

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
In Gateside Village Hall.

PRESENT: 1. David COWLING [Gateside], 2. Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], 3. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 4. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 5. Eric CARSLAKE [Gateside], 6. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], & 7. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo].

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN and PC. Ian LAING

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], Colin GILBERT [Fife] & Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE.

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Town Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 was accepted.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS: PC Laing responded to points raised in the November minutes,

3.1 CCTV camera; this has been installed at the primary school and the number of reported problems has decreased. The 'real' test will be when the camera is removed.

3.2 Strathmiglo Public House; positive discussions have been held with the publican, including the Strathmiglo Community Association, and these have gone a long way to address the concerns raised.

3.3 Dunshalt traffic; speed 'traps' have been in place with those caught mainly warned though some had the offence reported – most offenders were from the local area.

3.4 Disturbance reports; 'call cards' were made out for a small number of disturbances in Strathmiglo with none in either Dunshalt or Gateside. Auchtermuchty had a larger number with disturbances throughout the village. Some involved a number of people, most youths, and general anti-social use of cars and music. A police presence as a response to call appears the best option

4.0 MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 Fife Structure Plan; The Chair felt that a response was necessary – this was circulated to members prior to the meeting – and had a strong suspicion that in the present financial climate the Structure plan, as it exists, has lost

much of its relevance. The focus of the comment was based around landscape issues, the built environment - its historic value - and the impact of Perth & Kinross on the area.

- 4.2 St. Andrews and East Fife Local Plan; G. Aitken and A. Muirhead attended the recent meeting concerning the local plan and reported to the meeting that the finalised draft Local plan is now expected in June 2009, this will be following a consultation period. The date then for the Final Plan would be, at the most optimistic, the beginning of 2010.

## 5.0 COMMUNITY MATTERS:

### 5.1 DUNSHALT

- 5.1.1 Traffic speed; road works and police action appears to have had some effect on average speeds – for the better.
- 5.1.2 Flood study; an executive summary appears to be all that the Community Council will be given with no presentation by officials. It is hoped that a presentation will be made in Dunshalt, perhaps at a joint meeting of the Dunshalt Community Association and the Community Council or failing this a meeting for Dunshalt residents that would be open to Community Councillors. The Secretary will write to enquire.

### 5.2 GATESIDE

- 5.2.1 Main Road culverts; it appears that the pipe work between the culverts is blocked as water was encroaching on properties by the roadside.

### 5.3 STRATHMIGLO

- 5.3.1 Sewer damage; the pipe in the south bank of the River Eden to the west of East Mill Court is still causing concern, the flow in the river is threatening previous temporary repairs. Scottish Water has appeared very unresponsive to Community Association, Community Councillor and Cllr. Lothian's enquiries. The secretary will write to Scottish Water.

### 5.4 AUCHTERMUCHTY

- 5.4.1 Drinking in public; the review date for decisions on this matter will take place in 2009.
- 5.4.2 Gritting; gritting of pavements lately has been erratic in nature, it would be appreciated if a uniform approach were taken [i.e. they were all done].
- 5.4.3 Victoria Hall; the local theatre group has expressed an interest in taking over the Victoria Hall and a meeting is to be planned.

## 6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

- 6.1 Power outages; inconvenient - particularly to computers and timers – micro cut-offs have been occurring in the Gateside/Strathmiglo area.

7.0 PLANNING:

The Secretary listed planning applications in the area.

- 7.1 Bellfield; the application for development was refused and appreciation for Cllr. Lothian's contribution was expressed, as was disappointment in the approach of other elected members attending who appeared less well-informed.
- 7.2 56 High St, Auchtermuchty; the initial application was withdrawn and a new revised application submitted. The Community Council still have concerns about the visual impact of the development to the western entrance to the village. The plans were fully discussed and because the Community Council's main objection remains the Secretary will pursue the matter with Fife Development Services [planning].

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Of note;

- 8.1 Digital TV; a reply has been received from MSP Iain Smith informing the Community Council that the problems in the Community Council's area are under consideration.

9.0 AOCB

None.

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting;

We will return to the normal pattern of meetings – Gateside Village Hall, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009.