

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 30<sup>1st</sup> Meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
in Strathmiglo Village Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MCDAIRMID,

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], Valerie WEIR [Gateside]

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Gateside Memorial Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013 was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: none

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 **Fife Council Budget consultation;** the Secretary has a hard copy of the consultation document for any member who would like to borrow it, though submission had to be in by the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.

4.2 **Alcohol Bye Laws;** the Secretary reminded the meeting that the changes come into effect from the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Details of the locations of signage were issued but there is some concern over the limited number – one – to be placed in Auchtermuchty. It was felt that a request for more would be necessary. There was a question raised as to whether this initial signage will be to warn the public that the byelaws have come into effect or will be the permanent signage stating that it is in effect.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 **Community Engagement Meeting, Auchtermuchty;**

5.1.1 **Auchtermuchty Festival;** discussion took place concerning the disturbance, particularly at the Cross, during the festival. It was recognised that the organisers could not be held responsible and were indeed looking for ways of tackling the issue. Further discussions will take place though it is hoped that the new alcohol byelaws will have a significant effect.

5.1.2 **Grading of calls by Police;** how the grading was set was discussed and the question of whether local priorities set at CEMs could have some impact on such grading.

5.1.3 **Next meeting;** though the location – Strathmiglo – is known, the date is yet to be set.

- 6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]
- 6.1 Strathmiglo;
- 6.1.1 **Water incursion on the A912**; it was reported that water from blocked drains is running down both sides of the A912 south of the Pillars of Hercules corner extending out into the carriageway. With freezing conditions forecast this could lead to dangerous road conditions.
- 6.2 Auchtermuchty
- 6.2.1 **Street barriers Burnside/Low Rd**; there has been no positive progress in the matter. An option that the footpath is blocked off at the location forcing pedestrians to cross the road or to walk on the carriageway was deemed not acceptable.
- 6.2.2 **Pitmedden/top of Mournipea**; further requests have been made for litter bins in the area despite explanation that this is forestry owned land whose policy is not to install bins. There was further discussion as to the litter and 'unkemptness' of the general area around and in Auchtermuchty.
- 6.2.3 **Cemetery walls**; it was reported that a number of large agricultural/industrial tyres have been leant against the cemetery wall and there is a concern that their weight may cause a collapse.
- 6.2.4 **Toby covers**; Cllr. MacDairmid asked if anyone had noticed if the toby covers mentioned at a previous meeting had been replaced. No definitive answer could be given.
- 6.3 Dunshalt; none
- 6.4 Gateside; none
- 7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:
- 7.1 Water; a broken water pipe has caused discolouration in the Leckiebank area of Auchtermuchty
- 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 failure to highlight land already subject of a successful planning application on the FIFEplan came under discussion as was the information gleaned that the FIFEplan would have no impact on any future planning applications – those considered and even categorised as undesirable under the FIFEplan will still go through the full application process and may even be granted permission.
- 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 Road closure; the meeting was informed that the Auchtermuchty to Newburgh road is due to be closed for 4 days from the 10<sup>th</sup> February.
- 12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm, Auchtermuchty Community Centre.