

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 33rd Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26th February 2018
in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

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

ATTENDING: Steve McHARDY, Cllr. Andy HEER, 1 member of the public

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID, PC Parker, PC Fisher, Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt],

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on Monday 29th January, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 6.2.2 Road sign light; it was reported that this had been removed rather than repaired.

3.2 6.2.3 Auchtermuchty Community Association[ACA]; it was reported that the ACA is continuing but is in need of support to fill posts.

3.3 6.3.1 Dunshalt Village shop; Lottery funds have been received to cover the full amount of purchase and repairs. Monies from the sale of community shares will be added to these funds. Discussion is underway as to how the shop will be run.

3.4 7.1 Broadband services; it was reported that the cabling required for Fibre-to-the-premises has reached Dunshalt.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS: none

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 Community Officers; PC Parker is replacing PC Whitaker. Officers hope to attend a meeting in the near future. The Secretary will forward on to officers any matters brought to him by members.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Auchtermuchty;**

6.1.1 Cycle Inn; the Inn has been closed since the New Year, there is possible interest in buying but the property is to be leased. It is thought that in the current financial climate it would be difficult to make the premises financially viable.

6.1.2 Bowiehill; the traffic situation is being examined but the Secretary has had no word.

6.1.3 Millflat; it is noted that ground surveying and soil sampling has been witnessed in the area of the Millflat.

6.2 **Dunshalt;**

6.2.1 Village website; the village now has a functioning website,
www.dunshaltvillage.co.uk

6.3 Gateside;

6.3.1 Pot holes; the main road through Gateside is becoming 'pocked' with holes, though it was not clear if these had been reported. A variety of reporting methods was discussed, though success rates do not appear dependent on method. Fife Council has brought in a system of starting workmen from home that may result in a larger number of works vehicles than expected.

6.3.2 Hill runners; runners making their way through fields where sheep are lambing, particularly at night and those with dogs, are again causing concern to local farmers as they appear unaware or unconcerned about the problems they create. Cllr. Heer will contact the Access Officer.

6.3.3 Dryside/Lappiemoss; the verge by the track leading off the Dryside is being badly damaged by vehicles involved in the timber works. This would be best inspected before the work is completed and the company leave.

6.4 Strathmiglo;

6.4.1 Chair of Community Association; the members were informed that Robert Allison has recently stepped down from the post of Chair of the Strathmiglo Community Association after 43 years, a 'Thank you' meeting is to be held in Strathmiglo on the 7th March.

6.4.2 Football club storage; a site meeting is to be held to discuss the replacement of storage facilities following the removal of the existing store that is part of the toilet block.

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 Glassart Glen; the application for temporary accommodation will go before the Planning Committee next Wednesday.

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

10.0 AOCB;

10.1 Binn Farm Eco Park; Green Cat Renewables are in discussion to restart the wind turbine proposal. A meeting with the four affected Community Councils is to be held at the Bein Inn on Thursday 1st March to reform the forum that was established at the time of the original proposal.

10.2 NE Planning meeting; it was reported that members of the public attending had difficulty hearing the submissions and discussion and it was felt that something should be done to correct this.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 26th March, 7.30pm, Dunshalt Village Hall.