Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 7th Meeting of the Community Council, Held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27th May 2019 in Dunshalt Village Hall

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

ATTENDING: Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN.

1.0 WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies: Helen BOWMAN [Auchtermuchty], Ian MCCAULAY [Dunshalt], Valerie WEIR [Gateside], Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. David MACDAIRMID, PC.'s Parker and Goudie.

2.0 Police Matters:

2.1 CCM report; covered usual topics, stressed the importance of reporting anti-social behaviour.

2.2 Parking on pavements; incidents have been causing concern for pedestrians being forced on to the road, particularly mothers with toddlers and young children. This is a grey area, but where there is obstruction - especially repeated occurrences - caused by a vehicle report it to the police.

3.0 Declarations of Interest: none
It was agreed that any declarations would be made as the topic is discussed.

4.0 Minutes of Meeting: the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th April 2019 in Auchtermuchty Community Centre were accepted as correct.

5.0 Matters Arising:

5.1 7.1.1 Secretary has had a reply, a meeting will be arranged including representative from Falkland CC.

5.2 7.1.3 Chair reported that the 'Dog Wardens' are happy to help but require specific information - times, locations, names of offenders - to be able to take action. This is best dealt with by those residents with local information communicating directly with the dog wardens [03451 550022 or safercommunities.officers@fife.gov.uk].

5.3 5.3 Cllr. Heer has confirmed that works will include Burnside south of Cupar Road.

5.4 5.1 Secretary contacted Library Services, as yet no hard copies are available. Attempts will be made through the Local Customer Services Centres, which allow CC.'s to access a range of equipment and resources. Contact will be made with the new Librarian, once appointed.

6.0 Other Business;

6.1 Review of FCCCS; general discussion took place regarding the role of and place in local democratic hierarchy of CC's. It was agreed that members would submit their own comments, as individuals, to the review of the scheme.

6.2 Lower Melville Wood; though technically outwith our area, it was thought useful if members could attend the drop-in consultation [1-7pm, 29th May, Giffordtown Village Hall.

7.0 Fife Council

7.1 Auchtermuchty

7.1.1 Low Road shop; local information has raised a concern that a premise on the Low Road is to be used for serving foodstuffs with no change of use application being made.

Cllr.Lothian assured the meeting that if this were to take place then Fife Council would take the appropriate action. Secretary will make enquiries.

7.1.2 Burnside Court; a dilapidated building is giving locals concern. Environmental Health has been involved and it is believed the owners contacted.

7.2 Dunshalt

7.2.1 Association AGM; a number of local issues were covered including improvements to the local play park.

7.2.2 Village shop; the 1st AGM is to take place shortly [notice will be in the Press], there have been minor planning issues. Information can be accessed via the website www.dunshaltvillage.co.uk

7.3 Gateside

7.3.1 Field wall removal; local concern has been raised regarding a number of field boundary walls that have been removed in the area. There are procedures that appear not to have been followed and various national bodies are involved.

7.4 Strathmiglo;

7.4.1 Road condition; comments were made regarding the general state of roads within Strathmiglo with the paint showing areas marked for repair fading before repair carried out. The importance of reporting was stressed as was the rapidly falling budget available to Fife Council to carry out such repairs, with the situation predicted to become worse.

7.4.2 A912 road markings; the 'SLOW' road marking on the east approach to Strathmiglo have been worn/faded to the point of being unreadable.

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 Strathmiglo bus shelter; a condition of approval had been the non-removal of the bus stop sign. Contact with Planning has been made to the effect that Strathmiglo CA wanted the signage removed as buses no longer use the stop.

9.2 Bellfield Development; planning for the development has now been granted subject to a number of conditions. It is not known if the works undertaken already met these conditions.

10.0 Correspondence; this has been circulated to members via email.

11.0 AOCB

11.1 5G protest; emails have been received concerning the implementation of 5G and its rollout, it was agreed that the CC will take no action.

11.2 Development of Unconventional Oil and Gas -'Fracking'; emails have been received, the topic will be discussed if members wish.

11.3 Short-term lets; a consultation by the Scottish Government concerning short-term lets has begun. It was not thought that our area was particularly affected.

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting of the Community Council. Please note that the CC's AGM will take place prior to the ordinary meeting.

Monday 24th June 2019, 7.30pm, Gateside Memorial Hall.