Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 29th meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30pm on the 25th April 2022 in Dunshalt Village Hall.

Present: Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Susan JACK [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Matthew MCDONALD [Dunshalt], Andrew MACNAUGHTON [Gateside], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Derek THOMSON [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo]

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

1.0 **Welcome and Apologies**: The Chair welcomed all those attending.

Apologies: Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty], Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt], PC's HADDOW and LOWE.

2.0 **Declarations of interest:** these will be made when appropriate.

3.0 **Police**: the Secretary will forward any relevant information to officers.

3.1 Email reply; PC Lowe responded to a number of issues raised by the Community Council: Dryside parking; spot checks had been carried out but they were not in a position to take action, beyond putting leaflets on windscreens, as they do not believe the area is an Urban Clearway. There was discussion as to whether there is a difference between a Rural [what the CC believes to have been put in place including the correct road signage] and an Urban Clearway. As Perth & Kinross are enforcing the Clearway, Chair will find out on what grounds they are issuing tickets.

Road diversions; having reviewed the incident officers found it would have been very difficult to divert vehicles North and South [traffic flowing East/West being sent along different routes] of the area and that their response depends on individual circumstances. With the road being closed again,due to an accident since the last meeting, with traffic finding its own way around, discussion again took place concerning the pre-planning of such diversions on major roads. Fife Councillors will raise the issue.

Community Speedwatch; it is hoped to restart the program in the summer months.

4.0 **Minutes of Meeting:** the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th February were accepted as correct with one clarification.

4.1 6.3 Stratheden Place; the Minutes state a 20% mandatory figure for affordable housing though it was thought it may be 30% - this will need to be checked. The CC will press for as large a percentage of affordable housing as possible, stressing again that it should be within Auchtermuchty not built elsewhere as may be an option for the developer/Fife Council.

[Planning advice note 2/2010: Affordable Housing and Housing Land Audits paragraph 14. Scottish Planning Policy states that authorities may seek a percentage affordable housing contribution from developers of new housing developments where this is justified by the Housing Need and Demand Assessment and included in the Local Housing Strategy and development plan. The benchmark figure is that each site should contribute 25% of the total number of housing units as affordable housing. If a different percentage is required locally, justified by the HNDA and identified in the LHS and development plan, then the 25% benchmark does not apply.{included in the SPP published Dec. 2020}]

5.0 **Matters Arising:** the Chair will take items and individual community matters within the agenda.

6.0 **Other Business:**

6.1 Binn Wind Farm; at the last group meeting a draft list of priorities [for applications for funding] has been compiled and will be reviewed before it is published – this will be carried out through a number of methods including Fife Council. The Positions on and the Codes of Conduct for, the

'Board/Panel' were discussed with the likelihood of 3 posts for each participating CC [1 community councillor, 1 non-community councillor and 1 other] with 4 meeting held per year. As the Bridge of Earn CC have withdrawn from the group this will result with 9 Board/Panel members who will decide which applications are accepted, after the applications have been vetted [to insure due diligence has been followed] by Foundation Scotland, – initially within the range of £250-£2000. Foundation Scotland's fees are to be discussed at the next meeting. Chair will send out information so far to members.

6.2 Carswell Wynd Planning appeal; the Secretary raised the 'state of play' with the developer's appeal, had it been sent to the Reporter: No information was available.

7.0 **Fife Council:**

7.1 **Dunshalt**:

7.1.1 Village shop; business is going very well.

7.2 **Gateside**:

7.2.1 Traffic calming; it was hoped that measures could be in place prior to the Open at St Andrews leading to an increase in traffic, this was thought unlikely. It was noted that road surfacing has been completed in the area but pot holes nearby were missed. Cllr. Lothian will forward to Gateside CA email concerning patching in the area.

7.2.2 Community Association; Jubilee celebrations have problems with access to the park requiring a bureaucratic paper trail. An 'occasional drinking licence' will be required if alcohol is to be consumed.

7.3 **Strathmiglo**

7.3.1 Community Association; Jubilee ideas are being formulated – including a commemorative coin for school children. This raised the issue of general contact between the CA and the school being very difficult with no response given to a number of attempts. As the school has a mandatory community involvement aspect to its curriculum this is very disappointing. It was questioned as to whether this was an issue with joint school headships, the point was made that this was not only a problem for Strathmiglo.

7.3.2 Street Cleaner; the much appreciated street cleaner appears to have been relocated to Auchtermuchty, as the post appears to be only for 6 months it had been hoped that he could be retained in Strathmiglo where he had been making a difference.

7.4 **Auchtermuchty**

7.4.1 Community Worker; a new community worker, based in Auchtermuchty, would like to come along to introduce themselves to the CC.

7.4.2 Defibrillator; the defibrillator based in the old phone box on Burnside is now 'live'. The group will also be taking care of the others within Auchtermuchty.

7.4.3 Coop; waiting for interior fitting.

7.4.4 Stratheden Place; planning application will go to committee as sufficient objections have been made.

7.4.5 Jubilee celebration; use of the parking area in the town square has been applied for.

8.0 **OSP:**

8.1 Health Centre; the health centre has been written to but no reply as yet. It was reported that

the use of its parking area for health screening vehicles has been refused, it is unclear as to the reason but thought that village halls in the area could offer use of their parking spaces as the alternative appears to be appointments in Glenrothes. It was noted that the information on the Health Centre website is not as current as it would be hoped – it implies the situation is normal when it is not.

8.2 Broadband/Mobile services; the recent outage in the area, for a number of days, of both broadband and mobile service raised concerns regarding BT's plans to remove the land line services. If this had already occurred there would be no way to contact the emergency services or summon assistance eg. home alarms.

9.0 **Planning:** relevant applications raised through agenda.

10.0 **Correspondence:** the secretary has forwarded on to members all relevant correspondence received.

11.0 **AOCB:**

11.1 Fly tipping Consultation; the link from the email to the online consultation was not working.

11.2 Future CC meetings; May - Strathmiglo, June – Auchtermuchty, August – Dunshalt, September – Strathmiglo, October – Auchtermuchty. It will be decided later whether Zoom conferencing facility is to be used over the winter months.

11.3 Council Elections; the Secretary thought it appropriate that the CC should thank our Fife Councillors for their sterling efforts over the past years. We will welcome them [or their replacements!] to the May meeting.

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

Monday 30th May 2022, 7.30pm, Strathmiglo Public Hall.