

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 25th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 24th April 2017
in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID,

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Gateside Memorial Hall on Monday 27th March, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 3.1 Dunshalt Community Shop; the steering group is moving ahead building a business plan and Facebook link that will provide updates and information on how to support the group.

3.2 3.2 Auchtermuchty Town House; the clock face is now illuminated.

3.3 6.4.1 Lomond Hills path; it appears that the first stage from the A91 to the Dryside is now complete.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Neighbour dispute; a presentation was made to the Community Council by a resident concerning a dispute that has gone on for a number of years. Fife Council departments have been involved as have Police Scotland with no resolution in sight indeed the complainant now sees them as part of the problem and has been very disappointed in their handling of the situation. That matter has been raised at area Community Associations previously and it was hoped that mediation could be arranged. This has failed to come about apparently due to lack of cooperation.

It was explained that the Community Council are very limited in the actions it can take and strongly advised the involvement of the Citizen's Advice movement.

To ensure that all that could have been done has been done, the Community Council will write to both Fife Council and Police Scotland asking for information about the steps taken in the case [where this does not breach confidentiality], and to advise us of any further action that can be taken by the complainant or the Community Council that may help the situation. It was agreed that a copy of the letter would be forwarded to the complainant.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

No report was available from local officers. A minor disturbance was reported in Auchtermuchty Town Square but there were no major concerns expressed.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Auchtermuchty;**

- 6.1.1 Open Air Concert; due to the cancellation of a previous performance, the combined churches in the area have offered to arrange an open air brass band concert, it is thought in early August - if it does not clash with pre-existing arrangements, and if a suitable location can be determined.
It was thought that it would be beneficial if an area diary of events could be compiled, who would compile such a thing is an issue.

6.2 Dunshalt;

- 6.2.1 Bridge signage; there has been discussion concerning changes to the road signage on the bridge at the southern approach to Dunshalt. The local Community Association feel that it would be best left as it is.

6.3 Gateside;

- 6.3.1 Unadopted roads; it was noted, with some satisfaction, that most candidates in the up-coming local elections have included the allocation of funds towards the adoption of such roads as part of their manifestoes.
- 6.3.2 Land south of the A91; there was discussion of the potential of a community buy-out of the two fields currently for sale on the south side of the A91 close to the junction with the A912 to be used for the community's benefit. Time is a factor, as is the possible interpretation that the action was a blocking move to potential development. It was thought that advice should be sought if any action was to be taken.

6.4 Strathmiglo;

- 6.4.1 West Road footpath; the path appears complete and well-constructed, local residents are currently sowing wild flowers on the banking. It was thought best to advise Fife Council of this.
- 6.4.2 A912 eastern entrance to village; an area of grass at the junction of Cash Feus and the A912 is continually missed when grass is being cut in the area. It was thought best to formally request that this area be added to the grass-cutting schedule for the village.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS; none

8.0 PLANNING: The Chair 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 APRS membership; it was agreed that the Community Council would renew the subscription to the APRS for the coming year.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 29th May, 7.30pm, Dunshalt Village Hall.