

## **STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Chairman:** George Smith, 6 Naismith Court, Stonehouse. Tel 01698 79346

**Secretary:** Robert Freel, 75 Lockhart Street, Stonehouse Tel 01698 793498

### **MINUTES OF MEETING 19/3/07**

**As chair was not present, W Mackie took chair. He stated that no advert had appeared this week concerning the meeting.**

#### **1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

R. Freel, W. Mackie, A. Paterson, R. Craig, B. Craw, W McMurtie, PC I. McKinley, M Casey, Cllr I McInnes and 3 members of the public

Apologies: G Smith (Chair), A Paterson J Burns

#### **2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- M Casey intimated that she attended previous meeting and minutes did not reflect this. They were accepted.

#### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- W Craw reported that speed activated sign was reading lower than speed recorded. Secretary will write to roads department.

#### **4. POLICE**

- PC I. McKinley reported that this would be his last community council meeting as he moves job to Glasgow next week His post was still not filled
- Crimes had increased from 28 to 34 but 17 had been detected this was a higher rate of detection than previous month. Amongst the crimes were 2 Breach of Peace, Dringing offences. Car stolen in Lockhart street was community councillors but arrest had been made. JCB set on fire
- W Craw / W McMurtie reported vandalism at Persimmons homes site / sales office.
- Cllr McInnes reported cars parked at 1st circle in Murray drive.
- No other questions for PC McKinley
- R Freel thanked Ian for his hard work over the previous three years where he had worked to ensure his presence was more visual, had worked with youths to set up late night football, achieving grants for fencing and worked with CC towards getting a police vehicle.
- Ian advised that who ever takes over his job will be briefed on the ongoing work and projects and that £1000 was being provided towards the lighting running costs of the play area at AHMP

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### 5. CORRESPONDANCE (refer to separate sheet)

- R Freel advised those present that the paperwork issued represented literature and sample ballot papers for the forthcoming elections.
- NHS South CHP were seeking to meet with CC council agreed to write and invite to meeting.
- The change of use from industrial to residential at Lochpark and Whitelaws application for houses was going to a hearing on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>. Recommendation was to approve.
- Membership of ASCC w Mackie provided an overview of past experience with ASCC. Agreed not to re-join.
- National Planning Guidelines Pan 81 received. Will seek additional copies.

### 6. SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

#### 6.1 Roads

- Patching work will commence april however no programme yet.
- Flooding at toll had been reported and Cllr McInnes was aware of problem.
- Parking at Coop discussed in relation to cars being parked all day. Secretary will write to roads department

#### 6.2 Planning

- Await copies of plans for side head road development.

#### 6.3 Community Hall

- Secretary has written to SLC to establish current status.
- Some discussion on additional funding and diversion of planning gain monies to a central pot.
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### 7. HEALTH MATTERS

- W Mackie reported on the meeting that he had with NHS and that the figures produces showed that ultrasound would only be used 0.5 day per week and that a specialist operator would be required. However it is thought that the clinic services available will be increased. A copy of the minute extract was circulated.
- In cases of heart failure blue light services should be taking patients to Hairmyres as there is a Cath lab availabe for inserting stents. Both managers were surprised when W Mackie advised he was taken to Law.
- Discussion on blue light times being quoted are not peak or rush hour

### 8. UTILITIES

**8.1 Water:** No Report

**8.2 Gas:** No Report

**8.3 Electricity:** Secretary has written concerning power faults on lighting cables on Strathaven Road and overhead supplies to domestic properties.

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### 9. TRANSPORT

- M Casey asked about bus times after 6.00pm and if these could match train times at Larkhall. Secretary will write regards this.

### 10. REPORTS

#### 10.1 **Elected Members:**

No report, however cooker replaced in Institute Cemetery wall finished.

M Casey asked about cooker in public hall as it would be required for Christian Aid week. This has been reported and an answer awaited.

4/5 the Cross expected to be finished next week.

#### 10.2 **Treasurer:**

Provided a report on the current financial status.

A letter had been received from Gala group concerning advertising and it was agreed to provide £25.00

#### 10.3 **Development Trust:**

- W Craw advised a grant for £74K had been gained, press release last week, this would fund a part time office and development officer. Post would be advertised in next two weeks. H Burns asked if position would be offered locally. Equal opportunities must be followed .

- £20K had been secured from NHS for health initiatives this is being split between family support group and Youth group. A question on why funding was only allocated to these two groups and not others within the village was asked . W C advised these two groups had approached the Trust and they had submitted a package for funding. Groups can join the trust for a £1.00 and can seek trust assistance for funding. When development officer is in place he/she is available to help all groups in the village.

- A directory of local organisations will be made available to every household shortly.

#### 10.4 **War Memorial sub Group**

- R Freel advised group met on 6<sup>th</sup> March and minutes would be issued to public at next meeting as they had only been issued to CC tonight. Group had agreed that anyone with a link to Stonehouse would be considered and that the list produced by J Young was further divided into categories . R Freel to send list to W Stanley. However since the groups meeting W Mackie has been checking some of the information and a number of anomalies have been found and these require to be checked before proceeding. R F will write to members of sub group once this is finalised

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

Issues raised are dealt with under the appropriate heading

*Next meeting is on the 16-04--2007*