

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 5th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 28th March 2011
In the Strathmiglo Village Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDIARMID

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE.

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Gateside Village Hall on Monday 28th February was accepted by those present.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS:

3.1 **NE Fife Policing Event;** The Chair attended an 'interesting' meeting in Cupar which involved a broad section of the community.
Of note; the Chair raised the issue of Police Forums only taking place in Auchtermuchty or Strathmiglo. A promise was made to hold a forum in Gateside but as yet no message to confirm has been received.

3.2 **Public drinking in Strathmiglo;** G. Aitken expressed the opinion that there was a feeling/perception within Strathmiglo that no action is being taken to deal with serious problem of drinking within the King George V Park. The Secretary will write to ask for details of action taken/proposed by Fife Police and requesting their attendance at the coming Community Association meeting [6th April]

4.0 MATTERS ARISING & other business:

4.1 **Forest Hill application;** This comes before committee at County Hall it was suggested that the Community Council's objection be emailed to committee members as a reminder of its existence. AGREED. Chair and Secretary will word accompanying communication appropriately.

4.2 **Gateside Caravan Park application;** The Community Council has lodged an objection, the application is to be brought to Committee on May 11th.

4.3 **Auchtermuchty Wind Farms;** The Chair felt that it was important – as stated in the Community Council's submission - to reinforce the point that Community Council are not against wind farms but feel that the full process should be undertaken.

4.4 **Tayplan;** The Secretary encouraged to visit and become familiar with their website [Tayplan – sdpa.gov.uk] as this will replace the Fife Structure Plan and St. Andrews

and East Fife Plan. Chair will attend [18th May] a Community Council familiarisation session. Open public sessions will be held in June in Cupar and Kinross.

5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

5.1 Strathmiglo;

5.1.1 **Post Office;** As the Strathmiglo Community Association has made its support for the current situation known, the Community Council will follow suit. Any further matters will be pursued by the individuals concerned.

5.1.2 **King George V Park;** A considerable amount of broken glass is present in the park. Cllr. Lothian will contact relevant services. A padlock on the gate to West Road has been removed allowing vehicles into the park.

5.2 Auchtermuchty;

5.2.1 **Mournipea ;** While the potholes have been tackled with temporary filling the speed limit signs have been pushed over .

5.2.2 **Bridge parapet;** The [non-vehicular] bridge below Kilnheugh has a piece missing from the parapet.

5.3 Dunshalt; None

5.4 Gateside;

5.4.1 **Park;** An issue has been raised about a blocked short cut through the park from Bower Park. This will be dealt with through the Community Association.

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

6.1 **Dental Practice;** A. Heer reported to the meeting that though the phone is answered at the Auchtermuchty Dental Practice no one appears to be present at the building at anytime. He questioned if they were in receipt of NHS funding.

7.0 PLANNING

The Secretary reported on applications made in the area.

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 **Cycle Tavern;** notification for an extension to operating hours.

9.0 AOCB;

9.1 **Community Council AGM;** The Chair suggested that the AGM be moved to after the summer break as a more natural progression to the year. AGREED

9.2 **Position of Chair;** The Chair told the meeting that he felt that it was time for him to stand down from the position and felt that the next AGM would be the best time when an election for the position could be held.

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Auchtermuchty Community Centre, at 7.30pm Monday 25th April 2011