

**Minutes of meeting 16/6/07**

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

G. Smith (Chair), R. Freel, W. Mackie, A. Paterson, R. Craig, B. Craw, M Casey, R Craig, W. McMurtrie, PC Colin Thomson, Cllr James Malloy, Cllr Bill Holman, Cllr Lynn Filshie, Cllr G. Campbell and 18 members of the public.

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Accepted.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- None

**4. CORRESPONDANCE**

- Library's letter re 1 PC - response is that the line will be upgraded
- Bins at Cander Bridge - poor response and RF has written again
- Ammonia levels below sewage works – Avon Angling Club.
- Meeting 6 June – local plan.
- FOI as requested for community hall for past year. No notes have been taken in past 12 months. CC shocked regarding this and seeks the councillors present to question officers of the council to establish why no notes are taken.
- RF asked if library would be moving – response advised that this will not be in the near future, but not confirmed.
- Letter from G Sage – meeting with Practice Manager – office bearers will try to meet her.
- Info required from Ambulance Service regarding what hospital will be used

**5. POLICE**

- 31 crimes reported, 14 detected. 2/3 thefts from outhouses etc. P. C. CT will look out info regarding house security etc.
- Re clothing leaflets posted through doors – beware of scams. CT will look into the scams.
- **Youths at persimmon site** – there have been half a dozen incidents at the site. CT stated that security is the responsibility of Persimmon. CT has spoken to site manager.

W McMurtrie said there is little response from police call centre.

- Equipment still not installed for police office CT still hopes to get the office upgraded as soon as possible.
- Our community policeman officer is responsible for Stonehouse. His partner covers Ashgill/Netherburn etc

## **6. S.L.C.**

### **6.1 Roads**

- Works at the Cross are on track to finish 0 July 2007. Currently 75% - 80% completed.
- Traders have had a meeting with land engineering. They have been referred to rates evaluation board for compensation.
- We will ask if lights could be removed to ease flow of traffic
- Programme for resurfacing New Street and Lockhart Street will start after cross works.
- Buildings around cross are looking shabby. CC and Development Trust could get together to apply for grants etc for improvement of surrounding buildings.
- Speed activated signals are still are not working properly. We have tried to contact Council regarding this but have had no reply to date.
- Have written to SLC regarding grass cutting. It is very untidy in and around the village and surrounding countryside.

### **6.2 Planning**

- Meeting with regards the local plan to take place on 26 June 2007-07.

### **6.3 Community Hall**

- Community hall – purchase of the land has still not been finalised

## **7 HEALTH MATTERS**

- None. Secretary to write to local surgery practice manager seeking a meeting

## **8 UTILITIES**

### **8.1 Water**

- Woodlands Road has a large pothole which has exposed the water mains valve. H burns had trouble getting the water board to come out as the road is now declassified.

### **8.2 Gas**

- None

### **8.3 Electricity**

- None

## **9 TRANSPORT**

- None

## **10 REPORTS**

### **10.1**

#### **ELECTED MEMBERS**

- No Committees are still being formed at this stage.
- Cleansing Department park bin lorry on new pavement at Bakers. Councillors will look into this.
- Discussion about parking in New Street. Car Park off Co-Op is being used as a long stay car park meaning that locals can't get parked in the area.

### **10.2**

#### **TREASURER**

- WM stated that we have £690.57 in the bank.

### **10.3**

#### **DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

- Development officer will start 30 July 2007.
- Lease for office (old veterinary practise) 30 July 2007.
- Stonehouse Pipe Band continues to grow following revival.
- Farmer's mart was on 13 May 2007. Was a success
- Gala Day Committee worked with Development Trust.
- Cultural Activities plan on going to print now.

## **11. WAR MEMORIAL SUB COMMITTEE**

- W Mackie has been cross checking all the soldiers on this project and the committee will have a final meeting to seek clarification from John Young on the remaining soldiers that a link can not be found for.

## **12 AOCB**

- Letter from changing places seeking suggestions for projects that meet a given criteria. No suggestions put forward
- No meeting in July due to holidays
- Many people commented on the poor air in the meeting room and too many present in meeting room.

*Next community council meeting is on the 20/8/07 at the Public Institute. Members 7.00 pm Members of the public 7.30 pm.*