

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 32nd Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 29th January 2018
in Strathmiglo Village Hall.

PRESENT: George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], Susan JACK [Gateside], Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], Valerie WEIR [Gateside]

ATTENDING: Steve McHARDY, Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Cllr. David MACDAIRMID, PC Whitaker, PC Fisher, Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt],

2.0 MINUTES:

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

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 6.2.1 Kirk Wynd signage; Chair will contact Transportation to find out how this is progressing.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS: none

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 Police report; the January report was received in its usual form warning of bogus workmen, the placing of pop up Bob and disruption to a badger sett due to tree felling.

5.2 New business;

5.2.1 Sheep worrying; incidents have been reported around East Lomond.

5.2.2 PC Whitaker; there is to be a replacement officer put in place as PC Whitaker moves on.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Strathmiglo;**

6.1.1 King George V Park; repairs are still awaited to the holes that have formed near the Skateboard Park, even though it has been scheduled.

6.1.2 King George V Park toilet block; monies for the works are being sought at Fife Region Committee level.

6.2 **Auchtermuchty;**

6.2.1 Pavement gritting; it was noted that pedestrians were walking in the road way around the village shop as the pavements were found to be too slippy. The members were reminded to encourage members of the public to make use of the grit bins and report any that are empty. Bins have been reported never needing to be refilled and therefore thought to be unused and not required. It was suggested that Fife Council return to the policy of asking Community Councils where grit bins were needed.

6.2.2 Road sign light; the light attached to the One-way street sign in Madras Road is hanging lose.

6.2.3 Auchtermuchty Community Association; there is on-going discussion concerning the possible dissolution of the Community Association with Auchtermuchty Community Trust taking over the roles of the Community Association. It was agreed that if the proposed changes go ahead, provided that the Community Trust take over the role of supplying information to the Community Council, as the Association has always done, it would receive the Auchtermuchty portion of the redistribution of the Community Council's grant.

6.2.4 Burnside south; Fife Transportation is looking at the condition of the road in this area.

6.3 **Dunshalt;**

6.3.1 Village shop; progress is on-going, awaiting word on funding.

6.4 **Gateside;**

6.4.1 Perth Road; the works on the A912 were complete to the satisfaction of locals and thought to be a vast improvement.

6.4.2 School; though there has been little feedback from an on-line survey it was hoped that a leaflet encouraging use of the school would be distributed shortly. At present numbers of children for the year 2018-19 stand at 3. Members were reminded that Fife Council has a 'no school closures' policy.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

7.1 Broadband services; it was hoped that the promised super fast broadband will be available in the area as stated by government spokesman. The meeting was informed that surveying has been carried out along the Falkland road for the possible installation of Fibre-to-the-premises.

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

8.1 Crown lifting; it was noted that a number of trees in Gateside are having their crowns lifted [lower branched removed]. It is presumed that this is acceptable under existing tree preservation orders.

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

9.1 Public Liability Insurance; the Secretary has submitted the form giving the Community Council's details as requested by Fife Council

10.0 AOCB;

10.1 Unadopted roads; Susan Jack has written to party leaders, Fife Councillors and other local communities suggesting a common approach to the problem. It is requested that the 'small' budget previously used to repair these roads be reinstated as without this remedial work they will quickly become impassable - including to emergency vehicles - and the cost of eventual repair will be prohibitive. An on-line petition has been formed.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 26th February, 7.30pm, Auchtermuchty Community Centre.