

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 28th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 28th August 2017
in Strathmiglo Village Hall.

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, and 1 member of the public

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Secretary welcomed members attending.

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

2.0 MINUTES:

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

2.1 6.2.1; The 'KGV' mentioned was explained to members to be the abbreviation for King George the Fifth referencing the name of the public park in Strathmiglo.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 6.3.2; though the house in the Low Road referred to is in a state of disrepair, it was felt that it was not a danger to then public.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS: none

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 Police report; no report has been received for the meeting. It was recognised that local officers are under considerable pressure with specific duties and staff absences. The officers are aware of dates of meetings.

5.2 Cotton Road; youths were seen climbing the TV mast as far as the raised platform. The incident was reported to the 101 phone number but no response has been received to date.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 Strathmiglo;

6.1.1 High Street road condition; the number of depressions in the road surface is increasing. Though there is evidence that the worst are being dealt with, it is a sign that there are underlying problems with the road.

6.1.2 KGV toilets; a site visit took place and it was agreed that the block would be demolished. The football club and Fife Council will liaise concerning the possible installation of new storage facilities.

6.2 Auchtermuchty;

6.2.1 Forest Hills Hotel; drinking by patrons of the hotel has been witnessed in the square. It is recognised that it is the licensee's responsibility to point out to customers that this is not allowed. Councillors will raise that issue with the Licensing Authority.

6.2.2 Burnside parking; inconsiderate parking of cars is blocking the road way between Bowiehill and Kilnheugh to the south of the burn. This however is an unadopted road and therefore outside Fife Council's remit.

- 6.3 Dunshalt;
 - 6.3.1 Defibrillator; this has now been installed and functioning, a training session was held.
 - 6.3.2 Village shop; the latest local meeting was well attended and matters are progressing towards a business plan being formed. The group have been given access to the premises to establish a valuation of the property.
- 6.4 Gateside;
 - 6.4.1 School roll; concern has been raised over the fall in pupil numbers attending the school. It appears a number of parents have chosen to have their children attend alternative schools. There appears however no immediate threat of closure.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

- 7.1 DRY project; this group involving team members from the universities of Dundee, West of England and Sheffield, working with SEPA, Fife Council and a number of other bodies have produced a leaflet and web presence concerning droughts in the Eden valley. [www.http://dryproject.co.uk/our-uk-river-catchments/Eden/](http://dryproject.co.uk/our-uk-river-catchments/Eden/)

- 8.0 PLANNING: The Secretary drew attention to applications that appeared on the Fife list over the summer months
It was at this point the meeting discussed the possible development of land at the western edge of Auchtermuchty. This area does appear in the Fife plan as appropriate for development of up to 30 houses. While it was agreed that access to the site could be an issue and is a concern for existing residents of the area, it was pointed out that until an actual planning application is submitted, the Community Council [CC] is not able to take up a position. It was agreed that an extra-ordinary meeting of the CC could be arranged to discuss that matter, or the CC could request an extension to the consultation period and have the matter discussed at the next ordinary meeting on the submission of such an application. It was also pointed out that if there are six objections submitted then the issue would go before the Planning Committee and that it is very likely any possible developer would be encouraged to under take a local consultation process of their own.

- 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: the Secretary is now forwarding all correspondence received electronically to members.

- 9.1 Children's Panel; new recruits for this body are being look for, information meetings are to be held for those interested.

- 10.0 AOCB; none

- 11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 25th September, 7.30pm, Auchtermuchty Community Centre.