

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 30th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25th November 2013
in Gateside Memorial Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MCDAIRMID, and Sgt. Stuart Oliver

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Valerie WEIR [Gateside]

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on Monday 28th October was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: none

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 **Fife Council Budget consultation;** the Secretary aims to attend and wished to remind members.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 **Community Engagement Meetings;** Apologies were given for the non-attendance of an officer to the November CEM. A new structure is to be implemented with responsibility for attendance shared between officers of the new Community Engagement teams who will now comprise of 5 officers and 1 sergeant. Police Scotland are to upgrade it s website to include dates and locations of CEMs, with press advertising and social media also being used.

5.2 **Police response time;** Sgt. Oliver was told that there was a general feeling based on anecdotal evidence that police response time to a variety of recent incidents had been slower than expected. The meeting was told that calls reporting incidents are received centrally and graded [1 – respond immediately/life threatening to 5 make diary appointment]. If they think it necessary, the duty officer can alter these grading. It was suggested that the criteria for these gradings need to be examined as it was felt that a national grading structure would not take account of local variations

5.3 **Next CEM;** this will be held in Auchtermuchty in January - dates and location to follow.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

- 6.1 Gateside;
 - 6.1.1 **Temporary traffic lights;** local residents reported that initially the temporary lights installed clashed with the pedestrian crossing lights causing confusion. The problem has been dealt with.
 - 6.1.2 **Bussing school pupils to Hall;** the parents of children attending Gateside Primary have raised concerns over the use of the pavement to the south of the A91 in getting the children to the Memorial Hall for lessons. It is uncertain as to how long this situation will exist and whether bussing the children is a feasible long term solution. It was suggested that guardrails might be installed at the narrower section of pavement.
- 6.2 Strathmiglo;
 - 6.2.1 **Bellfield development;** the meeting was informed that the Strathmiglo Community Association had made a request to Environmental Health to have the site inspected to find out if asbestos is present and in what condition following concerns voiced by local residents.
- 6.3 Auchtermuchty
 - 6.3.1 **Street barriers Burnside/Low Rd;** Cllr. McDairmid has been informed that the missing parts of the barriers were not to be replaced. It was felt that this was not a satisfactory response, Cllr. McDairmid will pursue.
- 6.4 Dunshalt; none [It is hoped that Cllr. Lothian who attends the Dunshalt Community Association meetings can encourage the DCA to send a representative to the Community Council meetings.]

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;

- 8.1 The Secretary remarked on the number of applications involving the felling or cutting back of trees in the area.
- 8.2 No comment was made concerning the initial application for the Cash Farm solar panel development by the Community Council, and it was felt that this should remain the case as no adverse impact could be foreseen to the local community.
- 8.3 The designation of land use around Auchtermuchty came under discussion concerning FIFEplan. Cllr. Heer recommended that local knowledge of for example ground condition, watercourses, be used when deciding on whether development in a particular area was desirable/possible.

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; none

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 27th January, at 7.30pm, Strathmiglo Village Hall.