

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 20th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 28th September 2009
In Auchtermuchty Town Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN and PC Ian LAING

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt] Eric CARSLAKE [Gateside]. Colin GILBERT [Fife Council], Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE, and Cllr. David McDIARMID.

2.0 MINUTES: The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on 31st August 2009 was accepted with two corrections;

6.3.1 The one-way system in Dunshalt has been dropped rather than cancelled.

6.4.1 Cllr. Lothian pointed out that he is not 'following up' but is awaiting information from Gateside Community Association.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS:

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3.1.1 Strathmiglo; Most problems resulting in 'call cards' being completed involved a known individual and acquaintances who has since moved from the area.

3.1.2 Auchtermuchty; Nuisance and anti-social behaviour were the main causes of concern resulting in complaints.

3.1.3 Dunshalt; No 'call cards' were completed, though speeding checks in the village caught 8 offenders 2 unfortunately being locals.

3.1.4 Gateside; Nothing to report.

3.2 Reported to PC Laing

3.2.1 Auchtermuchty; disturbances continue in the Burnside with local traders being effected.

3.2.2 Strathmiglo;

3.2.2.1 Speeding in Sandygates is an ongoing concern.

3.2.2.2 Off-road/mini-bikes are making their presence felt again.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 Core Paths; The Secretary recapped the situation and reported on the changes proposed by Fife Council to the 'agreed' intentions. He told the meeting of two concerns;

First, the changes to the Strathmiglo to Auchtermuchty section where it was proposed that the path make a loop in the eastern end to the Community Woodland and go no further, with the Core Path then leaving Strathmiglo towards Dunshalt at another point. The Secretary has already contacted Fife Council, as agreed at the last meeting, with our concerns and this has been taken as an objection that Fife Council would take to a public inquiry [not the Community Council's intention]. He pointed out that the consequences of this were likely to be that this section would be removed from the Core Path plans and treated separately effectively resulting in it never being completed. Cllr. Lothian was asked to raise the issue in Committee with the hopes of a more positive result.

Second, the Lechiebank to Mournipea section was understood, on the information supplied to the Community Council, to have the full agreement of the landowner but it now transpires the landowner has lodged an objection.

There was an overriding concern in the lack of communication from Fife Council concerning the changes. The Secretary will relay the Community Council's concerns to Fife Council Access Officer, copied to Cllr. Lothian.

4.2 TAYplan SDPA; The Chair reported that he had made the agreed submission to the Tayplan website covering the concerns that have been raised at the Community Council meetings.

4.3 Binn Farm Complex; The Chair reported that a visit to complex by the Auchtermuchty Community Association had been left with the impression that the planned incinerator was to be replaced by a Gasification Plant and an Anaerobic Digester. The Secretary had asked SEPA for an update on the situation and had been informed that there had been no formal or informal communication between the applicant (SITA) and SEPA regarding any such change.

SEPA has requested further information from SITA relating to the Incinerator application on the understanding that if the said information was not forthcoming by the 16th October 2009 then SEPA would consider the application by SITA to operate an incinerator on the site withdrawn.

The Chair will write to Keith Winter, Fife Council, vis-à-vis the 'Protocol' that exists between Fife and Perth & Kinross councils, seeking clarification of the situation. A similar request will be made to Perth & Kinross Council directly.

4.4 Community Council Seminar 7th November; The Secretary asked that if any Community Councillors intended to go that they complete the on-line registration so that information from Fife Council would be sent directly to them. Postal applications are an alternative.

4.5 Association of Scottish Community Councils AGM; The Secretary is intending to attend. Any other Community Councillors who would wish to attend should contact him.

4.5 Wester Nether Urquhart; The Secretary reported that the application appeal for development has been refused.

4.7 Local Plan; Cllr. Lothian informed the meeting that consultation is expected to begin in October 2009.

5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

5.1 Auchtermuchty

- 5.1.1 Glassart's Glen; There has been no progress, communication concerning suggested solutions to the speeding problem that were to be made by residents has not been received.

5.2 Dunshalt

No new business.

5.3 Gateside

- 5.3.1 Main Road; The Chair reported that he had emailed Derek Crowe [Fife Council] raising points made at the Gateside Community Association [GCA] concerning over the changes to the traffic calming measures as a consequence of the recent road-works e.g. removal of road-markings. [The Chair also noted that though the Community Council had been involved in the consultation process they had not received communication concerning the changes] The GCA requested that, when these traffic-calming measures were being reinstated, a light controlled pedestrian crossing be installed to allow the children from Gateside Primary to cross safely as they make regular use of the Memorial Hall for lessons.
- 5.3.2 Road makings; A request was made by residents for road marking to highlight safe parking areas in Bower Park.

5.4 Strathmiglo

- 5.4.1 Recycling bins at Village Hall; The failure to empty the bins has been reported as a 'one off' incident, it was hoped by those attending that this would be the case.
- 5.4.2 Road surfaces in village; Concern is being raised as to the state of the road surface around the village. Cllr. Lothian has made further inquiries and was informed that the planned works on the High Street 'may' be imminent.

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

NONE

7.0 PLANNING

The Secretary listed planning applications in the area.

Of note; NONE

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary listed the incoming and outgoing correspondence since the previous meeting, copies of which are, where possible, forwarded to members by email.

Of note;

- 9.1 Changes in Planning Legislation; Information received from the Scottish Government has been circulated to members.

10.0 AOCB

None

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting;

Dunshalt Village Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 26th October 2009.