

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 28th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 30th September 2013
in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], 3. Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], 4. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 5. Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], 6. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MACDIARMID, Brian SLATTERY, Liz SLATTERY

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Valerie WEIR [Gateside], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside]

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on Monday 26th August was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1.1 **[11.4] Auchtermuchty-Lindores speed limit;** Marj Keddie made the observation that the worst section of this road was between Glossarts and Pitcarlie. The Secretary recapped what had been discussed at the previous meeting and the feeling had been that a speed limit would be ineffective but better signage and road markings would be beneficial. Cllr. Heer informed the meeting that more road signs were planned for the road.

3.1.2 **[2.0] Baincraig Planning application;** The meeting was addressed by Brian and Liz Slattery who wished to speak in support of the application at Baincraig. They gave a brief history of the site and the works that they had undertaken in the reconstruction of the buildings from a derelict state. They also covered the processes that they had undergone in the current application. Discussion followed as to the likely date that the application would go to committee and the inconsistent nature of decisions reached in the past.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 **Kinloch Quarry;** The Secretary informed the meeting that an Inquiry meeting is to be held in Collesie on the 17-19th December concerning this development.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 **Community Engagement Meeting [CEM] 5th September;** The meeting was informed that changes are currently underway to the service.
Ward priorities will now be incident lead rather than named.
A new team of 6 PCs and a Sergeant will deal with the Howe area.
Calls will be categorised using a new priority grading [details of which are to be announced]
Full details of the changes should be on the Police website for the Howe.

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

A major concern expressed at the meeting was the disturbances in Auchtermuchty Square related to the Auchtermuchty Festival, although they have been reported on other weekends. Concerned local residents had raised the issue at the previous Community Council meeting. The importance of reporting incidents was reinforced as more of the 'priorities' and 'targets' set for beat officers are based on compiled statistics.

5.2 **Next CEM** ; 7th November, Strathmiglo Village Hall, 7pm

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 Auchtermuchty

6.1.1 **Street lighting**; problems are still being reported in a number of areas.

6.1.2 **Refuse bins**; the new rota of refuse collection has not been distributed; it is assumed that the previous pattern will continue but official notification would be welcome.

6.1.3 **Pothole/service cover**; Cllr. MacDiarmid reported a problem near Upper Greens. He will establish who is responsible for the repair and ensure that it is done. It was noted that there is a similar problem at the High Street/Low Road junction.

6.1.4 **Station Road play park**; The meeting was informed that the swings are to be replaced with suitable matting beneath.

6.2 Dunshalt no new business

6.3 Gateside

6.3.1 **School children/Memorial Hall**; the meeting was informed of concerns over the walking of school pupils to the Memorial hall via a narrow pavement on the south side of the A91 and their proximity to heavy traffic. Though this route is to the pedestrian crossing installed it was suggested that some barrier system be put in place along the pavement.

6.4 Strathmiglo

6.4.1 **Street lighting**; a number of areas have been reported, but as on previous occasions, after repair, the lights are left on for the remainder of the day.

6.4.2 **High Street subsidence**; Cllr. Heer has reported the matter and has been told that an engineer will be sent out.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

7.1 Scottish Water; a press release was issued concerning the low levels of water in the Lomond reservoirs and the need to conserve water where possible. It was felt that the Community Council area would not be affected directly.

8.0 PLANNING: The Secretary reported applications that appeared on the Fife list since the last meeting not already discussed within the meeting.

Of note;

13/00146/FULL Erection of dwellinghouse and stable block, Land At Wester Nether Urquhart Station Road Gateside. Though this development has been permitted with conditions and the

Community Council did not object, the Secretary felt that this application should have been given more attention.

- 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: [not already covered during the meeting.] The Secretary will continue to forward correspondence to members, unless they state otherwise, from the various organisations with connection to the Community Council.
- 10.0 AOCB;
- 10.1 **Glenrothes Biomass plant;** It was brought to the attention of the Community Council that the biomass plant capacity has been increased due to efficiency improvements in the plant being used. Cllr. Heer summarised the 'story' so far.
The original application was for a 49Mw plant and this was granted, with conditions, by Fife Council. As the 2nd application was for a 65Mw plant, due to the efficiency improvements, this removed the decision making process from Fife Council and the Scottish Government approved the application with no conditions. Cllr. Heer has since been informed that there are conditions to be applied and that local councillors are to be given an update on these at some point.
- 12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 28th October 2013, at 7.30pm, Dunshalt Village Hall.