

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 29th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25th September 2017
in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

PRESENT: 1. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 2. Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], 3. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], 4. Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], 5. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 6. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, and 2 members of the public

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], Raymond HARDING [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Valerie WEIR [Gateside], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID,

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on Monday 28th August, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

- 3.1 3.1 Low Road; it was noted that though the house was in disrepair it appeared to be not a public safety issue.
- 3.2 6.2.1 Forest Hills Hotel; though the Licence authorities had spoken to the proprietors drinking outside has still been seen to occur. It was asked if the hotel is used as a hostel for permanent/ semi-permanent residents. It was noted that the hotel is still registered and licensed as a hotel.
- 3.3 6.1.1 High Street, Strathmiglo; the condition of the road has been reported and the situation being monitored.
- 3.4 6.1.2 King George V park toilets; a meeting is being arranged between Fife Council and the football club to discuss storage requirements.
- 3.5 6.3.2 Village shop, Dunshalt; a survey has been undertaken and valuation set. A new group is being formed [separate from the Community Association and Village Hall group] to take the matter forward. It was reported that 90% of monies will come from the Scottish Land Fund, with initial running costs being available from LEADER funding - though it was noted that the paperwork related to this organisation has been extensive in the past.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS: none

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

- 5.1 Police report; a report has been received covering September noting that 44 calls were made concerning Auchtermuchty, 5 to Strathmiglo and 8 to Gateside. It included information concerning bogus workmen operating in the area, the use of Bob the pop up policeman and the secondment of PC Fisher to the area.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Auchtermuchty;**

- 6.1.1 Bowiehill; the meeting was told that through traffic is causing some residents concern. It was asked what steps could be taken as it was felt that pedestrians - especially school children - were at risk. It was suggested that

access be restricted to one end. It was recognised that this is a public thoroughfare and may not be acceptable to all residents. The Secretary, and local Councillors, will contact Transportation for advice and suggestions.

6.2 **Dunshalt;**

6.2.1 Summer Fair; the village summer fair went well.

6.3 **Gateside;**

6.3.1 A912 repairs; no date appears to be yet set for the proposed repairs to the A912 Gateside - Bein Inn. This may be related to works being undertaken on the off ramp of the M90 at junction 8.

6.3.2 Old Mill; it was reported to the meeting that there may be a proposal for a distillery being sited at the old mill.

6.4 **Strathmiglo;**

6.4.1 King George V park pathway; the path to the north side of the park has a very uneven surface due to tree roots, it was noted that repairs would be difficult and expensive. On a related matter it was reported that the park trees were to have their crowns raised.

6.4.2 King George V park wall; in the south west corner of the park the wall has been damaged - it is thought by those using the skate park. It is believed that this was inspected at the time of the toilet block site visit.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS; none

8.0 PLANNING: The Secretary drew attention to applications that appeared on the Fife list since the last meeting.

8.1 Planning notification; it was asked why planning notification was now only in the Courier. It was explained that this was a cost saving measure and that all planning applications can be found online at Fife Direct, indeed it is possible to be added to the Fife mailing list to receive a weekly update of planning applications at <https://planning.fife.gov.uk/>

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

9.1 FifePlan; it was noted that the Community Council has received notification that the FifePlan has finally been adopted.

10.0 AOCB;

10.1 FifePlan2; the feeling was expressed by a member of the public attending that work is being undertaken in the area [surveying/inspections] that should have been done before FifePlan[1] had been adopted, and that it appears to be at a greater level than would be necessary. It was asked how the public could make meaningful contributions before the adoption of FifePlan2 as it can appear that developers and Fife Council can have a too comfortable relationship.

It was pointed out that observations/objections can only be made concerning submitted planning applications, that the Community Council could call a public meeting concerning a specific development/topic and that the Community Council has in the past suggested areas that they and local residents would prefer to see development in the area.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 30th October, 7.30pm, Dunshalt Village Hall.