

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 20th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 31st October 2016
in Strathmiglo Village Hall.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], 3. Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], 4. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 5. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 6. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 7. Valerie WEIR [Gateside],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID, PC Kristin BELLINGHAM

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN,

2.0 MINUTES:

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

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: [taken after Police Matters]

3.1 Public payphones; it was agreed that where local residents are interested in adopting a payphone the Community Council will give their support.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Residents statement; A long running neighbours dispute was described by a resident of Bower Park, Gateside. Photographic evidence was presented appearing to show vandalism and anti-social behaviour and a brief history of events was given. The dispute has been running for a number of years and Police, Fife Council and other agencies have been involved in attempts to bring the situation to a conclusion. It was the resident's contention that the Police reaction to the matter, with a number of officers being involved, has been negative and far from satisfactory.

PC Bellingham, with no direct involvement or prior knowledge of the situation, could only recommend trying to have a single officer with an overview and the involvement of mediation services. PC Bellingham will meet with the resident to see if any progress can be made and look for possible courses of action.

It was thought that the Community Council should take no action itself apart from monitoring progress in an independent capacity, it will review its position at the next meeting. It will, with the permission of the resident, seek regular updates from PC Bellingham and hope for a satisfactory conclusion.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 Situation report;

PC Bellingham reported on offences reported; Auchtermuchty 5 offences, Strathmiglo 2, Dunshalt and Gateside none.

Speeding; HGV's through Gateside, local companies have been contacted and drivers and contractors attention drawn to the problem. Any details eg. Registration, description, company name of the vehicle would be useful.

Youth disorder; in Auchtermuchty a number of youths have been spoken to in the presence of their parents which appears to have had some effect.

Good Citizen Award; schools have been contacted and it is hoped that the award scheme will be run over the coming term.

Internet Safety; dates of Parents Nights are being sought from the local schools so that officers attendance may be arranged.

- 5.2 New matters;
 - 5.2.1 Speeding traffic entering Auchtermuchty from the east; PC Bellingham will pursue speed collection data for the location. Previous requests to have the 30mph signage moved further east have been refused, Community Council will request that the current 'Slow Down' sign [reported to be triggered at very slow speeds] be replaced with one that shows actual speed.
- 6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]
 - 6.1 **Strathmiglo;**
 - 6.1.1.1 Village walk round; Cllr. Heer and G. Aitken walked round the village, reported a number of faults and checked on the grass cutting 'anomalies'.
 - 6.1.2 A91 barrier; the pedestrian barrier on the south side of the A91 at the end of the footpath from Stocks Wynd, opposite the Glentarkie road, has been badly damaged and is in need of urgent repair.
 - 6.1.3 West Road/Cash Feus junction; the deterioration of the road surface has been reported, inspected and found to not be in need of immediate repair. Local residents and the Community Council feel that this is not the case with loose stones hitting parked vehicles. Patching potholes once they have reached the 40mm classification was not thought to be the most effective remedy for this location.
 - 6.2 **Auchtermuchty;**
 - 6.2.1.1 Road signs; it was noted that a number of road signs in the village were disintegrating due to the backing wood rotting.
 - 6.2.1.2 Library light; it was noted that the street light outside the library was not working.
 - 6.2.1.3 Strathview Care Home; the news that Care Commission reports on the Home have been improving was welcomed, it was felt that this was due to the hard work of the management and staff.
 - 6.3 **Dunshalt;**
 - 6.3.1.1 Community Shop; meetings have been held between the local group and current owners since the application for change of use was refused. Grants to help with a community purchase are being sought with links formed with local groups eg. Auchtermuchty Community Trust for help and advice. The Community Council would like to have more news regarding the Land Fund application as this was featured in the Community Council's objection.
 - 6.4 **Gateside;**
 - 6.4.1 Dryside path; Fife Coast and Countryside Trust are now in a position to complete the pathway from Burnside to the Dryside.
- 7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;
 - None
- 8.0 PLANNING: The Secretary drew attention to applications that appeared on the Fife list.
- 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: the Secretary is now forwarding all correspondence received electronically to members.
- 10.0 AOCB;
 - 10.1 Churches in the community; I. MacCaulay reported that links between congregations and interim ministers have been used with clusters of churches being established and joint services being conducted. Services are also being held in non-traditional venues with the aim of attracting a wider audience.
 - 10.2 Dryside/Glenvale car park; with the growing popularity of the reformed walk into the Lomonds cars parked at the road side are becoming a problem. It was felt that there was room for the existing car park to be expanded, with a hard standing surface only, going some way to alleviate the situation.
- 11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.
 - Monday 28th November at 7.30pm, Auchtermuchty Community Centre