

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 23rd Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25th February 2013
in Gateside Memorial Hall.

PRESENT: 1. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 2. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 3. Bobby Thomson [Gateside], 4. Valerie WEIR [Gateside] 5. Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], 6. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Stuart Knowles [Falkland & Lomonds Cycling Project]

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

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

2.0 Falkland & Lomonds Cycling Project

Stuart Knowles of the FLCF addressed the meeting concerning a new cycling project to be launched at Auchtermuchty Primary School on the 26th March from 1-3pm at which a Community Council representative would be welcome.

This project has received funding from Cycling Scotland and aims to encourage the use of bicycles in the area by all age groups. A map of the area has been produced which features all the cycle and walking paths and will be distributed to every household over the Easter holiday period; any excess will be sold to raise funds. Among the initiatives the group are trialling are, bikes available for a loan period and monthly led bike rides.

Work will be done in local schools – local volunteers welcome – using the Bikeability scheme levels 1, 2, and 3 [the new format for Cycling Proficiency]. Fife Active Schools have appointed an officer with responsibility for cycling.

A questionnaire will be delivered with the map to gauge the public's response to the various initiatives.

3.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on Monday 28th January was accepted by those present.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 **Gateside 'caravan park' 6.2.2;** the Reporter will make an unannounced visit to the site and will not be expecting to be met.

4.2 **Water Hydrants 6.3.1;** Cllr. Heer will continue pursuing the matter with Fife Fire and Rescue Service.

5.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

5.1 **Rossie Den wind turbines;** the planning application has been amended with a request for smaller scale, more efficient turbines. As permission has already been granted for the larger turbines it was felt that this would be a better option for the area so no objection would be raised.

5.2 **Fife Local Plan;** G. Aitken and J. Kerr attended a recent consultation meeting. It served to highlight areas that developers have shown an interest in for the future. Those areas featured concerning this Community Council were on the edge of Auchtermuchty. Though it was acknowledged that this was a 'wish list' and not all development was

bad, it was felt that the Community Council should maintain vigilance and hold to their stance of maintaining village envelopes.

6.0 POLICE MATTERS:

6.1 **Community Engagement Meeting [CEM]**; the next [and last in this format] meeting is to be in Strathmiglo on the 7th March. It is hoped that this will be better attended than the norm.

7.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

7.1 Gateside

7.1.1 **Road Drains A91**; though maintenance of the drains has been undertaken, local residents feel that it is the pipe work between the gullies that needs attention.

7.1.2 **Field drains**; houses and gardens on the north side of the A91 to the west of the A912 are being effected by what appears to be ploughed up field drains failing to direct the water from the fields.

7.1.3 **'Old' A91, Burnside**; local residents were hoping for some work to be undertaken on the access road to their houses that used to be the A91. Cllr. Heer will enquire into whose responsibility this road comes under and the possibility of repairs.

7.1.4 **Tree removal**; local residents are concerned at the removal of trees, recently witnessed, from the land to the south of the A91 and to the east of Station Road [56.26N, 3.32W] and that tree preservation orders may be being ignored.

7.2 Auchtermuchty

7.2.1 **Mournipea**; a number of pot holes have been reported as causing concern to local residents.

7.3 Dunshalt: no new business

7.4 Strathmiglo: no new business

8.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

8.1 **Scottish Water**; there have been localised problems in Auchtermuchty prior to the beginning of the major works at the Burnside/A91 junction which has caused additional problems to local residents. These are claimed to be unrelated.

9.0 PLANNING: The Secretary reported applications that appeared on the Fife list since the last meeting. He reminded the meeting that these lists can be accessed via an email service from Fife Council.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE: [not already covered during the meeting.] None

11.0 AOCB; None

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 25th March 2013, Strathmiglo Village Hall, at 7.30pm