Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minutes of the 34th meeting of the Community Council held at 7.30pm on the 31st October 2022 in Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

PRESENT: Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Ian MCCAULAY [Dunshalt], Andrew MCNAUGHTON [Gateside], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], Derek THOMSON [Gateside]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Brian SLATTERY [ACT] & 1 member of the public

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

Apologies: Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty],Mathew MCDONALD [Dunshalt],Cllr. Gary HOLT, Cllr. David MCDIARMID

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

3.0 **Police**:

3.1 Report has been circulated to members.

4.0 **Minutes of Meeting:** the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th September were accepted with one correction; 5.1 the Binn Ecological Wind Farm Community Fund now goes by the title of the Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund [BWTCF]

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

5.1 6.1 Local Place Plans; it was thought that the data gathered by the online consultation carried out by Fife Council related to the Living Well Locally concept would have been of use to a LPP being devised for the Community Council [CC] area but for the fact the consultation period was too short and it had not been published widely enough. The CC will ask how many responses were obtained and if the consultation period could be extended. Further discussion took place regarding LPPs which highlighted that there is still a level of disagreement as to what they are to be used for, whether more than one per area should/can be used and whether a LPP would be necessary for all developments under consideration in the area. The Auchtermuchty based LPP, currently under development via Steering Group, will carry on with Community Associations feeding in as local consultation takes place.

6.0 **Other Business:**

6.1 Proposed Reediehills development; it was suggested that the CC make a formal objection to the proposal to ensure that any decision is then made by Committee rather than Council Officer. This would ensure that all aspects of the application were examined. AGREED, an objection will be made on the grounds of development in the countryside. It is thought that the land to which the development relates is in fact owned by another party, what effect this will have is unknown.

6.2 Proposed Stratheden Place development; the application has been passed with a number of conditions being applied. Comments were made by those attending as to the operation of the committee meeting particularly relating to the 'manner' of the Officers involved [considering that a number of the Fife Councillors were new to the post] and that there was no representation from Transportation to comment on the vehicle access to the site. It was again pointed out that there is no Third Party right of appeal in such situations.

6.3 Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund; the website and ability to apply for funds is planned to launch in November with the first application deadline January 2023. Applications for Community Fund panel members [those who decide on the success/failure of grant applications] are about to be advertised, though no dates set, members will be chosen and trained by Foundation Scotland and the first meeting is pencilled in for mid-March 2023.

7.0 **Fife Council:**

7.1 Auchtermuchty

7.1.1 Street lighting; problems in the area appear to be fixed.

7.1.2 Old Mill 'tree'; the tree has been removed form the wall but a door higher up in the wall is hanging by a single hinge and will need urgent attention.

7.1.3 Upper Greens; some work on the river bank was being undertaken but stopped, due to seasonal fish spawning.

7.2 Dunshalt:

7.2.1 White chevrons, approx. 22 Main Street; the marking are very badly worn resulting in cars parking in the area preventing commercial traffic safely entering works opposite.

7.2.2 Village Hall; wifi is now fully functioning with the aim to promote and aid hall use. Further information will be circulated to members.

7.3 Gateside:

7.3.1 Speed management; works still to be done.

7.3.2 Cowiefaulds pavement A91; an ongoing issue still in need of remedial work.

7.3.3 "Toasty Tuesday" trial; this social event [2-6pm] will be beginning in November with funding applied for.

7.3.4 Station Road closure; this was an unnotified road closure and water shut off by Scottish Water. This was emergency works and appearing to be complete, though road diversion signage is still in place.

7.4 Strathmiglo

7.4.1 King George V Park; the northern footpath has been resurfaced and much improved.

7.4.2 Strath's Paths; the group is holding regular meetings and has has had very favourable meetings with local landowners/managers.

7.4.3 Strathmiglo Conservation Group; the group is carrying out activities designed to improve the 'wild' areas around the village and look to be involved as the Skene Estates look for a way to hand over the Community Woodland over to community ownership.

7.4.4 Senior's Lunch; there was a request that the Senior's Lunch that took place in the Bowling Club be reinstated. Apparently movement is being made in that direction.

8.0 **OSP: none**

9.0 **Planning:** Only application of note had been fully discussed above (see 6.1). Members are reminded that they can be added to the weekly email list sent out by Fife Council.

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

11.0 **AOCB; none**

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

Monday 28th November at 7.30pm. Via the Zoom conferencing facility.