

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 25th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 29th April 2013
in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

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] 7. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MCDIARMID, Susan JACK

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty]

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on 25th March was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: none

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 **Binn Farm;** Jane Kerr and George Aitken attended a recent forum, minutes of which have been circulated to members. The main focus of discussion was the monies that may be raised by the developer and placed in a community fund available to communities in the area. The amount available will be dependent on the number of turbines installed on the site and the electricity produced. There was discussion around the topic of a community owned wind turbine but this received little support.

4.2 **TayPlan consultation;** the relevant information was emailed out to members. The Secretary wished to ensure that all members received them.

4.3 **Living Lomonds;** a questionnaire concerning how local residents use/ would like to use the Lomonds area was circulated with the Cycle route map. The Chair recommended that all members complete and return the form, the Secretary has also circulated relevant information.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 **Community Engagement Meeting [CEM];** The next CEM is to take place on Thursday 2nd May in Auchtermuchty Town Hall at 7pm.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 Auchtermuchty

6.1.1 **A91 closure;** the closure of the A91 has been very inconvenient to local residents, but there is no news of any delays to the work being done. The road will be opened for the Bank Holiday weekend 4-6th May.

6.2 Dunshalt: no new business

6.3 Gateside

6.3.1 **Main Road drains;** major work was reported to have been undertaken recently with the pipework between culverts cleared. Local residents wait to see if the works are effective.

- 6.3.2 **Speeding;** lorries belonging to the company 'Ochilmount' have been reported to be speeding through the village in the early morning. The matter will be raised at the police community engagement meeting.
- 6.3.3 **Refuse bins;** there is much confusion in the area concerning the changes to 'rural' refuse bin collection. Information given out is confusing and has not been sent to all those effected by the changes. One area discussed was that of which roads/tracks have been deemed as unsuitable for refuse collection vehicles and why. This would result in a number of bins needing to be taken to the main road where there is no suitable location to place them. The time given for householders to respond is very limited. The reasons given for the changes appear to be the Health and Safety of the refuse collection operators and the need to reduce landfill. General discussion followed about refuse collection in the area and the recent changes. Cllr. Heer is making enquiries as will the Secretary while informing Fife Council of local concerns.
- 6.3.4 **'Old' A91;** Cllr. Heer had obtained a map of Burnside, following a request by local residents, that shows which parts of the 'side' road at Burnside are adopted and therefore Fife Council responsibility when it comes to requests for repair. A section at the western end is shown to be in Perth & Kinross but an argument could be made that the road should be dealt with as a whole. Cllr. Heer will pursue.

6.4 Strathmiglo

- 6.4.1 **Road patching;** work recently undertaken in the village has been very unsatisfactory with temporary road repairs being very temporary indeed with further repair needed after a very short time. Cllr. Heer told the meeting that the NE Fife area committee are to ask the Head of Roads Maintenance to report on the general state of roads and repairs undertaken within the area. There was a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the current state of affairs. The Chair will supply Cllr. McDiarmid with a 'list' of specific complaints to which specific answers will be sought.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS: none

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

- 8.1 **Cash Mill development;** as the proposed development [13/00990/PPP | Demolition of Existing Agricultural Buildings / Shed and Erection of 3 No. Dwellingshouses | Cashmill Cash Mill Farm Cupar Fife KY14 7EP] sits outside the settlement boundary of Dunshalt Bill Torrance pointed out that it has been the practice of the Community Council to object when this was the case, preferring to see development within the settlement. The Secretary recommended that members examine the proposal and further discussion would take place once more concrete information was available.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: [not already covered during the meeting.]

- 9.1 **Community Challenge Fund;** the Secretary had circulated this information to members as a possible source of funding for local initiatives.

10.0 AOCB;

- 10.1 **Pool of resources;** Cllr. Heer informed the meeting of a proposal being made to compile a list of equipment, currently held by local organisations, that may be of use to groups in the area in an aim to make better use of them and to prevent duplication and unnecessary spending. This would include such items as chairs, PA systems, lighting etc. with the possible seeking of funds/grants for additional resources.
- 10.2 **Milestones;** the milestones in the area appear to have been repainted but the lettering not replaced. It was asked if enquiries could be made.

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 27th May 2013, at 7.30pm, Dunshalt Village Hall.