

**Minutes of meeting 21/1/08**

Chairman indicated that following acceptance of the minutes the meeting would go to the police report to allow PC C Thomson to carry on with his duties.

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

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

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Were accepted.

**3. POLICE REPORT**

- 19 Crime reports, 11 were detected, no serious offences.
- The fairshare police vehicle gas been approved and needs to be fitted out, this will take a few weeks.
- W Mackie reported that quad bikes are being driven in the AHM Park and rugby field and are ploughing up field. WE are encouraged to telephone the police and report any of these incidents.
- Chair reported that there is a problem with cars parking at Stonehouse Primary by parents. PC Thomson will attend and discuss with drivers.
- There are still problem with the chicane outside the school.
- The lighting in the hard surface play area was discussed. There is a budget for using these of about 200 hours. These can be booked by telephoning Kirkmuir hill and is available until the end of March.
- The digibus will be in the village on a Monday night and perhaps the odd Friday if this can be arranged.

**4. BUSSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- None

**5. CORRESPONDANCE**

- Lighting at the hard surface play area.
- There is a proposal to build a number of flats in the site occupied by the tyre and exhaust garage in New Street. We have objected due to the poor parking already present at this site.
- Rights of way correspondence to SLC – Chair will raise it with Colin McDowall

## **6. SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **6.1 ROADS**

- The roads are in a very poor condition in the village as is the pavements. SLC maintain they check the pavements every six months. Residents are urged to complain to their respective Councillor. We will arrange a village survey – H. Burns, M. Casey and A. Sloan will walk the village and check for any defects. If anyone knows of any poor pavements or roads they are urged to let us know.
- There is a program for the cleaning of the pavements – R. Freel will post a schedule up in the hall.
- The cleaning of the silt from the drains has been reported – G. Smith will email regarding this.

### **6.2 PLANNING**

- Discussed under Correspondence.
- Complaints from the floor that there is nowhere for the kids to play at Manse Rd. and other areas of the village. The Development Trust has been spoken to and is looking into it.

### **6.3 COMMUNITY HALL**

- We are hoping to fast track the proposed hall and this might be possible if it was removed from the Local Plan. There is now a budget of £5m for it now. Questions were raised about the possibility of incorporating a library as part of it. There were still concerns regarding the size of the new hall.

### **6.4 LOCAL PLAN**

- This is currently with the reporter.

## **7 HEALTH MATTERS**

- NHS appraisal – WM attended the PP Forum – it appears to have been a good meeting.
- Only 1 GP was available at the local surgery last Friday due to illness etc.

## **8 UTILITIES**

### **8.1 WATER**

- None

### **8.2 GAS**

- None

### **8.3 ELECTRICITY**

- None

## **9 TRANSPORT**

- None

## **10 REPORTS**

## **10.1 ELECTED MEMBERS**

### **COUNCILLOR J. MALLOY**

- The Rural Partnership is up and running with new members, JM passed a booklet round to the floor.
- There was a discussion regarding home repairs.
- The speed sign at the bottom of Lockhart Street works sometimes.
- There was a Traffic Warden present in the village on the 15<sup>th</sup> January - JM asked if anyone had seen him/her.
- There was a lengthy discussion regarding the poor car parking facilities at the village square.
- The Chief Executive visited the community hall recently and has stated that the present hall will need to be maintained – new roof tiles have been ordered.
- There are still lots of congestion in New Street due to parked cars.
- Chewing gum on the pavements is becoming a great problem at the Cross.

## **10.2 TREASURER**

- There is £1145.28 in the bank.

## **10.3 STONEHOUSE DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

- There has been an official opening of the Trust.
- The development across from the Co-op, plans are well under way.
- The 2008 development guide is well under way.
- The Trust board met with local councillors with a view to creating a program for village improvement.

## **11 WAR MEMORIAL**

- The application to have the names added is under way.

## **12 A.O.C.B**

- The Rex cinema is now a listed building.

*Next meeting is on Monday 18/2/08*