

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 8th meeting of the Community Council, held at 7.30 p.m. on
Monday 23rd September 2019 in Auchtermuchty Community Centre

PRESENT: Helen BOWMAN [Auchtermuchty], Maaïke COOK [Strathmiglo], Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], Valerie WEIR [Gateside],

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

- 1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed Community Councillors, Fife Councillors and members of the public

Apologies: Matthew MCDONALD [Dunshalt], Ian MCCAULAY [Dunshalt], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], PC.'s Parker and Goudie.

- 2.0 Police Matters; there was no community newsletter or word from officers.

- 3.0 Declarations of Interest; it was agreed to make these when appropriate.

- 4.0 Minutes of Meeting: the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th August 2019 in Strathmiglo Public Hall were accepted as correct.

- 5.0 Matters Arising:

- 5.1 6.1 Community Council Development Day; H. Bowman reported that the CCDD was a well-attended professionally run event. There was an emphasis on the Development Plan and that if an item were in the Development Plan then it would need a well prepared argument to have it removed or prevented from being included - quality rather than quantity. She felt that the People in Place initiative would be difficult to function at the Community Council in our situation and would perhaps be better tackled at a Community Association level. Cllr. Heer had raised the possibility of 'nested' plans but those organising the event had not considered this, though it could be explored. A new Development Plan is under construction - a mixture of redrafting the existing with the inclusion of new items.
- 5.2 6.2 Puffin Crossing; a public meeting held in Auchtermuchty agreed to concentrate issues with traffic calming to the A91 following which Fife Councillors and Colin Stirling [Fife Council] met with a small group of representatives to discuss ideas. The Puffin Crossing has been shelved and Fife Council will bring new proposals forward.
- 5.3 6.3 Resignation; the Chair welcomed Shona Dryburgh to the Community Council.
- 5.4 6.4 Wind Turbines; Chair [after a brief summary of the situation for members of the public present] reported that the evaluation grant has been obtained and the community involvement group are now waiting on initial feedback from 'advisors' [who were selected from a pre-vetted list]. It is hoped further information will be available for the October meeting.

- 6.0 Other business

- 6.1 Community Council Development Day; covered under 5.1
- 6.2 Low Road Planning/Development; the Secretary reported on communication that he had had with an organisation - Gladman [<https://www.gladman.scot>] - who are interested in the development of an area of land in Auchtermuchty. Though no concrete information is available, it is assumed that the land in question is that leading from Stratheden Place to the south of Low Road which is shown marked for 18 houses in the current Development Plan. Any increase in this number or extension of the proposed plot would run contrary to the Development Plan, the town envelope and local residents wishes, and has been under discussion before and met with objection. While the company involved do not

themselves construct houses it is believed they may have connection with a local builder of 'affordable' homes. A representative of Gladman has been asked to attend the October meeting and interested parties will be informed if they are to attend.

7.0 Fife Council

7.1 Auchtermuchty:

- 7.1.1 High Street/Orchard Court; complaints have been received concerning vegetation overhanging the wall in the area causing obstruction to pedestrians and obscuring road signs. Cllr. Heer pointed out that this can be reported on-line and though it is the landowner's responsibility Fife Council will undertake work where necessary and bill the owner. A similar situation is evident in Millflat, Fife Councillors will pursue.
- 7.1.2 Station Road; the road surface from the A91 to village boundary and Low Road junction to Orchard Flat is to be replaced in the coming weeks, it is expected there will be considerable disruption to traffic flow in the area.
- 7.1.3 Street lighting; there have been a number of outages around the town causing problems. work has been undertaken but the fault reoccurs. No solution has yet been found, investigations are on going.
- 7.1.4 Water supply; there have been a number of interruptions to supply and water quality issues including incidents at Myres Castle and High Street.

7.2 Dunshalt:

- 7.2.1 Village shop; the Secretary relayed information on progress, it is hoped that by next meeting an opening date will be set and photographs of the interior will be available.
- 7.2.2 Speedwatch; the 1st deployment of the Speedwatch volunteers took place on the day the schools reopened. Unfortunately a large proportion of those noted were parents ferrying children.

7.3 Gateside:

- 7.3.1 Gateside Gallop; a successful event was reported on.
- 7.3.2 Councillor attendance; the new Secretary of the Community Association has emailed Fife Councillors welcoming their attendance at meetings.
- 7.3.3 School premises; the Gateside Community Association are still pursuing its use for extended nursery provision, will further consult with local residents and will look to input into decisions made by Fife Education. It is understood that the building will be 'moth-balled' in October with the scheme for closure being instigated by Fife Council in due course.

7.4 Strathmiglo:

- 7.4.1 Bus tour; the Senior's bus tour went off successfully.
- 7.4.2 Invasive weeds; spraying has taken place.
- 7.4.3 Bankwell Crescent drain; Scottish Water and Fife Council disagree as to the cause. Further jetting and camera inspection will be carried out by Fife to ascertain the problem.
- 7.4.4 Cemetery grass cutting; an apology has been received and an assurance that care will be taken in future.

8.0 Other Service Providers; none other than as above in Auchtermuchty.

9.0 Planning

- 9.1 Applications; the Secretary drew attention to applications that appeared on the Fife list since the last meeting.

10.0 Correspondence; this has been circulated to members via email.

- 10.1 Transport consultation; a Fife consultation is underway at <http://our.fife.scot/transportingpeople>. This can be made an agenda item once members have looked at it.
- 10.2 VE Day celebrations; it was thought best these be tackled at an Association level.
- 10.3 Broadband- use of by the community; an invitation has been made of an event promoting the use of broadband by the community. Secretary will email details.

10.4 Health Centre; a meeting has been arranged with the Chair and Secretary for the 24th October, it was suggested that any comments to be made should be forwarded to them prior to the meeting to allow the Centre to give a timely response. It was noted that the 'flu clinic is due of the 19th October though the Auchtermuchty Pharmacy is also providing 'flu shots - at a cost.

11.0 AOCB;

11.1 Rights of Way; a question from the floor concerned who was responsible for keeping such ways clear. It was agreed that this was usually left to volunteers either individuals or organised groups.

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting of the Community Council.

Monday 28th October 2019, 7.30pm, Dunshalt Village Hall.