

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 20-03-2008

1 MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES

G. Smith, R. Freel, W. Mackie, A. Paterson, M McBain, B. Craw, Cllr. W. Holman, and 6 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr. L. Filshie, Cllr. G. Campbell.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Accepted

3 POLICE REPORT

- None. No officer present.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The cleaning schedule for Stonehouse was raised and Cllr B. Holman presented a sheet outlining the cleaning of roads and pavements. W M checked it against the 2003-2004 schedules that the community council had and it was the same. W Holman will re-look at it.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

- Planning at Loch Park Ind. Estate – community council made comment on the recent application for the remainder of the industrial estate.
- The under use of the Public Library was discussed, especially with the junior and youth sections of the village. The opening hours seemed to be a bit confusing to some members of the public present and comment was made on the non rental of music and DVD's. CC will write regarding varies issues and try to arrange a meeting.
- The community council received a copy of the recent AS CC newsletter which stated that community councils will be required to register with the information commission as they are classed as data controllers. Community council will be required to pay £35 for registration.
- There was an Email from Billy McLean re planning training. Secretary to correspond

6 SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

6.1 ROADS

- We have written regarding the condition of the roads (6 letters) but as yet have not had any reply.
- There was concern from the floor regarding the traffic signs on the centre of the road a Strathaven road being blown into the path of vehicles during the recent high winds however chair intimated that these were flexible signs.

6.2 PLANNING

- Only application was the Loch Park outline planning permission and this was responded to by the secretary.

6.3 COMMUNITY HALL

- George Smith has been trying to get a meeting with Colin McDowall but was told that it is not appropriate at this time – he will write to Ian Urquhart.

6.4 LOCAL PLAN

- None

7 HEALTH MATTERS

- Letter from Stonehouse hospital regarding the amount of clinics currently operating at the clinic. The floor was asked if they had any suggestions for any other possible clinics.
- Local Practice – Secretary and Treasurer attended a meeting with the practice at Larkhall to discuss the recent results to a questionnaire that was issued to patients to assess their thoughts on the service being provided. It appears from the discussions that there are a large number of appointments which are not kept by the public. We discussed that perhaps these figures could be displayed at the surgery or a newsletter might be helpful – we will suggest it to them.

8 UTILITIES

8.1 WATER Nothing to report.

8.2 GAS Nothing to report

8.3 ELECTRICITY Nothing to report

9 TRANSPORT

- Nothing to report

10 REPORTS

10.1 ELECTED MEMBERS

COUNCILLOR W. HOLMAN (WH)

- Housing allocation Policy. – Chair asked Cllr Holman if the councillor or his party had made comment and if they were in agreement with the community council position. Cllr Holman stated that he will raise the issue with his party spokesman and will report back to us ASAP.
- WH is currently undertaking an exercise regarding money received from planning gain and will look at Stonehouse with regards how much has been received. Secretary stated that we have approximately £40K and he will also seek an update from SLC officers...
- WH will continue to pursue the issue of quad bikes using the running track at the local football pitch.
- There was discussion regarding horse droppings in the public park, but we were unsure if it is ok for them to do this. WH will investigate
- SLC is supposed to have a meeting with CC's every year, but we have not had one in 10 years – WH will look into it.

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10.2 TREASURER

- Willie Mackie reported that the community council have an overspend of £13 for this financial year.
- It was also raised that Community Councils don't receive grant money until June/ July resulting in CC having to spend in 9-10 months as opposed to 12. community council will wait until we get this years grant and if it is June or July will write to Chief Executive about this.

10.3 STONEHOUSE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Community Councillor and Trust Chairman provided the following report

- The festival guide is printed and will be issued to all households as soon as possible. Some copies were handed out to members and those present. Favourable comments were made on the quality of the guide.
- The Development Officer Jeff Frew has been off for a while on a sponsored walk and will be back in the office on Monday.
- Chair had written (emailed) to the Trust with two dates for a meeting of the Joint Working Group however no response has been received from trust.
- The funding of the Brighter Village Group for the proposed land opposite the co-op is under way.
- Land has been found in the village for a play group and an after care group – funding is required.
- A site has been identified for a proposed Village Orchard. When asked by WM for the location it was advised that this was a matter for the trust
- It is hoped that an event will be organised next year to celebrate the 100 years since the Stonehouse Pipe Band won the World Championship.
- The Trust is looking at the possibility of building affordable housing in the village. Bill has had a meeting with the bank and funding could be made available, perhaps in the range of £1 million. The site was not indicated. This sparked some debate from the floor as to when this was conceived and if discussed with the community council in light of recent submissions regards the local plan. Debate then moved to a possible conflict of interest in the Trust Chairman's role as a community councillor . Bill stated that he did not see this as a conflict and that he would like this item moved from the agenda.

11 WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

- Willie Mackie provided an update: There is no funding available from SLC to update the war memorial at present, however Stonehouse Heritage Group have taken the lead on this by applying for a lottery grant to carry out this work. The heritage group were assisted in this by changing places. The grant application process takes about six weeks SLC cemeteries manager has stated they will have no objection to the heritage group organising this work

12 A.O.C.B

- None

Next meeting is on Monday 21/4/08