

**MINUTES OF MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009**

Item				
1	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>			
	<b>In attendance</b>		<b>Apologies</b>	
	Robert Craig (Vice chair)	Cllr Campbell	G Smith (Chair)	K Gillen (MSP)
	W Mackie (Treasurer)	Cllr W Holman	Cllr Filshie	
	Robert Freel (Secretary)	Cllr J Malloy	G Haddow	
	M Casey		A Paterson	
	Sixteen members of the public signed sederunt with two not signing plus PC Katie Peebles			
	<p>Vice Chair Robert Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the hall mix up, it appears that 4/5 the cross was double booked although the community council had been advised the Public Institute was not available due to ongoing works and had booked the other hall.</p> <p>Robert also expressed his thanks to Andrew Clark who was directing people from 4/5 the cross to the Institute.</p>			
2	<b>ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes were accepted by those present as being a correct record of the June meeting. A small typographical error was noted under 10.1 "shall" should read "school".			
3	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>			
	<p>PC Katie Peebles apologised for not having any statistics available and advised that she did not normally cover Stonehouse but would answer any questions from members of the public present at the meeting. She also advised that she did know some of the areas of Stonehouse from previous patrols.</p> <p>a) A question from floor regards Violet crescent and youths congregating at the rear of the shops. It was accepted that police were attending but a greater presence was required. Graffiti problems were also being encountered. PC Peebles intimated that she thought lighting at the back of the shops was an issue. Lighting could be pursued through the council if they owned the land. It was not known who owned the land.</p> <p>b) The large number of drinkers in the park was also discussed with a resident advising on one occasion that police had driven in and driven out again not even bothering to speak to a large number of youths (over 20) in the park.</p> <p>c) Problems with boy racers on manse road were discussed. Members of the public are encourage to take registration numbers and report same.</p> <p>d) Manse road at the old cemetery is also a problem area and a resident sought bollards to be erected at the entrance to the Old graveyard. Police were aware of this problem. Secretary will write to cemeteries department.</p> <p>e) The need to obtain an incident number when reporting items to the police was re-emphasised. This number is important when following up incidents or proving that problems exist within areas.</p> <p>f) Mr Craw stated that police were under resourced and asked what happed to the special constables that were promised. PC Peebles would ask Inspector Munro about this.</p>			
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	<p>g) Community wardens or lack of them was also discussed.</p> <p>h) It was also stated that more information should be made available regards contact phone numbers for the police.</p> <p>i) The use of Youth workers in Strathaven was raised however these are voluntary from local church and other organisations who are working in the community.</p> <p>j) Universal connections in the village was also discussed however Stonehouse fell outside the deprived area zoning to qualify for this service.</p> <p>k) The problems associated with disclosure of youth leaders for groups was also discussed.</p> <p>Chair thanked Katie for attending and asked if she could report back that no police presence at previous two meetings of the community council.</p>	
4	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Most business arising will be dealt with under the appropriate headings within the agenda issued.	
5	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>A Full list of correspondence was issued with agenda, with anyone present who wishes to view any correspondence welcome to do so. R F advised on the following correspondence.</b></p> <p>a) Response regards AHMP</p> <p>b) FOI on Grass Verges (discussed under roads)</p> <p>c) letter regards cot Castle</p> <p>d) Copy of council housing allocation policy now received. Local letting rules to be sought</p> <p>Discussion followed on The standard of Strathaven park and the recent upgrading of the park compared to Stonehouse. It was however pointed out that Strathaven business organisations provided trust funding for some of this work although it was carried out by SLC...</p> <p>The grass cutting standards in the AHMP were also called into question.</p> <p>Letter of reply to toddler group advised that a warden was present in AHMP. This was questioned with secretary to write to SLC.</p> <p>The safety standards of inspection used on Stonehouse park were also questioned as some of the swings did not look as though they would pass.</p> <p>Donna McGrory advised on the latest position with regards the toddler groups chasing funding. No details of planning funding have been provided and secretary to follow up on this.</p> <p>M Casey advised that the committee involved in organising the forthcoming Pipefest had written to the council regarding the bandstand.</p> <p>Formal complain forms were raised and these were seen as a mechanism to raise complaints and issues with SLC. Secretary to follow up by asking M Armstrong.</p>	<p>RF</p> <p>RF</p>

