

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 19th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 24th September
in the Gateside Memorial Hall.

PRESENT: 1. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 2. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 3. Bobby Thomson [Gateside], 4. Wendy GUDMUNDSSON [Dunshalt], 5. Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], and 6. Valerie Morland WEIR [Gateside]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDIARMID, Jane McNaughton Gateside CA., Susan JACK Gateside C.A.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: In the absence of the Chair and the Vicechair, Alan Muirhead suggested that as secretary he chair the meeting. This was agreed. The Chair welcomed members and members of the public attending.

Apologies: Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty]

2.0 MINUTES: The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on Monday 27th August was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 **Rossie Den Turbine 8.1;** Cllr. Heer informed the meeting that the turbine application had been refused.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 **Binn Farm;** Cllr. Heer and Jane Kerr attended the latest Binn Farm meeting to keep up to date with developments, though this was specific to the proposed wind turbines. They informed the meeting that it had been decided to erect 4 or 5 turbines but their exact position had yet to be determined. The Eco Park Forums will continue to be held in their own right, the next being at Bein Inn Thursday 27th 7pm.

4.2 **Gateside House;** the application relating to this development has been appealed to the Reporter, there was local concern that within the appeal there is mention that there is no settlement boundary issue. The Secretary explained that this might be due to the wording used in the new Local Plan which is not as defined in the old Local Plan. Cllr. Lothian told the meeting that there was still a settlement boundary and it may be that they are trying to test this with the appeal. The Secretary reminded the meeting that the existing objection from the Community Council covered all the points raised at the meeting and had been forwarded to the Scottish Office Reporter assigned to the case.

4.3 **Glenrothes Hospital;** the Secretary informed the meeting of an email he had received from Patrick Laughlin [Falkland CA] concerning the withdrawal of the out of service currently held in Glenrothes Hospital – this to be transferred to Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy. Mr Laughlin had expressed his dissatisfaction in that the Community Associations, the Community Council or the doctor's surgeries in the area had not been informed of the proposals. Cllr. Heer informed the meeting that Councillors were also not informed. He explained that it appeared 'local Community Association to the hospital i.e. Glenrothes area, are part of a consultation process at present. The Secretary is to contact Partick Laughlin and will report any further information.

- 4.4 **Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries;** the Boundaries Commission has revised its plans and all the Community Council area is to be kept within the NE Fife – though this will be renamed “Fife East”. Full details can be found at www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/6th_westminster/revised_proposals/
- 4.5 **Caravan Park, Gateside;** the application relating to this development is to come before committee Wednesday 3rd October in Cupar. It is expected that there will be a large local interest group present. There were concerns expressed that details of the proposed road layout no longer appear to be to problematic to planners even though no changes have been made to the proposals. It was noted that all comments on the Fife Planning website concerning this development were against. General dissatisfaction with the planning procedures within Fife was expressed by those present.
- 4.6 **Drinking in Public ban;** the Secretary reminded the meeting of the Community Council's application for such a ban. He informed the meeting that he had a note from the Council which indicated that the Scottish Government were unhappy with the wording of the Auchtermuchty Festival exception – in particular the lack of specific dates and times. The Secretary will discuss this further with the local Councillors.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

- 5.1 **Community Engagement Meeting [CEM];** a brief meeting had been held in Auchtermuchty on 6th September. The next CEM will be in Strathmiglo Village Hall on Thursday 1st November at 7:00 p.m.
- 5.2 **Local theft;** following a recent spate of thefts from sheds and outbuildings, it was hoped that the police might remind locals of the need to secure premises. [Perhaps an item that could be raised at the next CEM]

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

- 6.1 Gateside No new business
- 6.2 Strathmiglo No new business
- 6.3 Auchtermuchty
- 6.3.1 **War Memorial;** is back and complete
- 6.3.2 **Public Facilities;** it was asked if there was any further 'movement'. Cllr. McDiarmid is still believed to be pursuing the matter but there was no information as yet.
- 6.4 Dunshalt
- 6.4.1 **Safe route to School;** W. Gudmunsson was concerned that no walking route had been devised between Dunshalt and Auchtermuchty Primary School to allow the children a 'healthier' option. The school had devised no route apart from the use of the school bus, though the timing did not allow the Dunshalt children to take part in after school activities. It was hoped that the existing path could be upgraded to allow safe walking/cycling. The Secretary will check to see if this path is part of the Core Path Network. Cllr. Heer said he would raise the matter with Fife Education at a coming meeting.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

- 7.1 Scottish Water; a burst main between Strathmiglo and Auchtermuchty caused problems in Auchtermuchty, but it was felt that the matter was dealt with promptly.

- 8.0 PLANNING: The Secretary reported on those applications that appeared on the Fife list since the last meeting.
Of note;

8.1 Demperston; the erection of a temporary [up to 3 years] anemometer mast in the name of E-Gen has been applied for.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: [not already covered.]

9.1 Planning; a new form of notification is available for Community Councillors dispatched through email, the Secretary will gather the names of those interested. Training in the new planning system was also on offer for those interested.

10.0 AOCB;

10.1 Living Lomonds Landscape lottery bid; S. Jack asked the meeting if the Community Council had been consulted concerning this application. The Secretary explained that apart from initial notification of its existence no further information had been received.

10.2 Lomond Hills access; local landowners have a developing problem in that access to the Lomond Hills is being promoted but path maintenance is decreasing with walkers etc using alternative routes.

10.3 School information request; a request was issued to parents by Auchtermuchty Primary School to allow it to share information it holds about the children with other bodies. There was no option for refusal. Cllr. Heer will enquire into the matter.

10.4 School Estate survey; this is currently being undertaken and B. Torrance recommended that the Community Council 'keep an eye' on its progress and findings.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Strathmiglo Village Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 29th October 2012