Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council

Minute of the 7th meeting of the Community Council, held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26th August 2019 in Strathmiglo Public Hall

PRESENT: Helen BOWMAN [Auchtermuchty], Maaike COOK [Strathmiglo], Susan JACK [Gateside], Marj KEDDIE [Auchtermuchty], Matthew MCDONALD [Dunshalt], Ian MCCAULAY [Dunshalt], Alan MUIRHEAD [Auchtermuchty], Bobby THOMSON [Gateside], Bill TORRANCE [Strathmiglo],

ATTENDING: Cllr. Andy HEER

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

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

2.0 Police Matters; there was no community newsletter, officers are on courses or off sick.

3.0 Declarations of Interest; it was agreed to make these when appropriate.

4.0 Minutes of Meeting: the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th June 2019 in Gateside Memorial Hall were accepted as correct with one correction;
4.1.2 A member of the Gateside Community Association is to look into the collect and return operation not the Chair.

5.0 Matters Arising:
- 5.1 2.5 Field wall removal; is an on-going issue so may come back to further meetings.
- 5.2 3.2 Promotion of Community Council on Agenda; The Secretary noted that this was not put on the agenda for the meeting so will be taken under AOCB if necessary.
- 5.3 2.2 Melville Wood Consultation; it is expected that work under taken will extend the life of the landfill, there is no feedback from the meeting.
- 5.4 4.3.2 Upper Greens; no feedback available from meeting with Environmental Health.

6.0 Other business
- 6.1 Community Council Development Day; H. Bowman, Chair and Cllr. Heer aim to attend. This may assist with the Community Council's bid to develop its public face.
- 6.2 Low Road Traffic Calming; Installation of the new Puffin crossing will be delayed until a further meeting is held with Fife Councillors to discuss what local residents would want in the area. A public meeting is to be held in Auchtermuchty, organised by an Ad Hoc group, Auchtermuchty members and Local Councillors aim to attend.
- 6.3 Resignation of councillor; it was noted that J. Freer has resigned from the Community Council. The Secretary pointed out that filling spaces was a simple process. Shona Dryburgh from Auchtermuchty had intimated a willingness to put her name forward for co-option. Members attending agreed this and the relevant declaration of acceptance form will be completed and sent to Fife Council.
- 6.4 Wind Turbines Binn Farm; Chair attended a recent meeting for an update on the situation. The installation of the turbines are to go ahead but will be considered as two 4.7 MW schemes not a single 9.4 MW unit. Community involvement is looked for with a local group taking ownership through the use of a loan and the Greencat company acting as site managers. The constituted group can apply for a grant to pay for advice concerning the viability of the scheme. A number of concerns were raised but these may be assuaged by the advice though there is a tight timetable involved. The Community Council agreed to the grant application stage and to make a final decision at a later meeting. All relevant materials obtained by the Chair will be emailed out to members for comment.

7.0 Fife Council

7.1 Strathmiglo:

7.1.1 King George V Park; no progress in evidence, last contact concerned the disconnection of services.

7.1.2 A912 development; name put forward for consideration was Bellfield Court.

7.1.3 Invasive weed; it was noted that there was a large patch of Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed at the riverside by the village hall. Cllr. Heer informed the meeting that Fife Council couldn't spray so close to a watercourse. Action may be taken by the Community Association.

7.1.4 Bankwell Crescent drain; flooding was caused by a blocked drain, jetting has occurred but further investigation will take place, also a site visit is planned. It was noted that action taken so far was appreciated by local residents.

7.1.5 Cemetery grass cutting; it would be appreciated if grass cutters were more sympathetic concerning vases/pots placed by headstones to prevent damage.

7.2 Auchtermuchty:

7.2.1 Edenhead Church; there are plans being discussed concerning the building of a new 'church' located in Auchtermuchty. Worship will be held in Gateside on the 29th September open to the community of the area.

7.2.2 Burn weed; weed growth in the Burn has been commented on. It was thought that unless it was causing a potential flooding problem weed removal could be left to be dealt with once grass cutting becomes less pressing to Council workers.

7.2.3 Millflat; the action group are still gathering information and are aiming to have the area removed from the Local Plan as a development area. Members attending the CC development day will ask how this may be done.

7.3 Dunshalt:

7.3.1 Village shop; building work was progressing but has slowed recently.

7.3.2 Speedwatch; around 6 volunteers have been in action in the area.

7.4 Gateside:

7.4.1 Bookshop; it was noted that a new shop has opened in the Gateside Mill complex.

7.4.2 Gateside Gallop; Station Road and Dryside will be closed on the 28th August between 7 and 8pm.

7.4.3 A91 Gateside; it was noted that much needed repairs have been undertaken.

7.4.4 School premises; it was felt that the building would be ideally suited to be used to meet the requirement of extended nursery provision. The Gateside Community Association will be pursuing.

8.0 Other Service Providers; none

9.0 Planning

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

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

10.1 Playparks; consultation on future development is to be held at Wilkie Memorial Hall, Pitlessie on 13th November for our area. webpage https://fifedirect.org.uk/playparks/

11.0 AOCB; none

12.0 Date and venue of next meeting of the Community Council. As both Secretary and Chair would not be able to attend the proposed date it was agreed to move the next meeting to

Monday 23rd September 2019, 7.30pm, Auchtermuchty Community Centre.