

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 19th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26th September 2016
in Gateside Memorial Hall.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], 3. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], 4. Susan JACK [Gateside], 5. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 6. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 7. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 8. Valerie WEIR [Gateside],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, PC Kristin BELLINGHAM

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty], Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on Monday 29th August, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: [taken after Police Matters] none

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS: [taken after Police Matters]

4.1 Public payphones; notification has been received indicating that local phone boxes in the area, those with no use recorded in the last year, are likely to be removed. Any response should be made to Fife Council before the 14th October.

4.2 Planning conference; a planning conference run by Fife Council was held on the 26th September, unfortunately no member could attend.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS: PC Bellingham introduced herself to the meeting and then gave a report on events occurring in each community.

Auchtermuchty – vandalism, breach of the Communications Act, youth disorder/public nuisance and attempts to pass forged £20 notes [included was a warning to local businesses and residents to be vigilant]. Anti-social parking around Auchtermuchty Primary [the school is involved as are Parking Attendants] Broombrae Quarry is attracting teenagers and the farmer is concerned for their safety.

Disturbances around the Cycle Tavern causing a nuisance to local residents, the Licensing Board is involved in discussions with the Licensee.

Strathmiglo – vandalism

Gateside – none

Dunshalt – breach of the Communications Act

The local focus for officers recently included road traffic offences [Pop-up Bob and a speed gun in action], Trading Standards links because of bogus callers/rogue traders [please keep leaflets put through doors for evidence]. Safe Route to School [highlighting the safest ways to walk and cross the road] and Good Citizen Awards are being coordinated by PC Bellingham through local schools.

Your view Counts, is a consultation exercise seeking to find out how well the Police are 'working' in the area. The consultation is carried out on-line but paper copies are available.

Matters raised;

Speeding through Gateside, in particular HGV's in the early morning [a company name or general description of the vehicles would be useful and allow action to be taken]

Motorbikes in area; on a few occasions recently, groups of bikers have passed along the A912 at speed. It was noted that when the Police traffic bikes were visible in the area they were very successful in making such events rare.

PC Bellingham reminded the meeting that concerns can be emailed directly to the community officers and that they are, where possible, willing to attend local events/activities/meetings when asked.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Gateside;**

6.1.1 Southern pathway; no news concerning completion dates.

6.1.2 A91 road closure; notice has been received concerning the closure over night of the main road to the west of Gateside from the 9th to the 22nd October. Considering the diversion takes vehicles through Bein Inn and Glenfarg it is hoped that the work will not take as long.

6.2 **Strathmiglo;**

6.2.1 Grass length at junctions; a site visit will be arranged by Cllr Heer as local residents are still concerned at the erratic organisation.

6.2.2 King George V Park; the footbridge handrail is in need of repair.

6.3 **Auchtermuchty;**

6.3.1 Christmas Tree; a proposal to have a Christmas Tree sited in the vicinity of the Cycle Tavern is to be discussed.

6.4 **Dunshalt;**

6.4.1 Defibrillator; funds are being raised towards the siting of a defibrillator; the phone box in the village has been suggested especially if the phone is due to be removed.

6.4.2 Community Shop; a variety of possibilities are still being explored.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

7.1 Rural Broadband; Cllr. Heer is to attend a conference at which possible suppliers will be present as part of the procurement procedure. Slow speeds and poor service are still in evidence around the community

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.

Of note;

Community Council training; Fife is gathering information as to what areas groups such as Community Councils would wish to be trained in.

10.0 AOCB;

10.1 Co-option; it is formally recognised that Marj Keddie has been co-opted on to the Community Council.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 31st October at 7.30pm, Strathmiglo Village Hall