

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 26th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26th April 2010
In Gateside Village Hall.

PRESENT: 1. David COWLING [Gateside], 2. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 3. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 4. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo] 5. Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], 6. Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David McDIARMID

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE, Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], George AITKEN [Strathmiglo]

2.0 MINUTES: The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on 29th March 2010 was accepted.

The Chair reported on the sad loss of our fellow Community Councillor Eric Carlake and said a few words of appreciation for the work Eric had done for the Community over many years. Although he had been ill his death was nevertheless unexpected. The family had requested a private funeral. The Chair has written to his widow on behalf of the Community Council.

David Jones who is a member of Gateside Community Association has expressed an interest in joining the Community Council. The Chair will approach him and discuss.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS:

3.1 The secretary had received a letter concerning 'Community Impact of the Open Golf Championship' asking for any areas of concern to be raised. The secretary will reply in relation to the problems encountered during the Dunhill Championship last year with courtesy cars being driven at very high speed through Gateside.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING:

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

It is now likely that the finalised plan will come before the NE Fife area committee at their September 2010 meeting.

4.2 **Tayplan;**

The Chair and secretary had both attended a meeting in Perth. An interesting meeting but the overall impression is that TayPlan is just a different way of finding where to build houses. It was noted that officials from Perth & Kinross Council were in attendance but that there was no representation from Fife Council.

4.3 **Strathmiglo Post Office;**

As the service is now in operation the performance will be monitored and comments and suggestions awaited.

4.4 **Binn Farm**

The Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary had all received an email from Chris Taylor of BTW (a PR company engaged by SITA) informing them that SITA were withdrawing their application for an Incinerator at Binn Farm and submitting an application for a Gasification plant.

There continues to be problems with smells from the land-fill site.

John Ferguson of Binn Farm attended a meeting of Gateside Community Association and has invited David Cowling to visit Binn Farm to discuss 'Community Engagement'.

5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

5.1 Gateside;

Gullies on the main road are blocked again.

5.2 Strathmiglo;

The potholes continue to grow bigger and deeper. Cllr Lothian has requested that work to repair the potholes be done as quickly as possible and not deferred until the work planned for later in the year is begun.

5.3 Auchtermuchty;

Nothing of concern raised.

5.4 Dunshalt;

The bridge over the River Earn which is part of a right-of-way is needing repair. Core Path people are happy to take on the repair but they have no money available. The Locality Officer will be asked if there are funds available to enable the repair to go ahead.

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

6.1 Scottish Water;

The leak outside Auchtermuchty School has finally been repaired properly.

7.0 PLANNING

The secretary listed applications in the CC area since the last meeting. None of note.

The Chair reminded members that Planning responsibilities form an important part of a Community Council's remit.

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

Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo Community Council is now a member of The Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland (APRS).

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting

Strathmiglo Village Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 31st May 2010.