

<p>STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (www.community-council.org.uk/stonehousecommunitycouncil) Chairman: George Smith, 6 Naismith Court, Stonehouse. Email: georgepm244@aol.com Secretary: Robert Freel, 75 Lockhart Street, Stonehouse. Email: robfreel@btinternet.com</p>

**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 18th OCTOBER 2010**

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance		Apologies
	George Smith (GS) Chair	Robert Freel (RF) (Secretary)	W Mackie (Treasurer)
	G Haddow (GH)	Cllr Holman	Robert Craig (Vice Chair)
	Cllr Filshie	Cllr Malloy	Cllr G Campbell
	Two Community Police Officers and 11 members of public in attendance.		
	Chairman G Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that two new Community Police Officers had arrived at 7.00pm and hoped to return for the meeting.		
	Chair asked if any further apologies had been received and proceeded to the agenda.		
	The two Community Police Officers arrived back at this point and Chair advised that the Police report would be taken to allow officers to get back on the beat.		
2	Police Report		
	<p>One of the Community Police Officers introduced himself as PC David Dewar and said that he would be covering Stonehouse as part of his designated area. PC Dewar further advised that with the changes in the Community Policing Strategy, an additional 80 Community Police Officers were being used within the division. Seven Community Police Officers would be covering a rota which included Stonehouse. PC Dewar advised there had been no increase of crimes in any areas however advised that the old Hospital ground was becoming a problem area with youths setting fires. An action plan was being put together to tackle this area.</p> <p>The Community Council will write to the Planning and to the Hospital on this matter.</p> <p><u>Chair asked for any questions from those present:</u></p> <p>A member of public stated that the youths had no respect (for the Police), as they appeared to be targeted with "stop and search" and that no relationship existed between Police and the Community, especially the younger element.</p> <p>PC Dewar explained the Police Policy in brief on this and that this "stop & search" strategy was employed only when it was felt necessary.</p> <p>On a question about under age drinking it was stated that older youths were buying and it was not necessarily being bought in the village. Violet Crescent was reported as still being a problem area with youths congregating and causing a problem to local householders. Residents in this area were asked to continue phoning the Police as this would flag the area as a problem area.</p> <p>The possibility of a hot food take away at Violet Crescent was raised and it was discussed that if this were to go ahead that the situation with anti-social behaviour would only get worse (as it would serve as a place for youths to congregate).</p> <p>The Police were asked if they would be commenting on this application due to the problems being experienced & reported in this area, to which the Chair advised that this would be discussed under planning.</p> <p>No more questions received and Police Officers left the meeting.</p>		
	Chair & Sect.		
3	Previous Minutes		
	The Minutes were accepted by those present as being a correct record of the last meeting.		
	Note.		

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4	Business Arising From the Previous Minutes	Action
	<p>The Meeting regarding the future of the library had not been held due to difficulty in arranging a suitable date. The Chair agreed to circulate range of dates for a Sunday meeting.</p> <p><u>Post-meeting note: Sunday 21st November 2010 (11:00 hrs), agreed as the meeting date at Stonehouse Hospital.</u></p>	<p>GS</p> <p>Note.</p>
5	Correspondence	Action
	<p>A list of correspondence for the previous month was issued with the Agenda. Everyone present was advised that all correspondence was available for inspection and questioning. A brief overview of some of the correspondence was provided by the secretary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter advising that Black Bull had been granted a licence. • Letter from SLC education received regards School consultations Wednesday meeting cancelled. • Dovesdale two store office extension granted. • Disabled Car parking bays were to be enforced however the current order only included Tilework Park. If no objections Secretary advised he would write to ask if Coop Car-park and bay at Spar were already covered or had been missed. <p>Questions were asked about the Black Bull as it was rumoured that someone else other than the applicant was now taking it over. CC will investigate. Local Cllrs stated that a change would have to be made at the next licensing board meeting. Chair advised that other correspondence would be discussed under agenda headings.</p>	<p>Note.</p> <p>Sept.</p>
6	South Lanarkshire Council	
6.1	<p>ROADS Street lighting at Muirhead was raised as an issue as power had been lost the previous week. Patching at Glenburn was not good and Violet Crescent at the shops required some work. The Chair advised that these areas had been passed onto SLC and were linked to School Modernisation Works.</p>	
6.2	<p>PLANNING The planning application for change of use at Violet Crescent was discussed. The Secretary advised that he had submitted an objection to SLC on this matter. Individual letters of objection were to be encouraged as opposed to a petition and a member of the public said that over 150 Objections had been submitted by local residents on this application. Some general discussion on this issue ensued. Cllrs were asked if the ward numbering issue had been sorted, to which it was reported that is a common error.</p>	
6.3	<p>EDUCATION/ SCHOOLS Cllr Malloy advised they did not know about the recent reports about the budget and that they had boycotted the Chief Executives meeting regarding the budget. An executive meeting has been agreed for Wednesday and it was expected that a proposal would be put forward to continue with the schools modernisation programme. The meeting planned for Wednesday at the school had been cancelled. The Secretary advised that he had to write to SLC to establish this and that the communication on this matter was deplorable. Residents in the area also raised their concerns that they were not being kept informed & it appeared it was only parents of school pupils.</p>	

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6.4	<p>ICF and EXISTING HALLS</p> <p>Currently 5 weeks behind due to steel delivery problems, although thought that this would be made up during the Construction Phase.</p> <p>The Community Council will continue to attend progress meetings and report back. Chair has written to SLC concerning Institute roof repairs.</p> <p>Secretary has written to both schools concerning input for a time capsule to be buried at the new site. If any members of the public have ideas then they should put them forward.</p> <p>Suggested that a record of local organisation be drawn up and recorded.</p>	<p>Note.</p> <p>SCC.</p> <p>Note.</p> <p>Note.</p> <p>Note.</p>
7	<p>Health</p> <p>No Report, although chair and Secretary will write about the Hospital ground.</p>	Note.
8	<p>Utilities</p> <p>Electricity: Chair reported that he had been contacted by Scottish Power who would be carrying out work on Camnethan Street. Overhead being transferred to underground</p>	
9	<p>Transport</p> <p>No matters raised</p>	
10	<p>Reports</p>	
10.1	<p>ELECTED MEMBERS</p> <p>Nothing further than the School consultation was discussed.</p> <p>TREASURER</p> <p>No report, W Mackie still in hospital.</p>	<p>Note.</p> <p>Note.</p>
11	<p>AOCB</p> <p>No other issues raised and it was noted that the next meeting would be the AGM followed by the normal monthly meeting.</p> <p align="center"><u>Meeting will be held on 15th November at Public Institute 7.30pm.</u></p>	<p>Note.</p> <p><u>Note.</u></p>