

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 12th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 pm on Monday 24th November 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. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo].

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN and PC. Ian Laing

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

Apologies: Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], Cllr. David MACDIARMID, Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE.

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the Meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall, on Monday 27th October 2008 was accepted.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS:

- 3.1 Congregations of youths around Auchtermuchty Primary School; this is an ongoing problem. The school building is being assessed for placement of a CCTV camera and making more secure.
- 3.2 Burnside disturbance; this occasioned over number of nights with a single focus. It was accepted that the police had dealt with, what was a complex issue, in an effective manner.
- 3.3 Strathmiglo disturbance; a number of disturbances have been evident around the public house, it was felt that contact with the licence holder would be useful.
- 3.4 Dunshalt diversion; it was agreed that the increase in traffic through Dunshalt due to the closure of the A912 will cause problems particularly for those unfamiliar with the village layout. It was felt that a visible police presence at peak times would help.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING & OTHER BUSINESS:

- 4.1 Data Protection Training; the Secretary reported on training given by Fife Council and will make available the notes supplied those interested. A. Heer will attend the next training session. It proved a useful occasion, allowing common queries to be put e.g. the paying of registration fees and the circulation of information as to how other authorities are dealing with the issue.

- 4.2 Landscape Designation Meeting; The Chair reported on a meeting of the 7th November that discussed the study in general terms. Little new information was forthcoming and indeed it was felt that the process of the review was open to interpretation.

The Community Council has, over the years, expressed unease about the landscape around the town of Auchtermuchty in that it is not specifically addressed in the review. The Chair wrote to express his concerns, but has had no reply as yet.

The Community Council has not been invited to a further meeting and the Chair wrote expressing the feeling that we should have been. In reply Bill Lindsay [Fife Council] confirmed that the Community Council had not been invited but may attend the meeting if there was space or perhaps at a later meeting.

- 4.3 Association of Scottish Community Councils [ASSC]; Jane Kerr reported that she and the Secretary attended an 'educational' and 'illuminating' conference in the Scottish Parliament buildings. Speakers covered a wide range of topics including

1. National model for Community Councils [CC's] – to be published by the ASSC, COSLA and the Scottish Government in 2009.
2. Community Policing – community engagement, visibility, heightened accountability.
3. Influencing decision makers – CC's need to be 'press relation' savvy.
4. Climate Challenge Fund – funds are available for 'green' projects.
5. Funding for the ASSC – to be raised to £50,000.
6. Review of CC's – local authorities have varying approaches, some have ignored it altogether.
7. ASSC website – once registered information can be accessed direct.
8. ASSC training – events are to be planned to examine the new planning procedures.

- 4.4 Dunshalt flooding; the Secretary invited those officials dealing with the study to this meeting but received no reply. Cllr. Lothian will pursue and get agreement to attend the next meeting – to be held in Dunshalt.

5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS

5.1 Auchtermuchty

- 5.1.1 Drinking in public; Auchtermuchty Community Association is to consult with local residents on the establishing of a ban on drinking in public. The next review date would be 2009 when possible action could be taken.

- 5.2 Dunshalt no new matters raised beyond those raised as 3.4 and 4.4

5.3 Gateside

5.3.1 Road marking on A91 at Burnside; it was reported that road markings, to create a 'central reservation' to aid traffic safety, have appeared but are being ignored.

5.4 Strathmiglo

5.4.1 Sandygates footpath construction; work being undertaken has been stop/start in approach, it was felt that not all the delays could be blamed on weather conditions.

5.4.2 A912 road closure; it was felt that the 'Road Closed' signage at the junction of the A912 and the A91 was likely to cause problems due to its lack of illumination. Cllr. Lothian will contact Transportation to enquire.

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

6.1 Electricity; G.Aitken reported that the recent problems were due to a faulty cable and its replacement.

6.2 Scottish Water; the exposed sewer pipe on the south bank of the River Eden is an ongoing problem. G. Aitken and B. Torrance are in correspondence with Scottish Water but with little progress as to determining an outcome.

7.0 PLANNING

The Secretary listed planning applications in the area.

Of note

7.1 Corinzion; a number of conditions have been placed including the original access road to be blocked. [This has already been done]

7.2 56 High Street; a tree preservation order existing covering the site and should prevent development.

7.3 Bellfield development; it is expected that this will go to the Planning Committee in November or December, a number of members plan to attend.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Of note;

8.1 Fife Licensing Board; includes two applications for our area.

9.0 AOCB: None

Date/venue of the next meeting;
Dunshalt Village Hall 26th January 2009.

BILL TORRANCE
Minute Secretary.
3rd December 2008.