

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 29th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 28th October 2013
in Dunshalt Village Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MCDAIRMID

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Valerie WEIR [Gateside]

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre on Monday 30th September was accepted by those present with the correction under 6.1;

Auchtermuchty damaged road-barriers: it was agreed that the Secretary and Cllr. McDiarmid would arrange a site visit to ensure that the correct location of the barriers in question was established.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 **6.1.3 Pothole/service cover;** the Secretary and Cllr. McDiarmid inspected the area and reported the faults found. The works reported were undertaken within days along with a number of other road faults. Cllr. McDiarmid contacted the relevant department and expressed thanks for the good work done. In addition Cllr. McDiarmid has reported a number of additional faulty service covers.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 **Leckiebank Road;** The meeting was addressed by Bill Bowman concerning the closure of Leckiebank Road for a noticeable period of time with, as he informed the meeting, only one weeks notice. This had been a displayed copy and there had been no consultation with residents affected. His contact with Fife Transportation had revealed some detail; a trench was to be dug at the beginning of the week, works done and the trench then filled at the end of the week. It appeared that no consideration had been given as to how residents were to make vehicular access to their homes during this period. A local farmer had generously granted access through his land for which residents are grateful but they feel that this is not a desirable situation. It was the general feeling that the lack of consultation prior to the works was unacceptable – it was noted that local Fife Councillors were only given 10 days notice of the closure. The Secretary will write to Transportation, copied to the relevant officials, outlining our disappointment. Cllr. McDiarmid recommended that Mr Bowman make a complaint directly to Dr. McClelland, as well as using the complaints section found on Fife Direct.

4.2 **Auchtermuchty Police Station desk closure;** though still under a period of consultation, it was felt that there would be little point in making a comment as the effect of the

proposed closure on local residents would be negligible as very little use is made of the facility at present.

4.3 **B936 speed limit;** it appears that a 40mph speed limit is to be imposed over the section of the B936 from the existing 30mph limit out to the edge of the Auchtermuchty Common. Cllr Heer advised the meeting that more signage is to be put in place with the possibility of additional white line road markings.

4.4 **Fife Council Budget consultation;** the Secretary wished all members to be aware the consultation concerning Fife Council's budget for the coming years is under way and contributions are being sought.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 **Next Community Engagement Meeting;** 7th November, Strathmiglo Village Hall, 7pm

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 Dunshalt; no new business

6.2 Gateside; no new business

6.3 Strathmiglo

6.3.1 **High Street subsidence;** Cllr. Heer has been told that the area has been inspected and that the worst 'patch' filled with the rest of the area to be monitored.

6.4 Auchtermuchty

6.4.1 **Street lighting;** it was noted that a number of individual lights have been out in the High St and around the Cupar Rd/Low Rd junction. Cllr Heer and McDiarmid will check and report any spotted.

6.4.2 **Bin collection rota notice;** a new calendar of collections has been issued but it appears not all local residents have received it.

6.4.3 **Car park at the top of Mournipea;** a request has been made for a litter and a dog waste bin to be sited here as there appears to be a growing problem in the area. As the land belongs to the Forestry Commission there may be an issue of permission and responsibility for emptying. It was hoped that people could be encouraged to take their rubbish home with them

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS: none

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; there has been an application for 400 ground-based solar panels at Wester Cash, Strathmiglo.

The Secretary took the opportunity to remind members that should they see an application in the lists that they think the Community Council should be interested in they should put in a note of interest to allow time for the Council to meet, discuss it and decide on what action if any to take.

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;

Glenrothes Biomass plant; Fife Councillors attended a meeting concerning the plant and were informed that planning conditions set for the original application were to stand but that the condition relating to transporting materials had been revised. Various scenarios were detailed but it is likely that these will result in 2 lorries per hour carrying materials will be using the A912 as the shortest route. Empty lorries may return by various routes.

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 25th November 2013, at 7.30pm, Gateside Village Hall.