

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 9th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 28th September 2015
in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

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] 9. Valerie WEIR [Gateside],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village hall on Monday 31st August, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: None

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Binn Farm; a new company named Binn Wind Farm has been established to run the wind farm, if it comes into being. The financial agreement between the company and the local community councils is expected to be signed at the next meeting – 13th October. The Chair and the Secretary will sign representing our Community Council. Planning has been passed and construction is expected in mid 2016, though there is uncertainty concerning the renewable energy support funding from central government that may have an impact on the scheme.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 Cycle Tavern; early morning disturbances by patrons leaving the Cycle are causing concern. Police officers have been seen in attendance and comments made through the 'Cop shop' being held by officers at the Cooperative shop in Auchtermuchty. Comments from this meeting will be passed to the Licencing Standards officers with perhaps a request to visit the premises. It was the general feeling that it was good to see the business thriving but that it should not be at the detriment of local residents. It was felt a word with the licence holder would be beneficial to make them aware of concerns.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Auchtermuchty;**

6.1.1 Street lighting; the street light outside the Forest Hills is still not working. It was hoped that repairs would be made and not a replacement as the current fittings are in keeping with the surroundings.

6.1.2 Street furniture; the damage in the Burnside appears to have been the result of a vehicle impact. The matter will be dealt with as Fife Council replaces the light standards in the area.

6.1.3 Auchtermuchty walk-round; Cllr. MacDiarmid drew a list of repairs that had been formed during the 'walk-round' to the attention of the meeting. Details of which repairs have had action taken are to be distributed to members for comment at the next meeting.

6.1.4 Pathway at Kinloch; Cllr. MacDiarmid is looking into the possibility of formalising the footpath on the west side of the Newburgh Road [B936] south of the river bridge at the Upper Greens junction with a dropped kerb on the east side, to aid the residents of the area.

6.2 Dunshalt;

6.2.1 Defibrillator; it is hoped that discussions will soon take place concerning the installation of a defibrillator perhaps using the old/unused phone box.

6.3 Gateside;

6.3.1 Speeding; though the speed camera van has been in evidence recently speeding is still seen as a major problem through Gateside. The most badly effected time appears to be early in the morning between 6-8am. It is intended to bring this information to attention of ward police officers and the camera partnership.

6.4 Strathmiglo;

6.4.1 Western entrance to village; there appears to have been no attempt by Fife Council to maintain this area – weeds/verge cutting/general appearance, the Strathmiglo Community Association have made contact with the Ranger Service for assistance and an attempt was made by local residents to cut back hedging. Cllr. Heer reported on cutbacks to the departments responsible and it was noted that as North East Fife is heavily dependent on tourism allowing the road verges to become unsightly would be counter-productive.

6.4.2 King George V park; the play park is complete and well used, the skatepark construction is well on. Cllr. Heer is looking into the possibility of the installation of outdoor gym equipment for adults in the communities to widen the age range gaining benefit.

7 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

7.1 Freeview; it was noted that ITV4 has appeared in the range of channels available.

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 Access Seminar; the Fife Access Forum Annual Seminar on 6th October 2015 at Christ's Kirk in Glenrothes

9.2 Your place, Your Views survey; This survey, at www.fifedirect.org.uk/yourplace "is a chance for people, communities and businesses to give Fife Council their ideas about the future of development planning; and to kick start the debate on how the planning process can be developed to ensure that procedures better meet the needs of local communities. The feedback will then be shared as part of the Council's response to the national Scottish Government consultation to streamline planning policy and procedures."

10.0 AOCB;

10.1 Burnside lighting; it was reported to the meeting that the residents of Burnside [village] have expressed a desire **not** to have street lighting, if Fife Council were considering installing them, but would prefer to keep their skies dark.

10.2 land to south of A91, Gateside [opp. Ex. Gateside Inn]; it was reported that discussion has been held in Gateside concerning the possible purchase of this land – at present derelict – to bring it into community ownership, from the estate of the recently deceased owner, to be made use of by the local residents.

10.3 Youth Engagement program; Ian MacCaulay informed the meeting about research being done concerning the movement of youth between the communities. It was suggested

that Gordon Forbes be invited to a Community Council meeting to explain/discuss the findings/implications. AGREED

- 11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
Monday 26th October 2015, at 7.30pm, Dunshalt Village Hall.