

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 21st Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26th October 2009
In Dunshalt Village Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Colin GILBERT [Fife Council] and Cllr. David McDIARMID

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: Eric CARSLAKE [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo] and Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE.

2.0 MINUTES: The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Town Hall on 28th September 2009 was accepted.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS: [Taken at the end of the meeting due to the expected late arrival of Sgt. Seath]

None

4.0 MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 Core Paths; The Secretary reported, with the aid of the Chair, on the meeting they attended at the Pitcairn Centre, Glenrothes with Alison Irvine (Fife Council) and Craig MacLean (Fife Ranger Service). [Notes pertaining to this meeting have been emailed to members.]

Burnside to Gateside; this section appears to be going as per core path schedule.

Gateside to Strathmiglo; problems with landowners concerning access meant that the path is to be diverted to the Dryside, this despite the predicted problems involving the traffic and the lack of a footpath.

Strathmiglo to Auchtermuchty; This part of the path is not included in the current proposals. **Alison Irvine expressed the view that pursuing routing, agreements and funding on this kind of project is best done through local groups** The Chair has asked the Auchtermuchty Landscape and Environment group if they would be prepared to take on the task of completing the path between the Old Manse Road, the point the core path is now to leave Strathmiglo, and Auchtermuchty.

It is expected that these proposals will go to the full planning committee in December '09.

4.2 Binn Farm Complex; The Chair reported on correspondence with Keith Winter [copied to members] and his intention to respond to the points raised. The Secretary reported on correspondence from SEPA concerning the notice of intent they had given to the applicants. Some of the information that SEPA had requested had been supplied within the due date but the applicants had requested more time to

produce the rest. This time has been granted by SEPA but they have requested additional information before they proceed with the application. In the same correspondence the Secretary was also informed that SEPA had had no notice concerning the intention to change of use for the site as has been made public.

[It was noted that SEPA have withdrawn their objection to the application to build an incinerator in Shore Road, Perth.]

4.3 Community Council Seminar 7th November; The Secretary reminded the meeting of the proximity of the date and the need to register if members intend to attend.

4.4 Association of Scottish Community Councils AGM; The Secretary still intends to attend any other Community Councillors who would wish to should contact him.

4.5 St. A & E.F. Local Plan; The Secretary gave voice to his growing frustration concerning the failure in communication – particularly electronic – concerning the consultation. The Chair suggested, that if the Plan becomes available before the next meeting an ad hoc group examine it, and respond if necessary, then report back to the November meeting. AGREED.

5 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

5.1 Dunshalt

No new business.

5.2 Gateside

No new business.

5.3 Strathmiglo

5.3.1 High St build-outs; At present no road signage has been put in place causing confusion over priority. It is required with some urgency.

5.3.2 A912 – Sandygates village entrance; A meeting was held with the Fife Safety Camera team and the meeting was informed of a focus in November '09 on traffic in the Community Council's area. The traffic survey conducted shows that most speeding took place on entering the village from the east.

5.4 Auchtermuchty

5.4.1 War Memorial; It is hoped that temporary barriers erected while work was undertaken will be removed in time for Remembrance Day, or sooner if possible. C. Gilbert will pursue.

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;

- 8.1 Fife Budget; drop-in meetings are being arranged to allow the public to find out more detail concerning Fife's budget. Cupar, Monday 16th November is one.
- 8.2 Lomond Hills Regional Park; the LHRP AGM is to take place on the 24th November. G. Aitken will be attending, if others wish to please contact him.

9.0 AOCB

9.1 Roadside remembrances; B. Torrance raised the issue of 'shrines' being established at the side of the road. While having sympathy with the grieving relatives he pointed out that number have been created and while some are discrete others are growing in size and becoming unsightly. Members of the meeting commented on the related traffic dangers created when these 'shrines' are being attended and the distraction to drivers. C. Gilbert told the meeting that he would contact Transportation again as they failed to take action the last time this matter was raised.

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting;

Gateside Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 30th November 2009.