

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 30th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27th September 2010
In Dunshalt Village Hall.

PRESENT: 1. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 2. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 3. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 4. Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], 5. Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], 6. David COWLING [Gateside], 7. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], & 8. David JONES [Gateside]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MacDiarmid.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: Bobby THOMSON [Gateside] and Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE.

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Gateside Village Hall on 30th August 2010 was accepted by those present with one correction.

6.1.1 The recurring gully problems were on the A91 in Gateside and not the A912 as stated.

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

3.1 **Police Forum;** As a result of the forum it was reported, by those who had attended, that in the main the priorities remain barring 'dog-fouling ' which was removed.

3.2 **Licensing bye-laws;** The Secretary has received notification of a review of the local bye-laws relating to drinking in public and the consultation to take place. The Chair recommended that copies be circulated to the Community Associations for their opinion and the matter revisited at the November meeting, thus the newly formed Community Council can take it on board if they so wish.

3.3 **Matters to be raised;** The recurring problem of disorder at the western end of King George V Park in Strathmiglo.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING & other business:

4.1 **St. A & E.F. Local Plan;** The Chair attended the Planning Committee meeting and reported to the meeting that the collated submitted material concerning the Plan, will now go to the Scottish Government and thence out to a Reporter. Cllr. Lothian expressed confidence in the prospect that the Plan will now be completed by the end of the year.

4.2 **Community Council Elections;** The Chair reported that 7 applications had been made for membership of the new Community Council and these had been duly

elected. It was suggested that an attempt be made to co-opt to fill the remaining 5 posts with special emphasis on Dunshalt.

4.3 **Binn Farm;** The Chair related to the meeting that an invitation has been made to the Community Council and Gateside Community Association to visit the facility. Due the timing of the Community Council elections it was agreed that while the Gateside CA would be free to arrange a visit it would be left to the new Community Council to make arrangements. The Chair will maintain correspondence with John Ferguson of Binn Farm meantime. Cllr. Lothian reported on an offer from J. Birrell [Fife Council] of assistance in presenting any future cases.

4.4 **Road Closures:**

4.4.1 **A91;** The Chair reported on the local outcry resulting from the long-term closure of the A91 between Trafalgar –Melville Lodge. Lack of consultation and poor diversion signage were of particular concern. Cllr. Lothian agreed and pointed out that Fife Council have accepted that the matter could have been better dealt with. The Chair reinforced the point that consultation should have been made on a wider basis, particularly with the population centres to the west of the closure.

4.4.2 **High Street, Strathmiglo;** Cllr. Lothian reported that this unexpected closure was due to Scottish Water finding a more serious problem than they had anticipated.

5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [The Chair reiterated for those present the strategic nature of this part of the meeting]

5.1 Dunshalt; no new strategic matters were brought to the attention of the meeting.

5.2 Gateside; no new strategic matters were brought to the attention of the meeting.

5.3 Strathmiglo;

5.3.1 **Post Office;** G.Aitken brought to the attention of the meeting a consultation process/opinion poll undertaken by MORI in the village concerning the Post Office services available. The Chair was concerned that this poll did not extend its remit to include Gateside as this community is served by the same facilities.

5.4 Auchtermuchty;

5.4.1 **Bank of Scotland;** The Secretary has written to the Bank of Scotland Head Office concerning the lack of consultation concerning the closure of its branch in Auchtermuchty. A. Heer brought to the attention of the meeting a petition circulating at present requesting the retention of the cash machine – hopefully the branch itself. The Secretary questioned the possible input of elected representatives as the public effectively owned the bank.

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

6.1 Scottish Water; dealt with under 4.4

7.0 PLANNING

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

Of note;

7.1 The Chair queried the absence of the Lancesston wind turbine from the next planning agenda and the resulting ignorance of officers' recommendations.

7.2 A 1 ½ storey dwelling in Dunshalt where access may prove a problem.

7.3 The Chair suggested that any involvement with objections to Clatto Wind Farm should be left to the new Community Council to decide on.

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 Independent custody visiting – to local police stations.

8.2 Children's panel recruitment.

8.3 Alteration of Alcohol bye laws

9.0 AOCB; A valedictory address was made by the Chair with thanks given to the elected councillors for their attendance and participation, to the Community Council members and office bearers – both to those leaving, continuing and those still to be co-opted. The Vice – chair called for a vote of thanks for the Chair AGREED.

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting to be circulated by Iain Grant Fife Election Services.

[Strathmiglo Village Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 25th October 2010].