

MINUTES OF MEETING 18th JANUARY 2010

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	Robert Craig (Vice chair)	M Casey	G Haddow	George Smith (Chair)
	W Mackie (Treasurer)	Cllr Campbell	Cllr Filshie	
	Robert Freel (Secretary)	Cllr W Holman Cllr Malloy		
	Jim Storrar, David Montgomery First Responders, PC's Thomson and O'Neil Five members of the public signed sederunt and four did not.			
	Vice Chair Robert Craig wished all a happy new year and thanked members of public for coming out on such a cold night. He indicated that we would adopt previous minutes, have the police report and this would be followed by a presentation by First Responders. Minutes and Agendas had been made available to all attending.			
2	ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes were accepted by those present as being a correct record of the December meeting.			
3	POLICE REPORT			
	W Mackie updated the meeting on the bi-monthly meeting that he and vice chair attended earlier in the month. The public consultation by the police had resulted in a large number of forms being returned. From an operational point of view it was confirmed that Stonehouse was subject to extra day shift hours cover by local officers working on from 5pm to 9pm and that anti social behaviour had dropped. PC's Thomson and O'Neil entered the meeting at this point. They advised that housebreaking was on the increase especially in Larkhall. The next bi monthly was 5 th February however those present were reminded that a Public consultation meeting was being held on Thursday Night at Stonehouse Primary School, members of public are encouraged to attend. Questions from hall were as follows: How many officers cover Stonehouse : Two Do all calls go thro the call centre: Yes? A member of public asked about identification of local landmarks as he had tried to explain where his farm was and local landmarks were not known. Some discussion on this point followed. Members of public are encouraged to call in incidents and also use crime stoppers as these are recorded and allow local police to view local hot spots.			
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	Most of the business arising will be dealt with under the appropriate headings within the issued agenda.			
5	PRESENTATION BY Jim Storrar First Responders			
	Jim introduced himself and his colleague David Montgomery and advised that there were 8 volunteers in the community who respond to and assist in emergency calls. They do not replace the ambulance service, have been operational since August and have answered one call every 22 hours. Given that an ambulance can take up to 20 minutes the can be on site to assist prior to ambulance arriving. They are a			

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	<p>community organisation recruited and trained by the NHS; some volunteers actually work for NHS. A question was asked if ambulances had Sat Nav and they do not. Local first responders will know area and can assist in guiding ambulance to outlying areas.</p> <p>All equipment and training provided however they are a charity organisation and receive no additional funding. Jim confirmed that they are not paramedics, however they are trained first aiders, can use defibrillators and oxygen however their scope / remit is being looked at with a view to widening it. Their clothing and jackets are provided by NHS and it is only when they have these on are they classed as first responders. If they have not got uniform on they are treated as private citizens. The first responders can offer free training to local groups as Heart Starters they have two members qualified to train. in Heart starting.</p> <p>Willie Mackie advised that he was glad to hear they were available in the community and could provide defibrillator assistance for potential heart attack victims.</p>	
6	STONEHOUSE DEVELOPMENT TRUST	
	<p>Unfortunately Jeff could not attend as he was attending a Trust board meeting being held tonight, however he had provided a written report and programme of work.</p> <p>This was read out at meeting.</p> <p>Comments were made from those present on the duration of the programme which was 26 weeks which appeared as very long as a project of this nature should only take some 12-18 weeks. Some members of public though it would be worthwhile once complete others had reservations. Mrs McKinlay advised that as it was being used as training for local unemployed this could be a reason for the delays. Jeff has indicated that he will be in attendance at the next meeting</p>	
7	CORRESPONDENCE	Action
	<p>A Full list of the previous month's correspondence was issued with agenda. Everyone present was advised that they were welcome to view any of the correspondence. R F advised on the following correspondence.</p> <p>Letters of support had been sent on two old planning applications which had been re-issued due to changes in the Local plan. These were the Football Academy and housing in the field on the opposite side of the road. Letters had been received regards planning gain and maintenance of the AHM park and other areas. Discussion on some of these would be dealt with under each agenda item.</p>	
8	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	Action
8.1	ROADS	
	<p>a) Community council had issued various emails regards the salt and gritting during the cold weather spell. Discussion took place on this matter. It is possible that council will rethink strategy. D Baxter asked about roads that he had previously reported. Secretary advised that these had been submitted to the roads department. Pavements outside the churches were discussed as were roads conditions at Glenburn Av, Strathaven Rd, Sidehead Rd, Lawrie St, Violet Cres, Canderside Toll, Union /St, Newfield, King St, Lockhart St.</p> <p>b) Linthaugh Bridge Road Secretary read our response from bridges engineer, concern was raised that the bridge was not safe. Secretary to follow up, Gavin Haddow a fellow</p>	

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	<p>community council member had also raised a few points on the response.</p> <p>c) Cander Mill Road Bridge Secretary advised that these bridge railings were damaged, the water pipe crossing the bridge had frozen and that water board were currently repairing pipes at the bridge.</p> <p>Secretary to write to Scottish Water. Councillor Malloy had to leave meeting at this point.</p>	
8.2	PLANNING	ACTION
	<p>a) Mrs McKinlay raised concern that the community council were not objecting to the housing development at West Mains. The secretary and vice chair advised the background to this application which went back to 2004 and how it linked to the local plan and Integrated community Hall development. Following an animated discussion the Vice chair intimated that there was nothing to stop the residents in this area objecting to the applications.</p>	
6.3	COMMUNITY HALLS	Action
	<p>Tender return has been delayed due to weather and tenderers not being able to contact their suppliers. It is anticipated that the two week slip will be pulled back at a later stage in the project. The community council were concerned at the anticipated programme and will question it when tenders have been evaluated. date.</p>	
6.4	LOCAL PLAN	Action
	No Report	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	Action
	<p>W Mackie provided an overview of the areas that the NHS were targeting for savings to be made. This included consolidating the number of different uniforms being used. Mr Mackie provided details on the new uniform colours. The joint board was meeting on the 28th January to discuss savings.</p> <p>Doctors and nurse missed appointments were discussed in relation to the whole of the area and whilst Stonehouse was not as bad as some areas it was still an area of concern.</p>	
8	UTILITIES	Action
8.1	WATER : No Report	
8.2	GAS: No Report	
8.3	ELECTRICITY: No Report	
9	TRANSPORT	Action
	No time for reports.	
10	REPORTS	Action
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS	

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	COUNCILLORS G Campbell & W Holman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No time for this element, although local members contributed to the debates on various agenda items. 	
10.2	TREASURER	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No time for report, will be discussed at next meeting. Current Balance is 1071.24 	
11	AOCB	Action
	A question on the NHS over 50 bowel testing was asked. W Mackie advised that it was linked to year of birth	
	Meeting closed at 9.20pm, the next meeting will be Monday 15 th February 2010 in the Public Institute Stonehouse commencing at 7.30pm	