

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
in the Gateside Memorial Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDIARMID

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Vice Chair welcomed members attending, Andy Heer having withdrawn from the Chair pending the outcome of the May Local Elections.

Apologies: Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE, Bobby Thomson [Gateside]

2.0 MINUTES:  
The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012 was accepted by those present.

3.0 POLICE MATTERS:

3.1 **Community Engagement Meeting [CEM];** The next CEM will be held on the Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in Auchtermuchty Town Hall.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING & other business:

4.1 **Wind turbine applications;** the Secretary raised the issue of two applications for anemometer masts in the Auchtermuchty area,  
Rossie Den E 324515: N 712871,  
Lumbennie Hill E 322019 N 715657,  
and recommended that the Community Council lodge objection to the Rossie Den application on three grounds. First, an anemometer mast had already been placed in the area. Second, a full application for a wind turbine in the area has already been submitted. Third, such an application would lead to a proliferation of wind turbines in the area. The Community Council would delay any comment on the Lumbennie application until details of any proposed turbines was available.  
AGREED

The Vice-chair pointed out to the meeting that we were in a very similar position as to the lead up to the last major application for large scale wind turbines in the area.

4.2 **Kinloch Farm Quarry;** the Secretary raised the application of the formation of a quarry for the extraction of sand and gravel which though not within our area has the potential to send a considerable amount of heavy traffic through Auchtermuchty and Gateside six days a week. The issue would be determined by whether this traffic is routed west towards Auchtermuchty from the A91 Trafalgar junction or east towards the A92. The Secretary recommended that the Community Council raise an objection on this ground. AGREED

- 4.3 **Community Council;** the Treasurer requested that the Community Council formally acknowledge the adoption of the constitution format as laid out in the 'Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Fife – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011', as the Community Council has been operating under its framework since the Scheme was issued by Fife Council. AGREED

5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

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

- 5.2 Gateside; no new business

- 5.3 Strathmiglo;

5.3.1 **Belfield Chicken Farm/Development site;** Cllr. Lothian has reported the condition of the site.

5.3.2 **King George V park wall;** G. Aitken commented on the condition and need for repair of a section of wall. He also raised the issue of reference numbers for such work. In his communication with Fife Council he had requested the reference number given to the work in order to be able to accurately pursue its completion, he was told that it was not Fife Council's policy to hand out such numbers. Cllr. Lothian will make enquiries.

- 5.4 Auchtermuchty

5.4.1 **Royal Hotel alcohol licence;** this property is among a number that have not paid the license fee and who have had their licence suspended until payment.

5.4.2 **Gladgate potholes;** Cllr. McDairmid had reported a number of potholes that he considered trip hazards in this area and is awaiting action, though he was disappointed with the initial negative response from Fife Transportation.

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

- 6.1 **Electricity;** it was reported that the supply to parts of Auchtermuchty had been interrupted for a substantial period but no cause was discerned.

7.0 PLANNING

The Secretary then reported on applications made in the area, some had been discussed under previous business.

Of note;

- 7.1 **48E Cash Feus, Strathmiglo;** the vice-chair related the history of applications related to this site including the refusal of previous applications of a very similar nature. The Community Council agreed that there was little constructive action it could take and would leave the matter in the hands of Planning.

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 **Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland AGM;** if any member cares to be the Community Council's representative at the AGM contact the Secretary. David Cowling is still an APRS Council member and any relevant information can probably be got from David if no Community Councillor is able to attend.

8.2 **Association of Scottish Community Councils;** the Secretary had attended the last meeting of the Association of Scottish Community Councils (ASCC) which is being wound up. Various proposals to ensure that Community Councils continued to communicate had been proposed and the secretary had discussed with fellow Community Councillors from Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy the possibility of establishing a Fife association.

9.0 AOCB;

9.1 **Local elections;** the vice-chair lead the meeting in their thanks to both Cllr. Lothian and Cllr. McDairmid for their attendance at meeting and the work undertaken on behalf of the Community Council.

9.2 **Retiral of A. Arbuckle;** A. Heer asked that the Community Council write to A. Arbuckle on his retiral thanking him for his work with the Community Council over the years.  
AGREED

9.3 **The future of the Community Council;** the Secretary raised the question of what would happen if the membership of the Community Council continued to fall including the issue of what would then be the role of the local Community Associations given that they are non-statutory bodies. Cllr. Lothian suggested that further attempts be made to communicate, and formalise the connection, with the local Community Associations. At present it appears that the Community Associations are content to work within their communities and had no desire to take part in the wider area.

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Strathmiglo Village Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012