

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of meeting 10/12/07**

The normal agenda programme was suspended and the meeting commenced with the Chair Introducing the new Police Inspector for Larkhall Andy Munro, who outlined his approach to policing the area. He wanted to promote an environment which encouraged the community to telephone the police. Anyone who wants to discuss a problem can approach him at Larkhall where he maintains an open door policy.

**POLICE REPORT**

- 28 crime reports with 32% detection rate.
- Anti-social behaviour – very little last month.
- There were 2 simple assaults.
- 1 Drunk & incapable
- Various other crimes of theft/ fraud.
- Inspector Munro reminded people of the need to telephone the police to report any incident to them. He also reminded them to get an incident number when calling.
- There will be a decision on the funding for a community vehicle on 17<sup>th</sup> December.
- The call centre no. is **01698 303200**.
- AM will look into the cost of CCTV for the cross.

**DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

**As Jeff had to leave early the chair intimated that the development trust would be next on the agenda**

- Jeff Frew introduced himself and gave a brief outline of what the Trust hopes to achieve etc.
- The purpose is to regenerate both physically and hopefully change people's attitude towards the village.
- They have helped to restart the pipe band.
- They are working closely with the family support group.
- They are also involved with the old folks group, the brighter village project. (architects are due next week), Community Garden Project, the Active Schools Program with the local primary schools, the nursery group, a farmers market which will be held in the new year, the problems with dumping at the Cander bridge (a poster campaign is hoping to be organised to try to stop this), the Gala Day Community.
- They are hoping to obtain a charitable trust status in the future.

## NORMAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES

G. Smith, R. Freel, W. Mackie, A. Paterson, Mary Casey, Cllr J. Malloy, Inspector A. Munro J. Frew (Development Trust) and 5 members of the public  
**Apologies:** Cllr. L. Filshie, Cllr. W. Holman, R. Craig, B. Craw.

### 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- They were accepted.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- None

### 4. CORRESPONDANCE

- RF intimated that he did not have time to collate a summary list as he had been extremely busy and the correspondence was read out.
- A letter had sent objecting to the proposed development off Lockhart St.
- SLC had notified CC that permission has been granted at the Cott Castle site.
- The detailed plans for the old hospital site have been discussed by SLC; SEPA has lodged an objection to them and some alterations have been made.
- The temporary housing of homeless people within the units in the village has seen around 300 different people have been housed here in the past 7 months an average of 35 per month. 25% from East Kilbride, 23% Hamilton, 14% Blantyre 6% Cambuslang made up part of the 300. Cllr Malloy is looking into this.

### 5. SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

#### 5.1. ROADS

- M. Casey spoke about the condition of some of the pavements in the village. The council had stated that they are checked every 6 months.
- The speed sign at the bottom of Lockhart Street worked briefly but is now not working.

#### 5.2. PLANNING

- The objection to the hall has been removed so hopefully the project will pick up speed now.

## **6. HEALTH MATTERS**

- NHS appraisal – WM attended the PP Forum – it appears to have been a good meeting.
- It was noted that Only 1 GP was available at the local surgery last Friday due to illness etc.

## **7. UTILITIES**

<b>7.1. WATER</b>	<b>No Report</b>
<b>7.2. GAS</b>	<b>No Report</b>
<b>7.3. Electricity</b>	<b>No Report</b>

## **8. TRANSPORT**

No Report

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1. ELECTED MEMBERS**

#### **COUNCILLOR J. MALLOY**

- The timing of the street lights at the Cross has been sorted.
- The Economic Development group will be contacted to find out if any funding is available for the village.
- There were complaints during the Burns meeting regarding the condition of the local Institute hall – WM contacted the council.
- New railings will be erected at The Cross.
- New tress are still to be installed at The Cross.
- A rota is hoped to be drawn up regarding attendance of Councillors.
- There was disappointment at the lack of councillors, although J. Malloy was thanked for his continued appearance.

### **9.2 TREASURER**

No change from previous months report.

## **10. WAR MEMORIAL**

- None

## **11. A.O.C.B**

- None

*Next meeting is on Monday 21/1/08*