

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 3rd Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 23rd February 2015
in Gateside Memorial Hall.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty] 3. Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], 4. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 5. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 6. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo] 7. Valerie WEIR [Gateside]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. MACDIARMID, Susan JACK [Gateside CA]

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], PC. Tufft & PC. Bruce [Police Scotland]

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on Monday 26th January was accepted by those present with one correction;

1.0 Apologies; Valerie Weir was in attendance at the meeting and should not have been listed under apologies.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 Skateboard Park; questions were asked concerning the progress the Park application was making. The members were told that the application is expected to be heard at the March Planning meeting.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Binn Farm; the application for construction of wind turbines at Binn Farm is now with Perth & Kinross Council. It has also been agreed that funds [any possible future funds] arising, will be dispersed by Foundation Scotland. The only known objection at present is that from Historic Scotland.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS: The Secretary informed the meeting that officers had been in touch and that any matters raised at the meeting would be forwarded on. It is to be remembered that the Secretary will send Community Council minutes to local officers.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 Gateside;

6.1.1 Station Road; inspections of the area have been seen to be carried out but the problem of water running on to the carriageway continues. This has posed a particular issue in freezing temperatures. It was agreed that local residents should keep reporting the problem.

6.1.2 Potholes/ general condition of the Dryside; inspection has been seen to be done but no areas were marked for repair. Members were told to report all potholes giving location and severity.

6.1.3 A912 approach to Gateside; a work order for inspection has been put in place.

6.2 Strathmiglo;

6.2.1 Tourist/Brown road sign A91; this has been reported and will be dealt with in the new financial year.

6.2.2 Incorrect/misleading maps; Cllr. Heer has reported the matter with Fife and OS and awaits word back.

6.3 Auchtermuchty;

6.3.1 Station Road; road works are to be undertaken to alleviate flooding in the area. They are expected to begin on the 9th March for 5-6 weeks.

6.3.2 War Memorial; further damage has occurred to the Memorial since the last damage was repaired. This has been reported but there were suggestions at the meeting that some form of barrier or bollards be put in place to prevent further damage.

6.4 Dunshalt; none

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

7.1 BT; a new planning application has been submitted for an exchange box near the Lochiebank Crescent/High Street junction. It was noted that not all Auchtermuchty has been connected to superfast broadband despite the presence of the Broadband Bus encouraging local residents to join up. No news of any progress for Strathmiglo or Gateside. Cllr. Heer informed the meeting that coverage [where connections have been made] appears to exceed, slightly, expectations.

7.2 Bus Service; problems/complaints are still being raised as a result of the changes made. Cllr. Heer will look further into the effects of the changes.

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; none

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 Tayplan; updates have been distributed including notice of a briefing event to be held in Dundee on 5th May.

9.2 Planning; a People's Planning Perspective is to be held in Glasgow, those wishing to attend should contact the Secretary.

10.0 AOCB;

10.1 Landscaping of fields between Strathmiglo and Gateside; it was noticed that a considerable amount of work is being undertaken to level fields to the north of the Dryside to the west of Strathmiglo. It was felt that these were agricultural in nature but have aroused interest.

10.2 Pilgrim's Way/ 3 Saints Way; works are being undertaken in the area by the Fife Coast & Countryside Trust that the meeting felt should be applauded – while regretting the cutting funds and manpower that allows such endeavours. It was thought that this might be of use to the local community and businesses.

10.3 Redistribution of Community Council funds; the Treasurer asked the meeting for guidance in the matter of Dunshalt Community Association's continuing inclusion in the redistribution. This redistribution is done as a result of the information/feedback that the Community Council receives from the separate communities in the area. Unfortunately Dunshalt has failed to supply such information despite being requested to do so and the Treasurer questions whether they should continue to be included. The meeting agreed that a letter would be included with this year's redistribution explaining that if the failure to supply information continues then their inclusion in the redistribution would cease. The question of whether meetings should continue in Dunshalt Village Hall, as no representative from Dunshalt has attended the Community Council's meetings for some time, was also raised at this time.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 30th March 2015, at 7.30pm, Strathmiglo Village Hall.