

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 2026 AGM of the Community Council held at 7.30 p.m. on 29th June 2026 in

Auchtermuchty Community Centre

PRESENT: Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Mark GIBSON [Auchtermuchty], Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Andrew MCNAUGHTON [Gateside], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo].

ATTENDING: one member of the public, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed Community Councillors, Fife Councillor Donald Lothian and the member of the public.

Apologies: Susan JACK [Gateside], Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt]

2. Declarations of interest; these will be made when appropriate.

3. Minutes of the 2025 AGM; the AGM set for 29th October 2025 had been postponed on several occasions [the Community Council [CC] had no set date for its AGM] resulting in no AGM being held in 2025. It was agreed in correspondence between members that a fixed date made, matching the June Ordinary meeting, to prevent this happening again. This was formally agreed.

4. Matters arising; NONE

5. Chair's report; the Chair began with an apology that no AGM was held in 2025. As the AGM has no office bearer elections usually just concerns a round up of the year by the Chair and Treasurer – both relatively unexciting – it is often overtaken by events. The setting of a fixed date however makes sense and coinciding with the June meeting, the last before the summer break, will be easy to remember. Comment could be made concerning the CC's usual diet of pot-holes and planning but it was preferable to focus on the stand out moments. The evolution and development of the Binn Farm Wind Turbine Fund started small but looks set to grow over the years with the CC able to help local people in a way we have been unable to do in the past. Thanks to S. Jack and A. McNaughton for all they work they have put in. The work of the Resilience Group, with special mention of Ewan Band, in the construction of leaky dams in Glassarts Glen was a novel way for the CC to act on behalf of the local community. The CC was also one of the few to submit a Local Place Plan, an off-shoot of which was the Community Action Plan [CAP] devised with the Community Trust, and though the CC does not have the capacity to further the aspirations of the CAP it would always support those addressing the various aspects of it. Other areas of note included; the welcoming of a new minister, Michael Opara, to the area, while it was disappointing to to the closure of Dunshalt's Village shop it is good to hear of the opening of a new snack bar, the re-launch of Muchty Matters is welcomed with it now covering Dunshalt and Gateside and plans sharing items with the Strathmiglo newsletter to allow greater sharing of information between our communities. Items to be watched include; the inconvenience caused by developers to local residents that with proper management could be prevented, the long running saga of Distillery Street, the changes to community policing and their possible effects and the possible changes to Fife Council's planning committees. Thanks were expressed to all members and especially A. Muirhead – Secretary, B. Torrance – Treasurer, S. Jack for her work with Binn Wind-farm Community Fund [BWCF] and A. McNaughton for his work with the BWFC and in representing us on the River Eden Partnership.

6. Treasurer's report; examined accounts have been circulated showing income and expenditure including payments for the usual hall rental, online conferencing and annual membership and fees - bank charges the most noticeable

addition. There has been a slight change in format to show Fife Council grant expenditure and monies received from Foundation Scotland for micro-grant awards. It is planned to further expand these notes to include more detail.

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026 were accepted and application for the 2026-2027 Fife Council grant will be made by the Treasurer.

7. AOCB; none
8. Date of next AGM; Monday 28th June 2027.