Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 20th meeting of the Community Council, held at 7.30 p.m. on 3rd May 2021 via Zoom conferencing online facility [postponed from 26th April]

PRESENT: Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Susan JACK [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Ian MCCAULAY [Dunshalt], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed Community Councillors, Fife Councillors.

Apologies: Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], PC's Haddow and Lowe.

2.0 Police: the Secretary will pass on any points raised by members. The February to April report had been forwarded to members by the Secretary.

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 29th March were accepted as correct.

5.0 Matters arising:

5.1 5.1 Dryside parking; Roads signs are in position but only went as far as the Station Road junction. Chair contacted Fife Council [Stewart Goodfellow] and the signs were extended further down the Dryside. It is understood that the 'paperwork' to allow fines to be issued has not yet passed through Council. Chair will send thanks for work done so far.

5.2 5.2 KGV Park, Strathmiglo; placement of container still awaiting planning permission.

5.3 5.4 B936 20mph limit; Both Fife Councillors have put in a formal request for an explanation for the delay. It was reported that there may have been a staffing issue within the department.

5.4 6.1 Co-op development; Chair will email Fife Council [Derek Crowe] concerning the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the development in a coordinated approach with the Auchtermuchty Speedwatch group who have been in contact with Fife Transportation.

5.5 7.3.1 Auchtermuchty defibrillator; ongoing.

5.6 7.5.1 Dunshalt, Ladybank Road; Clearing of the ditches continued with the soil removed dumped on green space behind bus shelter. Local residents were advised that it would be removed once dry. An observation camera appears to be stuck in one of the culverts and may require the road to be dug up to remove it.

6.0 Other business: none

7.0 Fife Council:

7.1 Strathmiglo;

7.1.1 A91/A912 junction; it was noted that the junction road signs have been replaced.

7.2 Auchtermuchty;

7.2.1 Millflat; it was noted that surveying in the land adjacent to Millflat had taken place, no word as to why.

7.3 Dunshalt;

7.3.1 Road restrictions; signage for temporary parking restrictions have been posted, Scottish Water appear to be the culprit.

7.3.2 Hedging; it was reported that 420 hedging plants have been planted in Dunshalt Park by local residents

7.4 Gateside;

7.4.1 Litterpick; it is hoped that a litterpick will occur in the next couple of weeks, the road sign will also be given a clean. It is hoped that this will give a better impression to visitors entering Fife.

7.4.2 Memorial Hall; work is to be undertaken and grants applied for.

7.4.3 Primary School building; local residents have no news as to what is to become of the building. The question as to whether the Community Council would be given information as to the building's future was raised. It is likely that the matter will take some time to be resolved. Suggestions such as its use as a Nursery for the area or Outdoor Education Centre given its proximity to the Lomond Hills Park were made rather than have it sold off for housing. Gateside Association will consider writing to the Head of Education [Fife] for information.

8.0 Other Service Providers; all information received is forwarded on by the Secretary.

9.0 Planning; The Secretary gave a brief summary of those applications in our area. Members were reminded that they could be added to a Fife Council mailing list to receive weekly updates directly through development.central@fife.gov.uk.

10.0 Correspondence; The Secretary forwards on to members all relevant correspondence received.

10.1 Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland; the Secretary pointed out that membership fee is now due - £30. It was agreed to continue membership of the APRS.

11.0 Any Other Competent Business; none

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting; [it was agreed to continue with the use of Zoom video conferencing for the next meeting]

Monday 31st May at 7.30pm via Zoom, details to be sent out.