

# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 18th Meeting of the Community Council,  
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
in Dunshalt Village Hall.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], 3. Susan JACK [Gateside], 4. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 5. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Valerie WEIR [Gateside], Cllr. Andy HEER

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

- 3.1 4.1 Bus changes; the Secretary reported that information was gathered and sent out to members. Only one reply was made so a comment has been submitted reflecting the feelings expressed at the previous meeting in that it was acknowledged that the bus service is a commercial enterprise but the consultation undertaken was derisory.
- 3.2 4.3 Pedestrian crossing on Low Road; the planned upgrade has been cancelled due to the services found under the existing crossing preventing the installation of the heavier light standard needed. Other improvements, e.g. brighter lights, have been made by way of an alternative.
- 3.3 6.3.1 A912 road condition; the request for a weight-limit was declined. Works are being considered for 2017-18 budget though the road will have monthly inspections carried out. Cllr. Lothian will raise the condition of the road when councillors meet Transportation shortly. It was noted that there is a marked difference in the condition of the road between the Fife and Perth & Kinross sections.
- 3.4 6.4.2 Tolbooth tower Strathmiglo; the clock and chimes are out of synch since the repairs, it is hoped that this could be remedied before the change from BST. It was also noticed that a plant has taken root some way up the tower and not removed while the scaffolding was in place.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS: None

5.0 POLICE MATTERS: the Secretary has not received the usual report for this month. There is to be a change in officers with PC Kristin Bellingham joining the team.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Dunshalt;**

- 6.1.1 Village shop; it was reported that the work towards a community buy-out was continuing.

6.2 **Gateside;**

- 6.2.1 Southern pathway; a volunteer group have undertaken to upgrade the path along the southern edge of the village allowing residents to walk away from the main road.

- 6.2.2 Lomond Hills problems; there has been a number of incidents lately resulting from the multi-user nature of the Lomond Hills and inconsideration shown by a small number of users, including the loss and death of livestock. It was felt that the weakening of the Regional Park and Ranger service has led to less effective management of the area. The role of the Lomond Hills Partnership also appears to have slipped into the background.
- 6.2.3 Speed checks; the fact that speed checks on the A91 are a regular occurrence, is much appreciated by residents.

**6.3 Strathmiglo;**

- 6.3.1 Grass length at junctions; visibility at junctions around the village – particularly at the A912/Cash Feus – is being effected by the length the grass is being allowed to grow to. As other areas are cut while junctions are not, there appears to be a problem with the management/organisation of work.

**6.4 Auchtermuchty;**

- 6.4.1 Forest Hills; drinking outside the premises has been reported to the police, but as it appears to have not been stopped it is assumed that they have acted with discretion rather than reporting the matter to the Licensing Committee.
- 6.4.2 Temporary road closure B936; a note has been issued for closure from the 12/9/16 to 25/9/16.

**7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;**

- 7.1 BT; it was felt by residents in Gateside that BT were blaming Fife Council not arranging road works as an excuse for work not being carried out in the area.

8.0 **PLANNING:** The Secretary drew attention to applications that appeared on the Fife list, reminding members that these are available on the Fife Council website and they can sign up to have the lists emailed directly.

9.0 **CORRESPONDENCE:** the Secretary is now forwarding all correspondence received electronically to members.

10.0 **AOCB;** none

11.0 **Date and venue of next meeting.**  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, Gateside Memorial Hall