

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 18/2/08

1 MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES

G. Smith, R. Freel, W. Mackie, A. Paterson, B. Craw, Mary Casey,
Cllr J. Malloy, Cllr. L. Filshie, Cllr. W. Holman, and 10 members of the public.
Apologies: Cllr G. Campbell

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Accepted.

3 POLICE REPORT

- 19 crimes with 6 detected none serious.
- No update on the Digi-bus. It will be in village on a Monday night.
- The community police vehicle is almost ready – we are waiting on the signs being applied.
- The parking at Stonehouse Primary and Naismith Court will be addressed by PC Thomson. The school will write to parents regarding the dangers of parking in the fashion that currently takes place.
- The SLC cleansing pickup truck regularly parks in the disabled bay at the Spar.
- The bottle bank at the Co-op takes up valuable parking space. The CC will examine it to see if creates any problem.
- R Freel raised concerns on responsible policing quoting an example with youths from the village standing at a bus stop in Larkhall being stopped and question and were forced by the constables to miss their bus back home on a Saturday night. This forcing them to wait a further hour with Larkhall.
- Reported that some youths appear to be starting to congregate at Violet Crescent.
- Pc Thomson's budget for the year has been spent on the Playgroup and the Gala Day.
- The issue of the cost of using the lighting at the football park was raised and a question was asked if planning gain could be used to fund the purchase of a timer to be installed for these lights. R Freel will write to Maurice Bennett.

4 BUSSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- None

5 CORRESPONDENCE

- An application has been received from the Gala Committee and the Heritage Groups. Agreed to take out adverts in the forthcoming publications for same amounts as previous year. Treasurer advised that payment would not be made until 1st April
- Letter from Jimmy Hood MP with responsible banking leaflets
- The response to housing document has been lodged.
- Various Emails attached as part of correspondence monthly list.

6 SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

6.1 ROADS

- A survey of the pavements and roads throughout the village was undertaken by A. Sloan and H. Burns. They discovered some very bad potholes etc at various places; Secretary will write a letter outlining the following problem areas.
 - Pot Holes at the Toll.
 - Sidehead Rd to the roundabout very bumpy and possibly dangerous.
 - The road at the garage is breaking up.
 - Glenburn Avenue – terrible condition.
 - The pavements throughout the village are in a shocking condition, especially at New Street and at Stonehouse Primary.
 - There is also a problem with mud and muck being left by farmers between Strathaven and Stonehouse. We are asked to telephone the Police and report it.

6.2 PLANNING

- We will continue to try to get a meeting with Colin McDowall, GS will write to Ian Urquhart.

6.3 COMMUNITY HALL

- GS has spoken to Colin McDowall and we will wait to see if we can meet with him.

6.4 LOCAL PLAN

- It is progressing slowly however we have been advised that extra reporters will be used to speed up the process.

7 HEALTH MATTERS

7.1 NHS APPRAISAL

- The NHS appraisal has been completed.
- Community Health Partnership – There are various meetings coming up in the near future.

7.2 LOCAL PRACTICE

- We have received an invite to attend a meeting to discuss recent questionnaire issued to patients. Chair indicated that invitation had been sent to one councillor in ward and felt that invitation should have been extended to all councillors in ward catchment...
- Reported by a member of public that clinics were closing however Karen Gillon has stated that there are new clinics being added to Stonehouse Hospital (diabetic etc). Chair will write to the hospital for more information.

8 UTILITIES

8.1 WATER

- None

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8.2 GAS

- None

8.3 ELECTRICITY

- None

9 TRANSPORT

- None

10 REPORTS

10.1 ELECTED MEMBERS

- There is a new Planning team in place and the time scale with regard to planning of the new Community Hall is very slow.
- WM has e-mailed Bill Holman regarding the problem with quad bikes being used in the public park as well as requesting details of the street cleaning schedule.
- Cllr Filshie reported that Parking Supervisor Karen Archibald would be deploying wardens shortly.

10.2 TREASURER

- There is £21.98 left and we have to pay out £30 for various expenses. Our grant for next year is £706 and is subject to accounts being submitted

10.3 STONEHOUSE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

- Carol Mills of The Brighter Village Group (BVG) presented plans for the proposed development opposite the Co-op. The CC supports this development however would like to have seen separate entrance and exit. Plans can be viewed on Trust premises and comments can be left with development officer
- The Trust will continue to support the work being done by the BVG.
- The Trust has been actively involved with various groups, such as The Rascals, the Gala Committee active schools programme.
- They are hoping to have a farmers market in the village at some point during the summer. Info guide will be distributed shortly
- They are also hoping to have a Craft Fair.
- The Stonehouse Guide presently at the printers.
- There is no progress on a meeting of the joint working group between the CC and the Trust as yet it is hoped that it will take place following the meeting with all four councillors scheduled to take place this coming Sunday

11 WAR MEMORIAL

- The application has been submitted and should take about 6 weeks.

12 A.O.C.B

- H. Burns raised the issue of right of way at Dovesdale Farm – chair will raise with planning regards the missing bridge etc.
- The public park is littered with horse manure and the grass is full of broken beer and wine bottles
- Planting scheme being considered for Sidehead road

Next meeting is on Monday 17-03-2008