

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting 15/12/2008

1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES

R. Freel, W. Mackie, A. Paterson, Mary Casey, Cllr. B. Holman, Cllr. G. Campbell and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: G Smith.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- They were accepted.

3. POLICE REPORT

- None. Secretary to check what meeting was last attended.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- None, all items will be dealt with under appropriate headings.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary highlighted the main documents received and offered these to those present to enable them to read same.

- The main points were stated on the correspondence list – Letter from the co-operative membership encouraging members of the community to get involved.
- Lighting faults – letter from the council – some of the problems have been sorted and the other faults will be rectified. The telephone number for faults is 0800 24 20 24.
- The Clydesdale befriending Group are seeking volunteers – there is an open meeting on 21/1/08. No details of venue

6. SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

6.1. ROADS

- There was a problem with gritting – G. Campbell is aware of this and is working on it. There was around 1000 letters of complaint regarding the situation and SLC is aware of the problems. Members of public are urged to telephone there complaints to the roads department.

6.2. PLANNING

- The Local plan is complete and awaits finalisation.

6.3. COMMUNITY HALL

- Chairman George. Smith wrote to the director of Enterprise resources Mr Norrie Anderson and it would appear that a consultation document regarding the plans

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for the new hall are about to be released to concerned parties for input – probably January sometime. This was confirmed by the councillors present who had attended an internal meeting regards the hall. The community council will be consulted. It is possible that all groups using hall will be consulted. It was hoped that an outline plan would be submitted to the planning department in January.

The nearest equivalent hall is Fairhill although this has a library attached. It is hoped that elected councillors will organise a tour of similar halls.

7. HEALTH MATTERS

- W. Mackie stated he had attend a CHP meeting – the NHS wants more feedback from patients etc. They are looking into the possibility of a self referral system for a pilot at Udston and at the local surgeries (physiotherapy etc) Larkhall currently covers physio for Stonehouse– Molly will attend a meeting that is being proposed.

8. UTILITIES

- 8.1. WATER There is still a barrier left on Strathaven Rd.
- 8.2. GAS None
- 8.3. ELECTRICITY None

9. TRANSPORT None

10. REPORTS

10.1. SLC

- The community hall update was covered previously.
- Murray Drive – the problems are still ongoing and councillors have been on a walkabout in the area.
- There was a discussion regarding social housing and members of public are we being asked to notify their elected members of any problems.
- There is a meeting with the councillors and Steven Kelly regarding the current public halls building and the upkeep of them.
- There was a discussion regarding the cleaning of gutters etc and it would seem the council no longer clean them – G. Campbell will look into the repairs policy.

10.2 TREASURER

- There is £933 in the bank – with most of this year's budget having being spent.

11. A.O.C.B

- There was a discussion regarding “deprived areas” – some members present were not sure what qualifies an area to be classed as one. The Scottish

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government decides what areas are listed. The councils Nip and Tuck web site details areas of deprivation.

- It is hoped that following an outline planning application for the Community hall will assist in it being fast tracked to try to speed up the build.
- The issue with parking at the co-op and the cross was discussed with Cllr Campbell agreeing to arrange a meeting and walkabout to assess what traffic orders exist.. The traffic order issue is still ongoing for the disabled parking at the cross.
- W. Mackie has been asking for reports from fair share. Willie is a member of the fair share panel and feels that the groups that have been awarded money are duly bound to provide a report and although they have done so, Fairshare has not provided them to members of the panel. He has not been given any information so far however he will try again under FOI.
- There was a nomination to join the Community Council from Murray Drive. A Mr Gavin Haddow – all agreed to it. Secretary will send letter to residents association.

Next meeting is on Monday 19/01/09