Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 5th Meeting of the Community Council, Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25th March 2019 in Strathmiglo Public Hall

PRESENT: Helen BOWMAN [Auchtermuchty], Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Jane FREER [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Matthew MCDONALD [Dunshalt], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo], Valerie WEIR [Gateside]

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER, and 2 member of the public.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed Community Councillors, Fife Councillors and members of the public

Apologies: Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Ian MCCAULAY [Dunshalt], Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID

2.0 Police Matters:
- 2.1 New officer; PC Parker has been joined by PC Euan Goudie.
- 2.2 Speedwatch; this is now due to start in the Dunshalt area on the 31st March.
- 2.3 CCM report; it was hoped that more detail of occurrences in Strathmiglo could be included.

3.0 Declarations of Interest: none
It was agreed that declarations would be made as the topic is reached in the Agenda.

4.0 Minutes of Meeting: the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th February 2019 in Gateside Memorial Hall Hall were accepted.

5.0 Matters Arising:
- 5.1 5.1 Millflat development; no progress with decision on application, action group have maintained contact with Fife officials. Question of how land is placed in the Local Plan was again raised. Discuss took place regarding the relative roles of the Community Associations and Community Council with localised planning issues.
- 5.2 5.5 A91 road condition; the temporary repairs came out very quickly with residents blaming this for chipped windows.
- 5.3 5.8 Health Centre; the Secretary is waiting for a reply concerning the proposed meeting, will remind them. Issues to be raised include: appointment system, Monday drop-in session, number of doctors available.
- 5.4 7.2.1 Bellfield Development; tyre issue resolved, site works have been undertaken though full planning application still pending consideration. PPP granted 3-year extension in 2017.
- 5.5 7.3.1 Fly tipping; the area concerned is fenced off and secure, efforts have being made by Fife officials to contact owners with little success. Questions were raised as to where the owner cannot be contacted, as there are other examples in the area. Secretary will write to Fife Council seeking details concerning the procedure in such cases.
- 5.6 7.3.2 Top Tyres; tyres in proximity to cemetery wall appear to be temporary feature. Cllr. Heer will speak to owner.
- 5.7 7.3.4 Coop loading bay; the proposal has been agreed with no additional yellow lines. A request was made to remove the yellow lines from the south side of the street [they are very faint and rarely adhered to]

6.0 Other Business;
- 6.1 Millflat Application; taken under Matters Arising.

7.0 Fife Council

7.1 Strathmiglo; no new business

7.2 Auchtermuchty

7.2.1 Low Road; speed reduction and traffic calming measures [£20,000] are listed in the Transportation Budget papers though no details of the works to be undertaken.

7.2.2 Station Road and Broombrae; these are shown to be in line for complete resurfacing in the coming Transportation Budget.

7.3 Dunshalt

7.3.1 Dementia Friendly Community; correspondence has been circulated to all communities regarding this initiative.

7.3.2 Village Play Park; Fife Council has been contacted as to how this might be developed. Consultation to be undertaken.

7.3.3 Village shop; a social event is planned to celebrate progress.

7.4 Gateside

7.4.1 Old Town; it was noted that repair works have been undertaken in the Old Town.

7.4.2 School; it was noted that the school is now officially 'mothballed'.

8.0 Other Service Providers; none

9.0 Planning Applications; The Secretary drew attention to applications that appeared on the Fife list since the last meeting.
Of note; 9.1 Pitlour Estate gateway; the application to reform, and enhance, the entrance of the estate from the A91 with related work to the Lodge was noted.

10.0 Correspondence; this has been circulated to members via email, items brought to the attention of the meeting:

10.1 Out of Hours - St Andrews; the Community Council has written in support of maintaining the service.

10.2 CC Training packs; all members have online access to these. A request was made that paper copies be placed in the local Library.

10.3 Licensing Board consultation; an online consultation looking at the proposed changes.

10.4 Carbon Neutral; within this was a comment against the formation of large-scale turbine development on the Lomonds.

10.5 Bank closures; the Chair is to make a comment and encourages other members to do so. It was noted that the Post Office still provides a, limited to businesses, banking service to the community.

10.6 Animal Cruelty; Scottish Government consultation on changes to penalties. Chair recommended completion.

10.7 Fife Coastal Path Clear-up; it was hoped that there would also be a focus on countryside pathways to follow. It was noted that local communities should take responsibility for their area.

11.0 AOCB

11.1 Prescription medicines; it was noted that the local pharmacy cannot issue medicine in the absence of the pharmacist and manager either through absence or lunch breaks. This was not universally known.

11.2 CC accounts; a draft version has been prepared and can be sent out via email. Accounts will be submitted to Examiner once bank statement has been received.

11.3 Local Community Budget; for the information of members it was explained that monies are available for local projects from Fife Council to a maximum of £5000 - this is generally seen as 'seed' or starter funding with additional funds raised by the community.

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting of the Community Council.
Monday 29th April 2019, 7.30pm, Auchtermuchty Community Centre.