

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 6th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25th May 2015
in Auchtermuchty Community Centre
[being unable to gain entry to Dunshalt Village Hall].

PRESENT: 1. Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty] 2. Susan JACK [Gateside] 3. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], 4. Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], 5. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 6. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 7. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 8. Valerie WEIR [Gateside],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MACDIARMID,

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Vice-Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, PC Steven Tufft & PC Stuart Bruce [Police Scotland].

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre on Monday 27th April was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: none

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Binn Farm CLG: the scheduled meeting had been cancelled due to the illness of company representative. The Chair and Secretary have gone through the potential agreement [between Communities Councils in the area and ElementPower] with representatives of the other Community Councils and have sent on their observations to ElementPower. One focus of their comments was the need for the agreement to continue in the event of a change of ownership of the development. E.g. Reference to the 'company' should have added "and any subsequent owner" or words to that effect.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 Ward Officers; Cllr MacDiarmid has circulated an email highlighting the 'sterling' work being carried out by the said officers. As the arrangement is in a trial 6-month trial period, to which we are coming to an end, he felt that the more positive comments sent in by members of the public the more likely the scheme would continue.

5.2 Dog-napping; it was brought to the attention of the meeting that dogs had been taken from around the Kinross area, the reason is not yet known.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Dunshalt;** none

6.2 **Gateside;**

6.2.1 Station Road/Dryside; testing in the area has been in evidence with work apparently imminent if the undertaking services can be coordinated.

6.2.2 Old Town; local residents have set out an argument, and submitted to Fife Council, for the adoption and repair of the road by Fife Council. Cllr Heer pointed out that there could be an opportunity to raise such a request at a forthcoming NE Fife Area meeting.

6.2.3 Speeding; though there has been a welcome presence of camera teams and speed vans speeding is still an issue particularly it appears in the morning [6-7am].

- 6.2.4 Service buses; it has been noted a number of service buses are entering Yellowhill Road at its most westerly point instead of performing a three point turn at the main Yellowhill Rd /A91 junction. This involves them using a small bridge over a stream. Local residents questioned the safety of this manoeuvre. It was felt that empty buses were not overly heavy though as this is an unadopted road the question arises as to who would pay for damages.

6.3 Strathmiglo;

- 6.3.1 King George V play park; ground works have begun
6.3.2 King George V park; the issue of the southern fence line is still to be concluded, ownership of the land in question is being determined.

6.4 Auchtermuchty;

- 6.4.1 War Memorial; a work order has been issued.
6.4.2 Lower Town Hall; flower tubs are due to be placed in the area and questions were asked as to when the painting would be complete. It was felt best to leave the tubs for the time being as painting was still to be completed.
6.4.3 Station Road lamp standard; a new standard has been put in place but the old one not removed. Cllr. MacDiarmid pointed out that a number of items had been reported as a batch and it was to be expected that work would be undertaken without warning.
6.4.4 Low Road derelict building; general discussion was held concerning the state of the building between 33 and 35 Cupar Road. Though the roof has been removed it is still an eyesore.
6.4.5 Broadband; it was noted that areas of Auchtermuchty have yet to be connected to the superfast system. Members were advised to go to the Openreach website.

7 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS; none, not already discussed.

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;

- 9.1 Tayplan Community Drop-in event; to be held at the Cupar Corn Exchange Thursday 28th May 3.30 - 7.30pm
9.2 Broombrae Quarry; the Secretary received a letter complaining that the local farmer had 'taken over ' the land and was denying access. Cllr Heer informed the meeting that the farmer had purchased the land, there is a corepath running through the area in question and walkers are welcome. The matter is considered closed and the Secretary will reply to the correspondent.

10.0 AOCB;

- 10.1 Dunshalt; the Treasurer questioned the continued use of Dunshalt Hall, given the non-attendance of a representative and the fact that the Council could not gain entry. It was felt that there are a number of meeting before the hall will be required and it is hoped to have arranged a representative before that.
10.2 Co-option; Susan Jack [Gateside] is now a Community Councillor, the necessary form having been sent to Fife Council. Forms have also now been completed and will be submitted for the co-option on to the council of Valerie Weir [Gateside] and Bobby Thomson [Gateside]

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 29th June 2015, at 7.30pm, Gateside Memorial Hall