

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	R. Craig	G. Haddow	
	R. Freel	J. Hewart		
	S. Montgomery			
	Cllrs Campbell, Cooper, Dorman, Holman and 29 members of the public were in attendance and Constable Jim Freel. G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	Constable Jim Freel reported that crime had fallen in the village in the last month. There had been 34 reported incidents, 5 disturbances 7 complaints, 3 road traffic incidents, 4 thefts of a minor and 3 drug offences and 11 calls for police assistance which resulted in one person being reported to the Procurator Fiscal. In addition there had been a number of reports of suspicious activity round houses, and instances of outside light sensors being moved. He urged the public to be vigilant and to report any concerns to the police – the right information at the right time helps police to combat crime. There had been no reports of incidents last month in the Alexander Hamilton Park. The situation with an abandoned car on the bypass was raised, dog fouling outside the primary schools and speeding cars in Brankston Avenue. The issue of lorries reversing into Mainsacre was also raised. Secretary to forward a contact for Barratt to Constable Freel who agreed to look into all the points raised. The Chair thanked him for his presentation.			
4	BANKS RENEWABLES			
	The Chair welcomed Gordon Thomson from Banks Renewables to the meeting. Mr. Thomson gave details of the development of the Kype Muir site, and in particular the proposals for a second phase of turbines. The plans for the first phase had already been approved and the submission of the plans for the second phase had been made two weeks ago to South Lanarkshire Council. The cost of the link up of the site to the national grid would be diluted by the building of a second phase. 2.5% of revenue from the enlarged site would come to SLC and the communities surrounding the development over the next 25 years, a figure of around 33million was quoted. He displayed the plans for the site and landscape architects views which indicated that the turbines in the second phase would not be visible from Stonehouse. Local companies would be given the opportunity to tender for work on the site, which was expected to be operational around 2018 with work being carried out between March 2015 and January 2017. A question on the site land ownership came from the hall and Mr Thomson intimated that land was all in private ownership. There was discussion on the issue of decommissioning the site at the end of its life and if it could continue beyond 25 years. Mr. Thomson indicated that funds would be in place to deal with this and in theory it could go beyond the 25 years. He spoke briefly on the discussions between the four surrounding CCs on plans to operate a local community partnership which would, in part, be financed by the revenue from the development. The Chair thanked him for the presentation.			

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5	CORRESPONDENCE	
	The Secretary went through the details of correspondence received and outgoing and a list of all correspondence had been circulated with the minutes with secretary intimating that all correspondence can be viewed .	
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	ROADS There would be closures at Boghall Street and Angle Street while resurfacing was taking place. The road closures would be managed to allow access to Murray Drive although concern was raised about access in emergency situations. The Chair stressed the need to continue to update the CC list of road repairs required so that it could be submitted to SLC when the programme of road repairs for 2015 were being finalised. Cllr Dorman reported that the pedestrian crossing on Strathaven Road had been lowered and the pavement at Canderavon had been repaired.	Sect.
6.2	PLANNING There was nothing new to report on the proposed Keppies development. Questions were raised about retrospective planning permission in relation to the demolition of part of the public institute. The secretary to write to SLC planning regards this matter. The situation regarding the Agricultural building on the field at Manse Road was discussed with some local hearsay on possible outcomes. It was agreed that the community council would keep an eye on the situation and would raise any issues as they developed.	
6.3	CC ELECTION/AGM The chair reported that the INAUGURAL MEETING / AGM would be held on 17 th November and be followed By a regular meeting. The results of the election would be read out by the independent person elected to oversee the meeting Mr Sam Irons. He will act as the nominated Chairman until the election of office bearers is dealt with on the agenda.	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
7.1	TREATMENT CLINIC Following representations from the CC at the community Partnership meetings it had been agreed with the NHS and the medical centre that treatment clinics would be available in Stonehouse Hospital on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The for sale notice at the medical centre related to the lease of the building and the medical centre would continue to operate... The Chair reported the NHS Lanarkshire AGM would be held on 3 rd November in Hamilton and tickets for the event could be applied for. It was the chair and vice chairs intention to attend this meeting.	
8	UTILITIES	
	No matters arising	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No matters arising	

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10	REPORTS	
10.1	Elected Members Cllr Cooper reported on the winter roads programme and provided a number of statistics on the number of roads and kilometres covered and the areas treated as priority . She reminded people to apply for grit bins where required, but to check with neighbours regarding the placing of bins. Cllr Campbell updated the meeting on the Barratts development and the recent ban from working on the site due to Barratts not implementing traffic restrictions which were now in the process of being put in place on the Strathaven Road.	
10.2	Treasurer It was reported that there was a balance of £672.81 in the bank - the money for the poppy wreath was still to be deducted as secretary had purchased same and required to submit an expenses claim. £25 of the grant remained to be spent and that secretary required to buy some paper	
11	FACEBOOK	
	Continues to be used as a medium for raising issues	
12	AOCB	
12.1	The problems caused by parking outside Townhead PS were raised. Agreed that the secretary would write to the police on this matter.	
12.2	It was agreed to arrange another stakeholders meeting re the Barratts development. Chair will set this up.	
12.3	The Chair reported on a meeting held at St. Ninian's church with Paul Grant and representatives of the youth organisations in the village to agree a programme for the remembrance service to be held at the war memorial on Sunday 8 th November commencing at 12.15. Chair will prepare an outline order of service along similar lines to the one used in 2008	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The meeting closed at 8.45. The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on 17 th November 2014 at 7.30	