

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 39th Meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
in Dunshalt Village Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: none

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: none

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 **Local Development Plan**; the Chair reported that a new area for development had appeared in the draft version of the plan. This site between Millflat and Leckiebank Road [AUC 002] is stated to be suitable for 30 houses. This is a site that has been considered before for possible development but it was generally agreed that 30 houses would be too dense and this would be reflected in the response to any future planning applications

4.2 **Binn Wind Farm**; public meetings are to be held to explain the proposed changes to the site. The meeting at Gateside on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. will be the most convenient for our area. All members are encouraged to go along.

4.3 **Rural Parliament**; details of the next meeting concerning the Rural Parliament has been received by the Council and the Secretary proposes to attend to gain information concerning its aims and objectives. Cllr. Heer also plans to attend.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 **Community Engagement Meeting [CEM]**; the last CEM was held in Auchtermuchty and attendance consisted of Cllrs. Heer and Lothian and the police representative.

5.2 **Next CEM**; the next CEM will be held in Strathmiglo on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 Dunshalt; no new matters

6.2 Gateside

6.2.1 **Road build-out A91**; Cllr. Heer is waiting for feedback from the Gateside Community Association.

6.3 Strathmiglo

- 6.3.1 **Road signage;** [this is of concern in all the Community Council area] the matter of dirty road signs has previously been raised but it is felt that some are now becoming unreadable. Fife Council had informed Cllr. Heer, that a 'machine' was being acquired for the purpose and work would then be undertaken. So far there is no evidence of this starting. There were several suggestions from members attending, most concerned the use of a bucket of water and a brush.
- 6.3.2 **Clock Tower repairs;** it was not known if repair work will start shortly following the completion of the work to repair the Auchtermuchty Town Hall as it may be a different group carrying out the work.

#### 6.4 Auchtermuchty

- 6.4.1 **Leckiebank to Mourniepea pathway;** this was reported to be overgrown and difficult to walk. There was a question as to who would be responsible for maintenance. Cllr. Heer will seek advice from the Ranger Service, who have proved extremely useful in the past.
- 6.4.2 **Orchard Flat road sign;** the position is unchanged.
- 6.4.3 **Mourniepea road works;** these have been postponed.
- 6.4.4 **White road junction markers Newburgh Road;** Cllr. Heer was informed that Fife Council was marking all road junctions in this manner. It was pointed out that some junctions were missed, e.g. the entrance to Auchtermuchty Common, and that some residents were still unhappy that their driveways had been marked.
- 6.4.5 **Town Hall;** renovation works are nearing completion and the area will be cleared shortly.
- 6.4.6 **Low Road Park;** the resurfacing is determined as complete.
- 6.4.7 **Playpark equipment;** a meeting was held of interested parties to discuss what might be wanted and what could be provided. Costings for suggestions are in the process of being drawn up.

#### 7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS:

- 7.1 BT broadband;** there is no definitive information as to when the new service will begin but it is thought likely that Auchtermuchty will be in operation shortly with Strathmiglo following by the end of the year. There was a question over whether Gateside was to be included. Cllr. Heer informed the meeting that he was aware that some villages in the Howe are to be missed but he did not think that Gateside was to be one.

#### 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 'Old Surgery' Auchtermuchty – this did not go before before committee, the application was allowed under delegated powers.

#### 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 Living Lomonds Partnership [LLP];** A number of queries were raised. Sarah MacDonald of LLP will attend the September meeting of the Community Council at which it is hoped they will be answered.

#### 10.0 AOCB; none

#### 11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014, at 7.30pm, Gateside Memorial Hall.