

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2016**

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance		Apologies
	G. Smith	S. Montgomery	Willie Grant
	R. Freel R. Craig	J. Robb S Irons N Foote Cllrs, Dorman, Cooper and Campbell	
	Thirteen members of the public were in attendance along with Police Scotland Representative PC Andrew Bennie. Mr Weir entered meeting Chairman G Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	Those present agreed the Minutes were an accurate record.		
3	POLICE REPORT		Action
	PC Bennie advised since the last meeting there had been 151 telephone calls and 18 crime reports of which nine were detected. The nine which were detected included a serious assault, dangerous driving and drug offences. Of the nine undetected, seven included speeding in Camnethan Street, Muirhead and Patrickholm Avenue areas. There was also two thefts from new developments in the village and also reports of males acting suspiciously at a building site in the village. It was reported to the Police at the meeting that a low loader was causing an obstruction in Secaurin Avenue and the Police advised they would investigate this.		
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		
	Any matters arising would be dealt with through the meeting		
5	CORRESPONDENCE		
	The Secretary went through the details of correspondence received and outgoing and a list of all correspondence is included with the Minutes circulated at the meeting. Secretary re-emphasised if anyone wished to examine correspondence to see him at the end of the meeting. Response to FOI would be dealt with under SLC item 6.3. Two items to note were a Rural Community Conference was being held at Carluke Lifestyles on 1 September 2016 from 5-9 pm which was open to any local community group. The other was a local plan meeting for community councils being held on Monday 29 th August at 1.30pm. RF will attend.		
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL		
6.1	ROADS Cable laying for the wind farm was still on-going in Sidehead Road A request for traffic calming measures was raised for Manse Road as there were reports of cars speeding and there is a blind dip on the farm side. Cllr Campbell advised he would request a survey for speeding as soon as possible. The pavements at Manse Road were also reported to be in a very bad condition and Barratt Homes to be e mailed regarding this.		Cllr Campbell
6.2	PLANNING No planning issues were raised.		

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6.3	<p>OTHER SLC ISSUES</p> <p>Secretary provided details of the Freedom of Information request on the expenditure breakdown within the park following the previous meeting when discussion centred on the use of £35,000 planning gain monies. Was it included or not in the expenditure.</p> <p>The breakdown of the £100,000 expenditure on AHMP was reported as follows:</p> <p>The Council confirmed that the £34,500 planning gain money was used towards the AHMP renovation works.</p> <p>The £100,000 budget was made up as follows; £17,000 Parks Infrastructure Capital Budget, £48,500 Stonehouse Lifestyles Capital Budget, £34,500 Planning Gain</p> <p>The Breakdown of the Works carried out was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of the toddler play area and upgrade of the middle play area; works include demolition, ground works, artificial surfacing preparation, uplift and installation of equipment and safer surfacing, soft landscaping and fencing. These works came to the value of £51,749.94 and include materials and labour but exclude equipment as this was purchased from revenue budgets. • Tarmac path repairs £4,175 • Repairs and reinstatement of retaining walls £25,833 • Total spend to date £81,757.94. • The balance of £18,242.06 from the capital budget has been identified for the provision of an outdoor gym to be located within the park and will be installed later on this summer. <p>In addition to the works detailed above, the play equipment and new benches for the project were purchased out of Facilities Waste and Ground Services revenue budgets to the value of £ 21,200 (play equipment) and £ 7,920 (benches), taking the total spend in the park to £129,120.</p> <p>A discussion on the above followed with questions on the use of the £48,500 lifestyles capital budget monies.</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	<p>The NHS have been carrying out test bores in the hospital grounds in an effort to update previous site reports and to try and remarket the site. Cllr Cooper advised she had spoken with the NHS regarding the test bores and was advised it was to provide an up to date survey in order to continue to market the site.</p> <p>Beth Grant advised that the Stonehouse clinic is now down to one day a week and Community Council to check this out further.</p>	Chair
8	UTILITIES	
	No matters arising	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No matters arising	
10	REPORTS	
10.1	<p>Elected Members</p> <p>Cllr Cooper advised an outside fitness gym was to be installed in the Park very shortly as part of the capital expenditure. Cllr Cooper had also arranged funding for landscaping work within the village which included four new three tier planters, two to go into the community garden opposite the Co-op plus a new bench, one planter at corner near Violet Crescent plus a new bench and one planter at the corner near the Back Road Pub. Ornamental trees were to be planted in the grassy area opposite the Hospital on Strathaven Road where the wild flowers were.</p> <p>Cllr Campbell was still to arrange a meeting with the members of the Public who had raised various issues regarding the village plan at the previous meeting.</p>	Cllr Campbell

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10.2	Treasurer The bank balance shows £2,623.61 in the account. Agreed that the CC Council will purchase a Poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday . Chair reminded everyone that It was St Ninian,s turn to hold the service this year but as no Minister is available yet it may revert back to the Paterson Church again. Chair will contact Paterson Church. Accounts had been submitted, with some queries being raised and answered by CC.	
11	FACEBOOK It was agreed that Nicola Foote will be responsible for any input on Facebook. Nicola will put on Facebook a breakdown of 100K spend on the Park for the Public to view.	
12	AOCB Karen from Friends of Stonehouse Park gave an update on what events had taken place recently. They had held the first of six monthly outdoor play sessions for pre schoolers with another five to go and thirty people attended this. Eighty people attended the Gruffalo walk which was supported by library service and approximately two hundred attended the Summer Fun Day. The next event is the Spooky Walk to be held on Saturday 20 October 2016. Friends of Stonehouse Park have secured four days support from the Clyde and Community initiative who are a supported business offering work to disabled or handicapped people– one day in August and three days in September to help clear woodland etc. They may be looking for local volunteers to help out so look out for notices. Fancy benches are to be placed in the Park also which have been made by CCI from reclaimed wood . Mark Monie gave a presentation for the future plans for the Park area emphasising this is a feasibility only at present and all items being considered would be dependent on funding. A discussion took place regarding the proposals for the park and what further funding may be available . Chair intimated that he saw these types of projects as something that could be done with wind farm monies when the Banks wind farms came on line. A park feasibility study is due for completion in November 2016. Mark was hoping to leave his Boards with the Plan in Lifestyles to allow any members of the Public to view. A community consultation board and questionnaire forms for members of the Public to complete with their comments will be placed in Lifestyles by FOSP team	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 19 September 2016 at 7.30.pm.	