Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 2019 AGM of the Community Council, held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 24th June 2019 in Gateside Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Helen BOWMAN [Auchtermuchty], Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Jane FREER [Auchtermuchty], Susan JACK [Gateside], Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo],

ATTENDING: Cllr. David MACDAIRMID, and 2 member of the public.

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

Apologies: Jane KERR [Strathmiglo], Valerie WEIR [Gateside], Cllr. Andy HEER, Cllr. Donald LOTHIAN, PC.'s Parker and Goudie.

2.0 Police Matters:
- 2.1 CCM report; it was noted that Strathmiglo appears to have been missed from the report this month.
- 2.2 School visits; it was noted that the officers involvement with local schools was much appreciated

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

4.0 AGM; The Chair addressed the meeting thanking members for their contribution, particularly office bearers, and paid tribute to the previous Chair, George Aitken who sadly passed away last year. She expressed her view that the purpose of the Community Council was to represent the four communities to Fife Council, to provide a forum for issues within the four villages and to work together to use other groups experiences. She saw the AGM as a venue for an annual financial report and handed over to the Treasurer. The Treasurer had distributed copies of the CC's income/expenditure accounts at the March meetings and little had changed. A brief resume showed that the payment of hall rent, membership of the APRS, redistribution of the Fife Regional grant by the agreed formula, and settling the Examiner's fee represented the activity undertaken. A copy of the examined accounts will be sent out with the minutes. The 2019-2020 Fife Regional Grant had been applied for.
The AGM then closed.

Minute of the 6th Meeting of the Community Council, held at 7.50 p.m. on Monday 24th June 2019 in Gateside Memorial Hall

PRESENT/ATTENDING/APOLOGIES; as above

1.0 Minutes of Meeting: the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th May 2019 in Dunshalt Village Hall were accepted as correct with one addition;
- 1.1 Auchtermuchty noticeboard; J. Freer held that discussion concerning a noticeboard had not been minuted, despite the matter being raised at previous meetings. The Secretary gave a brief reminder that at a number of previous meetings it had been determined that a noticeboard for Auchtermuchty was a local issue and best discussed at the Auchtermuchty Community Association - the noticeboards in the three other communities had been funded and put in place by their Community Associations - and that a noticeboard for Auchtermuchty had, and still did exist, but had been removed from its location following the sale by Fife Council of the building to which it was attached. It was for this reason the discussion at the May meeting had not been recorded. It was agreed

that a minute be made that the issue of a noticeboard in Auchtermuchty had been raised and agreed that any such request should be made to the Auchtermuchty Community Association.

2.0 Matters Arising:

2.1 5.4: B. Torrance had contacted Fife Council and paper copies of the training materials are to be sent to Auchtermuchty Library.

2.2 6.2: Melville Wood consultation, J. Freer attended and will pass information to the Secretary. Odours recently affecting Auchtermuchty are more likely to be coming from the Binn complex, rather than Melville Wood, as, according to Cllr. MacDiarmid, they have occasional problems with the seal of the landfill area. He did point out that they are usually very quick in dealing with such matters.

2.3 7.1.1 Low Road shop, the Secretary had made inquiries and was told that contact had been made with Fife Council concerning permissions. There will be no cooking on the premises.

2.4 7.1.2 Dilapidated building adjacent to Burnside Court, Environmental Health has attempted to contact owners without success. A site visit will be attempted. J. Freer will attend.

2.5 7.3.1 Field walls removal, it was reported that the landowner will lose 75% of the single farm payment for this year but will not be asked to reinstate walls.

2.6 A912 road markings, central lines and some markings have been repainted but not the very faded 'SLOW'. It was hoped that this might be included with road markings connected to the Bellfield development.

3.0 Other Business

3.1 Review of FCCCS; the consultation period has been extended. Chair hoped that individuals and perhaps CA's would make contributions.

3.2 Community Engagement; the issue of raising the profile of the Community Council was raised and there was discussion held concerning different opinions held over the specific roles played by the Community Council and the Community Associations within the communities. It was noted that the Community Council is a statutory body where the Associations are not and how this affected the part they play within the community. Failure by residents to engage with the Auchtermuchty Community Association appeared to be the cause for the opinion that the Council should take on a wider range of activities, such activities currently being undertaken by the Associations in the other communities. It was agreed that the promotion of the Community Council is to be included on the agenda for the August meeting.

4.0 Fife Council

4.1 Gateside

4.1.1 Bower Park neighbour dispute; it was agreed that this was not a matter for the CC.

4.1.2 Refuse collection; it has come to notice that a number of elderly residents need assistance with moving of their bins for collection. The Chair will look into Fife's collect and return policy.

4.1.3 Vandalism; this appears to stem from a number of youths with little to distract them. The Community Association is aiming to set up activities. The Chair will contact Youth Services and Community Education to see if they could offer assistance.

4.1.4 Gateside Mill; Cllr. MacDiarmid asked for an update on situation, the materials used in the construction of a fence erected by a neighbouring property has caused concern.

4.2 Strathmiglo

4.2.1 Park toilets; a further request for access has been sought for disconnection of services. It is hoped that this will progress the demolition of the toilet block and placement of promised storage.

4.3 Auchtermuchty

4.3.1 Puffin crossing Low Road; the Secretary has received notification of the proposed installation of a Puffin [a more advanced Pelican] crossing to aid pedestrian access to the park. It was thought that the proposed location would not be used my most park users, being too far west. The Secretary had asked that the funds be used to update the existing

crossing [by the Police Station], this seems unlikely because of the number of services that would require to be relocated. It was agreed that the CC state its support for the new crossing, but request that it is placed as near as possible to the existing site.

4.3.2 43/45 Upper Greens; there have been complaints from local residents concerning the condition of the building, asbestos if thought to be involved. It was agreed to call upon Environmental Health.

4.3.3 Millflat update; copies of communication between the developers and Reporter have been requested through a 'Freedom of Information' request and will be studied by the Millflat Action Group. [Addendum; the application for this site was withdrawn by the developers 25th June 2019]

4.4 Dunshalt; none

5.0 Other Service Providers;

5.1 Out of Hours Servive; It was noted that the OoHS is to be withdrawn from Glenrothes but retained in St Andrews. It was unfortunate that Glenrothes has lost the service but the Chair thought the CC should contact and thank the action group for their activities.

6.0 Planning

6.1 Planning for Democracy; J. Freer who attended the symposium has submitted a report to the Secretary, this will be circulated to members - though the file size may be a problem. Expenses were paid.

6.2 Application; the Secretary drew attention to applications that appeared on the Fife list since the last meeting.

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

8.0 AOCB; none

9.0 Date and venue of next meeting of the Community Council.

Monday 26th August 2019, 7.30pm, Strathmiglo Public Hall.