

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 24th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25th March 2013
in Strathmiglo Village Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Andrew McCafferty, Tom Carswell, Steve Runciman

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty]

2.0 AUCHTERMUCHTY DEVELOPMENT:

Andrew McCafferty, planning consultant, addressed the meeting showing plans and a computer image of a proposed development of eight houses on land to the north of Westbank at the west end of Auchtermuchty. Discussion followed during which the existing position of the Community Council, that the settlement boundaries should be protected, was explained and that though the size and type of the development was desirable, the preference would be that it should take place on a 'brown-field' site to prevent a precedent being set.

Mr McCafferty, Mr Carswell and Mr Runciman left the meeting at this point. Further discussion took place that reinforced the Community Council's objection to the stretching of village envelopes.

On a related matter, Cllr. Heer related the opinion of some Fife Council officers that housing development 'wish-list' sites would be dropped in the current economic climate.

3.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Gateside Memorial Hall on Monday 25th February was accepted by those present.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 **Cycle promotion event 2.0;** the Secretary reminded the meeting that the inaugural event of the current push to get people 'on their bikes' would be taking place at Auchtermuchty Primary School on the 26th March and that a Community Council representative would be welcome.

4.2 **Gateside 'caravan park' 4.1;** the Reporter has ruled against the 'caravan park' development but the Secretary felt that the issue had been left open by the conditions attached to the refusal. An appeal against the decision is a possibility.

4.3 **Water Hydrants 4.2;** Cllr. Heer is continuing to pursue the matter but it appears that it is not held as a priority by any one he has contacted as yet.

4.4 **'Old' A91, Burnside 7.1.3;** Cllr. Heer is still looking into the status of the old A91 and apologised for the delay. He hopes to be able to report at the next meeting.

4.5 **Gateside Tree removal 7.1.4;** the matter has been reported but no response has been made.

5.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

5.1 **Planning Performance Framework**; the Secretary circulated the Framework document – despite the difficulty in obtaining a copy that he could open – for the information of members.

5.2 **Binn Farm**; the next meeting is expected to be held in April, Chair and Secretary plan to attend.

6.0 POLICE MATTERS:

6.1 **Community Engagement Meeting [CEM]**; the Secretary has been informed that the CEMs are to continue in the existing format for the foreseeable future. The next CEM is to take place on Thursday 2nd May in Auchtermuchty Town Hall at 7pm.

7.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

7.1 Strathmiglo:

7.1.1 **Belfield 'chicken farm'**; the site has been allowed to become derelict with materials being spread by the weather. The area has become an eyesore.

7.2 Auchtermuchty

7.2.1 **Pot holes**; potholes that were reported in Mournipea have been filled, though others have been spotted in Kilnheugh and the High Street.

7.3 Dunshalt: no new business

7.4 Gateside

7.4.1 **Road Drains A91**; Cllr. Heer has a new contact within Fife Transportation and has passed on the concerns and thoughts of residents, it is hoped that action will be forthcoming.

8.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

8.1 **Scottish Water**; the reported water leak in the Cupar Road, Auchtermuchty, appears to have been fixed.

9.0 PLANNING: The Secretary reported applications that appeared on the Fife list since the last meeting.

9.1 **Nochnary Farm, Dunshalt**; Cllr. Heer raised the issue of an application for an EIA for two 74m wind turbines at this location. Though the site comes under Falkland Community Council he thought, as the proposed turbines would be visible from the majority of the Howe all Community Councils in the area should express an opinion.

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

11.0 AOCB;

11.1 **Fife Regional grant**; the Treasurer asked the meeting if they were still in agreement to the proportions, based on population size, each settlement was given in the redistribution of the regional grant after the expenses of the Community Council had been met. AGREED

He hoped to present finalised accounts for the year at the next meeting.

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 29th April 2013, at 7.30pm, Auchtermuchty Community Centre.