**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;**

**MONDAY 15th October 2012**

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| Item |  | |
| 1 | **MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES** | |
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| 2 | **PREVIOUS MINUTES** | **Action** |
|  | The Minutes were amended to include the issue raised at the last meeting of bollards opposite the Co-op and outside the bakers shop. Cllr Cooper had sent the  Secretary a number of amendments to the minutes of the last meeting advising that the y were not verbatim. The Chair pointed out that the minutes at the community council were not verbatim but an accurate note of the meeting and agreed to consider the suggested amendments once circulated, The Minutes were then agreed with these exceptions |  |
| 3 | **POLICE REPORT** | **Action** |
|  | There were no police present at the meeting. The Chair agreed that this was unsatisfactory and he would take this up with Inspector Munro. The Chair reported on an incident outside the Masonic Hall when a number of car tyres were slashed, and the difficulty of getting the police to attend the incident. The chair proposed to report the incident on Facebook. Cllr Cooper asked if there had been any feedback on the targeting exercise, secretary advise no and it was agreed to raise this with the police. A member of public also advise a similar incident happened a number of months ago at Paterson church. No statistics had been received by email. | Chair |
| **4** | **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUJS MINUTES** |  |
|  | RF advised on a letter from Cllr Burns in relation to clinics and this would be dealt with under Health matters. |  |
| **5** | **CORRESPONDENCE** | **Action** |
| 5.1 | A list of all correspondence received was circulated and all was available for inspection during or after the meeting. Matters would be dealt with on the agenda. |  |
| 6 | **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** |  |
| 6.1  6.2 | **R0ADS**  The issue of parking opposite the Co-op was raised and Cllr Dorman stated that  Bollards would be in place within 6-8 weeks and that 10 bollards had been ordered which will run from Coop to Galloway and McLeod’s. The shop fronts at burned out building on new street Mia’s bistro would be boarded up. The temporary fencing at this location was also reported to councillors as being hit by traffic. The placing of the zebra crossing at the Cross was discussed as was the condition of the road at the public park was again raised and it was agreed to raise the matter again with the Roads Dept. The condition of the road outside the new primary school was causing concern. Cllr Dorman was pursuing this matter and was seeking sight of a video taken by Lend lease prior to work commencement. The Chair recorded the thanks of the  CC to the firmresponsible for the work on the Cander Bridge, which had been completed ahead of schedule. Cllr Dorman reported that the crossing at Persimmon Homes was not busy enough to justify a zebra crossing**.**  Discussion on the water running from the park and its source, Cllrs will investigate further  **PLANNING**  **Local Plan**  There had been a letter with a suggested addition to the Local Plan in respect of land for Housing at West Mains. The Council had indicated that the road network was  not suitable but it was pointed out that an extension of the by-pass, which  could be development led should it be considered. It was agreed to pursue this.  The Chair reported on a meeting with Cllr Cooper regarding the proposed Local  Plan which had been very productive.  Secretary reported that the NHS had withdrawn plans to have  housing on the grounds of the hospital. The CC was keen to promote a change of  use for this area. Cllr Cooper was pursuing the NHS to tidy up the hospital site. | **Cllrs**  **CC** |
| 7 | **HEALTH MATTERS** |  |
| 7.1 | **XRAY/CLINIC**  Correspondence had been received from Christina McKelvie MSP on the closure of the unit but the view of the Chair was that this was largely a rehash of what had already happened and did little to reverse the closure. A letter from Cllr Burns indicated that he had not been involved in the decision to close the x ray unit and that the decision to close had been taken prior to his appointment on the board. It was decided that the CC would continue to try and reverse the decision regarding the unit. It was also stated that Doctors knew about this decision but failed to act. |  |
| 7.2  7.3 | **MINOR INJURIES UNIT**  It was reported that people from Stonehouse were being sent to Larkhall rather than Stonehouse hospital for treatment. It was agreed that the CC would try to seek some clarity on this issue.  **BOOTS CHEMIST**  G. Smith reported that a meeting, organised by Margaret McCulloch MSP, with Boots was planned for 29th October. He asked for any complaints, comments etc about the service from the chemist to be passed to the CC and said that the issue would be raised on Facebook. Issues to date covered Stock Issues, Opening Hours, Lost prescriptions, continuity of pharmacist |  |
| 8. | **UTILITIES**  **No issues raised.** |  |
| **9.** | **TRANSPORT** |  |
|  | No issues raised |  |

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| **10** | **REPORTS** |  |
| 10.1 | **ELECTED MEMBERS**  **but**  **but** |  |
|  | Cllr Dorman provided an update on winter maintenance programme and stated that any request for grit bins should be sent to SLC and that when bins were empty an email to the Council would get them refilled. The issue of using local farmers to clear roads if the winter was severe was raised and it was reported that the Council was looking into this. The new primary school would be opening after the holiday.  RF asked if leisure services still cleared the pavements during winter weather and was advised they did. |  |
| **10.2** | **TREASURER’S REPORT** |  |
|  | The missing paperwork concerning the grant for the CC had been submitted. |  |
| **11** | **FACEBOOK** |  |
|  | Nothing apart from Boots meeting |  |
| 12 | **AOCB** |  |
|  | * Cllr Cooper raised the issue of developing an operational plan looking at the future of the village, and taking into account the views of local groups. It was agreed to pursue this proposal. * The Chair reported on a constructive meeting with the Development Trust regarding their plans for the Public Institute. A decision was imminent on whither funding would be gained * It was agreed that the CC would try to clarify what was happening with regard to the Public Hall.   Mason Stewart raised the issue of charging by Lifestyles for use by pensioners groups. The charge for use had increased significantly. It was pointed that this issue had been raised on a number of occasions and that the CC was extremely supportive of the position of the pensioners group. The Cllrs agreed to try and resolve this issue.  It was also reported that the lights at the Alexander Hamilton park would be on a timer. | CC  CC  Cllrs & CC |
|  | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  **Monday 19th November at Stonehouse Lifestyles 7.30pm** |  |

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