

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27th June  
in Gateside Village Hall.

PRESENT: 1. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 2. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 3. Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], 4. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], & 5. Bobby Thomson [Gateside].

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Jonathon SIMPKINS

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Vice-Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], David COWLING [Gateside], David JONES [Gateside], Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE, Cllr. David MACDIARMID

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011 was accepted by those present.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS:

3.1 **Police presence;** B. Torrance raised his concern over the number, and speed, of bulk haulage lorries that were using the A912 and asked if anyone knew of a reason why their number would have increased in recent weeks. Cllr. Lothian will raise the matter with local officers.

3.2 **Community Engagement meeting;** The next meeting is to be held in Strathmiglo village hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. July.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING & other business:

4.1 **Binn Farm;** B. Thomson attended a recent Binn Farm Community forum, the minutes of which have been distributed by the Secretary. Of note was the fact that the route and frequency of vehicles – in particular those through Gateside – is to be monitored.

4.2 **Gateside Caravan Park application;** Cllr. Lothian had no new information concerning the application, but stated that the next council meeting is in August and it is likely to be brought up then.

4.3 **Auchtermuchty Wind Farms;** An application for permission to erect three 30m turbines at Rossie farm has been made – some local objections have been sent in. It has come to the attention of the Community Council, and noted, that interest in the placement of a turbine at Demperston had originally included three such turbines though the scoping request is for one 90m. A. Heer informed the meeting that Auchtermuchty Community Association has also requested that a full environmental impact assessment be undertaken for it.

- 4.4 **Tayplan;** The Secretary had requested that all members review the available material and comments/issues be raised at the current meeting [June] so that the Community Council could decide if it wished to make a comment. No points were raised. The Secretary went on to comment that in examining the plan he found little that affected the Community Council area.

[Cllr. Lothian informed the meeting that the next Local Plan is to cover the whole of Fife, as the northern portion of Fife is included in the Tayplan area and the southern portion in the SESplan (Edinburgh and South-East Scotland) area.]

- 4.5 **Alcohol ban byelaw;** Strathmiglo Community Association have requested additional areas be added to the draft outline. The Secretary will submit an altered map to show the areas concerned.

5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

5.1 Gateside;

- 5.1.1 **Refuse collection;** B. Thomson informed the meeting that during the process of refuse collection, a great deal of 'rubbish' was spilt onto the road and not collected. Cllr. Lothian will make enquiries.

- 5.1.2 **Pedestrian crossing;** September appears to be a likely date for construction.

5.2 Strathmiglo;

- 5.2.1 **Traffic slowing measures A912;** B. Torrance noted that the illuminated 'Slow Down' has been installed on the eastern approach to the village on the A912, he also wished it noted that the vast majority of vehicles entering the village trigger the device at any time he has observed it.

5.3 Auchtermuchty

- 5.3.1 **Auchtermuchty Festival;** Festival organisers have been sent a quote from Fife Council regarding the clearing up of litter. The charge suggested is so high that it could make the festival unviable. Cllr. Lothian will look into the matter.

- 5.3.2 **Pedestrian barrier;** the barrier at the north west corner of the Newburgh/Cupar road junction has been damaged by what would appear to have been a substantially sized vehicle.

5.4 Dunshalt; No new issues reported

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS: none

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 **Unresolved issues;** Details of unresolved issues related to the Local Plan are available on the Web and the matter is now in the hands of the government reporter.
- 8.2 **Forest Hills Hotel;** The Community Council received a letter of thanks from concerned residents, for the way that it handled the application for multiple occupancy at this site.

9.0 AOCB; None

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Strathmiglo Village Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011