

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 10th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26th October 2015
in Dunshalt Village Hall.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty] 3. Susan JACK [Gateside] 4. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], 5. Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], 6. Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], 7. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 8. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 9. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo] 10. 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 Auchtermuchty Community Centre on Monday 28th September, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: None

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Binn Farm; the Chair and the Secretary have now signed the agreement representing the Community Council – there being no change in detail. We await construction dates, as it appears the company still intends to proceed despite changes to government support. Cabling to and from the site is to be underground and work on this has begun.

4.2 Community Council training; Fife Council is to make available training sessions for Community Councillors, the Secretary asked members to let him know what areas that they considered useful. Planning appeared most requested with navigation of the Fife website also requested.

4.3 Citizen of the Year; the Secretary has as yet received no nominations to be submitted. It was discussed if an individual could be nominated as representing a group, it was considered that this could be possible and worth submitting. Nominations are to be sent into Fife Council before the 1st December 2015 so it was suggested that discussion be held at the Community Associations and names could be submitted by members in the name of the Community Council.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 Officer change over; PC Graham Whittaker will be joining the ward team.

5.2 'Cop-Shop'; as covered in previous meetings though this form of meeting the public is proving successful it is difficult to see how it could be rolled out beyond Auchtermuchty. There are a number of other methods of contacting ward officers however.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Dunshalt;**

6.1.1 Road priority; the southern entrance to the village has no signage which indicates the road priority at the narrow bridge. While it is recognised that this would mean the positioning of more road 'furniture' it was thought that an assessment of the area would be useful.

6.1.2 Speeding; this is an on-going problem, particularly noticeable between 5-6pm. It was asked if a speed survey could be carried out with perhaps visits from Police

Traffic or the speed camera teams. It was thought locally that such speeding, particularly by large vehicles, was contributing to the vibration damage being seen in properties on the High Street.

6.2 Gateside

- 6.2.1 Speeding; this continues as an issue, large HGV's included. Traffic police and camera teams have been seen but the problem persists.
- 6.2.2 Old Town adoption; local resident David Cowling has contacted the Community Council that he does not intend to pursue the adoption of the Old Town road any further due to the time, and the possible expense of acquiring legal advice, that is required. The Community Council though disappointed, understood why Mr Cowling has made this decision. Concerningly Mr Cowling went on to inform the Council that it is believed that Fife Council are passing the responsibility for the repair and maintenance of street lighting to local householders as well. Fife Councillors at the meeting will make enquiries to ascertain whether this is indeed the situation as it has implications for a number of streets/roads within the ward.
- 6.2.3 Station Road water problem; it was apparent from activity on site, that all involved parties have finally come together and it is hoped that remedial work will shortly be completed.
- 6.2.4 Cowiefaulds; it was suggested that the entrance to Cowiefaulds be signposted to warn passing traffic of the possible emergence of vehicles.

6.3 Strathmiglo;

- 6.3.1 Western Approaches; to date no attempt has been made by Fife Council to maintain the roadside verges in the area leaving it unsightly. Cllr. Heer will request work to be undertaken again, he felt that non-maintenance of such roadside verges in the area was counter-productive as North-East Fife relies heavily on tourism and an untidy roadsides will do nothing to encourage this.
- 6.3.2 KGV park; it was restated that the fence on the southern boundary of the park has been inspected and declared unsightly but safe by both the landowner and Fife Council. The matter will be discussed further at the Community Association.
- 6.3.3 BT pavement works; Chair asked Fife Councillors if they had a contact method with BT as the Community Association has had no success in having them repair a 'hole' in Heckler's Wynd, which has for sometime now been covered by a temporary cover.

6.4 Auchtermuchty;

- 6.4.1 Street lighting; general works in the area are still to be undertaken, though individual lighting problems have been tackled.
- 6.4.2 Road signs etc.; a variety of diversion signs and traffic cones have made their appearance in a number of unexpected areas of the community – thanks to the high-spirits of locals – including the Burn. It is hoped that they will be collected shortly to prevent further surprise appearances.
- 6.4.3 Cycle Tavern; it was reported that though both Licensing and Police have visited the hostelry some disturbance is still evident.

7 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS; None

- 7.0 PLANNING: The Secretary drew applications that appeared on the Fife list to the attention of members reminding them that these can be accessed by members directly from the Fife Council website and indeed they can sign up to have the weekly lists emailed directly to them.
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; None

10.0 AOCB;

10.1 Armistice Day; the annual procession will go ahead but although Police will be present they have indicated that they have no access to bollards/signage to alert residents that parking will be restricted during that period. They recommended contacting Traffic Management. It was thought that local residents would be willing to place requests on vehicles in the area to ensure the road is clear for the procession.

11.0 **Date and venue of next meeting.**

Monday 30th November 2015, at 7.30pm, Gateside Memorial Hall.