Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 6th Meeting of the Community Council, Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25th April 2011 In the Auchtermuchty Community Centre.

PRESENT: 1. Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], 2. Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], 3. George AITKEN [Strathmiglo], 4. Andy HEER [Auchtermuchty], 5. David COWLING [Gateside], 6. Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], & 7 Bobby Thomson [Gateside].

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN,

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all present.

Apologies: David JONES [Gateside], Gordon SIMPSON [Dunshalt], Cllr. Andrew ARBUCKLE, Cllr. David MACDIARMID

1.1 **Four bin waste system**; the Chair welcomed Lesley Sugden, Environmental Strategy Officer from Fife Council who then addressed the meeting and answered questions on the Four Bin waste management system that is to be rolled out in the area from Monday 30th May.

- Fife is looking for a total ban on food waste going into landfill.
- An information pack will be delivered to all homes.
- An audit will be undertaken of houses in the area and those deemed not to have sufficient storage area for the four bins would be offered alternative arrangements.
- glass will still be uplifted from the existing recycling points.
- Public meetings will be held in the NE Fife area as set out in the pack – though some of these have already occurred before the packs have been delivered.

It was evident from the discussion that took place that, as a result of Binn Farm being given the contract for disposal of the food and garden waste, there will be an increase in traffic through our area – one vehicle per day from each area using the four bin system. The Chair reminded the meeting that we had been given assurances that the Binn Farm complex would not mean such an increase. Ms Sugden agreed to monitor the traffic and felt Fife would be open to discussion.
The Chair thanked Ms Sugden.

2.0 MINUTES:

The Minute of the meeting held in Strathmiglo Village Hall on Monday 28th March 2011 was accepted by those present with one correction:

9.2 **Position of Chair**; "…….. and felt that the next AGM, *in September*, would be the ……"

3.0 POLICE MATTERS:

3.1 **Police Forum;** The next police forum will be 5th May in Auchtermuchty at 7pm.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING & other business:

4.1 **Gateside Caravan Park application;** Cllr. Lothian will confirm the date that this application is to go to committee and inform the Chair and Secretary.

4.2 **Auchtermuchty Wind Farms**; The Chair had contacted Fife Council asking whether a scooping procedure had or was to be undertaken on the original application. No answer has been forthcoming but a new application has been submitted. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary will examine the new application, take suitable action and report back to the next meeting. AGREED.

5.0 FIFE COUNCIL MATTERS:

5.1 Auchtermuchty;

5.1.1 **Forest Hill Hotel – multiple occupancy application;** the application was refused. The Chair made comment on the excellent turnout by Auchtermuchty residents at the committee meeting.

5.2 Dunshalt; None

5.3 Gateside;

5.3.1 **Pedestrian Crossing;** The promised pedestrian crossing of the A91 has yet to commence. Cllr Lothian is unhappy with the situation as he has no definitive starting date and will pursue that matter. The Chair will also make enquiries.

5.4 Strathmiglo;

5.4.1 **Police presence;** George Aitken reported on communication he has had with various levels of Fife Police - concerning youth disorder - that has lead to a visible increase in police presence, on foot, in the village. He made special comment on the excellent response from PC. Clarkson and requested that a letter of thanks be sent. The Secretary told the meeting that he had already sent an email expressing thanks.
In connection to this matter, Cllr. Lothian recommended that the Community Associations submit a map showing the areas that they would like covered by a drinking in public ban.

6.0 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS: None

7.0 PLANNING

The Secretary reported on applications made in the area.

Of note;
7.1 three wind turbines at Rossie Farm

8. 0 CORRESPONDENCE
The Secretary listed the incoming and outgoing correspondence since the previous meeting, copies of which are, where possible, forwarded to members by email.

Of note;
8.1 **Binn Farm;** open day 7th May
8.2 **Data Protection;** fee now due.

8.3 **Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland;** The Secretary asked the meeting if we wished to renew our membership. AGREED.

The Chair, for the information of the meeting only, reported on a letter that he received from the Fire Brigades union concerning ongoing discussions concerning the formation of a single Fire Service for Scotland.

9.0 AOCB;

9.1 **Community Council Accounts;** the Treasurer informed the meeting that approximately £400 was the usual amount that he aimed to carry as a balance from one financial year to the year. He asked if the meeting would accept that this be raised to £500. AGREED. He also pointed out that a number of the members regularly undertake travel to meetings for the benefit of the council but do not claim expenses. He wished to instigate a travelling expenses claim form for Community Council members. AGREED

10.0 Date and venue of next meeting.

Dunshalt Village Hall, at 7.30pm Monday 30th May 2011