

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010  
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. Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt] & 8. Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN and 2 members of the public

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: Eric CARSLAKE [Gateside], Cllr. David McDIARMID and Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE.

2.0 MINUTES: The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 was accepted.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS:

3.1 New Community Policing Policy; A public meeting was held in Auchtermuchty in line with the new policy from which Andy Heer reported that there appeared to be a genuine attempt at communication concerning local issues. Possibly due to the low turn out of members of the public the 'priorities' raised were very specific to areas within Auchtermuchty. It was felt within the Community Council that this would be the case at future events. [The next planned is to be in Strathmiglo on the 4<sup>th</sup> March]

3.2 New Chief; The Secretary received a letter from Chief Inspector J.S. McDonald who has taken over as Local Area Chief Inspector, North East Fife.

3.3 Traffic; A number of traffic incidents have occurred in the area – Gateside in particular - that the Chair felt testified to the dangerous driving that evident through our community and calls for the matter to be tackled.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 St. A & E.F. Local Plan;

4.1.1 Cllr. Lothian reported that comments made about the plan 'online' are appearing on the relevant website, others submitted by post will be uploaded shortly.

4.2 Binn Farm Complex;

4.2.1 Jane Kerr commented on the difficulty in differentiating between odours from Binn Farm and the local 'muck spreading' that is occurring. The Chair – something of a local expert – gave a brief description of how to ascertain which was which. He reported that the nearby hamlet of Abernethy is frequently enveloped by odours from Binn Farm and a visit may be 'educational'.

4.3 Strathmiglo Post Office; -this was taken at the beginning of the meeting to facilitate the members of the public.

The Secretary informed the meeting that it was apparent from correspondence received under the heading 'Public Consultation', that despite an application by Mr and Mrs Clark to form a Post Office as part of Strath Garage, a 'Post Office Local

Service' is to be established for a trial period of 1 year in Sands Grocers. This service will begin on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

It had been intimated that all Post Office services, up to packages of 5kg, would be available throughout the opening hours of the shop. This will be a departure from the situation in other local shop based Post Office services. There was a general discussion in the meeting concerning the suitability of the present shop layout and how it would meet the demands of a 'Post Office Local Service'.

The Chair suggested that the Community Council express to Post Office Counter Services: 1<sup>st</sup> our delight at their commitment to Post Office provision within Strathmiglo. 2<sup>nd</sup> our concern over the rejection of the Clark's application as a result of a previously made decision as no other reasons were supplied. 3<sup>rd</sup> The problems that we envisage being created by the 'geography' of the Sands' shop. 4<sup>th</sup> that the range of services proposed will not meet those that were previously provided. AGREED.

Robert Allison raised the separate issue of the relocation of the Post Box. It was suggested that the best forum for discussion would be the Strathmiglo Community Association who would also be responding to the issues discussed.

4.4 Trusts reorganisation Gordon Simpson asked for a brief description of what this entailed, this was supplied by Cllr. Lothian.

## 5 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

The general state of roads in the area was discussed and while it was agreed that demands on Fife Council would be great as a result of the recent period of weather we should still be pressing for work to be undertaken as soon as possible.

5.1 Auchtermuchty; No new business not already covered.

5.2 Dunshalt; No new business not already covered.

5.3 Gateside; No new business not already covered.

5.4 Strathmiglo; B. Torrance asked the Secretary if he could check on the current status of the river review/maintenance regime established as a result of the 1997 Act.

## 6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

6.1 Scottish Water; Water is flowing from what appears to be a broken pipe in Bondgate, Auchtermuchty near the school entrance. Local residents have reported Scottish Water's presence but that the problem had not been fixed. Cllr. Lothian will pursue.

## 7.0 PLANNING

The Secretary reported on applications made in the area, no comments or objections are to be raised.

## 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.

9.0 AOCB None

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting;

Dunshalt Village Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010.