

MINUTES OF MEETING 19TH September 2009

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance		Apologies
	George Smith (Chair)	M Casey	Cllr W Holman
	Robert Craig (Vice chair)	Cllr Campbell	Cllr Filshie
	W Mackie (Treasurer)	Cllr J Malloy	G Haddow
	Robert Freel (Secretary)		
	Ten members of the public and Sgt. D Coultard Strathclyde Police also attended		
	Chair George Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting, advised that minutes and Agendas were available and then proceeded to seek approval of previous minutes.		
2	ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES		
	Minutes were accepted by those present as being a correct record of the August meeting.		
3	POLICE REPORT		
	<p>Sgt D Coultard, the new community Police Sergeant at Larkhall provided details on his policing background which covered the Wishaw area. He then advised that the Larkhall Office had twelve community police, however only ten were available as two officers were on maternity leave.</p> <p>Community Policing was being promoted as an alternative to response policing and is seen as a way of engaging with communities. Local policing priorities are seen as anti social, drug use / dealing, assault and violent crime.</p> <p>A public consultation exercise is taking place to establish the public's main perceptions on priorities for 2010 and a questionnaire was handed out at the meeting. This questionnaire will be issued across all areas / wards.</p> <p>Communication is a big issue and post cards and posters advising phone numbers and contact details were also issued at the meeting.</p> <p>Sgt Coultard also reminded everyone to seek incident numbers when reporting crime. A member of the public asked what number of incidents triggers action by the police however this was not quantifiable. Each incident would be judged on its merits.</p> <p>It was hoped that bike training would be provided shortly and officers would be more visible on their bikes. David Wesencraft was praised for his efforts about the village.</p> <p>Chair thanked Sgt Coultard for attending.</p>		
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	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 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.</p> <p>a) Bollards at Cross. Were being installed and thanks to Cllr Campbell for pursuing</p>		

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	<p>same.</p> <p>b) Secretary advised on a letter he had sent to the Planning office in respect of changes being proposed to the hospital site application and why with the changes to the planning laws we need to ensure that public consultation is not avoided.</p> <p>A number of letters were issued however some had not been responded to yet.</p> <p>Formal complaint forms, secretary has still to find out about these.</p>	RF
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	Action
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>Various issues had been responded to and bollards were currently being fitted at the cross.</p>	
6.2	PLANNING	ACTION
	<p>Planning Aid: New legislation Training.</p> <p>Secretary advised that he attended a training session with Willie Mackie on a Saturday and the event highlighted the changes to the planning laws and the implications on community councils. Large developments over 50 units require pre application consultation exercises with main issue reports having to be drawn up. Additional booklets have been requested and passed to members.</p>	
6.3	COMMUNITY HALLS	ACTION
	A report in the Hamilton Advertiser has resulted in the secretary writing to Alistair McKinnon to establish exactly what was happening and it would appear the report was not quite accurate as the council were moving the projected spend into next years budget.	
6.4	LOCAL PLAN	
	Willie Macke and Secretary (RF) attended a meeting being held at Strathaven and organised by South Lanarkshire to discuss the proposed new Minerals plan. Good meeting but not well attended possibly due to some community councils not being notified.	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W Mackie advised on local surgery statistics for August which indicated that 58 doctors appointments and 60 nurse were missed which resulted in approximately 9 hours of doctor's time. This was also similar to nurse appointments. Some discussion took place on this matter with Cllr Malloy indicating that in some cases the older patients may not have been able to make it to doctor's surgery. • Flu Vaccinations are now available from local surgery. 	
8	UTILITIES	
8.1	WATER : No Report	
8.2	GAS: No Report	
8.3	ELECTRICITY: No Report	
9	TRANSPORT	Action
	No Report	

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10	REPORTS	Action
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS	
	<p>COUNCILLOR G Campbell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Campbell advised on Bollards. • Work will commence at 4/5 the Cross on 28-09-2009 for a week (mainly roof works). <p>COUNCILLOR J Malloy`</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported on the progress of installing a bollard at the entrance of the old graveyard. SLC were investigating who owned the road and will report back to Cllr Malloy • Advised that the flooding of the road at New Street was being investigated. • Advised that the plans for the new Newfield Primary had been discussed with the school board and that plans would be available to view on 7th October 3-6pm. • George smith asked why Newfield had jumped ahead of Stonehouse Primary and was advised it was down to planning of each build. The old Newfield would be used as a decant for Stonehouse primary pupils. • Reported on various fire brigade call out incidents. <p>R Freel advised he was still awaiting feedback on the play area at the Neuk. Cllr Filshie is dealing with this.</p> <p>Various issues in Stonehouse park were raised and Cllr Campbell advised he would again raise this matter.</p>	<p>Cllr Malloy</p> <p>Cllr Filshie</p> <p>Cllr Campbell</p>
10.2	TREASURER	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W Mackie reported that Account balance was £591.58. Annual grant is due to be paid into the bank account. 	
11	AOCB	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pipe fest Molly Casey advised on the event and praised the Leisure and Recreation department of South Lanarkshire council for being extremely helpful. Cleansing department provided bins. The event was well attended despite the weather on the day and the clash of dates with the Scotland football match. • Expenses Secretary advised that he had expenses to claim for the period February to date and this would be submitted in a formal expenses form. • Planning Aid Membership Willie Mackie proposed that the community council join Planning Aid as they provided advice on planning applications and would provide a good resource of planning information. This was agreed by those present. 	
	Meeting closed at 8.50pm, the next meeting will be Monday 19 th October. This will be the AGM followed by an ordinary meeting.	