

Minutes of meeting 19/1/09

Item

1 MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES

In attendance		Apologies
W Mackie (Treasurer)	PC C Thomson	G Smith (Chair)
Robert Freel (Secretary)	Cllr Campbell	Cllr Filshie
Archie Paterson (Min Sect.)	Cllr Malloy	Cllr Holman
Robert Craig (Vice chair)		
M Casey		
Five members of the public		

Vice Chair Robert Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting on what was a cold and wet night, and advised that chairman was working at Sellafield and could not make the meeting.

2 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Accepted by members present as being a correct record of meeting.

3 POLICE REPORT

This item was brought forward to allow PC Thomson to provide report and leave meeting.

- 20 crimes – 7 were detected (various crime, esp. car theft)
- There will be a change in shift patterns and two PC's will be on duty on a Monday night so hopefully we will have a the PC present Mr D Wisecraft present at the next CC meetings. PC Wisecraft will be covering Stonehouse and quarter and PC Thomson will be covering Stonehouse

4 BUSSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Items would be discussed under the appropriate agenda item

5 CORRESPONDANCE

A Full list of correspondence was issued with agenda, anyone present who wishes to view any correspondence are welcome to do so.

Two invitation events for CC to attend were discussed. M Casey will possibly attend one.

Three members of the CC will attend the Good practice briefing.

6 SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

6.1 ROADS

- It was reported that traffic wardens have been in the village and have already booked several vehicles in the last few week for illegal parking on double lines and in the disabled bay. They will be in Stonehouse twice a day for the next week. Parking on pavements where pavement is marked with double yellow line is also illegal.

Members of the community council met with the roads director Jim Canon and Cllr G Campbell to discuss various roads and parking issues in the village. From this meeting it was established that:

- a) Extra bollards at the Cross (Spar) will be installed.
- b) A time limit idea for parking would be too hard to enforce.
- c) A parking survey of the car parks in the village will be conducted in the next few days and a report will be made available to the community council.
- d) The one way street at the bank is often abused and new signage will be installed.
- e) Signage would also be improved.
- f) The roundabout at Canderside Toll will be reconfigures to allow a dedicated slip road to Larkhall to be constructed and lane lines will be painted prior to the end of the financial year

The parking on the yellow zig zag lines at school and the blocking of Naismith court was raised. Parking on the zig zag lines is not a police issue - it's the council's responsibility. Secretary will drop an email to PC Thomson to ask if he can speak to parents at the school about the parking. Action
RF

6.2 **PLANNING**

- None

6.3 **COMMUNITY HALL**

A discussion on the progress (or lack of it) of the new hall. Various members of the public did not believe the building of a new hall would take place. The build was not expected to be complete until 2011

- The priority now has to be to make the existing halls habitable and watertight. Councillors provided a report so far on the halls and advised that a meeting with council officials was planned to discuss the repairs. An intrusive survey was also expected.
- The public hall may be closed down and the decision regarding it is imminent and some decision regarding this would be taken at the meeting planned for the Jan 29th January.
- Councillors anticipated that other facilities in the village will be made available free of charge to existing users.
The new Community Hall application from planning is expected to be no later than March and a possible meeting between elected members and Councillors will hopefully be arranged to discuss this.
- Secretary will write to enterprise resources director regarding budgets for halls Action
RF

Councillor Holman left meeting during these discussions.

6.4 **LOCAL PLAN**

- Nothing to report

6.5 **OTHER ITEMS**

It is anticipated that Stonehouse Primary School rebuild will still go ahead - there is a meeting next week regarding it and G. Campbell will report back. Action
GC

The school heating was functioning but due to asbestos was only accessible by specialist engineers. Repairs would be ongoing.

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7 HEALTH MATTERS

- There is a health board meeting tomorrow.
- W. Mackie read out the results of a survey done.

8 UTILITIES

- 8.1 WATER : No Report
8.2 GAS : No Report
8.3 ELECTRICITY: No Report

9 TRANSPORT

A document has been released re de-regulation of the buses – refer to the Scottish Government website if members of public wish to respond.

10 REPORTS

10.1 ELECTED MEMBERS

Councillor J. Molloy

Reported that the local exam figure released previously were inaccurate due to a pilot scheme in the local secondary school. This report was available from the school council if required

10.2 TREASURER

Reported that the community council has £883 in the bank (£148 remaining from this years budget). Secretary has ink cartridges to purchase All members who had travel expenses were asked to submit an expenses form to treasurer.

11 AOCB

The road running from Union Street to Blackwood was reported as not being gritted in the bad weather and required ditching as did the farm road at Udston. Secretary will drop a note to the roads department. Dumping of rubbish at Yards farm was also reported.

Meeting closed and next meeting will be Monday 16th February 2009