

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
in the Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDIARMID

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE.

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012 was accepted by those present. P: George Aitken S: Andy Heer

3.0 POLICE MATTERS:

3.1 **Police Engagement Forum;**

The next forum will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7 p.m in Strathmiglo Public Hall. George Aitken and Bill Torrance hope to attend.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING & other business:

4.1 **Binn Farm Forum;** The Secretary circulated notice concerning the changes to their licence i.e. the extension to the life span of landfill

4.2 **Alcohol ban;** The Chair reported to the meeting that there was a possibility that an exemption to the alcohol ban could detail the Auchtermuchty Festival without naming specific dates. A local map will be drawn up to mark the areas to be included in the exemption, finalised after local discussion and if this is acceptable to Fife Council the position will be adopted by the Community Council.

4.3 **Proposed UK Parliamentary Constituency Boundary changes;** there still appears to be no date set for a decision to be reached.

4.4 **Sands/Coop buyout;** Andy Heer will contact Sands to find out how things are progressing and seek a contact in the Coop via Sands .

4.5 **Gateside House;** the Gateside Community Association [GCA] met and discussed the application at which meeting the applicant answered questions and their agent sought to clarify matters. The question of precedent was raised. Cllr Lothian felt that it would be possible to grant permission with conditions i.e. that only one house could be built. George Aitken asked whether these conditions could be challenged at a later date. The Secretary has lodged an objection, as has the

GCA, to ensure that the application goes to committee. Local concern has linked this application to previous contentious applications.

## 5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

### 5.1 Auchtermuchty

5.1.1 Public Halls; A steering committee had been formed and public opinion sought, most of which was in favour of a Community Trust model. Information is awaited from Fife Council concerning the options that will be available to the proposed trust.

5.2 Dunshalt; Cllr. Lothian informed the meeting that matters are being dealt with through the Dunshalt Community Association

### 5.3 Gateside;

5.3.1 **Shop to open;** work has started on the shop development.

### 5.4 Strathmiglo;

5.4.1 **Core Path Network/paths in area;** George Aitken was asked by local constituents for information as to when/if the path would link Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo. This is not part of the Core Path Network that has already been agreed. There are paths in the Auchtermuchty direction from Strathmiglo [including one alongside the A91 and one via Nethermyres] but it is unlikely one will be constructed away from the main road following a more direct route, e.g. following the old railway.

5.4.2 **Post Office services;** there is local concern as to the future of Post Office services following the take over of Sands shop by the Cooperative. It was raised at the meeting that there might be concern for the shop itself as there has been no word as to which stores are to remain after the buy out. Andy Heer, as reported in 4.4, will contact Sands.

## 6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

None

## 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.

Of note;

7.1 **Demperston turbine;** the scoping application is 'closed'. The applicant was informed by the Scottish Government that a full EIA would be required if an application for full planning permission was to be made.

7.2 **Certificate of Lawfulness;** there is an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness, a type of application that was new to the members present, at 17 East Back Dykes Strathmiglo. George Aitken will look into the situation.

## 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 **Decriminalisation of parking;** Fife Council are looking to take control of parking in Fife away Fife Constabulary, the effect of which was a matter of discussion. Cllr. Lothian informed the meeting, in relation to this, that the Traffic Regulation Orders for each settlement are currently being reviewed.

9.0 AOCB;

9.1 **Community Accounts;** The Treasurer aims to have the accounts of the Community Council for the year 2011-2012 presented to the next meeting and then audited.

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Dunshalt Village Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012