

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 27th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 31st May 2010
In Strathmiglo Village 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 David JONES [co-opted as Gateside representative]

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], Colin GILBERT and Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE.

2.0 MINUTES: The Minute of the meeting held in Gateside Village Hall on 26th April 2010 was accepted.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS: This item is to be retained on future agenda even though no police presence is expected.

3.1 **Police Forum;** A number of members attended the meeting in Auchtermuchty and noted that the priorities agreed are unchanged. A meeting focussing on speeding in the area will be held on Wed. 2nd June.

3.2 **Open golf at St. Andrews;** The Secretary has written in response to the communication 'Community Impact of the Open Golf Championship' but has yet received no reply.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 **St. A & E.F. Local Plan;**
The Development Plan update has been circulated to members.

4.2 **Binn Farm Complex;**

4.2.1 The Chair accepted the invitation and visited John Ferguson at Binn Farm. The Community Council has received notification that the application for a gasification plant has been submitted.

4.2.2 A public meeting is to be held in Strathmiglo on Tuesday 22nd June 2 – 8 p.m. The Chair commented, as Gateside was the nearest community to the complex that it was disappointing that the meeting was not held there.

4.2.3 An offer has been made to put a presentation to the Community Council concerning the complex's development. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to accept and suggest the August meeting of the Community Council.

4.3 **Prinn Smiddy;**

It has been brought to the attention of the Community Council that there are plans for 5 houses to be built just over the Fife/Perth & Kinross border. The supposed cross border liaison, which the Community Council had been told was in place, had failed or had not in fact taken place. Due to the failure in being provided with adequate time, a last minute – but comprehensive – objection based on 'houses in

the countryside' policies was submitted by the Chair details of which he gave to the meeting. This objection was supported by the full meeting.

4.4 **Bellfield development;**

The application for the development goes before the next Area Committee on the 16th June. The Secretary was notified that our objection has been received.

5 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

The Chair informed D. Jones of the Community Council's attempts to keep discussion within the Community Council on strategic matters involving the communities and leaving local issues to the Community Associations unless they are in need of support.

5.1 Strathmiglo;

5.1.1 High Street repairs; The Chair recommended that some recording of present conditions be made [e.g. photographs] to ensure that changes are of a positive nature. This was a lesson learnt from Gateside's experience. No date has been given for the works to start or how access, bus service etc. is to be organised. The Secretary will write and ask for details.

5.1.2 Strathmiglo – Auchtermuchty roadside footpath; It was noted that the footpath is silting up from the field edge forcing pedestrians to use the kerbside causing dangers from especially heavy traffic on the A91. It was felt that this recurring situation emphasised the need for a core path route away from the main road. Cllr. Lothian to pursue.

5.2 Auchtermuchty; High Street pavement; missing drain cover opposite No. 32. Cllr. Lothian to report.

5.3 Dunshalt; Repairs to the right of way bridge over the River Eden are being pursued.

5.4 Gateside; Dryside road; The road from Gateside to Glen Lomond has suffered badly due to the severe weather and has a great many potholes to be dealt with.

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

Digital TV; A general discussion took place to keep the Minute Secretary up to date with progress of the change over.

7.0 PLANNING

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

Of note;

Variation of the premises licence at Sands, Strathmiglo. The Secretary assumes that this would be to accommodate the 'Local Post Office'.

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 Auchtermuchty Health Centre; there is to be a change to the computerised file management system which will have a temporary effect on the access to patient records.

8.2 Development Services; The Development Services are only accepting correspondence through a new centralised contact point in Kirkcaldy. The Secretary will circulate the email address.

9.0 AOCB

9.1 Auchtermuchty Open Air Market; A. Heer informed the meeting that an open-air market is to take place in Auchtermuchty on Sat. 12th June. Local organisations that wish to set up a stall are welcome - a small charge will be made.

9.2 Community Council Accounts; The Treasurer informed the meeting that the accounts are now with the auditor for examination.

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting;

Auchtermuchty Town Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 28th June 2010.