

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;  
MONDAY 21 March 2016**

Item				
1	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>			
	<b>In attendance</b>		<b>Apologies</b>	
	G. Smith	S. Montgomery	Cllr Cooper	Cllr Holman
	R. Freel	J. Robb	Cllr Dorman	Cllr Campbell
	R. Craig		S. Irons	N. Foote B. Grant
	Ten members of the public were in attendance and two Police Constables from Police Scotland (David Sneddon and Heather Anderson). Chairman G Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			<b>Action</b>
	Those present agreed the Minutes were an accurate record.			
3	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>			<b>Action</b>
	<p>Constable David Sneddon reported that there were 18 crimes from beginning of the month. 11 were detected and enquiries still on-going.</p> <p>1 serious assault reported and enquiries are on-going.</p> <p>3 motor vehicles stolen from Mainsacre Drive and 1 vehicle were found however other two remain undetected. These were thefts from unsecure properties. Constable Sneddon reminded everyone to lock doors in their households even when in the house.</p> <p>1 house break-in in Patrickholm Avenue.</p> <p>2 very minor drug issues.</p> <p>Also reports of youth issues in Mainsacre Drive.</p> <p>A member of the public advised the meeting she had an intruder enter her house in St Lawrence Avenue during the afternoon on Sat 19 March whilst her daughter was upstairs. Nothing had been taken and she decided not to report it to the Police. Constable Sneddon advised her to still report the incident to 101 as it was then recorded for information.</p> <p>Other residents at the meeting raised complaints of anti-social behaviour in Patrickholm Avenue (the blocks of flats). and the Neuk. They had previously complained to the housing department but were continually told that nothing can be done. Outstanding repair issues in Patrickholm were also raised. Concerns were made that these premises were scatter flats</p> <p>Community Council noted this and would write to South Lanarkshire council to raise this matter and ask questions of the Housing Department.</p> <p>Chair asked if anyone else present wished to raise any police matters.</p> <p>No other matters raised and Police left the meeting.</p>			
4	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	No matters arising. Although most topics are discussed through the agenda.			
5	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
	<p>The Secretary went through the details of correspondence received and outgoing and a list of all correspondence had been circulated with the Minutes. Those present were reminded that if they wished to look at the correspondence then contact the secretary at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>An e mail from Peter Ramsay was discussed re community groups and the potential takeover of local public toilets. If anyone or local group was interested they should contact Peter. Practical problems and issues concerning this were raised and discussed.</p> <p>Avon Medical Practice advised of improvements in their service.</p>			

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<b>6</b>	<b>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL</b>	
6.1	<b>ROADS</b> No issues raised.	
6.2	<b>PLANNING</b> Following last month's meeting the community council had submitted a letter of objection to the proposed B and B application for Manse Road as it was green belt and contrary to the local plan. Mark Monie asked community council if they would be willing to meet with the applicant and discuss his plans. Chair advised that any planning applicant can contact the community council to discuss their application however as we had already submitted it was too late.	
6.3	<b>OTHER SLC ISSUES</b> A meeting with SLC Finance Department and Head of Administration has taken place regarding the community council accounts and late payment of our grant for last year which has still not been allocated. A number of outstanding items had been discussed and these were now agreed and signed off. SLC finance department are now auditing all accounts as opposed to each community council arranging an independent accountant. They are trying to standardise the process to ensure all documentation is submitted in a similar manner to streamline the process.	
<b>7</b>	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	
	E mail received from Avon Medical Practice advising of improvements in their service and this has been posted on Facebook.	
<b>8</b>	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
	No matters arising	
<b>9</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	
	No matters arising	
<b>10</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Elected Members</b> Cllr Cooper submitted a report in her absence and advised the following: Park update – tar work going ahead on Wed 23 and this has to last for 2 days. A question was asked if this was correct however Chair advised he was merely reporting verbatim on the submitted report and had no information on this. New seating to be installed after tar work completed. The burnt out building at Bookmakers is still being discussed by the insurers and is on-going. Cllr Cooper has also requested a clean-up of the public park.  Apologies were received from Cllr Dorman and Cllr Campbell	
<b>10.2</b>	<b>Treasurer</b> The bank balance shows £6148.61 in the account although we are still awaiting the £500 grant from SLC. This is anticipated as being paid in the next week. Accounts to be made up and submitted to SLC for the finance year 2015-2016	
<b>11</b>	<b>FACEBOOK</b>	
	An update of the cancellation of the proposed Hustings meeting had been made and a post on the update of Avon Medical Practice information was also made. No big issues being raised.	

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12	<b>AOCB</b>	
12.1	<b>Hustings</b> The proposed Hustings meeting had to be cancelled as only 4 tickets were taken from the village and 6 tickets from Hamilton. Running an event like these costs the community council for hire costs and specialist technical support for sound equipment. Tickets had already been printed along with some small posters and the costs of these will have to be met although the invoice has not been received yet.	
12.2	<b>Village survey</b> The Chair advised that an application for a grant had been made to the Banks Group and that the community council would receive a £6000 grant. This would be used to carry out a village survey.  An independent company will analyse this survey at an approx. cost of £4,500-£5000 and would be dependent on the return. The Girls Brigade had agreed to drop leaflets to the majority of homes in the village and collection boxes would be placed in various places within the village and these would be collected by Community Council around a fortnight after all forms have been issued. The girls Brigade would also be paid for carrying out this. The Scouts were also asked however nobody got back to the community council.	
12.3	<b>South Lanarkshire Leisure Culture( Hall &amp; bar charges)</b> A discussion took place regarding the use of hall charges, catering and bars and the Chair advised that a meeting should be arranged with all organisations and members of SLLC to discuss these as soon as possible. We have been advised that proposals are all on hold at present.	
12.4	<b>Wind farm</b> The Chair also advised the meeting that when Banks windfarm agreement becomes operational from 2017 it is anticipated that grants will become available for use to groups in the village. The format of grant process has still to be worked out and agreed with banks. It was hoped that the village survey will help focus priorities.	
12.5	A personal invite to groups in the village was raised in order to make people more aware of the monthly community council meetings and possibly have representatives in attendance. All community council meetings are open meetings and any issues or questions can be asked on the night, and generally our elected members are also in attendance and can take on issues raised.	
12.6	Chair apologised for the noise in the adjoining hall. This will be raised with hall management	
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 18 April 2016 at 7.30.	