

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 25th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27th May 2013
in Dunshalt Village Hall.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Wendy GODMUNDSON [Dunshalt], 3. Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], 4. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], 5. Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], 6. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 7. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 8. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. MCDIARMID

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Valerie WEIR [Gateside]

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre on Monday 29th April was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: none

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 **Out of Hours – Glenrothes Hospital;** [The Secretary had circulated an email from the Glenrothes Area Future Group (GAFG) prior to the meeting]. Cllr. Heer and Christine Little attended a consultation meeting at Rothes Halls where they pointed out that no Community Council in or Fife Councillors representing wards in the Howe of Fife had been privy to earlier announcements or what had been described as a consultation process. It had been claimed at the meeting that the process undertaken was following that laid down at Government level with a consultation committee made up from 10 Health officials and 5 [though there should have been 6] members of the public from patient forums. None of those on the committee appeared to have any connection with the Glenrothes or Howe area. The overall impression had been that the process was a 'shambles' and that it was to justify a decision already made as the monies accrued as savings from the action have already been allocated to other areas.

The GAFG are unlikely to let this rest and are almost certain to pursue the matter further though it is up to Fife Health Board to come to a decision.

4.2 **Westbank housing proposal;** the Secretary had been approached by local residents concerned by talk of a possible housing proposal in the Westbank area. He explained that until an actual proposal/planning application is put forward there would be little point in discussing possible details at the Community Council. The Chair wondered if these tentative moves were related to any time limitations or recent moves by Fife Council concerning a 'wish-list' of areas for development. Cllr. Heer pointed out that the Local Plan has been set and that such tentative moves are unlikely to achieve anything.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 **Community Engagement Meeting [CEM];** The CEM on Thursday 2nd May in Auchtermuchty Town Hall was well attended and introduced a new officer to the area, PC Lee Walkingshaw. Priorities for the area were examined and have been listed on <http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/fife/north-east-fife/howe-of-fife-and-tay-coast/>. A deputation was present from Lindores as they felt that their area has been missed from traffic management measures and they are suffering the effects. A meeting will be held locally to discuss specific measures that can be taken.

The next CEM is in Strathmiglo Village Hall at 7pm on the 4th July.

- 6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]
- 6.1 Dunshalt: no new business
- 6.2 Gateside
 - 6.2.1 **Speeding**; lorries belonging to the company 'Ochil Mount' are reported to still be a problem. General discussion followed concerning the increase in the number of HGVs on the Low Road Auchtermuchty, A912 passing through Strathmiglo and those using the Ladybank Road from Dunshalt.
 - 6.2.2 **Old A91**; Cllr. Heer informed the meeting that Fife Transportation have accepted responsibility for the road and will repair it as a single unit.
- 6.3 Strathmiglo
 - 6.3.1 **Cash Feus**; the eastern end of Cash Feus is due to be closed to allow for culvert repairs, date not specified.
 - 6.3.2 **Sandygates resurfacing**; Cllr Heer informed the meeting that the resurfacing is set to take place in August 2013.
- 6.4 Auchtermuchty
 - 6.4.1 **Road barriers at Burnside/Low Road junction**; the barriers in the area had been subject to damage, some were removed and never replaced, others are in need of repair as they are proving to be an obstruction to pedestrians.
 - 6.4.2 **Kinloch House**; cars parked at the facility have been causing some traffic congestion. It was reported that the facility is likely to close and as such the 'problem' will ease.
- 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 **Path Condie nr Collessie**; though outside our area the Secretary felt that he should draw the Community Council's attention to the screening application for the 80m wind turbine.
- 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: [not already covered during the meeting.] None
- 10.0 AOCB;
 - 10.1 **Road repairs**; Cllr. McDiarmid told the meeting that he had been informed directly by the Head of Transportation [Dr McLellan] that repair teams had been given discretion to tackle works needing attended to, near to a repair that they had been sent out to, without requiring a work order. The Chair told the meeting that in conversation with a repair team he had been told that they had been instructed not to carry out such work. The Secretary highlighted this as yet another example of the message being lost going through the middle order officers in Fife Council.
 - 10.2 **Useful contact**; Cllr. McDiarmid recommended that copies of minutes be sent to Rod Cox of Fife Council as a useful contact for works that the Community Council may wish to be undertaken. The Secretary will add him to the mailing list.
- 12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 24th June 2013, at 7.30pm, Gateside Memorial Hall.