

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 1st Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25th October 2010
in Strathmiglo Village Hall.

PRESENT: 1. Bobby Thomson [Gateside], 2. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 3. Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], 4. David COWLING [Gateside], 5. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], 6. Alan Muirhead [Auchtermuchty]

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

Cllr Donald Lothian took the chair for the election of office bearers.

Chair ;	David Cowling - proposed George Aitken, seconded Andy Heer
Vice-Chair;	Andy Heer - proposed Alan Muirhead, seconded David Cowling
Secretary;	Alan Muirhead - proposed David Cowling, seconded Bobby Thomson
Treasurer;	Bill Torrance - proposed Alan Muirhead, seconded David Cowling

All positions unopposed.

David Cowling took the Chair.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: David Jones [Gateside] and Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE.

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on 27th September 2010 was accepted by those present.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS: The next Community Engagement Meeting is on Thursday 4th November, 7:00pm in Strathmiglo Hall. Community Councillors from Strathmiglo will attend.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING & other business:

4.1 David Cowling proposed and Alan Muirhead seconded that Jane Kerr and Gordon Simpson be co-opted as members of the Community Council. The secretary will inform the appropriate Fife Council officials.

4.2 The Annual Conference of the Association of Scottish Community Councils (ASCC) will be held on Saturday 20th November in Glasgow. The Chair will attend.

4.3 The ASCC Mid Scotland and Fife Regional Meeting will be held on Saturday 4th December in Glenrothes. The Secretary will attend.

4.4 The positions of the local communities regarding the review of the Alcohol bye-laws and the proposed ban of drinking in public places is as below

Auchtermuchty: The matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Community Association on Monday 8th November in Auchtermuchty Town Hall.

Strathmiglo: Already discussed at the Community Association where there was support for the ban.

Gateside: Already discussed by the Gateside Community Association with the conclusion that the bye-law should not apply in Gateside.

Dunshalt: Will be discussed at the Community Association meeting on 8th November in Dunshalt Village Hall.

5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

5.1 Strathmiglo:

5.1.1 There has been another 'independent' survey of Post Office users. The chair expressed concern that the surveys did not seem to have included users from Gateside as well as Strathmiglo.

5.1.2 The path between Bankwell Crescent and Main Road is in a dangerous state.

5.2 Auchtermuchty;

5.2.1 There are some very large potholes on Kilnheugh.

5.2.2 Another meeting to discuss the future of the various halls in Auchtermuchty has been arranged for Thursday 18th November, 6:00pm in the Community Centre.

5.3 Dunshalt;

No matters arising.

5.4 Gateside;

5.4.1 Concern was raised about the lack of any activity so far to construct the new pedestrian crossing in the village. Councillor Lothian will check on the timetable for the work.

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

6.1 Bank of Scotland: The secretary gave details of the reply received from the Bank. There is no indication of a change in the decision to close the Bank. A Mobile bank will visit Auchtermuchty every Wednesday morning from 10:00am to Noon.

7.0 PLANNING

7.1 Clatto Wind Farms: The decision as to whether or not Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo Community Council should object to the proposed Wind Turbines at Clatto Hill was discussed at some length. The Community Council is not opposed to wind turbines as such, although it remains unhappy with guidelines and policies as applied by Fife Council, however it was agreed that it would not be appropriate for this Community Council to formally lodge an objection to the proposals for Clatto. The secretary stated that if individual Councillors felt strongly about the matter they could lodge an objection in their own name.

7.2 The secretary reported on applications made in the area in the last month. No comments or objections 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.

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Auchtermuchty Town Hall Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 29th November 2010