

MINUTES OF MEETING 19th APRIL 2010

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	Robert Craig (Vice chair)	Robert Freel (Secretary)	George Smith (Chair)	W Mackie (Treasurer)
	M Casey	M Hannah	G Haddow	Cllr Holman
	Cllr Filshie	PC D Wesencraft		
	Cllr Campbell	Cllr J Malloy		
	Seventeen Members of Public, (K ~Weir arrived after meeting started.)			
	<p>Vice Chair Robert Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for apologies. Apologies received from G Smith, W Mackie, and Cllr Holman.</p> <p>All minutes and Agendas had been made available outside the meeting room prior to start of the meeting.</p> <p>Chair advised that Treasurer was currently in hospital having suffered a heart attack. He wished him a speedy recovery.</p>			
2	ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes were accepted by those present as being a correct record of the March meeting.			
3	POLICE REPORT			
	<p>PC Wesencraft (who was on a day off) introduced himself to those in attendance He stated that he was the community police officer for Stonehouse was generally about the village on his bike and was very approachable. He offered his best wishes to Willie Mackie and hoped he had a speedy recovery.</p> <p>Incident Reports:</p> <p>PC Wesencraft advised that there were no unusual occurrences. Some new events had occurred and these may be associated with longer daylight hours. Problems were still being encountered with youths at the Cross and assisting with a presence on cash deliveries. A number of disorder incidents had occurred with items like bins and plastic bread baskets being removed from premises and set alight in the public park. Unfortunately by the time they are reported and police arrive the bins etc have been destroyed. PC Wesencraft advised he had attended a fire call on every shift. Some instances of children causing a disturbance in library have been reported</p> <p>New community Garden</p> <p>Gardens open on 01-05-2010 and an action plan has been put together to deal with patrols and incidents however this will be dependant on police resources. Officers will be dedicated to village following opening of gardens.</p> <p>Reporting of Incidents</p> <p>Members of public were encouraged to report items on a confidential manner to PC Wesencraft.</p> <p>Underage Drinking</p> <p>The proprietor of a local restaurant asked what the police were doing with regards curbing underage drinking and where it was coming from. Police advised that drink was coming from various areas, some were supplied by parents, and others were supplied by older people buying it for them. Police have to deal with the situation as</p>			

	they find it.	
	<p>I.e. if an older person is in the company of underage persons and they suspect alcohol is being provided to those underage police can confiscate the alcohol. This can cause problems for licence holders as they are selling legitimately to persons who are off age but do not know its being passed onto younger persons.</p> <p>Shopkeepers need to be aware how many times they are selling to the one person. PC Wesencraft also reported that they had recently removed 14 litres of cider and 20 litres of lager from under aged drinkers. Police need to be provided with good information as shops don't knowingly sell to underage youths.</p> <p>A member of public asked what the penalties are for buying alcohol for underage youths. Youths caught buying will be taken to Hamilton where a decision by booking officer and procurator fiscal will be made.</p> <p>K Weir advised that he had passed information onto the police regards a person buying drink on behalf of minors.</p>	
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	Action
	Vice Chair advised that most of the business arising will be dealt with under the appropriate headings within the issued agenda.	
6	CORRESPONDENCE	Action
	<p>A Full list of correspondence for the previous month was issued with the agenda. Everyone present was advised that all correspondence is available for inspection. R F advised on the following correspondence.</p> <p>a) Planning Gain correspondence from chief Executive. Money was not misappropriated and was available to spend. Elected members would be consulted.</p> <p>b) Local Plan Minerals development documentation was received and would be available in libraries. Secretary will copy onto discs and issue to community council members.</p> <p>c) Notice from SLC planning that Hospital site had been granted permission to vary conditions.</p>	<p>Sect.</p>
7	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	Action
7.1	ROADS	
	<p>a) Cllr Campbell, Cllr Malloy advised that the list produced by the community council had been passed to the roads department and SLC roads officials were currently investigating and surveying the repair list. Feed back was expected within the next two weeks. Questions were asked if Vicars road and Glenburn Avenue as well as Murray Drive were included. These were included</p> <p>b) Members of the public who stayed in the Muirhead area voiced concerns that the road management between Muirhead and Udston mill road was not working, no consultation had been received and that when communication had been received from SLC it conflicted with the contractor (Bovis) information. A generic one way could be considered. Community council suggested that residents should seek a Stakeholders group and to meet monthly. Elected members may be able to assist with this and were asked to look into it. Questions were asked if school had been informed of road developments. Cllr Filshie confirmed yes they had.</p>	<p>Cllrs Campbell & Malloy</p> <p>Cllrs Campbell Malloy & Filshie</p>

