

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 23rd Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27th February 2017
in Gateside Memorial Hall.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], 3. Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], 4. Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], 5. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 6. Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], 7. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 8. Valerie WEIR [Gateside],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Cllr. David MACDAIRMID,

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Dunshalt Village Hall on Monday 30th January, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present with one correction.

7.3 Proposed West Road footpath in Strathmiglo, the meeting was held with Cllr. Heer, not Cllr. Lothian as minuted.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 4.1 Dunshalt Community Shop; interest is being shown in the possible 'share option', and the Dunshalt Community Association appreciate the support of the Community Council. It is hoped that a public meeting regarding the situation will take place shortly. It was noted that a planning review had upheld the refusal of the change of use application but that this might change if there is no progress in the next 6 months and the applicant reapplies.

3.2 4.2 Auchtermuchty Health Centre; a meeting was arranged by the Chair and Secretary, it is noted that nearly all the practice attended the meeting, with the problems surrounding the Flu immunisation session discussed. The 'tone' of the reply from the Health Centre, its general reaction to comments by users, the issue of training for 'front of house' staff and the organising of future meetings was raised. The message was reinforced that there were no issues regarding the clinical side of the Centre. It was noted that a flu immunisation session will be carried out next year

Though it was felt that other Health Centres in the area had managed the flu clinic more successfully and could be looked to for ideas, it was felt that significant progress had been made. The Secretary will write thanking the Health Centre suggesting possible dates for a future meeting and ask if there are any issues that they would like to raise.

3.3 7.2 Gateside unadopted roads; the matter was being raised at the meeting to show that residents continue to be concerned and are not willing to let the matter drop. Councillors present agreed that monies allocated by Fife Council for road repairs had been increased but it was uncertain if unadopted roads would benefit.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS: none

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

Apologies were received from officers and a report was sent to the Secretary. This reported on cases in the Crimefile system records including two crimes of disorder and one of dishonesty in Auchtermuchty - reports on the disorder incidents have been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal, and in Strathmiglo one of disorder - for which a formal warning had been

issued - one wildlife crime, disturbingly that being related to hare coursing. The meeting was informed that a trailer was taken from Bower Park in Gateside that did not appear in the report.

Road safety is an issue to be taken by the officers to the Primary Schools in the area with an offer of Bikeability courses and the arranging of car seat checks in line with the new legislation.

Officers and Fife Trading Standards ran a day of action in relation to bogus workmen/callers after reports of suspicious activity in the area. It is hoped this will be repeated but the Police should be contacted on 101 if there are concerns.

Your View Counts is a survey being rolled out by Police Scotland to gain the views and opinions of the public - officers are seeking to encourage participation. A further short paper questionnaire is being completed with members of the public looking at a more local level.

A general warning on computer security was passed on to members after an online scam affected the computer of one of the members.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Gateside;**

- 6.1.1 Pathway to Lomonds; local landowners have disputed the assertion that an agreement has been reached concerning the access of vehicles for the construction of the footpath or bridge associated with it. Cllr. Heer thought that the right of access needed had been gained by a compulsory order but will look to the records of Council meetings that refer to the situation to confirm.
- 6.1.2 'Yellow hill Road' access; there have been problems with unauthorised access through the working farm of Bannaty by walkers heading for or coming from the A91 crossing to the Lomonds. A solution is sought as there are obvious dangers when walkers cross a working farmyard.

6.2 **Strathmiglo;** none, a Strathmiglo Community Association meeting is to be held Wednesday 1st March

6.3 **Auchtermuchty;**

- 6.3.1 High Road/Leckiebank junction; the condition of the road is reported to have caused an elderly resident to fall.
- 6.3.2 Town House clock face; the lights to illuminate the clock face are not working.
- 6.3.3 Broombrae parking; difficulties have occurred with vehicular access to the farm caused by inconsiderate parking. A proposal has been put forward by Fife Council, including yellow lines and extensions of parking restrictions that will be communicated to local residents affected.
- 6.3.4 Traffic speed indicators; it was suggested that it would be more suitable/useful for the 'Slow Down' sign on the Cupar Road to be mounted in Station Road and the speed indicator from Station Road mounted in its place on Cupar Road.
- 6.3.5 Mournipea dog fouling; it was reported that this has become a major problem. It was agreed that to take action the Community Safety Team [CT] require information such as names, addresses, times and specific locations to be passed on to them by the public. Random patrols by the CST will be of little or no effect.

6.4 **Dunshalt;**

- 6.4.1 Defibrillator; the BT phone box has been decommissioned and is now available. Final costs are being calculated and a date for fitting and the associated training being arranged.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

7.1 Post Office; changes to Auchtermuchty PO services have been 'posted', with hours extended Monday to Saturday 8 am. to 10 pm. , Sunday closed, with the existing counters still being used.

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 Living Lomonds meeting; a number of members hoped to attend the next meeting Monday 13th March.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 27th March 2017, 7.30pm, Strathmiglo Village Hall