

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 38th Meeting of the Community Council,
Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27th August 2018
in Dunshalt Village Hall

PRESENT: Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Ian MACCAULAY [Dunshalt], Christine LITTLE [Auchtermuchty], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, and 3 members of the public

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Vice-Chair welcomed members attending.

Apologies: George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], Susan JACK [Gateside], Valerie WEIR [Gateside], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID, PC's Parker and Fisher

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre on Monday 25th June, having been circulated to members, was accepted by those present.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 3.1 Fife Coast and Countryside Trust; Cllr. Heer had emailed the FCCT but noted that the FCCT have lost three staff members and unlikely to be able to deliver the service that they once did.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Gateside School; notice was sent out to Councillors detailing the process and reason for beginning the 'mothballing' of the school. The parents of the only pupil had placed their child at Strathmiglo so a consultation process will now be undertaken, with the parents of eligible children in the area, before a final decision is taken regarding the future of the school.
On a related matter it was reported that security lighting on the school is shining into rooms of a neighbouring property, Cllr. Heer will follow up.

4.2 Community Council elections; the Secretary put the item on the agenda to remind members of the process to be undertaken for nomination, he had 'hard' copies of nomination papers available for those unable to download them from the Fife Council site. It was the opinion of members of the public attending that the Courier's reporting of the elections, regarding the postponing of the St Andrews ballot, could be read as all ballots were delayed. An email from Beth Flynn of Democratic Services was read out as a definitive statement on the situation.

5.0 POLICE MATTERS:

5.1 Speedwatch Campaign; the meeting was informed that Dunshalt has put forward the names of a number of volunteers willing to take part but have as yet to receive a reply from PC Parker. It was hoped that the initiative had not 'died on the vine'.

5.2 Community Newsletter; the August edition was circulated to members by the Secretary, it was noted with some interest that a "Pop up Bog" is now being deployed within the Howe and Tay Coast area.

6.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS: [not already covered]

6.1 **Dunshalt;**

6.1.1 Village shop; funds have been raised from subscriptions and planning for alterations are going ahead - including the installation of solar panels.

6.1.2 Defibrillator; the unit was taken to the scene of an incident but not needed. Procedures are in place for its resetting and replacement of any used parts.

6.2 **Gateside;**

6.2.1 Road closure; it was noted that Station Road and the Q57 [Dryside Road] will be closed for the "Gateside Gallop" on the evening of 29th August.

6.2.2 Speeding; it was pointed out, again, that the time period 6am to 8am is particularly bad, especially for HGV's, and that the Camera Team appear later in the day. The Secretary will write to ask for a focus on that time period.

6.3 **Strathmiglo;**

6.3.1 West Road/Bowling Club boundary wall; the road surface at the base of the wall is broken up over a section and it is thought will cause a larger and more expensive repair if not tackled now.

6.3.2 High Street depressions; now appearing over most of the length of the High Street it is thought that they must be indicative of an underlying problem below ground. Thought the position is monitored by Fife Council and repairs carried out when 'bad enough' a more in depth examination of the situation may be required.

6.4 **Auchtermuchty;**

6.4.1 Inconsiderate/dangerous parking; a delivery van has taken to parking at the bend in Burnside/Station Road by White's Weigh with one half of the vehicle over the pavement making it difficult, impossible on bin collection days, for pedestrians to use the footpath. The driver has been spoken to by local residents with no effect, and the Secretary has contacted and sent photographs to the Police with no response. It was felt that it is only a question of time before a pedestrian is injured or a traffic accident occurs as the van blocks the sight line over the corner. It was though contacting the delivery company whose logo is shown on the van - UK Mail - might be beneficial.

6.4.2 Pavement Low Road; bushes are projecting over the pavement, along the section of Low Road to the west of the Royal Hotel, causing an obstruction to pedestrian. Responsibility of maintenance was in question but it is hoped that if the owners are spoken to they will deal with the matter. It was noted that there are other areas in Auchtermuchty where vegetation interferes with pedestrians.

7.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS;

7.1 Scottish Water; the Secretary has forwarded all emails regarding the consultation process 'Shaping the Future' being undertaken by Scottish Water.

7.2 Scottish Water; work was undertaken by Scottish water in Leckiebank Road and though complete all the road signage has been left.

7.3 Bus Service; the transfer of certain bus routes to Moffat and Williamson has been met with a generally positive note though issues regarding timing, the availability of timetables and driver's response to the road layout were raised.

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.
Of note; none

10.0 AOCB; none

11.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Monday 24th September, 7.30pm, Gateside Memorial Hall