<b>6</b>	<b>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL</b>	<b>Action</b>
6.1	<p><b>ROADS</b></p> <p>a) Grass &amp; hedge cutting. M Cooper advised that she had recently written to elected members regards areas of bypass to be told that on the recent correspondence regards grass cutting and verges. Discussion and comparisons to other areas followed. Secretary to follow up a request for further information. Former community councillor Tommy Cooper stated that he had been advised that prior to the persimmons homes development only high amenity areas would be cut. Is this not a high amenity area now? The quality of the cutting was called into question. Perhaps we need to write to the Director of roads Jim Canon.</p> <p>b) Cllr Holman passed out a spreadsheet which showed that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Patrickholm Avenue would receive £50K of spend on footpaths and</li> <li>2) Carriage way repairs to Udston, Udston Mill Road, Dykehead road and roman road would receive a total of £181,000 pounds.</li> </ol> <p>c) Reinstatement of utility road works was discussed and it was agreed that secretary write to director of roads to seek levels of inspections being carried out.</p> <p>d) Question was raised on the national speed limit pole on manse road and how it could be moved. This would have to be done thro roads department.</p> <p>e) A question was asked if permission would be required regards runways at rear of Camnethan Street. Cllr Graeme Campbell to discuss with Beth Grant of residents association.</p>	<p>RF</p> <p>RF</p> <p>Cllr GC</p>
<b>6.2</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	No reports. Apart from correspondence advising that Udston Farm development would go ahead.	
6.3	<b>COMMUNITY HALLS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	A copy of the newest newsletter and programme were handed out. Brief discussion on timescales and the need to speed things up. W Crow asked about the painting of the Institute however it was not known if this was part of refurbishment works.	
6.4	<b>LOCAL PLAN</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No matters to discuss.</li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W Mackie advised on a recent questionnaire and would be attending a further two meetings.</li> </ul>	

<b>8</b>	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
8.1	WATER : No Report	
8.2	GAS: work on gas at Newfield road. W Mackie gave an overview as he had discussed this with the supervisor of the works. This is causing traffic problems on the road.	
8.3	ELECTRICITY: No Report	
<b>9</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>Action</b>
	No Report	
<b>10</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>	<b>Action</b>
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS	
	<p><b>Councillor Holman left meeting at 21.00 hours</b></p> <p><b>COUNCILLOR G Campbell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Campbell will follow up on bollard letter sent to Alan Cunningham in June. Secretary to send copy of letter to Councillor Campbell.</li> <li>• Secretary raised issue of weeds at the play area at the Neuk and outlined the problems and letters he had received. Councillors Malloy advised he would follow up although Cllr Filshie had intimated she would also chase on.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr GC</p> <p>Cllr LF</p> <p>Cllr JM</p>
10.2	<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accounts have been submitted to council bank balance showed £591.00 pounds.</li> </ul>	
<b>11</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wind farm Development</li> </ul> <p>Vice chair provided an overview of a recent meeting that the community councillors had with Banks development about a potential 30-40 unit wind farm at Kype Muir. This was part of their early community involvement. No planning application had been made yet although environmental studies were currently being undertaken. A possible open day would be held in Stonehouse late September early October. Details would be made available as soon as they became available. Bill Crow mentioned that Fintry were receiving an annual income, W Mackie advised that communities could buy them however the cost was very expensive.</p> <p>A member of the public also advised that Banks Development, who were involved in opencast mining were not reliable.</p>	
	Meeting closed at 9.30pm next meeting will be Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2009 at Public Institute commencing 7.30pm.	