**NOTES OF MEETING WITH ELECTED MEMBER CLLR COOPER AND**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH MSP MARGARET McCULLOCH TO DISCUSS LOCAL PLAN AND OTHER MATTERS .**

**TUESDAY 30TH JULY 2013 @ LIFESTYLES HALL**

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| Item |  | |
| 1 | **MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES** | |
|  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **In attendance** | | | George Smith (Chair Stonehouse CC) | Margaret McCulloch MSP | | Robert Craig (Vice Chair Stonehouse CC) | Joe Fagan Parliamentary Aid | | Robert Freel (Secretary) |  | | |
|  | Chair thanked Margaret for coming out to Stonehouse to meet and that the meeting was basically a catch up on what the community council had been doing since Margaret’s chaired the last meeting with Boots and the CC. |  |
|  | **Boots** |  |
|  | The issues with the chemists appear to have subsided, minor changes to layout and information presentation were made. Prescriptions problems have not been reported to the community council. |  |
|  | **Local Plan** |  |
|  | George outlined what the community council would like to see happening around the village and outlined the meetings that he and vice chair had had with South Lanarkshire councils Executive Director of Enterprise Colin Mcdowall, Head of Planning Michael McGlynn, NHS Lanrkshires Estates director David Browning and hedge fund developers and Barratt house builders. The overview covered  **Village boundary & Land at side of Lifestyles and on opposite side of Road** and the requirement to move the boundary from the existing railway line to the natural boundary of the Avon, thus freeing up land for development, the possible introduction of mixed industrial and residential and leisure into the possible site and switching the site of the proposed Barry Ferguson football academy or similar to this site and replacing this with social or affordable housing. Possible introduction of a high school to reduce pupils being transferred out of the village to Strathaven and Larkhall Academy which were currently nearing capacity.  **Hospital site** and the opening this up to mixed use housing and retail. NHS have been trying to sell land off for over 6 years and the introduction of a small retail unit like Aldi, Lidl or other could help in the development of this area. Margaret asked about how this would affect the village centre and the other convenience stores.  All the above had been put to the last public meeting of the community council at which three of the four local elected members attended. Chair went onto outline his concerns that one local elected member was not attending or working with the community council which he felt was to the detriment of the village.  Margaret will speak to Chris Thomson regards our local plan submission and look to set up a meeting with all parties. | DB |
|  | 4-5 The Cross |  |
|  | Chair outlined what the community council had sought to do following the announced political closure of the hall.  CC had worked with the pensioners to achieve a one year minimum lease in order that a business plan can be worked towards the following   1. Setting up a community trust that would own and operate the hall as a community asset . 2. Setting up a community trust with local community organisations and businesses taking up roles in the trust. 3. Preparing a business plan for next three years.   Margaret outlined a few areas where possible funding sources may exist and would forward details to the community council. Margaret also highlighted a community café in Neilsten which had been set up. |  |
|  | WINDFARMS |  |
|  | The community council were working with other local community councils and Banks development regards access to REF fund. CC were now objecting to single applications which were resulting in a cumulative number within a 500 800 metre radius. A meeting was being set up with Banks and local community councils for August 2013. |  |
|  | HOSPITAL CLINICS |  |
|  | George outlined a potential issue with clinics, where it was felt that the audiology clinic was being run down and that the change in process for treatment clinics was confusing for everyone with no clear answers being provided. It would be useful if Margaret could establish future closure of clinics or indeed new introductions as well as establishing the correct treatment clinic process as two clinics should be run but it would appear that one treatment clinic is not being run due to low numbers however CC can not determine if low numbers are people being directed to other clinics. |  |
|  | MISCELLANEOUS |  |
|  | The community council had also completed and submitted on the Bus regulation consultation and the NPP3 proposed changes |  |
|  | SUMMARY |  |
|  | Secretary will provide copies   1. Local Plan submission and other documents to be sent to Margaret . 2. Margaret will provide details of possible funders and contacts regards community trust. 3. Margaret will set up meeting with Chris Thomson, and local member. 4. Margaret will write to NHS regards clinics and process   Chair again thanked Margaret for attending. |  |