

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 41st Meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
in Strathmiglo Village Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER

- 1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending which, following the recent election of members to the new CC, was followed by a general discussion on Community Council membership, its role and how to raise its profile.

Apologies: Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Valerie WEIR [Gateside]

- 2.0 MINUTES:  
The Minute of the meeting held in Gateside Memorial Hall on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September was accepted by those present.

- 3.0 MATTERS ARISING: none

- 4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

- 4.1 **Binn Farm Wind Turbines**; it is expected that the planning application for this development will be submitted shortly. The Secretary expects to attend the next meeting of the Binn Eco Park Community Council Liaison Group (CLG) on the 13<sup>th</sup> November.

- 5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 **Next CEM**; the next CEM will be held in Auchtermuchty Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

- 6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

- 6.1 Strathmiglo

6.1.1 **King George V bridge**; the hole at the base of the parapet wall has been reported.

6.1.2 **Skate Park**; there is local concern that the planning application process is taking so long as there is a risk that offered funds will be withdrawn as some were conditional on works beginning within a specified period, which has already been extended. Cllr. Heer will chase the matter up.

- 6.2 Auchtermuchty

6.2.1 **Station Road changes**; the Secretary met with the Fife Council roads engineer and it was agreed that the initial plans would be 'unworkable'. The plans have since been altered and work following the redesign has begun.

- 6.3 Dunshalt; none

## 6.4 Gateside

- 6.4.1 **Road works;** a resident of the Old Town, Gateside – Mr Cowling – has contacted the Secretary concerning access problems arising for residents from the road works and the related traffic control system. It is hoped that the works being undertaken are short term. There was a suspicion that they are connected with recent upgrades of the telecommunications in the area but this has yet to be confirmed.
- 6.4.2 **Welcome to Fife;** the welcome sign on the A912 by Balvaird is reported to be extremely dirty and not included in recent sign cleaning work undertaken in the area. Cllr. Heer will pursue.
- 6.4.3 **Gateside Inn;** it appears extremely unlikely that the Inn will be taken into community ownership. It is expected that a change of use application will be submitted. It was the general feeling that this will constitute a loss to the community.

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 Demperton Wind Turbines; the Reporter is to carry out a site inspection on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. CC representatives are welcome where points concerning the application can be raised, though the Reporter will not make comment.

8.2 Lockiehead; the development appeal has been refused [an appeal to the Court of Session questioning the legal process would be the only course now open for the applicant]

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 Fife Plan Consultation; the Secretary has emailed the dates and locations of displays to all Community Councillors. The CC will decide on its response – if any – at the November meeting.

9.2 Community Council Elections; the Secretary reminded those councillors elected to submit their acceptance letter. The first meeting of the new CC will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

10.0 AOCB;

10.1 Closure of Binn Farm landfill; it has been reported that since the closure of the Binn Farm landfill that a number of vehicles have been seen at the Melville Lodge facility. Cllr. Heer asked if there had been noticeable impact on the local community. Members will try to find out.

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014, at 7.30pm, Auchtermuchty Community Centre.