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	c) Complaints had been received about the safety of pedestrians at the Bus Shelter which had been located on A71 at entrance to violet Crescent but moved further east on A71. Cllr Filshie will investigate and community council will request a safety audit. Contact at SLC is M Halligan	Cllr Filshie & Sect.
7.2	PLANNING	ACTION
	a) Planning Gain letter was discussed under correspondence. Mineral Plan documentation was discussed and the importance of having input. Sect will issue copies to CC members . Members of public encouraged to read and make comment on same.	
7.3	COMMUNITY HALLS	Action
	<p>New ICF Award letter being issued by 26th April. Secretary to follow up regards stakeholders group.</p> <p>Existing Halls David Carmichael indicated that his daughter Heather ran the school of dance and that they had received less than 14 days notice of new charges. The new hall charges affect the full community and that whilst the dance school had moved to the church hall this would be a loss of income to SLC Halls. Mr W Scanlon advised that "A" The Airts Burns Club were also moving to the Masonic hall. General discussion on the affects of the new charges continued and covered the possible reduced numbers hiring the hall and the way this could be used to reflect a total hall closure. Smaller clubs could fold in they were expected to pay these new costs. The differing rates were also discussed with no clear indication of how they were applied... Pr-5 Non commercial was also raised and the question of the definition of Non commercial was requested. If groups were charged the wrong rate would they receive rebates? K Weir advised that groups should register as a charity and obtain status, Discussion on the cost of obtaining charity status and Mr Weir advised he was willing to assist groups financially to obtain this.</p> <p>Secretary asked to write to SLC to obtain details of groups hiring halls their category of let etc. A petition will be raised and issued to local shopsfor completion by members of the public.</p> <p>Discussion also took place on the automated booking process and how it was not working</p>	Sect. RF
7.4	LOCAL PLAN	Action
	Nothing to Report	
8	HEALTH MATTERS	Action
	No report in W Mackie's absence.	
9	UTILITIES	Action
9.1	WATER: Water leak was reported at Vickers road. Secretary to report same	Sect.
9.2	GAS: No Report	
9.3	ELECTRICI TY: No Report	
10	TRANSPORT	Action
	No Report.	
10	REPORTS	Action
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS	
	a) Roads issues as per report under roads	

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10.2	TREASURER	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	
11	AOCB	Action
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A question was asked regards the demolition of the building at the Cross. Building was unsafe. Demolition order was in place and the owner Mr Weir advised that he will ensure adjoining buildings is structurally sound. 2) The owner of Mias Bistro advised that he provided jobs 3 full time and 3 part time jobs within the village, and was losing £1500 per week. He worked an estimated 130 hours per week working from 8.00am to after 1.00 pm in morning. All he was looking for was a variation to his licence to add takeaway. He has currently spent £60,000 in renovation work. He has withdrawn his application as the community council's objection to his application could lose him his application fee. He was seeking the community councils backing. He has trained staff in Liquor licence and does not sell to underage drinkers. Vice Chair stated that the community council members would have to discuss this as a group. 3) It was reported that the sewage pumping station at Roger court / Kane Place was not working to full potential and that overflows had been reported to SEPA. 	Sect
	Meeting closed at 9.10, the next meeting will be Monday 17th May 2010 at Public Institute	

Note:
Following the end of the meeting the proprietor of Mias Bistro appealed to the vice Chair to hear him out regards his premises. Members were advised that he was seeking to sell or lease the premises and that he was in financial difficulty at present and the take away licence would assist in rectifying the situation. Vice chair re-emphasised that the full membership would have to discuss same.

Post Meeting Note:
New meeting date has been arranged due to apologies from committee members: Next meeting will be Monday 21st June 2010 at the public Institute