

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 8th Meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015  
in Strathmiglo Village Hall

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty] 3. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], 4. Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], 5. Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], 6. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 7. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 8. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Susan JACK [Gateside], Valerie WEIR [Gateside], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Gateside Memorial Hall on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 6.3.4, Station Road, Auchtermuchty; Cllr. Heer informed the meeting that a street sign for Station Road will be produced, as it will be done as part of a batch it may not be done immediately.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Binn Farm CLG: the Secretary reported that at the last meeting most discussion concerned the request for a more detailed minute of the previous meeting, to ensure no misunderstandings. Once this occurs it was felt that the 'agreement' will be signed at the next scheduled meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS: Apologies were sent to the Community Council as both officers are off shift at the time, but they will continue to hold 'Copshop' meetings in the Cooperative in Auchtermuchty that have been well received. Complaints made to them mainly concern speeding in the area. Manpower is insufficient to police every street where the problem occurs so other solutions need to be explored.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Strathmiglo;**

6.1.1 King George V play park; lack of progress is concerning as the completion date agreed is fast approaching. Cllr. Heer will attempt to find the reason for the hold-up.

6.1.2 King George V park; the issue of the southern fence is still a concern but the playpark has been a huge success and well used since completion.

6.1.3 Road conditions; works carried out at the eastern end of Cash Feus has been done well and successful but the general condition of many of the other roads in the village is poor with some particular areas very poor. Residents are reminded to report potholes and damage to the carriageway.

6.2 **Auchtermuchty;**

6.2.1 Town Hall refurbishment; disappointment was expressed that the good works carried out on the Town Hall are being let down by the unfinished gutter clearing.

6.2.2 Street furniture; a number of lamps and standards as well as a 'gas' box are in a substandard state of repair and in need of work. The Secretary will pass on details to Cllr. Heer who will pursue.

**6.3 Dunshalt;**

6.3.1 Volunteers; Ian MacCaulay wondered if it were possible, through the Community Council, to thank a small group of dedicated volunteers for their efforts in maintaining the appearance of the village. It was felt that though not a role the Community Council takes on they could express their appreciation for the groups efforts.

6.3.2 Road vibration; heavy vehicles travelling along the main street are causing noticeable vibrations effecting some roadside properties with damage becoming evident. The effects are more pronounced with increased vehicle speed. It was felt that identifying the locations worst effected would be useful.

**6.4 Gateside;**

6.4.1 Bower Park; parking of vehicles in Bower Park is creating congestion and a danger to the children who live/play there. It was thought that the building of a parking area would be of benefit. It was felt at the meeting that it was unlikely that Fife Council would be willing to meet such expenditure but a request for possible solutions could be made.

**7 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;**

7.1 Broadband; a questionnaire is available to be completed concerning the need for broadband provision outside the village envelopes i.e. too far away from the exchange boxes to be effective. The Secretary encouraged as many people as possible to complete the questionnaire to ensure the best coverage possible in the area. It can be found on the Community Council website, [www.auchtermuchtyandstrathmiglo.cc](http://www.auchtermuchtyandstrathmiglo.cc) in 'Documents'. or at <http://fva.direct/7dk84>

Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo now have fibre broadband to their respective exchanges.

7.2 Bus Service; a request from residents in Burnside and Gateside has been made for buses to terminate in Gateside /Burnside instead of Strathmiglo as there is little in the way of a late service at present as a result of the current situation.

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 Road closure of Station Road, Gateside.

9.2 Outdoor Access forum.

10.0 AOCB; none

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015, at 7.30pm, Auchtermuchty Community Centre.