife appeared to be to leave the designation of 'Area of Greater Landscape Value' as it was unless it could be improved upon.

The Chair pointed out that a Landscape review for the Auchtermuchty area has never been undertaken and that the Community Council needs to highlight that landscape value is not only an issue for the St. Andrews area as recently publicity would infer. The Chair and the Secretary asked the meeting if they be allowed to publicise issues outstanding in the Community Council's area. They also asked the meeting if they could comment, negatively, on the application for an award from the Scottish Government, made by the official responsible, siting the consultation undertaken on AGLV's as an outstanding example of 'community involvement'. The meeting agreed on both points.

4.3 Burnside Traffic measures; Proposals for road markings and signage were presented to the Community Council, and circulated by the Secretary, for comment by Fife Council. The meeting agreed that they represented the most that was likely to happen. The Secretary will contact Colin Stirling [Fife Council] with our comment.

4.4 Flooding issues; Cllr. Lothian made a brief comment on an extract of the Dunshalt Flood Study, that has finally been released, highlighting the three feasible options whose estimated costs ranged from £1.6 million to £8.7 million. In summary there appears to be no viable economical solution to the flooding problems. Cllr. Lothian will ask for a representative to come to the next Community Council meeting, or failing this find some other avenue for the Community Council's questions. The Secretary will also write asking for a meeting.

Cllr. Lothian in answer to G. Simpson saw no reason why the draft report had taken so long to be released.

In the same extract it states that the Strathmiglo Flood Scoping Study has been suspended at present as the estimated cost exceeds Fife Council's budget for feasibility studies.

## 5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS

- 5.1 Gateside : matters covered under previous items
- 5.2 Strathmiglo : matters covered under previous items
- 5.3 Auchtermuchty
  - 5.3.1 Public Hall review; Cllr. Lothian reported that there had been local interest expressed in the taking over and running of the Auchtermuchty Town Hall and the Victoria Hall. He also noted for interest that the Church Hall is now being promoted as a venue.
  - 5.3.2 Auchtermuchty Festival; A meeting is to be held with residents to gather feedback on this year's festival.
- 5.4 Dunshalt
  - 5.4.1 20mph; G. Simpson reported that works are being undertaken at present.

## 6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS: None

## 7.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Copies of the Community Council's objections to the Bellfield and Nether Urquhart Planning Applications prepared by the Chair had been circulated to members and submitted. The Chair expressed his desire to be at the East Area Committee meeting where these are to be discussed. Cllr. Lothian and the Secretary will endeavour to supply him with the relevant date.

The Secretary listed planning applications in the area not covered in previous discussion.

Of note was a development at Corinzion which was discussed but as no plans are available as yet, no comment will be made.

## 8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- 8.1 Of note;  
Digital UK; This organisation is holding public events for Community Councils, one is to be held in Dundee. The Secretary will be attending and has the details if anyone wishes to go.

- 8.2 Children's Panels; Fife Council has issued another appeal for possible members.
- 8.3 Association of Scottish Community Council's; A meeting is to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the Scottish Parliament buildings. The Secretary will attend.

9.0 AOCB: None

Date/venue of the next meeting;  
Strathmiglo Village Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

BILL TORRANCE  
Minute Secretary.  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008.