

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 22nd Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 30th January 2017
in Dunshalt Village Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, 2 representatives of Dunshalt CA and 2 members of the public.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty], Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], Cllr. David MACDAIRMID, PC Kristin BELLINGHAM

2.0 Passing of David Cowling; It was agreed at the meeting to note the death of David Cowling, a former long-standing member of the Community Council. He was a tireless contributor to the workings and office bearer of the Community Council for many years, a stalwart campaigner for the residents of the ward and a veritable 'thorn in the side' of many Fife Council officials who failed to live up to his high expectations of office. His passing is a sad loss to the community.

3.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre on Monday 28th November, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 6.2.1; Dunshalt Community Shop; the planning decision concerning the shop is to be reviewed. The Dunshalt Community Association has indicated that they could not take on the running of the shop but the steering group have found a new potential avenue - Community Share Option [CSO]. This will be put to residents to determine interest, though may take some time with business plans and share options etc. to be drawn up and professional advice sought.

It was agreed that the Community Council is to continue with its objection to the change of use while these moves are on going.

In a related matter communication from the Post Office has been received intimating that they are still interested in returning post office services to the village. It was noted that the CSO was not contingent on the shop having the Post Office concession.

4.2 6.1.2; Auchtermuchty Health Centre; following the last meeting the Community Council wrote to the Health Centre concerning the organisation of the flu immunisations and asked for a meeting. The Secretary received a reply from the Practice Manager at the Health Centre team stating that the Health Centre were considering not carrying out the immunisations next year. The letter also referred to "negativity and aggressive behaviour received by staff". It was noted that a newsletter was also issued by the Health Centre again referring to the behaviour of a minority of patients giving two options 1] the flu immunisations would not take place at the Health Centre and 2] that 700 Doctor/Nurse appointment times would be withdrawn and used for immunisations. The letter went on to agree to a meeting but that it would be difficult arranging a suitable time but attempt to arrange one in January 2017.

Members agreed that it was not the clinical side that was the issue, this was regarded as good or indeed better than many practices, but the 'front of house'

procedures/reception organisation that caused concern. The Secretary will contact the Health Centre to arrange a meeting pointing out that we wish to bring a positive approach to the situation.

5.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

5.1 Fifeplan; The Chair reported that on his reading of the plan he found no major changes that effect our area. It was the view of Fife Councillors present that the plan will be accepted by full Council, with perhaps minor amendments, due to the actions of the Reporter. Any development sites itemised in the plan will still have to submit a full planning application for any development at which time the Community Council can give its full consideration. It was questioned whether a number of the sites were as "deliverable" as stated, and it was agreed that the definition of the term "deliverable", as used in the plan, was not as precise as many would like. It was expressed by members of the public attending that the Community Council do not have the time to give the fullest attention to every planning application that is submitted for the area, especially give the short [21 days] time to respond. A number of individuals in the area have expressed the desire to take on the role of maintaining a watch and make themselves 'experts' in the issues of the area. They did not wish to interfere with the activities of the Community Council but support them and keep them informed.

6.0 POLICE MATTERS:

6.1 Situation report; none, no report has been received by the Secretary in time for this month's meeting.

7.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

7.1 **Dunshalt;** none of note

7.2 **Gateside;**

7.2.1. Unadopted roads; Gateside representatives wished to make it clear that this issue has not been forgotten, and that residents of the roads effected are still aggrieved in being asked to pay for what are considered basic services to Community Charge payers. It was agreed that this situation may have wider implications outwith Gateside as Fife Council as a result of cuts in its funding will seek ways to fund much needed road repairs etc., in more and more 'innovative' ways.

7.3 **Strathmiglo;**

7.3.1 Proposed West Road footpath; a meeting was held by Cllr. Lothian, J. Kerr and G. Aitken and will be reported on at the next Community Association meeting in Strathmiglo.

7.4 **Auchtermuchty;** none of note

8.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

None

9.0 PLANNING: The Secretary drew attention to applications that appeared on the Fife list.

10.0 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 27th February 2017, 7.30pm, Gateside Memorial Hall