

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
in the Dunshalt Village Hall.

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],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed a diminished Community Council and reiterated the need to replace members particularly from Gateside and Dunshalt.

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

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011 was accepted by those present.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS:

3.1 **Police Forum;** The next forum was to be held in Strathmiglo on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm.

3.2 **Auchtermuchty Festival;** It was suggested by the Chair that a meeting of all interested parties should be held prior to the festival to talk through preventative measures that could be introduced in a joined up manner. The meeting agreed that this would be a sensible way forward.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING & other business:

4.1 **Road works on Newburgh Road;** There appears to be no definitive answer as to what is happening, Cllr. Lothian will investigate further.

4.2 **A91 closure;** There was discussion concerning the traffic situation, the general consensus being that no major problems arose and that the closure had been lifted early. B. Torrance had noted an increase in heavy goods traffic particularly early morning but hoped that this would soon return to normal.

4.3 **Eden River bank erosion Strathmiglo;** There had been a commitment given to clear/dredge the river bed under the Toll Bridge on the A912 but no written confirmation has been received. G. Aitken questioned the 'value' of the river survey conducted around the Dunshalt area. Cllr. Lothian told the meeting that it had resulted in possible actions which when costed were prohibitive in the current economic climate.

- 4.4 **Presentation to outgoing Chair;** Suggestions were made as to the manner of the presentation and it was agreed that the Community Council would be entitled to meet the expense to a reasonable amount. Chair and Secretary will take the matter in hand.
- 4.5 **Binn Farm;** The Chair attended the community engagement meeting and found the atmosphere 'relaxed' though no new information was forthcoming.
- 4.6 **Alcohol Ban;** The Community Council awaits progress of the Byelaw. Though there appears to be some misinformation and confusion over what will be covered by the Byelaw, there seems to be no major negative response to its implementation.
- 4.7 **Proposed UK Parliamentary Constituency Boundary changes;** The Chair gave a précis of the proposed changes. He informed the meeting that the Community Council area was to be moved into the Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy constituency ignoring the geographic and cultural divides. As the constituencies are number based there were other ways of balancing the numbers, including the inclusion of more logical areas. The Chair and Secretary will contact Community Councils affected by these proposals to discuss joint action. There is a related website,

<https://consultation.scottishboundaries.gov.uk/node/238/bbox=291801,680084,366313,729394>

open for information and comment, the Chair will make a response in the name of the Community Council. The nearest public consultation will take place in Dundee on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

#### 5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

- 5.1 Dunshalt; No new business for the Community Council.
- 5.2 Gateside;
- 5.2.1 **Speeding;** B. Thomson highlighted the problem of early morning traffic. The Secretary suggested the formation of a 'Speedwatch' group who would be trained in the use of a speed gun. This was a matter that could be raised at the forthcoming Police Forum.
- 5.3 Strathmiglo;
- 5.3.1 **Grit Bins;** G. Aitken commented on the desirability of a grit bin located at the junction of Cash Feus and the A912 by the Toll Bridge, it being a particularly awkward corner to exit.
- 5.4 Auchtermuchty; No new business for the Community Council.

#### 6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

- 6.1 **Scottish Water;** The Secretary attended the AGM of Scottish Water and offered to the members informational literature that he had acquired.

7.0 PLANNING

The Secretary reported on applications made in the area, having circulated a list previously due to the unusual number of applications 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 Community Council training; an offer of training in Fife Council's planning procedures and Zero Waste programme has been made. It will take place in November in Cupar.

8.2 Fife Youth Alcoholism; notice had been received and the Chair attending a seminar on the subject of youth and alcohol. It was noted that most alcohol imbibed by underage drinkers was obtained from home.

8.3 Community Council's statutory position; The Secretary has been in communication with Iain Matheson, Chief Legal Officer, Fife Council concerning the Community Council's 'statutory consultee' position in relation to planning, as it appears Fife Council has revised its stance on the matter.

9.0 AOCB;

9.1 **Fife Rural Partnership;** The Secretary attended a forum discussing the possible issues effecting community projects within the area.

9.2 **Lomond Hills Regional Partnership;** G. Aitken asked the meeting if it wished that he remain the Community Council's representative on this body. It was agreed that he does so.

9.3 **Bank Signatories;** The Treasurer has obtained the forms to replace David Cowling with George Aitken as a signatory to the Community Council's bank account. These will be completed and submitted as soon as possible.

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Gateside Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011