

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;  
MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

<b>1</b>	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>		
	<b>In attendance</b>		<b>Apologies</b>
	G. Smith	R. Craig	S. Montgomery
	R. Freel	S. Irons	W Grant
		N. Foote	J. Robb
			B Grant
			Cllrs Holman, Cooper
			T Feenie
	Cllr Dorman and 8 members of the public were in attendance along with Police constable Bennie , and Two members of WHEB team G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
<b>2</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>		<b>Action</b>
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.		
<b>3</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>		<b>Action</b>
	Constable Bennie reported that there had been 125 calls since the last meeting. From the 125 calls 26 crimes had been reported and 14 were detected. These included road traffic offences and minor disturbances. 12 undetected offences included thefts and breaches of the peace, theft of fuel from garages and thefts from lockups enquiries were on-going. Officers had attended at the primary school on a number of occasions and there were no obstructions to report. A number of issues were raised including a low loader on the pavement at Secaurin drive. Mr Baxter reported a trailer storage container had been vandalised and would speak to police outside the meeting. Police were also asked about a road traffic Accident on Strathaven road where the fence and speed sign had been damaged just at the bus stop on Strathaven Road. Police were not aware of this. Cllr Dorman to report to SLC roads. The Chair thanked the officer for his report.		<b>Cllr Dorman</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>WHEB (WHI TEHILL, HAMILTON EARNOCK &amp; BURNBANK) CREDIT UNION</b>		
	Shirley Thomson accompanied by Kathryn McKay gave a presentation on the work of the credit union. Shirley provided a background to the WHEB credit union stating that it had been set up over 20 years ago was self-funding and does not apply for any funding to run its business. She pointed out that the union already had a few clients in the village and that they were looking to expand in the village and surrounding area with perhaps opening a local contact office if the demand for their services increased. She intended to have an event later in the village, possibly at Lifestyles to gauge the level of interest. She also pointed out that the Credit Union had a number of school children as members and that they wished to expand their work in this area. Collection of money was in the school with school children receiving a collection book. The children were also provided with advice on saving. A benefit highlighted by Shirley was the payment of a monthly insurance which on a members death was paid to next of kin and covers any outstanding loan. They also have agreements with some local businesses that offer discount. I.e. local funeral directors , garage services and lock smiths. Current APR is 12% per annum for secured loans i.e. on savings and 24% on unsecured loans. Loans are normally two times the shares / savings held with up to 5 years to pay back. Currently have 1400 active members and 900 junior members. Currently have a Facebook and website for anyone interested. The Chair thanked her for her presentation and moved to normal business with WHEB leaving the meeting at this point.		<b>Shirley Thomson</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>		

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	Any items arising would be covered in the agenda of the meeting.	
6	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	The Secretary went through the details of correspondence received and outgoing and a list of all correspondence had been circulated. It was agreed to purchase a wreath for the ceremony at the war memorial which this year would be on Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Holman had advised that there would be a temporary road restriction on King Street. Cllr Cooper had arranged for a bench to be situated in the cemetery near the war memorial.	
7	<b>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL</b>	
	<p><b>7.1 ROADS</b></p> <p>It was reported that there was a drainage issue near the guide camp (Avondyke) which was causing flooding. The state of the pavements in the village was heavily criticised especially Caledonia avenue and at garage area. Overgrown trees and shrubs were causing a problem at the roundabout near the garage – the road in Sorbie drive was in a poor state. The issue of parking on pavements was again Raised. The Chair reported that legislation was going through the Scottish Parliament to address this issue. Light faults in Strathaven Road were reported. Cllr Dorman agreed to look into this. The other points raised would be pursued by the elected members and CC. A resident asked if cat’s eyes could be fitted on the bypass. Secretary will write to roads department</p> <p><b>7.2 PLANNING</b></p> <p>The Chair had written to the Health Board in relation to the work being carried out at the hospital. He reported that the work being carried out was to identify activities and costs associated with rendering the site capable of residential development. The Board had received a number of conditional offers for the site and were in discussions to evaluate the bids and make recommendations to the NHS. The email from the Health board makes reference to further consultation with the community and the Secretary had now written to SLC to clarify the position and to stress the requirement for public consultation.</p> <p><b>7.3 OTHER SLC MATTERS</b></p> <p>a) The Chair stated that there had been some misinformation on various Facebook pages regarding the operation at Dovesdale. The site was only being used for bin lorries to empty material which was then loaded on to other bigger lorries which transported the waste to an incinerator in East Lothian. There was no separation of waste at Dovesdale and no plans for an incinerator.</p> <p>b) The issue of the number of new bins being issued by SLC was raised and the question of whether this was the result of European legislation and the impact of Brexit was discussed. It was agreed that clarification on the legislative position.</p>	<b>Elected members</b>
8	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	
	The notice regarding the availability of flu jabs would be put on Facebook. It was reported that the surgery would be operating extended hours at Larkhall to deal with the demand and later at Stonehouse.	
9	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
	<b>No issues raised</b>	
10	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	

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11	<b>REPORTS</b>	
	<b>11.1 TREASURER</b> From Bank statement it was reported in the treasurer's absence that the bank balance stood at £3030.99. It was agreed that secretary's expenses of £96.95 to be paid. Details are detailed on the expenses sheet <b>11.2 ELECTED MEMBERS</b> Cllr Campbell reported that the Council were not willing to take any action on a traffic survey on Manse Road. He was bidding for resources for additional police to deal with traffic offences- and that motorcycles had been targeted on rural roads. He intended to hold an open surgery on 27 <sup>th</sup> September in Lifestyles to discuss how to take forward some of the issues raised in the village survey and discussed at the last meeting of the CC. Cllr Dorman was trying to deal with the advertising trailer at Canderside toll and reported that the planning department had blanked out the advertising	
12	<b>AOCB</b>	
12	12.1 The Chair reported that a meeting of all CCs would be held in Hamilton on 29 <sup>th</sup> September. Chair was chair part of this event and stated that all members of the CC could attend. 12.2 A meeting with Banks and the other CCs in the area would be held on 10 <sup>th</sup> October to discuss progress with the wind farms. 12.3 The problems with low speed broadband in the village were discussed. 12.4 November 6 <sup>th</sup> would be remembrance Sunday and chair will seek clarification on who will be doing the service 12.5 also reported that ward will drop to 3 elected members	<b>Chair</b>
13	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The meeting closed at 20.50pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm in Lifestyles.	