

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 5th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27th April 2015
in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

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

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

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Valerie WEIR [Gateside], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Stevie TUFFT and Stuart BRUCE [Police Scotland] .

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on Monday 30th March was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 King George V Park, Strathmiglo; works are still required on the south fence line of the park, Cllr. Heer will attempt to push matters along.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Binn Farm CLG: the Secretary and Chair attended a meeting of Community Councils effected by the Binn Farm developments concerning possible financial benefits that may arise. The main purpose of the meeting was to reach agreement as to how any such benefit would be distributed. Such an agreement forms part of the conditions for acceptance by Perth & Kinross planning. Details such as when payments would begin and ensuring that change of ownership would not effect such payments are to be, it is hoped, reached at the next meeting. The meeting was told that legal costs accrued will be met by Element Power – the group behind the wind turbine development. Nothing would be signed until all the Community Councillors have had a chance to examine the final agreement. It was agreed that the Chair and Susan Jack will attend the next meeting on Thursday 30th at the Bein Inn.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS: Any matters raised at the meeting would be forwarded on and the Secretary will send Community Council minutes to local officers.

5.1 Ruralwatch meeting, Falkland; the meeting was well attended and well received. Rural crimes appear to be on the increase.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Auchtermuchty;**

6.1.1 Clock tower; as well as other repairs, it was felt that the clock tower is in need of a means to prevent pigeons from roosting and 'leaving their mark' on the building and pavement and stairs below.

6.1.2 War Memorial; it was felt that previous repairs were done quickly, which was appreciated, but on this occasion it seems to be taking some time for works to be carried out. Cllr. Heer will pursue.

6.2 Dunshalt;

- 6.2.1 Redistribution of Fife Grant; a letter is to be sent by the Treasurer explaining that if the Dunshalt Community Association fail to make arrangements for information/feedback to be supplied to the Community Council they will be removed from the organisations involved in the redistribution as they would have failed to meet the condition for inclusion.
- 6.2.2 Community Council representation; Cllr. Heer will endeavour to find possible candidates from Dunshalt for co-option onto the Community Council.

6.3 Gateside;

- 6.3.1 Station Road/Dryside; the water is still running down Station Road and it appears to be the lack of coordination between parties involved that is holding up a possible solution. Works already undertaken also appear to be resulting in the 'grounding' of vehicles over the repairs.
- 6.3.2 A912 Baiglie Inn/Gateside litter; there is evidence that litter picking has been undertaken. The Chair has written to Perth & Kinross concerning the issue.
- 6.3.3** Unadopted roads; it was reported that Cllr. Lothian had approach Fife Council who have now agreed to pay towards the repair of the 'Old Town. They are now however expecting local residents to arrange the costing of such work. Full resurfacing is thought to be too expensive, local discussions will continue.

6.4 Strathmiglo;

- 6.4.1 High Street/Community Woodland pavement; this has been completed and already well used.
- 6.4.2 King George V play park; we are still awaiting a date for the start of the renovations.
- 6.4.3 Skateboard park; Fife Council are still not working as effectively as they could/should. Funding is conditional on an October completion date and there is the already stated risk of these funds being lost.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

- 7.1 Broadband; in Auchtermuchty a 'large' exchange box has been installed opposite the 'tearooms' with further boxes to be installed. Failure to publicise the service availability is a puzzle. Cllr. Heer recommends that regular checking is the best way to find out if the service has been rolled out to areas/individual properties.

8.0 PLANNING: The Secretary has drawn applications that appeared on the Fife list to the attention of members.
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; online Tayplan consultation exercises are now being undertaken.

10.0 AOCB;

- 10.1 Howe of Fife forum; Cllr. Heer again raised the possible creation of a forum through which local Community Councils could discuss topics and coordinate action.
- 10.2 Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland; it was agreed to continue membership.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 25th May 2015, at 7.30pm, Dunshalt Village Hall