

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2014**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	R. Freel	Cllr Cooper	J Hewart
	R Craig	M. Casey	Cllr Dorman	G Hadow
			D Carmichael	S Montgomery
	Cllr Campbell Cllr Holman, two members of Police Scotland and 17 members of the public were in attendance. G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	<p>Constables O'Neil and Freel attended the meeting. Constable O'Neil reported that there had been 105 incidents in the village, slightly up from last month. 22 of the incidents had generated 22 crime reports. One of these had been in relation to shop lifting from the Co-op, resulting in a person being charged and bail conditions applied. There had been two assaults and both had been detected. There had been an attempted break in at a house in West Mains estate. In response to an enquiry relating to finding a bank card the advice was to return the card to the bank. Constable Freel proposed that the CC meeting would become the focus for the community information network and this was agreed. There had been some issues relating to the football at the Tilework Park but these had been resolved. The speed survey of traffic on the Strathaven Road was discussed and the police indicated that they would raise the matter with Road Traffic and any response would depend on resource availability. The speed of vehicles at the crossing and going through a red light was also discussed. If the registration number can be obtained, this should be passed to the police.</p> <p>A question on diesel spills on roads was also raised and it was stated that the matter should be reported to SLC Roads Dept and to the police if it is thought that the spill is likely to result in accidents happening. It was confirmed that the speed limit on the road from the roundabout at the end of the bypass to Canderside toll was 60 mph. The officers were thanked for their reports.</p> <p>Police left the meeting at this point</p>			
4	BUSINESS MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES			
	Any matters arising would be dealt with under the appropriate agenda item			

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	<p>meeting.</p> <p><u>Town Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Cooper had raised the possibility of creating a town/village group for Stonehouse similar to the Town Group in Strathaven. Such a group would be established and chaired by SLC and SLC officials would take part in meetings and Administer the group. It was agreed to continue to explore this proposal.</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	<p>Nobody was available to attend the treatment room meetings, The alternative number for the Medical Centre is now available on the CC website.</p>	
8	UTILITIES	
	<p>No matters reported.</p>	
9	TRANSPORT	
	<p>No matters reported.</p>	
10	TREASURER'SREPORT	
	<p>The secretary intimated that there was no change from last meeting and informed those present that the balance in the bank account was £689.44</p>	
11	FACEBOOK	
	<p>Facebook continues to be used.</p>	
12	AOCB	
	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The Chair intimated that it was the intention of the CC to organise a Question Time event on Friday 7th March in Lifestyles on the issue of Scottish Independence. Most of speakers had accepted the invitation to take part, but that a number of issues had still to be finalised. The community council's thoughts on the process were that Questions would be asked for in advance of the event, and the details of final numbers and the distribution of tickets would be agreed soon. The idea was welcomed by the meeting and a number of suggestions were also made including inviting senior pupils from Strathaven and Larkhall Academy.</p> <p>The Secretary requested permission to buy an ink cartridges and virus and anti malware software for the lap top at an estimated cost of £25 for cartridges and £26 for software. Actual invoices will be submitted via the expenses sheet. This was agreed.</p> <p>The lack of broadband capacity in the village was raised and residents were encouraged to log onto the BT site and register interest in the broadband infinity fibre connection</p> <p>Attention was drawn to a family ceilidh event to be held in Lifestyles on the 31st January and it was agreed to put the information on the face book page.</p> <p>Chair advised that the community council would be attending a meeting of four community councils to discuss Banks Development wind farms, this would take place week commencing 3rd February.</p>	
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th February</p>	

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	2014 at 7.30pm in Lifestyles.	
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