

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 40th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 29th September 2014
in Gateside Memorial Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. MCDAIRMID, Sarah MACDONALD [Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership] and 5 members of the public.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty],

2.0 Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership [LLLP]; Sarah MacDonald started by providing a background to the LLLP and went on to give a 'flavour' of what the LLLP does and how the local community could be involved. The activities undertaken are based around 5 themes; Rural Skills, Wild Places, Historic Landscape, Living Heritage and Exploring the Lomonds. Details of these can be found on the LLLP's website; www.livinglomonds.org.uk. At present these activities are usually based within the Loch Ore Meadows complex or the Falkland Estate but the LLLP are looking for alternative venues and possible events/activities to be suggested by the local community. Funding is available for such projects that encourage communities making a positive use of the Lomonds.

Questions were raised from the floor concerning the need for responsible access and maintenance of pathways. There is a schedule of works to maintain existing paths but not to establish new ones.

LLLP is looking to partnership arrangements with local bodies, organisations and community groups. This does include groups within Perth & Kinross.

LLLP feel that now they have things 'up and running' it is time to get out and publicise their activities through local shops, schools, libraries etc.

The chair thanked Sarah for the very informative presentation.

3.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on Monday 25th August was accepted by those present.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING: none

5.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

5.1 Local Development Plan; the Secretary reported that the 9th September Fife Council Executive meeting approved the final draft Fifeplan. Details of the consultation process will be published by the end of the October.

Specific sites within Auchtermuchty – some of which are no longer listed as preferred sites – were discussed as they are still causing concern to local residents. Cllr. Heer advised the meeting that planning permission can be applied for outside the existing town settlement for houses classified as 'affordable'.

- 5.2 **Rural Parliament;** the Secretary and Valerie Weir attended a fact-finding event. The Secretary gave a short description of its aims. More details are available on its website [www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk] or from leaflets available from the Secretary.
- 5.3 **Demperston Wind Turbine;** the planning application has been passed on to the Reporter. The Community Council's objection will be forwarded with the other papers.

6.0 POLICE MATTERS:

- 6.1 **Community Engagement Meeting [CEM];** the last CEM held in Strathmiglo reiterated the aims of the community police team with the local priorities being; driver behaviour, anti-social behaviour and crimes of dishonesty. The meeting was told that a criminal investigation unit within the team is targeting local crimes. A number of occurrences were considered, led by the fatal accident near Demperston cottages, and including illegal and inconsiderate parking, thefts from commercial premises and disturbances within the King George V park in Strathmiglo.
- 6.2 **Next CEM;** the next CEM will be held in Auchtermuchty.

7.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

7.1 Gateside

- 7.1.1 **Road build-out A91;** the road build out is to be removed and rumble strips to replace it. Cllr. Heer raised the continuing problem of the narrow pavement on the south side of the A91 as they go from the school to the Memorial Hall. The Community Council will request the option of a railing/barrier be explored.
- 7.1.2 **Gateside Inn;** the Gateside Community Association has been contacted asking if there was any local interest in taking over the Inn as a going concern. Failing that an application for change of use may follow.

7.2 Strathmiglo

- 7.2.1 **Drinking in public;** signage concerning the bye-law is reported as still missing around the King George V park, this appears to cause confusion about the application of the bye-law.
- 7.2.2 **King George V bridge;** on the southeast corner of the bridge at the base of the wall a hole is forming in the road surface– possibly related to drainage – and is in danger of becoming large enough to pose problems.

7.3 Auchtermuchty

- 7.3.1 **Station Road changes;** the meeting was informed that notice has been received concerning 'build-outs' to be constructed on Station Road, designed to slow traffic entering the town from Dunshalt. There was also information concerning the realignment of the road immediately to the south of the bridge leading from Station Road to Orchard Flat. There was some discussion as to why this would be necessary. The secretary will contact Fife Council Transport to discuss.

7.4 Dunshalt; none

8.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

- 8.1 Broadband; installation is on-going, the lack of publicity in the local area to the work already carried out was a puzzle to members.

9.0 PLANNING: The Secretary reported applications that appeared on the Fife list since the last meeting not already discussed within the meeting.
Of note;

- 9.1 Lockiehead; the development proposal, initially rejected, has gone to review [15th September]. The result of which was not known at the meeting.

9.2 Netherfield Farm; an application has been put for the siting of a caravan on site to allow the establishment of a business. The intention is to keep the caravan on site for two years after which an application to build a house will be put forward. [14/02939/FULL]

10.0 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: none

11.0 AOCB;

11.1 Binn Eco Farm; a display/presentation was put on in Gateside at which a large representation was made by the company. The meeting was informed that there is an intention to erect four, 115 metre turbines. A committee is to be established to aid with the distribution of monies made available to the local community by way of compensation for inconvenience etc.

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 27th October 2014, at 7.30pm, Strathmiglo Village Hall.