# Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30 on the 27th September in Strathmiglo Public Hall

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

**ATTENDING:** Cllr. Andy HEER

**1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: T**he Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies**: Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo],Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN PC's Haddow and Lowe

**2.0 Police:** The Secretary will as always pass on any points raised by members to officers. No report due this month. A query was raised as to whether the number of firearm licence checks made by officers during the period covered by the quarterly report could be included.

**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 30thAugust were accepted as correct.

**5.0 Matters arising:**

**5.1** 6.1 Millflat, Auchtermuchty; no further news, await decision.

5.2 6.2 New Coop Auchtermuchty; building work progressing, letter concerning pedestrian crossing now ready for submission to Derek Crowe [Fife Council Transportation Services] to be copied to cooperative to garner their support and to Lesley Craig [Fife Council Traffic Management].

5.3 6.3 B936Auchtermuchty; no further news, other areas already agreed to are still waiting for the speed restriction to be signposted.

5.4 7.1.1 Speeding, Gateside; this is an on-going and area wide problem. Possible solutions include a 40mph buffer zone at each end of the village with raised strips, though this may create a noise issue for neighbouring houses, more or more obvious signage. Home made "pop-up Bobs" have made an appearance. It was felt that there needs to be a consistent approach that can be applied over the whole area not attempting to find a solution that moves the problem elsewhere. It was thought best to await the outcome of the local council elections before embarking on a major campaign as Fife Council's priorities may change. Reporting of the issue to local officers should in the meantime continue.

5.5 7.1.2 Play park, Gateside; the group formed to press for the refurbishment have been joined by 'new blood' which is most welcome. It is hoped that they can be encouraged into the Community Association/Community Council.

5.6 7.3.1 Defibrillator, Burnside,Auchtermuchty; decision to keep the phone box red has been agreed and paint has been sourced, maintenance of the defibrillator will be linked with the existing one at the Fire Station.

5.7 7.2.2 + 11.4 Picnic in the Park, Strathmiglo; this was well attended and enjoyed, a number of mobility scooters accessed the part with little difficulty. It may be the size of the scooter that causes the problem.

5.8 7.4.3 Welcome back event, Dunshalt; this has been re-organised to a drop in event to gather volunteers to keep the village tidy and to thank the Dunshalt in Bloom team.

**6.0 Other business:** none

**7.0 Fife Council:**

**7.1 Strathmiglo;**

7.1.1 High Street pot holes; the number of pot holes along the centre of the High Street appears to growing. The fact that most appear to be in the centre of the road may be related to the cause.

**7.2 Auchtermuchty;**

7.2.1 MacDuff Place; the condition of the road is causing comment. It was thought that as the area is 20mph it should not prove to be too big a problem. indeed a better road surface may lead to the speed limit being exceeded.

**7.3 Dunshalt**;

7.3.1 Community Association meeting [Cllr Lothian attended]; under discussion were street lights – faults were reported but no repair made, road drains needing cleared before winter weather, Dunshalt/Falkland footpath's poor condition, speeding.

**7.4 Gateside;**

7.4.1 A912 Road Closure; no notice was given to the Community Council concerning the two week closure of the Gateside/Bein Inn road. This may be due to the fact the work is being undertaken by Perth & Kinross Council.

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

8.1 Electricity supply; it was reported that a number of minor interruptions had occurred, nowhere specific but 'random' areas feeling the effect.

**9.0 Planning;**

The Secretary brought to the members attention 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 Recycling at Ladybank; communication received puzzled members, though booking has been removed from all other Fife sites [for cars], it appeared to blame the continuing booking requirements at Ladybank on the clash between domestic and commercial vehicles at the site's entrance. The entry to the site has not been an issue prior to Covid 'lockdown' and it is strange that it should now become one. A separate entrance for domestic recycling would be welcomed but not thought a priority.

**11.0 Any Other Competent Business;**

11.1 Fife Councillor's 'heads-up'; Cllr. Heer informed members that Fife Council are trialling 'blended' meetings where some participants are present while others are online. It appeared highly technical, and had a few teething problems, but appeared to work well. A number of other organisations are trialling their own versions. The Community Council attempting a 'blended' meeting was discussed and as the next meeting [October] will be in Auchtermuchty Community Centre – which has wifi - it was thought that we should explore the option of running a Zoom conference from the meeting.

**12.0 Date and venue of next meeting;**

**Monday 25th October, 7.30pm, Auchtermuchty Community Centre**.
[and via Zoom conferencing facility if possible].