

MINUTES OF MEETING 16th NOVEMBER 2009

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	Robert Craig (Vice chair)	Cllr J Malloy	George Smith (Chair)	A Paterson
	W Mackie (Treasurer)	Cllr W Holman	G Haddow	Cllr Campbell
	Robert Freel (Secretary)		M Casey	Cllr Filshie
	Six members of the public signed sederunt, three did not sign.			
	Vice Chair Robert Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting on a wet miserable night. He stated that Minutes and Agendas had been made available and if nobody had a copy they were available on the front row seats.			
2	ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes were accepted by those present as being a correct record of the October meeting.			
3	POLICE REPORT			
	<p>Vice chair intimated that he had spoken to PC Wisencroft and that it was his intention to attend tonight's meeting. However as no police were in attendance the chair went on to outline a meeting that was being hosted by the police in Larkhall on Friday and that community groups had been invited to attend. Murray Drive resident association advised that they were unaware of the meeting.</p> <p>Chair advised on a number of car thefts that had taken place in the village, and advised those present to be vigilant.</p> <p>Beth Grant advised that the police presence around Murray Drive had visibly been increased.</p>			
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	Vice Chair advised that most of the business arising will be dealt with under the appropriate headings within the issued agenda.			
5	CORRESPONDENCE			Action
	<p>A Full list of the previous months correspondence was issued with agenda. Everyone present were advised that they were welcome to view any of the correspondence. R F advised on the following correspondence.</p> <p>a) Secretary had written to SLC indicating that we would support the use of planning gain monies within the local park, however the response that had been received so far was that the request had been passed to planning. Some discussion followed this item with Cllr Holman advising that he had pursued the planning department about a year ago on similar matters. SLC planning does not appear to have a policy or process in place as to how planning gain money is spent. Cllr Holman stated that this should be agreed at the time of planning permission. Secretary to write to Colin McDowall.</p> <p>b) A response to the community councils email regards the shelter at Violet crescent had been received. It would appear that a single complaint had been received and that the shelter was moved on road safety grounds. Surveys would be carried out with regards patronage and subject to negotiations with land owner the pavement may be made wider. The remaining bus pull in area was discussed and</p>			
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	<p>secretary to write to roads department regards this.</p> <p>c) Play area at the Neuk had been an ongoing issue for a few months and secretary has written to Director of Housing regards this matter. It would appear that a clear up commenced today.</p> <p>d) A response to the CC FOI letter regards park maintenance has been received and this was read out. It was felt that it was inconceivable that SLC did not know how much was spent in each area or park and that the schedule provided was not complete and was misleading. I.e. Was grass only cut once a year. It was felt that for a council not to know the management accounting breakdown of its spend was wrong and this matter should be pursued. Secretary will follow up on this.</p> <p>e) Formal response to the quality of the grass verge cut was received however again this would appear to be contradicting what happens on the ground.</p> <p>f) The secretary followed up on an article that appeared in the Hamilton Advertiser which stated we were not aware of a committee report. As part of this letter the secretary asked for an update on the tender process. 43 expression of interest PQO's were issued with 27 being returned. A short list of nine requested to tender. Tender issue was running about 1-2 weeks behind.</p> <p>g) Letter received on Canderside Toll and alterations would be made to the lining of the roundabout when resurfacing works had been carried out.</p> <p>H) Drs surgery non attendance at appointments was discussed . Details under health.</p> <p>i) SPT leaflets on 900 ring & ride service received. Handed out at meeting.</p>	
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	Action
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>a) All road faults from previous meeting had been reported. K weir advised that slippage on the Lintaugh bridge road had occurred and this required to be investigated. Secretary will follow up on this.</p> <p>b) Traffic congestion at Coop, Cross and school / side head road were discussed. Elected members will seek to have traffic wardens out for these areas. Coop area and lack of parking was discussed RF to seek update from Stonehouse Development Trust.</p>	<p>RF</p> <p>JM/BH/ RF</p>
6.2	PLANNING	ACTION
	<p>a) No items for discussion, although vice chair outlined a community council event that 3 members attended. Event covered planning law changes, licensing law and the council's website. It was a useful event with some good information available.</p>	
6.3	COMMUNITY HALLS	Action
	<p>As detailed in correspondence, secretary will follow up to ensure Newsletter is issued prior to next meeting.</p>	
6.4	LOCAL PLAN	Action
	<p>No Report</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	Action

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W Mackie advised on local surgery statistics for October . 62 appointments equating to 10.33 hours wasted of GP time and 82 Nurse Appointments equating to 13.66 were wasted. This was almost double from previous month which had seen a decrease. It was felt that this needs to be published on a wider scale. Larkhall figures were almost double this. W Mackie advised on two conferences he had attended one on alcohol and the other on mental health issues. The programme on alcohol issues was targeting North Lanarkshire at present and it was expected that this would be targeted to South Lanarkshire next year. The full programme was worth 4 million 	
8	UTILITIES	Action
8.1	WATER : No Report	
8.2	GAS: No Report	
8.3	ELECTRICITY: No Report	
9	TRANSPORT	Action
	Bus shelter at violet Crescent detailed under correspondence.	
10	REPORTS	Action
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS	
	<p>COUNCILLOR W Holman / J Malloy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WH advised that he had one or two issues raised at his surgery although none were of particular interest. Budgets cuts were bweing discussed although not decided yet. JM advised that he had attended a group meeting to discuss cuts and that nothing had been decided yet but equally nothing had been ruled out. Hall were being looked at with a view to rationalising costs and possible transfer to Leisure Trust. RF advised thaw the leaflet issued by the council certainly outlined all the possible areas for cuts. JM advised that cuts will need to be looked at to establish knock on effects within communities. 	Cllr Malloy & Cllr Campbell
10.2	TREASURER	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W Mackie reported that bank balance was £1179.44. Treasurer's mileage and travelling expenses were put forward and approved. Expenses sheet signed by vice chair. 	RF
11	AOCB	Action
	No business arising although the reporter from the Avondale Standard was asked about distribution within the village as not all members of the community received a copy. Some 2.5 thousand copies were scheduled for distribution within the village.	
	Meeting closed at 8.35pm, the next meeting will be Monday 21ST December 2009 in the Public Institute Stonehouse 7.30pm	