

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 28th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 28th June 2010
In Auchtermuchty Town Hall.

PRESENT: 1. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 2. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 3. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo] & 4. Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Colin GILBERT.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Vice-Chair welcomed all present and pointed out to those present that the meeting may fail to be quorate. This being the case any decisions would need to be ratified at the next meeting.

Apologies: Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], David COWLING [Gateside], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], David JONES [Gateside] and Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE.

2.0 MINUTES: The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on 31st May 2010 was accepted by those present.

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

3.1 **Police Forum;** meeting is to be held in Strathmiglo at 7pm on Thursday 1st July. Cllr. Lothian highlighted a benefit of the new arrangements in that contact through the use of email has resulted in a number of local incidents being tackled quickly.

It was noted that Sgt. Seath has moved to Cupar and Sgt. Mather is now Sgt. In charge.

4.0 Chairman's Annual Report:
The Chairman's report has been circulated to members and was acknowledged by all as his usual comprehensive summary of the year. The meeting expressed its thanks to the Chairman for his sterling work.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING:

5.1 **St. A & E.F. Local Plan;**
Cllr. Lothian informed the meeting that matters were progressing as expected, though there is a legal challenge to the Structure Plan which would, if successful, effect matters.

5.2 **Binn Farm Complex;**

5.2.1 A well attended and well staffed public 'open forum' was held in Strathmiglo on the 22nd June. All present agreed that this form of prior consultation was a 'very good thing' and should serve as an example to others – including the Fife Council. Bill Torrance raised the issue of increase in traffic related to the site with the SITA representatives who expressed surprise

that Binn Skips, with whom they will discuss the issue, had not been in contact with the Community Council
It is noted that SITA representatives will attend the August meeting of the Community Council, this will be relocated to Gateside Memorial Hall.

5.3 **Bellfield development;**

Cllr. Lothian reported on the planning meeting and expressed his concern that approval had been given as it would appear to open the door to equally tenuous applications. The Community Council expressed its thanks to Cllr. Lothian for presenting the case.

5.4 **Transportation Plans:**

The Secretary wrote to D. Smeaton, Transportation Services, concerning works in Strathmiglo and received the draft program of works 2010-2011 – this was circulated to members. George Aitken raised the anomaly of several streets in Strathmiglo missed from the list of lighting improvements while an unadopted street is included. It was suggested that he contact the responsible officer with his query. Local knowledge/information concerning the works being undertaken is reaching the Community Council and it is hoped that this will continue. It is also hoped that the works when 'finished' will be properly inspected by Fife officers before being signed off as complete. Previous works in the area have been left in an unsatisfactory state.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

6.1 Auchtermuchty;

6.1.1 Andy Heer queried the progress of the deliberations concerning the future of the public halls within Auchtermuchty. Cllr. Lothian will contact Joe McInnes the officer responsible.

6.2 Dunshalt;

6.2.1 The new footbridge over the Eden is awaiting costing by the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust

6.3 Gateside; none

6.4 Strathmiglo;

6.4.1 King George V park litterbins; Emptying is erratic with some failing to be emptied at all. George Aitken reported full/overflowing bins, these were dealt with within 24 hours.

6.4.2 New dog bin rules; George Aitken felt that signage and general information concerning the changes to dog mess disposal was insufficient.

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS: None

7.0 PLANNING

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

Of note;

The PO box in Strathmiglo is to be moved to the position recommended by Strathmiglo Community Association, across the street from its present location to sit beside the telephone kiosk.

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 The indemnity insurance covering the Community Council has been renewed by Fife Council.
- 8.2 An email was received from Freuchie Community Council concerning cuts in the bus services particularly in evenings and weekends.

9.0 AOCB

9.1 Auchtermuchty Open Air Market; Following the success of the market held on June 12th, A. Heer informed the meeting that another was to be arranged possibly in September.

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting;

Gateside Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 30th August 2010.