

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 35th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 30th April 2018
in Gateside Memorial Hall

PRESENT: George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], [Auchtermuchty], Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], Valerie WEIR [Gateside],

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

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Susan JACK [Gateside], Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Cllr. David MACDAIRMID, PC's Parker and Fisher

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre on Monday 26th March, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

- 3.1 3.5 Glassart Glen; application for the continued siting of a temporary home has been refused.
- 3.2 4.1 Binn Farm wind turbines; there has been no word concerning this development.
- 3.3 6.1.1 Dunshalt village shop; Cllr. Lothian asked about the management model for the shop but as yet how the shop will operate day to day has yet to be decided. Architect plans for the interior are to be shown at a planned public consultation meeting. Details can be got from Ian McCaulay.
- 3.4 6.4.1 Bondgate/Murray Place parking restrictions; awaiting report from Fife Officer.
- 3.5 6.4.2 Mournipea roadside ditches; ditches, along most of the road, have now been cleared by Fife Council [with Cllr. Lothian lending a hand].
- 3.6 10.2 Edinburgh 'mystery' bus; it appears that the bus service in question which passes through Auchtermuchty is run by Megabus and has a number of alternate routes. As a result it is unlikely that the company would be persuaded to schedule a stop in Auchtermuchty.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS: none

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

- 5.1 April Community report; the Secretary circulated the report to members.
- 5.2 Community Speed Watch; a local initiative is seeking volunteers to be trained to cover Community Council areas. Contact PC Parker if interested.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Gateside;**

- 6.1.1 Burnside boundary; Cllr. Lothian will re-send the information concerning the boundary location to the Gateside Community Association.
- 6.1.2 Workmen littering; a white lining team while parked in Burnside were observed throwing litter from their vehicles, it was thought that this was not the kind of behaviour expected from Fife road teams.
- 6.1.3 Bus service; residents feel that little care is taken by some bus drivers, when entering the Burnside area, to avoid damaging the grass verge. It was also noted that some enter

Yellowhill Road via the Perth & Kinross junction and arrive at the bus stop by crossing a small bridge.

6.2 Strathmiglo;

- 6.2.1 Hogweed; it was noted that the plant is becoming noticeable on the riverbank through the village.
- 6.2.2 Potholes; general discussion was held concerning the short term repairs being carried out and the apparent lack of an agreed policy within Fife Transportation concerning the tackling of nearby but unmarked secondary potholes.
- 6.2.3 Pillars of Hercules junction; this is an increasing used junction on the A912 at a dangerous bend with a 60mph speed limit, of particular concern was the siting of the bus stop on the north side of the road. It was noted that the Falkland Estate has made a funding application to improve the area, but it was suggested that thought might be given to what could be done in the mean time.

6.3 Auchtermuchty;

- 6.3.1 Low Road hedge; it has been reported that the hedge near the bus stop on the Low Road is in need of trimming.
- 6.3.2 Pitmedden Wynd; traffic coming along the High Street is failing to stop at the junction despite road markings. Changing the priority at the junction was discussed but would prove problematic with the one-way system in place. It was thought that repainting the road markings might help.

6.4 Dunshalt;

- 6.4.1 Farm burglaries; it was noted that two farms have been had items stolen recently, the reporting of unusual behaviour/vehicles could assist.

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.

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

10.0 AOCB;

- 10.1 Fly tipping; a field entrance on the Glentarkie Road was recently 'gifted' a used bathroom suite. It was reported that this has since been removed though it is uncertain as to who removed it. With the changes to procedures at recycling centres it was thought that this is likely to be repeated and vigilance is needed with incidents reported as quickly as possible.
- 10.2 Community Council accounts; copies of the Community Council accounts were made available at the meeting but it was thought that it would better if they were sent out to members electronically.
- 10.3 APRS [Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland]; the annual membership is due and has been raised from £25 to £30. It was agreed that the Council would renew its membership. [there may be a delay in sending payment as the chequebook is with the accounts being examined]
- 10.4 Pilgrim's Way; it was thought that information concerning this walking trail would be of interest to the Council, it can be obtained via the church council/Ian McCaulay.

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 28th May, 7.30pm, Strathmiglo Public Hall.