

Minutes of Community council Meeting 17/9/07

Chairman George Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES

G. Smith, R. Freel, W. Mackie, A. Paterson, M. McBain, R. Craig, M. Casey, W. McMurtie
Cllr James Malloy. 11 Members of public signed Sederant
Apologies: A Paterson, W Craw. G Frew (Development Trust) Cllr G Campbell (by Email)

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Accepted

3. POLICE REPORT

- No report as Community Police not in attendance.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Will be dealt with through the agenda

5. CORRESPONDENCE

RF intimated that the full list of correspondence was attached to the agenda and proceeded to highlight the important correspondence and advised that most important will be dealt with under the agenda.

6. S.L.C.

6.1. Roads (The Cross)

- Following some general comments from the chairman, William Mackie (who had attended all site meetings) updated the group on the latest developments and work in progress at the cross. Chair sought comment from those present. Local farmers indicated that the mini roundabout. It was felt that Lorries and tractors were encountering problems. Secretary to write to roads department. Some discussion took place on the pelican crossing lights and how the community council had asked questions on the lighting. Trees and guttering at the cross was also discussed. Traffic order would be sought for the library disabled bay along with Bollards
- Questions were again asked why no CCTV was included. This was mainly due to the financial constraints of the regeneration money

6.2 Planning

- Local Plan. Inquiry was now starting and it would be dealing with strategic objections to the plan before moving to local issues.

6.3 Community Hall

- No updates have been provided by SLC however it was known that one objector to the local plan could possibly delay the change of use of the land. Chair will seek a meeting with SLC

6.4 Local Plan

Dealt with under 6.2

7. HEALTH MATTERS

- Community Council have had some answers to questions asked of the local practice manager but practice will still not meet with CC. Secretary to follow up with another letter. Response was circulated to those present.

8. UTILITIES

8.1. Water

- Water watch meeting at Lanark. H Burns attended and provided a verbal report where he raised the ammonia levels in the Cander, Flood prevention and Woodlands pavement subsidence possibly caused by water pipe.
- No response from James McMillan regards issues raised at previous meeting. It was also reported that Watt Court had a problem with water colour and that fresh water shrimp were found in a section at Lockhart Street.

8.2. Gas

None

8.3. Electricity

None

9. TRANSPORT

- No reports or items raised

10. REPORTS

10.1. ELECTED MEMBERS

- Cllr J Malloy reported on the Strathaven Academy meeting. Cllr Campbell had mentioned the need for councillors to work together on Stonehouse but no meetings dates arranged or set up yet. Councillor Malloy also advised that he had a meeting with housing manager and TAMU regarding homeless and anti-social behaviour. Additional surgeries being also being organised.
- Apology from Councillor G Campbell

10.2. TREASURER

- William Mackie outlined the financial position.

10.3. DEVELOPMENT TRUST

- W McMurtie advised that Saturday 29th will be an open drop, where members and groups can drop in to the trusts premises between 10.00 and 3.00 and meet with Geoff Frew the new Development Trust officer who will outline trusts plans for village.

11. WAR MEMORIAL SUB COMMITTEE

- No update but Bill Stanley has been provided with a full updated list. Willie Mackie also advised that the Heritage Group can provide a scroll which provides details of those killed during WW1

12. A.O.C.B.

- George Smith advised on a course taking place for older peoples massage.
- It was advised that pipe band will be participating in Sin a song for Christmas
- Councillor Malloy advised that local groups applying for grants should do so as quickly as possible as the budget was greatly reduced due to applications.
- Chair reminded everyone that AGM was November and that nominations for membership from groups should be submitted as soon as possible.

The Next meeting which was due to be held on the 15th has now been moved to the 22nd due to the School holiday week. Apologises for the inconvenience. This will be notified via the press.