

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 11th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 30th November 2015
in Gateside Memorial Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on Monday 26th October, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: None

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Community Councillor training; the Secretary has forwarded feedback from members to Fife Council.

4.2 Planning seminar; no report

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 Community Policing Questionnaire; the Secretary has emailed this to members, it is a chance to comment on how successful [or otherwise] members think the Community Policing policy has been. Though it was only sent out to Fife and Community Councillors the meeting saw no reason why it should not be brought to the attention of Community Associations for their input. Submissions are to be sent in by 31st January 2016 to, CI Mike Stevens, Divisional Headquarters, Detroit Road, Glenrothes, KY6 2RJ. They can be emailed to mike.stevens@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 Gateside

6.1.1 Old Town adoption; there has been no reply to Cllr Heer's enquiries despite news leading members to believe that the West Back Dykes in Strathmiglo is to be adopted. The feeling was that any policy should be fair and consistent, this apparently not the case. It was suggested that there was a request for re-banding of Community Charge level, of properties on an unadopted road. This may be a possibility.

6.1.2 Station Road water problem; it was reported that repairs have been completed and appear successful.

6.1.3 Gritting; the meeting was asked how Station Road could be added to the list of roads in the area that are gritted given its use by domestic and commercial vehicles. Cllr. MacDiarmid pointed out that the list was based on a question of priority and it was unlikely that Station Road met the criteria more than many other roads not at present on the list. There was a warning from Councillors that with the

recent economies being sought by Fife Council, even the presence of grit bins is being called in to question and many locations may lose theirs. It was felt that this may be a false economy with the number of residents phoning in to Fife Council to request vehicles to come and grit an area increasing, where previously they had taken responsibility themselves.

6.2 Strathmiglo;

- 6.2.1 KGV park tree removal; it was reported that a tree has been removed by Fife Council from the NW corner of the park. No warning or planning application appears to have been given leaving locals puzzled.
- 6.2.2 Cash Feus/West Road junction; the road surface at this junction is in need of repair. The matter will be raised at the Strathmiglo Community Association in relation to the stretch of Cash Feus from West Road to Kirk Wynd.

6.3 Auchtermuchty;

- 6.3.1 New road surface; defects in the recently completed road surface have been found and will need repair. It is expected that this will require the closure of the road again but it is hoped not for an extended period. It was felt that the closure of the road had not had a major impact on the locality though there were initial teething problems with vehicles passing the road-closed signs.
- 6.3.2 Potential flooding from the Burn; questions have been asked at the Auchtermuchty Community Association concerning the dredging of the Burn, in particular that stretch running alongside the play park in Station road. It was felt that silting is evident leading to a raising of water levels.

6.4 Dunshalt;

- 6.4.1 Traffic van; the Speed camera van has been seen in the village with a number of vehicles stopped.
- 6.4.2 Priority at south bridge; an inspection will be carried out to determine what markings would be most appropriate to indicate priority.

7 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

7.1 Broadband; some parts of Strathmiglo do not as yet have the capability of joining the superfast system. This appears to be a result of the existing cabling.

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 listed 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; none

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 25th January 2016, at 7.30pm, Strathmiglo Village Hall.