

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 26th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 24th June 2013
in Gateside Memorial Hall.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], 3. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], 4. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 5. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 6. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], & 7. Valerie WEIR [Gateside]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Susan JACK [Gateside Community Association, (GCA)]

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], Cllr. David McDiarmid

2.0 MINUTES:

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

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: none

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 **Out of Hours – Glenrothes Hospital;** The Secretary has circulated the web address where all relevant information can be obtained.

4.2 **Binn Farm;** The Secretary has obtained a map detailing the recommended route from Binn Farm to the CHP plant at Tullis Russell in Glenrothes that makes use of the A912. It gives directions to the associated car park and not the unloading area so it is unclear if this is the recommended route for the bulk container lorries carrying the biomass. He also informed the meeting that it has become known that lorries carrying timber are to be sent from Binn via Gateside to the M90. Discussion at the meeting centred on the information previously received, that vehicles using the site would enter and exit through the Bridge of Earn junction of the M90 and that the Gateside Community Association hope to persuade the company that this would be the most sensible option.

Bill Torrance is to raise at the Strathmiglo Community Association a possible request for a weight restriction to be placed on the A912 between Strathmiglo and the New Inn roundabout on the A92.

It appears that most of the assurances given to local communities concerning traffic routes to the Glenrothes plant are being overturned. It is still estimated that 8 lorries a day will travel from Binn Farm to Glenrothes though some may not return directly but make pick-ups at other depots. There was nothing said about lorries delivering from these other depots returning via the A912 to Binn Farm. A large number of vehicles related to the processes at Binn Farm will also be moving in the area with no prior knowledge of the routes that they will be taking.

Susan Jack informed the meeting that the Gateside Community Association intends to apply to CITA – via their website – for monies in lieu of compensation for the disruption, this would be separate from those funds connected with the installation of wind

turbines. She added that community associations within a 10-mile radius of the site could apply.

It was noted that Fife Council have a number of existing contracts with the Binn Farm complex which result in vehicle traffic but it is expected that this would cease once Fife Council has built its own facilities.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

- 5.1 **Community Engagement Meeting [CEM];** The next CEM is on Thursday 4th July, in Strathmiglo at 7p.m.

A number of rural crimes [thefts from outbuilding etc.] had been reported in the area, speeding however was still the major concern of the residents.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/fife/north-east-fife/howe-of-fife-and-tay-coast/>

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 Gateside

6.1.1 **Rural refuse collection;** Susan Jack reported on discussions currently being held between Fife Council and local residents about the possible use of larger shared bins to ease collection. Action taken so far by Fife appears to be a money saving exercise and not as claimed a following of Health & Safety directives. Some residents are still not receiving information concerning refuse collection changes despite being directly effected. Cllr Heer will pursue.

6.1.2 **Old A91;** Cllr. Heer informed the meeting that Fife Transportation have accepted responsibility for the road and will repair it as a single unit.

6.2 Strathmiglo

6.2.1 **King George V park;** the safety tiles beneath the play equipment were loosened by flooding some time ago and it is suspected that local youths are compounding the problem with approximately 75% now missing.

6.2.2 **Belfield development;** there is still concern about the state of, and the possibility of debris being blown from, the site. It was reported that Robert Allison Chair of the Strathmiglo Community Association would make an informal approach to the owners.

6.3 Auchtermuchty

6.3.1 **Derelict/abandoned building;** a number of buildings are being entered and vandalised with the possibility of underage drinking taking place. The police appear to be aware of the situation but it is recommended that the matter be raised at the next Community Engagement Meeting. Local residents find it difficult to understand why properties are being left in such a way.

6.3.2 **High Street drains;** residents have requested that drains from the top of the High Street and those at the Cupar Road be cleared – there is evidence of weeds now growing in the silt. Cllr. Heer to pursue.

6.3.3 **Road barriers at Burnside/Low Road junction;** Cllr. Heer will chase this matter as it appears no work has been undertaken a yet.

6.4 Dunshalt no new business

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

7.1 **Bus shelter at Yellowhill Road, Burnside A91;** the glazing panel has been missing from the shelter for some time. Cllr. Heer will report.

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

8.1 **Kinloch Quarry;** Cllr. Heer reported that an appeal against refusal has been lodged with the Reporter. The original Community Council's objection will stand and be passed on to the Reporter with the rest of the paperwork.

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

10.0 AOCB;

10.1 **Neighbour dispute, Gateside;** Susan Jack looked for advice from the Community Council concerning an ongoing dispute between neighbours. She was told that the Community Council tried to avoid being involved in neighbour disputes and suggested that it would be best dealt with through the correct channels such as Environmental Health or Police.

10.2 **Community Council accounts;** the Treasurer informed the meeting that due to a delay with the Bank of Scotland supplying a bank statement the accounts have yet to be examined or the Fife regional grant applied for.

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 26th August 2013, at 7.30pm, Strathmiglo Village Hall.