

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 13th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 29th February 2016
in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Susan JACK [Gateside] 3. Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt],
4. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 5. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 6. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER,

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty] Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Christine LITTLE
[Auchtermuchty], Valerie WEIR [Gateside], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on Monday 25th January, having
been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: None

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS: None

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 New Officers; The Secretary has circulated a message from PC Stuart Bruce, Community
Ward Officer, concerning police activities within the area. Of note was the date of the
next Copshop at the Coop in Auchtermuchty [Tuesday 8th March], which is seen as the
mainstay of their work in the area. The Secretary will forward on any concerns raised.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Auchtermuchty;**

6.1.1 Road surface of A91; provisional negotiations have been undertaken concerning
the repairs needed. Dates around the Easter holidays were mentioned but not
definite.

6.1.2 Upper Town Hall; it was noted that interior damage has been caused by water
intrusion of what is a valuable asset to the town.

6.2 **Dunshalt;**

6.2.1 Potholes; the road at Bowhouse is badly affected.

6.2.2 Irresponsible drivers; Speeding and mobile phone use at the wheel in the area is a
concern. Local residents have been told to report cases.

6.2.3 Local shop; local residents are still concerned as to the future of the shop.

6.3 **Gateside;**

6.3.1 A912 Gateside/Bein Inn; the Fife section of this road is badly in need of repair. Some
works have been undertaken but more is needed. It was noted that with future cuts
in road repairs, the situation is likely to get worse not better.

6.3.2 Knox's pulpit pathway; it is evident that some work has been carried out on the
path, but this appears to have been left unfinished making walking the pathway a
'mucky' occupation. It was presumed that sections of the path are being dealt
with at different times.

6.4 Strathmiglo;

- 6.4.1 Strathmiglo Tollbooth steeple; the apparent withdrawal of planning application for the works is a cause for concern – the scaffolding for the works is already erected. Cllr. Heer will try to determine what is happening.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

- 7.1 Rural Broadband; Cllr. Heer informed the meeting that it is hoped that the rural areas in the ward will have access to faster broadband speeds through a new initiative – CoINEF which is looking for a service provider to deploy and manage a broadband infrastructure in the area.

8.0 PLANNING: The Secretary has drawn 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; Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday commemorative coins are available for bulk purchase. For details contact the Secretary.

10.0 AOCB;

- 10.1 Roads adoption; the awaited report to Fife Council which was thought to be concerned with Private/Unadopted roads was in fact not about them. As a number of areas in Fife have been affected a workshop for Fife Councillors is to be held.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 28th March 2016, at 7.30pm, Dunshalt Village Hall [*sans choir it is hoped*].