Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 2022 AGM of the Community Council held at 7.30 p.m. on 26th September 2022 in Strathmiglo Public Hall

PRESENT: Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Shona DRYBURGH [Auchtermuchty], Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Mathew MCDONALD [Dunshalt], Andrew MCNAUGHTON [Gateside], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Brian SLATTERY [ACT]

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all those attending.

Apologies: Ian MACAULAY [Dunshalt], Cllr. Gary HOLT, Cllr. David MACDIARMID

2. Minutes of the 2021 AGM; the minutes were accepted as correct.

3. Matters arising; [5. to be covered in Treasurer's report]

4. Chair's report; the Chair told the meeting that in such an eventful year the communities had rallied together to the benefit of the local residents but she felt that more will be required for the testing times ahead. She thanked the Community Councillors for their efforts for their communities over the year with particular thanks to Alan Muirhead and Bill Torrance for their roles as office bearers. The Chair also wished to thank Cllr. Andy Heer and Cllr. Donald Lothian [and welcomed Cllr. Gary Holt], for their regular attendance and their sterling efforts on behalf of the community and though we have lost Andy as a Fife Councillor we have the consolation that he has returned as a member of the Community Council. The year ahead will be full of challenges, particularly the cost of living crisis which impacts rural communities more strongly, which the Community Council must tackle – the Binn Wind Farm funds should be a great aid to this endeavour. Local community involvement should be the major focus of our activities.

5. Treasurer's report; a copy of the 'cash book'/accounts had been circulated to members earlier with hall rental, online conferencing and annual subscriptions featuring. The main outgoing was the redistribution of the Fife Council grant after a reserve of approximately £500 has been put aside. The proportions of the redistribution given to each community had been brought into question at the last AGM when the Treasurer explained that it had been decided by population size [Auchtermuchty 33%, Strathmiglo 27%, Gateside 20%, Dunshalt 20%] and had been set a number of years ago and agreed to check if there was a need to update these figures. Finding accurate population numbers for the communities had been difficult and the Treasurer was only able to find estimates for 2020, but based on these figures if redistribution was to be based solely on population the redistribution would have to be altered to Auchtermuchty 62%, Strathmiglo 26%, Gateside 6%, Dunshalt 6%. As the redistribution of the Fife grant is carried out in recognition of the information gathering/local consultation function carried out by the Community Associations and as such not dependent on the actual population size of the community it could be argued that the existing proportions should stay. Discussion was held around three alternatives; 1. maintain the status quo, 2. revise the proportions to be more in line with population size, 3. match population size proportions. The meeting AGREED to maintain the status quo.

The accounts were accepted and application for the current years Fife Council grant has been made..

6. AOCB; none

7. Date of next AGM; Monday 26th June 2023 [location will match that of the monthly meeting]