

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chairman: George Smith, 6 Naismith Court, Stonehouse. Tel 01698 793946

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

**Minutes of meeting 16-06-2008**

**1 MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

R. Freel, W. Mackie, A. Paterson, Mary Casey, R Craig, B Craw, Constable C Thomson. 11 members of public whop signed sederant.

Apologies: G Smith.

In Chairs absence Vice chair Archie Paterson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone

The first item on the agenda was a presentation on Credit Unions by Wilma Henderson.

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**PRESENTATION: CREDIT UNIONS**

Nancy McGilvary advised that Wilma was unable to attend and proceeded to give an overview of Credit Unions and the ML9 union. To open up a credit union two pieces of photo evidence required. A maximum of £1200 was available for a loan and joining members were required to save for 12 weeks prior to receiving a loan. No minimum saving amount and when loans were taken out members received free life insurance.

No office existed in Stonehouse although the Development trust had been approached about using the trust office. Anyone who wished to consider opening up a credit union account can cal their Larkhall office on 01698-884156.

A question and answer session then followed.

**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

No objections to minutes and these were accepted as a true reflection of the previous meeting.

**3 POLICE REPORT**

Constable Thomson stated that his report covered a four week period from previous meeting. Twenty five (25) crimes were reported with 14 of them being detected.

The breakdown of the incidents were

Breach of Peace. Vandalism, Assaults including a serious assault, Theft and a mixture minor offences. K Weir stated that more police were required .C Thomson stated that police will attend all incidents if allocated and logged. W Mackie asked about a vandalised car but this had not been reported and was not on the list of crimes reported. Bill Craw stated that the government needs to provide additional resources to the community. Constable Thomson went onto explain about “Bobbies on the Beat” initiative and these may apply to Larkhall Area. The community Vehicle was being used. It was stated that Traffic wardens are required and it is hoped that once the traffic orders are completed they will attend Stonehouse. Boghall lane was cited as an examples of bad parking.

**4 BUSSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- None, will be dealt with thro the minutes

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

R Freel highlighted items for discussion and passed the correspondence out tot hose present.

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### **6 SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

#### **6.1 Roads**

- Beth Grant reported that SLC roads had been out to the drains in Murray drive but confusion as to who was responsible still remained as roads thought Housing department were responsible.
- Planning: An application for a third turbine had been received for Lochhead. Council would not be objecting as the previous two had been approved. No other reports.

### **7 HEALTH MATTERS**

W Mackie advised that he would be attending a CHP meeting the following week.

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#### **8.1 WATER**

- Nothing to discuss..

#### **8.2 GAS**

- Nothing to discuss

#### **8.3 ELECTRICITY**

- Some intermittent power cuts had been experienced.
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### **9 TRANSPORT**

- R Freel is still pursuing report on vandalism on shelters

### **10 REPORTS**

#### **10.1 ELECTED MEMBERS**

**No elected members present**

#### **10.2 TREASURER**

- Copies of the signed ledger were passed out and this would be submitted to Margaret Armstrong

### **11 WAR MEMORIAL**

- Grant form had been re-submitted.

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

- Andrew Clark stated that he had received the correspondence from the secretary and asked if he could have a ream of paper and some ink. Andrew stated that he would follow the same process as the previous election and would make up posters to be placed around the village.
- Murray Drive residents association start up meeting was scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> June, Robert Craig intimated that he would chair same.

*Next meeting is on Monday 18/8/08 at the public institute*