

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 10th and Annual General Meeting
of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26th September
in the Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDIARMID, and Jonathon SIMPKINS

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: David JONES [Gateside].

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on Monday 29th August 2011 was accepted by those present.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS:

3.1 **Police Forum;** It was reported by members attending that the priorities agreed had been changed slightly. Mention had been made of the disorder in Auchtermuchty around the Festival period. There had been problems in Newburgh at the same time and it was possible these may have been influenced by recent events in England – i.e. London riots.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT:

This had been circulated to members, with copies available at the meeting. The Chair intimated that the final paragraph was the most apt. He added his thanks to members past and present and to the Councilors representing the area during his period in office. At this point David Cowling stepped down as Chair.

5.0 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS – resulting from the resignation of the Chair:

5.1 Chair	Andy Heer	Nominated David Cowling Seconded Alan Muirhead
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No other nominations. As new Chair, A. Heer expressed the thanks of the committee for the sterling work undertaken by D. Cowling over the years as both Community Council member and as office bearer.

At this point D. Cowling submitted his resignation from the Community Council, which was accepted with some reluctance, and then left the meeting.

5.2 Vice-Chair	George Aitken	Nominated Andy Heer Seconded Jane Kerr
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No other nominations.

5.3 Secretary Alan Muirhead Nominated Andy Heer
Seconded Jane Kerr

No other nominations.

5.4 Minute Secretary Bill Torrance Nominated Alan Muirhead
Seconded Jane Kerr

No other nominations.

5.5 Treasurer Bill Torrance Nominated Andy Heer
Seconded Jane Kerr

No other nominations.

6.0 MATTERS ARISING & other business:

6.1 **Binn Farm;** The Chair will attend the next community engagement meeting, taking place on the 29th September in Abernethy Community Hall, it was felt that some representation from the Community Council should be there.

6.2 **Alcohol Ban;** B. Torrance, as Minute Secretary, informed the meeting that he had checked through all minutes and notes to ensure the accuracy of 4.4 in the minutes of the previous minutes.

Local Structure Plan; Cllr. Lothian made the meeting aware that the final blocking obstruction has been removed which should allow the Plan to be finally accepted. As a caveat it was pointed out that parties concerned have apparently muted a possible further objection, based on lack of impartiality.

7.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

7.1 Auchtermuchty;

7.1.1 **Potential blockage of 'The Burn';** Remedial works were undertaken the day following the meeting. Cllr. Lothian pointed out that he had highlighted the problem previously.

7.1.2 **Road works on Newburgh Road;** Scottish Water has been attempting to conduct repair work in the area for some time without apparent success. Cllr. Lothian will look into the matter.

7.1.3 **A91 closure;** An increase in traffic through the area has been noticed but has failed to prove a major disruption. Some traffic problems in the 'back' roads around Freuchie have been in evidence.

7.2 Dunshalt;

7.2.1 **New representatives;** Cllr. Lothian will raise the issue of Community Council representation at the next Dunshalt Community Association meeting. It was felt that at least one attending representative would be advisable.

7.3 Gateside;

7.3.1 **Speeding;** Police presence was in evidence and indeed switched position while attending.

7.3.2 **Pedestrian Crossing;** It was asked if the lights worked at weekends and evening as they had 'out' for a period of time. Cllr. Lothian thought that this was unlikely. It was felt that the Gateside Community Association would pursue the matter.

7.4 Strathmiglo;

7.4.1 **Grounds maintenance;** This has been evident since the last meeting.

7.4.2 **River bank erosion;** A site visit has been arranged with Iain Smith [Fife Council] for the afternoon of Wednesday 28th September.

8.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

6.1 **Electricity;** There have been a number of short cut-offs in the area most short and not a major inconvenience, though they are becoming more frequent.

6.2 **Scottish Water;** A slight discolouration and in some cases 'taste' was noticed in the Auchtermuchty area for a short period of time. Scottish Water has supplied no explanation, though it may be related to a similar problem in North Glenrothes.

9.0 PLANNING

The Secretary reported on applications made in the area.

Of note;

9.1 **Wind turbines by Dunshalt;** These were brought to the Community Council's attention at the August meeting by the applicant. Chair stressed that it was pity that there was no representative from Dunshalt to give us an indication as to whether residents would expect the Community Council to make comment. Cllr. Lothian told the meeting that the application had been raised at a Dunshalt Community Association meeting but no discussion had been forthcoming.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary listed the incoming and outgoing correspondence since the previous meeting, copies of which are, where possible, forwarded to members by email.

11.0 AOCB;

9.1 **Presentation to outgoing Chair;** A. Heer suggested that it would be appropriate and fitting that the Community Council make some form of presentation to D. Cowling for his long years of service to the Community Council. Suggestions to be brought to the Dunshalt meeting in October with a possible presentation at the November meeting in Gateside. AGREED

9.2 **Treasurer's report;** Chair queried the lack of a Treasurer's report at the AGM, it was agreed that this would be rectified in future.

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Dunshalt Village Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 31st October 2011 [Fancy dress optional]