

Minutes of Auchtertool Community Council meeting,
held in Auchtertool village hall
on Monday 11th June 2007 at 19:30.

Present: Mrs K. Turner (Chairperson and Secretary), Mrs M. Fernie, Mr H. Rodger, Mr C. Rushton, Councillor R. Edwards, Councillor G. Kay, Councillor S. Leslie, Mr A. Hood (resident)

Absent: Mr J. Fernie, Mrs C. Robinson

Mrs Turner opened the meeting and welcomed our newly elected Councillors to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of our previous meeting were approved as a correct record by Mr C. Rushton and seconded by Mrs M. Fernie.

Village issues

Pavement to the west of the village has been resurfaced.

Work will commence this week (week beginning 11th June 2007) on the Loch Road; metal baskets are to be put in place to support the roadway at the bend on the road.

Surface water continues to flow down the roadway on the Loch Road (Councillor Kay advised Scottish Water are visiting the site) and during heavy rain storms, following alterations at the top of Sanderson Terrace, rain water is now running down the Terrace.

Mr Little of Fife Council has been advised that the new surface on the footpath at Milton Bank, Kiwi/Rose Gardens Nursing Home is 'lifting' in areas. The footpath at Cherrybank is in urgent need of repair and despite complaints the drains situated in the footpath at this area are still not being cleaned.

Parking at the Cherrybank area is becoming more of a problem since the extension at the Camilla Nursing Home. Visitors and staff are now parking out with the home due to the lack of spaces. We raised this issue as a Community Council prior to the extension being given planning consent.

Mrs Turner has been in contact with Fife Council's Education Department regarding the possibility of applying vandal proof paint to the top of the wall between the Primary School and the play park. The request has been refused on the grounds that it is not Education policy. The Community Council will inform the Head teacher of the outcome and enquire (on behalf of the Primary School) about the timeframe regarding the road markings opposite the school. On a related school matter, it has been brought to the attention of the Community Council that acts of vandalism have been carried out in the play park. The gate leading to the school appears to have been damaged, despite a repair being made, a sharp area remains. The Community Council will raise the issue with the Head teacher.

It appears two of the Loch Road grit bins have been moved and are supporting the 'Powguild Farm' sign. Councillor Kay will look into this issue. Councillor Kay explained a grit bin, which is no longer required in an area of Bumtisland, would be moved to the Kilrie Road.

Mr Rodger raised an issue regarding the newly formed walkway at the Milldam entrance/exit; walkers and horseriders are coming out onto the B925 road without stopping, 'an accident waiting to happen'. Councillor Leslie said she would look into the matter. Mrs Turner pointed out that the Milldam walk does not have a dog bin and as a result, dog fouling is becoming a problem.

Floral enhancement

Mrs Fernie updated the meeting on the displays etc. The plaque has still to be purchased for the seat.

Proposed windfarm, Little Raith farm

A letter was sent to the Head of Development Services, Fife Council on 28th April 2007 requesting he amend the comments on the application for 'Environmental Impact Assessment Windfarm, Little Raith', to

reflect the actual opinion of the Community Council. We await comment and an acknowledgement to our letter.

Kirkcaldy Central Forum meeting

Mr Rushton and Mrs Turner gave a report. Mr Carroll has informed Mrs Turner that recycling bins are emptied on a weekly basis, every Wednesday; the bin area is also cleaned on this day. Mr Carroll asked to be contacted if this was not the case.

Planning issues

Camilla farm development was discussed.

We have been made aware of five planning proposals concerning Auchtertool for inclusion in the 'Mid Fife Local Plan'. Councillors at the meeting explained that this was at present a 'wish list'. Mrs Turner will be attending a workshop at Rothes Halls Glenrothes covering Kirkcaldy and 'Mid Fife Local Plan - Issues and Options' tomorrow, 12th June 2007 and will be advised further.

Mossmorran Liaison Committee Mr Rushton gave a report.

Correspondence received

Discussed and acted upon where necessary.

A.O.C.B.

Mr Hood advised the meeting that his wife runs the village toddlers play group. They applied for a grant, which was approved and have purchased chairs, tables and safety mats for the children. Grants are available should groups wish to apply.

Rights of way

The sign at Quarrel Brae had been tampered with, but has since been corrected. However, the signpost situated towards Puddledub has been removed. Councillor Kay will check this out. Mrs Turner informed Councillor Edwards she has requested the 'core path' literature, this issue will be discussed at the next Community Council meeting.

Mrs Turner thanked all present for attending and requested members of Auchtertool Community Council stay behind to discuss certain issues.

Date and time of next meeting will be Monday 13th August 2007 at 19:30 in Auchtertool village hall.

Agenda

A meeting of Auchtertool Community Council will be held in Auchtertool village hall on Monday 13th August 2007 at 19:30.

1. Approval of minutes
2. Village issues
3. Planning issues
4. Floral enhancement update
5. Committee reports
6. Correspondence received
7. Auchtertool Community Council audit
8. A.O.C.B. including Community Council elections
9. Date and time of next meeting