

Minutes of meeting 18/8/08

1 MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES

G. Smith, R. Freel, W. Mackie, A. Paterson,, B. Craw, M. Casey, R. Craig,
Cllr. G. Campbell and 8 members of the public
Apologies: Cllr. L. Filshie, Cllr W. Holman and M McBain

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Accepted by those present at meeting.

3 POLICE REPORT

- None, No police presence.

4 BUSSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- None.

5 CORRESPONDANCE

- As per the correspondence list issued with the agenda.

6 SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

6.1 ROADS

- Members of public present raised concerns over the condition of the roads in the village and the pavements. Specifically mentioned were the doctor's surgery and outside the fruit shop. There were also problems in Sidehead Road, Newfield road Well brae and Queen street reported.
- We were informed by Cllr G. Campbell that SLC plans to resurface/repair all the roads in South Lanarkshire over an eight year timescale.

6.2 PLANNING

- Questions were asked about the proposed Community Hall, but Cllr G, Campbell was not in a position to update us on the project – He referred the community council to Cllr B. Holman as he was more involved in this matter and could provide a more up to-date report.
- There was also discussion on the future relocation of the Local Library into the new facility or perhaps some other suitable building in the village.

7 HEALTH MATTERS

- With regard to the new opening hours the local people were in the dark as to what exactly they are. Chair will write to the practice manager.

8 UTILITIES

8.1 WATER

- No report

8.2 GAS

- No report

8.3 ELECTRICITY

- No report

9 TRANSPORT

- Secretary has details of the bus shelter spend but awaits comparable data.

10 REPORTS

10.1 ELECTED MEMBERS

COUNCILLOR G. CAMPBELL

- Stated that he had had several meetings with Murray Drive residents.
- The policing of the village or a police presence in the village is still a problem. There appears to be very little presence in the village. It was reported that 18 officers work out of Strathaven, but one in Stonehouse - the councillors will look into this.
- Wardens are meant to be visiting Murray Drive at various times to check on parking however it was felt they need to adjust the times they are visiting as they only appear to come out during office hours.
- Community Police Officers are expected to be increased soon with the possibility of 8 being appointed to the four local areas.
- Questions were asked by members of the public as to why the local Community Officer was missing and if the drop in sessions at the local office were continuing. It was not known if the drop in sessions were running. Chair will write to Tim Love regarding this and other issues and will cc the correspondence to Superintendent Andy Munro.

10.2 TREASURER (Apologies from W. Mackie)

- We have £494 in the bank and our new grant should be issued soon.
- We raised the point regarding the late allocation of the grant and Cllr G. Campbell will look into it and report back.

11 WAR MEMORIAL

- None

12 A.O.C.B

- Andrew Clark reported that the local press had been reporting the forthcoming election and that various notices had been placed in shops around the village. Three polling clerks have provisionally been arranged if necessary for the pending Community Council elections. A. Clark handed out nomination forms at the meeting and sought members of the public to join

Next meeting is on Monday 15/908