

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 17-11-2008

1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES

G Smith, R. Craig, M. Casey, W. Mackie. Cllr J. Malloy and nine members of the public who signed sederunt.

Apologies: A. Paterson and G. Campbell both received by email

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Accepted by those present

3. POLICE REPORT

No Police report as PC Thomson was not present.

The recent serious assault at the cross was discussed by those present as was the lack of police interest to a large gathering at the cross even though police vehicle was parked at the cross. It was stated that policing of Stonehouse may move to "Ward" basis. Willie Mackie reported that contact number on Web site is Strathaven and that site also states that Avondale and Stonehouse Community Policing Team **"covers the village of Stonehouse and surrounding areas. It also covers the areas of Strathaven, Chapelton, Glassford and Sandford within the East Kilbride and Strathaven sub division"**. Chair will write to Chief Superintendant regards this. Policing at the Hamilton Academicals home matches was also discussed as it was stated that the coverage of officers at the match may be at the expense of other areas including community policing. Chair will also follow up on this. Cllr Malloy would be having a meeting with police in near future and this may cover policing numbers.

Policing at Hamilton Town centre during the run up to Christmas would also have to be watched as last year it was felt officers were being deployed at expense of small communities.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr Holman had advised that the community hall was still on schedule however a recent executive report on SLC web site indicated that there was slippage on the ICF. Clarification required. Other items will be caught under agenda

5. CORRESPONDANCE

As per the correspondence list issued with the agenda.

6. SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

6.1 ROADS

Secretary intimated that a number of lighting faults had been noted and these would be reported.

6.2 PLANNING

Local Plan reporters report on web site.

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6.3 COMMUNITY HALL

Community council need to follow up on this and Chair would write to Norrie Anderson to seek clarification on where we are and timescales. Community council need to push on repairs to existing halls and ensure repairs are executed and not left until after new build. Given the cost of the hall hire of £44 per hour this should be contested due to state of halls. Public Institute Charges 7pm > 11pm £34, + License for the bar £10 = £44 to run an 4 hr event

7. HEALTH MATTERS

Willie Mackie reported that the rapid response for heart attacks was now in place with the response units determining if its Hairmyres or Jubilee at Clydebank. New paramedic motorcycle units would also be operating in Lanarkshire.

The dental practice in Stonehouse has closed. NHS patients are being advised of closest practice. (Larkhall or Strathaven)

8. UTILITIES

Water: Reports of works being left with barriers in place for weeks on end

GAS: No report

Electricity: No Report.

9. TRANSPORT

R Freel reported that he had passed the report on shelter maintenance report to Stonehouse Development trust following their report on village centre improvements that intimated shelters were badly vandalized. This was not the case.

10. REPORTS

10.1 ELECTED MEMBERS

Cllr Malloy reported that the scrutiny committee had previously reported no slippage on community hall.

11.2 TREASURER: Reported that balance was per the interim report issued at the AGM earlier in the evening.

11. WAR MEMORIAL

Chair stated that the Rededication Service was a success and had gone very well. A vote of thanks to Willie Mackie for organising the event. The turnout from the village was also very good. Jim Malloy commented that the Provost and invited guests were impressed with organisation and work carried out by the Sub-committee and the contractor who carried out the work. Adam Ingram asked about the pipe band and funding.

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12. AOCB

12.1 R Freel asked Cllr Malloy if he could find out about the Primary school refurbishment / replacement programme in respect of Stonehouse Primary. When was it due to commence.

12.2 Residents Association from Murray Drive gave an overview of their work so far and were disappointed in the response from the council community council advised that they should continue to "chip" away at the council and seek details of budgets and timescales for different works.

Martin McManus of changing places was offering assistance however funding streams did not come as far as Stonehouse as it was not classed as a deprived area. It was suggested that he residents approach the Development trust with regards a project for a play area. They could access monies that were not available to the community council or SLC.

No further business and meeting closed.

Next meeting scheduled for the 15th December at Public Institute 7.30pm