

**Minutes of meeting 15-09-2008**

**1 MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

R. Freel, W. Mackie, A. Paterson, B. Craw, M. Casey, R. Craig,  
Cllrs . G. Campbell, W Holman and J Malloy and six members of the public who  
signed sederant.

Apologies: G. Smith Cllr. L. Filshie,

**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Accepted with one change, W Mackie should be recorded under apologies.

**3 POLICE REPORT**

- No Statistics as PC Thomson had not been able to get time to collate.
- PC Thomson reported that the community policing team will be increased to two officers for Stonehouse covering two shifts. A blue light disco was been run on Friday at Larkhall and any teenagers from Stonehouse attending would be able to have free transport if they showed their disco ticket to the Whitelaws bus driver.
- Following up on a question from the previous meeting PC Thomson indicated that there had been no take up for the drop in meeting times at the police station in Stonehouse. It was felt that this should be tried once more.
- PC Thomson handed out questionnaires regarding the service provided and asked that they be left with the hall keeper to be collected during the week.
- Kenny Weir told of an incident when he called another station to be told that there was no cover at Larkhall. Mr Weir was asked to write to Inspector Munro.
- Mr Mackie asked if the new community vehicle was making a difference and was advised it was.

**4 BUSSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Community Hall: Cllr Holman reported that a meeting had been arranged between social work and corporate resources. It was expressed that Social work areas within the new build should be known. It was raised at the meeting that the community council should ensure that the community have access to all areas. It was reported that access to social work areas in a hall in Larkhall were withdrawn. This was confirmed by Mr Craig of Larkhall, who also reported that the council were in breach of Disability Discrimination Act when they failed to consult with the people using the Larkhall Adult learning centre at Strutherhill area. A question was asked of the elected members if this could delay the build of the new hall in Stonehouse. This question will be asked at the council meeting planned for 1st October 2008.

## **5 CORRESPONDANCE**

- As per the correspondence list issued with the agenda.

## **6 SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **6.1 ROADS**

- A number of roads had now been reported to Cllr. Campbell and recorded with roads department as requiring attention. The A71 was closed at Cot Castle due to repair works it was not known if it would be closed again this weekend.

### **6.2 PLANNING**

- Planning application received for community garden. CC has no objection although they will record concerns on the access.

## **7 HEALTH MATTERS**

- Chair had written to surgery regards evening and Saturday surgeries, however it was still unclear as to what is actually being offered. A resident stated that even those working in the surgery don't know what's happening.
- Willie Mackie reported from NHS Lanarkshire meeting that one doctor from surgery will cover all Health Care homes in Larkhall area. Dr Wilson will cover Stonehouse and Larkhall.
- NHS review reported on fiasco at Law Hospital re-x-rays.
- W Mackie reported on a new survey regarding 48 hour access to doctors. Not sure if local practice is participating.
- Reported that NHS have purchased old Job Centre building on Douglas Street with Beckford Street clinics being transferred, reported as costing 3.4 million with further 4 million to upgrade.
- More physiotherapists were planned for the area.

## **8 UTILITIES**

<b>8.1 WATER</b>	No report
<b>8.2 GAS</b>	No report
<b>8.3 ELECTRICITY</b>	No report

## **9 TRANSPORT**

- Secretary has comparable data and will circulate.

## **10 REPORTS**

### **10.1 ELECTED MEMBERS**

#### **COUNCILLOR G. CAMPBELL**

- Stated that housing office was now back at work and that he was seeking budget to bring about changes to Murray Drive. He will attend Murray Drive residents meetings.

### **COUNCILLOR W HOLMAN**

- Reported on the community hall as per matters arising and that he was seeking action on the signs adjacent to Persimmons Homes. He was also pursuing individual matters brought to his attention.

### **COUNCILLOR J MALLOY**

- Reported that he will support reports on pavements and roads repairs. Issues on gully cleaning and recent flooding. Ditches need to be checked. The housing department were also engaging services of a consultant to assist in writing a sheltered housing allocation policy.

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### **10.2 TREASURER**

- We have £706 of a grant paid in bring balance to £1201.

### **11 WAR MEMORIAL**

- W Mackie provided an update. Successful in lottery application and that a re-dedication was planned for 8<sup>th</sup> November. Sub-committee were busy working on list and invitations and will report back

### **12 A.O.C.B**

- Andrew Clark reported that election nomination papers were due in for 14<sup>th</sup> October and that he awaited an electoral role. Secretary reported that he had sent a letter in regards this on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
- Secretary reported that he required a new printer following a paper jam and ink blockage. Agreed to buy same.
- ROW society membership received

*Next meeting is on Monday 20-10-2008 at Public Institute  
7.00pm for elected Members 7.30pm for members of the Public.*