

**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 20-10-2008**

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

B. Craw, R. Craig, A. Paterson, M. Casey, W. Mackie . Cllrs W. Holman and L. Filshie and twelve members of the public who signed sederunt.

Apologies: G. Smith, R. Freel, Cllr J. Malloy and G. Campbell

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Accepted by those present

**3. POLICE REPORT**

22 Crimes reported. PC Thomson reminded people to hand in the questionnaires handed out at the last meeting. Another community PC was being appointed and there would be a new Police website to assist in contacting the Police. It was also planned to send a leaflet to each household dealing with policing issues. A number of points were raised regarding policing in the village and it was agreed to write to Tim Love, Q Division Commander expressing concern at the lack of police presence, particularly at the weekends. The Murray Drive Residents Association was meeting with Inspector Munro in the near future.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Community Garden: 6 parking places will be used by contractors during the planned redevelopment – the rest of the parking places would still be available.

**5. LICENSING STANDARDS:**

Mark Clinton, Licensing Standards Officer, SLC gave a short presentation on the changes in Licensing Legislation. The Licensing Scotland Act 2005 would come in to force on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2009 and would have an impact on all license premises. Leaflets outlining the changes were made available at the meeting.

**6. CORRESPONDANCE**

As per the correspondence list issued with the agenda.

**7. SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**7.1 ROADS**

The details of the repair programmed were reported to the meeting: work instructions have been issued for repairs to Patrickholm Avenue, Vicars Road, Queen Street and Kirk Street. It was also intimated that all roads and footways are inspected over a six monthly period and the footways in the village centre are inspected once a month. Major resurfacing work would take place at Canderside Toll before the end of the financial year.

**7.2 PLANNING**

Outline planning permission had been granted for the land adjacent to Lockhart Street.

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**8. HEALTH MATTERS**

The Practice Manager at the Surgery was now Ms. L. Cooper. The public were reminded that flu jabs were now available. Questions were again raised about the extended hours available at the surgery.

**9. UTILITIES**

**9.1 GAS**

The problem of utility companies leaving material on site when a job was completed was raised. The matter should be referred directly to the companies involved or the Roads Dept. SLC.

**10. TRANSPORT**

In response to a question Cllr Filshie explained that the priorities for gritting were main roads, bus and school routes.

**11. REPORTS**

**11.1 ELECTED MEMBERS**

Cllr Holman stated that the timetable for the Community Hall was still on track and the £1.6m funding was ring fenced. Issues regarding the Alexander Hamilton Park and Murray Drive were raised. The condition of the village halls was discussed and the Cllrs indicated that they had written to the Chief Executive requesting a meeting on this problem.

**11.2 TREASURER:** £1162.12 was in the bank account.

**12. WAR MEMORIAL**

The Rededication Service would take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The programme for the event was outlined.

**13. TRIENNIAL ELECTION**

It was reported that there would be no need to hold an election as nominations did not exceed the number of places on the Council.

**14. AOCB**

**14.1** Following questions, Cllrs indicated that they were exploring avenues for funding improvements in Murray Drive.

**14.2** The possibility of a "Pipe Fest" to celebrate the anniversary of Stonehouse winning the world Pipe Band Championship was raised and the Community Council was asked to give appropriate support to the proposal.

The next meeting would be arranged following an interim meeting being set by returning office Andrew Clark and was likely to follow same pattern as before the third Monday of the Month at Public Institute.