

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 37th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25th June 2018
in Auchtermuchty Community Centre

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

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

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], Valerie WEIR [Gateside], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID, PC's Parker and Fisher

2.0 MINUTES:

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

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 6.1.1 Fife Coast and Countryside Trust; Secretary will write concerning the duties of the recently retired Bob Weston. Cllr. Heer has emailed the FCCT concerning the issue.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Binn Farm; though the landfill licence has only recently lapsed landfill had stopped some time ago.

4.2 Community Council elections; the Secretary reminded members that nomination papers need to be filled in and submitted by September.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 Officers attendance; though the officers find it difficult at times to attend meetings they can be contacted by email.

5.2 Community Newsletter; the June newsletter covered activities in the area.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Auchtermuchty;**

6.1.1 Benches; Members reported that a number of benches need repainting, but it appears that due to lack of funding Fife Council have no plans. Cllr. Heer has asked for one vandalised to be repaired. Local residents maintaining flower boxes etc. feel that this spoils the look of the area particularly those interested in "It's your neighbourhood" and Beautiful Fife competitions. It was hoped that the same rule is applied to all communities. It was thought that this might be indicative of things to come with non-statutory spending being cut to the bone.

6.2 **Dunshalt;** none

6.3 **Gateside;**

6.3.1 Gateside school; the decreasing numbers of enrolled pupils was discussed again.

6.3.2 Gateside/Strathmiglo footpath; it was suggested that with the sale of a property on the suggested route that there may be an opportunity to pursue the issue. It was thought unlikely as there were other problems associated with the path.

6.4 **Strathmiglo;**

6.4.1 King George V Park wall; the large wall has been repaired but it was thought that the general state of the wall is in need of attention.

6.4.2 Brown bins; Brown bins in Wellbank were not collected and phone calls to find out why were not answered. Cllr. Heer reported that problems with communication appear widespread and has been raised with Fife Council, more facilities are being moved onto e-services despite people having problems using computers.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

7.1 TV signal; the Strathmiglo relay had intermittent interruptions on the 24th.

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

8.1 Gateside house; the application is within the grounds of an existing property and not in the field of a previous application.

8.2 House building; it appears that some residents are reading consultation documents and interpreting them as planning applications.

8.3 Planning website; the point that 14 days from an appeal being submitted for a contribution to be made is too short and that 14 days should be when all documents are available online.

8.4 Failure to follow procedure; members of the public felt that there has been a recent case where time schedules and document requirements have not been met yet Fife Planning appear to have allowed applications to go ahead. In appeals it is left to the Reporter to deal with the situation, it was hoped that they would make a better job than Fife.

Discussion was held concerning the lack of the ability for 3rd Party appeal and neighbour notification and who was entitled to notification.

“Neighbour Notification is a statutory process the Council has to carry out for all planning applications. The process requires the Council as Planning Authority to serve notification to neighbours on land which, or part of which shares a common boundary with the application site, or within 20 metres of the boundary of the land for which the development is proposed.” fifedirect.org.uk

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

Of note; none

10.0 AOCB; none

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 27th August, 7.30pm, Dunshalt Village Hall [the Secretary will check the booking if there are problems the meeting will be moved to Auchtermuchty Community Centre.]