

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 32nd Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 24th February 2014
in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, PC Chris KENNY, PC Barry Crookston

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Valerie WEIR [Gateside]

2.0 MINUTES:

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

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: none

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 **Binn Eco Farm;** Jane Kerr attended the last meeting, which discussed the proposals for wind turbines on the site. It was felt likely that a planning application was close to being submitted.

4.2 **Dunshalt Post Office;** changes have been made to the services offered by Dunshalt PO with a few withdrawn. No comments have been received from Dunshalt residents or Community Association.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 **Drinking in public;** the Constables present asked if there had been any reaction/feedback to the initiation of the new byelaws. The feeling that there had been little or no response as the coming of the bye-laws had been known about in the community for some time and it was felt that this had lessened the impact. Street signage however has been removed by person/persons unknown. The meeting was reminded that any problems with specific licensed properties should be reported, as this will be flagged up at the next license application.

5.2 **Speeding;** new equipment has been made available to the area team and it is hoped to have it used in the area shortly.

5.3 **Parking;** though enforcement is now a Fife Council responsibility, dangerous or obstructive parking can and should still be reported to the police.

5.4 **Community Engagement Meetings;** Cllr. Heer has requested a full set of dates and locations of this year's CEMs, which he will forward as soon as he has them.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

- 6.1 Auchtermuchty
 - 6.1.1 **War Memorial;** the War Memorial had been damaged but it appears that remedial work has already begun.
 - 6.1.2 **Street cleaning;** Street Cleaning in Auchtermuchty has gone back to being the responsibility of one dedicated worker with the travelling squad system abandoned. Brian Rioch who did the job previously has resumed his old role and there has been a noticeable improvement in the general cleanliness in the town. Cllr. Heer informed the meeting that the Street Cleaners have been told to report any faults/repairs needed that they come across in their rounds.
 - 6.1.3 **Toby covers;** the Secretary pointed out that at least one of the toby covers mentioned in previous meeting had not been replaced. He will forward this information to Cllr. MacDairmid.

- 6.2 Dunshalt; none

- 6.3 Gateside;
 - 6.3.1 **Speeding;** Bower Park has had a number of incidents reported.
 - 6.3.2 **Road condition A912 to Perth & Kinross border;** a number of serious potholes and areas of subsidence are in evidence and in need of attention.

- 6.4 Strathmiglo;
 - 6.4.1 **Street lighting replacement;** this has begun.

- 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 Wind turbine Bowhouse Farm screening application; no comments are being accepted at present. The Secretary suggested that the CC write to Fife Council insisting or at least strongly recommending that such a development should have an full Environmental Impact Assessment undertaken. AGREED.

- 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.
Of note:
 - 9.1 Mobile phone mast Broombrae Farm; this is an upgrade that will make no change to the physical appearance of the mast.
 - 9.2 Markinch CHP traffic management survey; this is based on a survey undertaken detailing the traffic through the A912 and the perceived impact of the new traffic related to the Markinch CHP development.

- 10.0 AOCB;
 - 10.1 Redistribution of CC's regional grant to local CAs; the Treasurer pointed out that this redistribution was undertaken on the grounds that the Community Associations in the area feed information back to the Community Council. Dunshalt have failed to comply with this condition for some time and suggested that he include a covering letter explaining the situation with a suggestion that the Dunshalt CA forward copies of their minutes to the Secretary if no member could attend a Community Council meeting. AGREED.

- 12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 31ST March, at 7.30pm, Dunshalt Village Hall.