

**MINUTES OF MEETING: 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2010**

Item			
-	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>		
	<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	George Smith (Chair)	Robert Freel (Secretary)	Cllr Holman  W Mackie (Treasurer)
	Robert Craig (Vice chair)	M Hannah	
	M Casey	2 Local Police constables	
	Cllr Campbell	G Haddow	
	Cllr J Malloy		
	<p>Chair George Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Alistair McKinnon from South Lanarkshire Council. Alistair is the Project Manager for the new Integrated Community Facility (new Community Hall), and will provide the community with an update on the progress so far.</p> <p>🚩 Apologise received from Willie Mackie who was back in hospital.</p>		
1	<b>COMMUNITY HALL UPDATE</b>		
	<p>Alistair intimated that members of the Community Council met as a Stakeholders group the previous week to discuss aspects of the new build and to understand the process. The group would feedback any concerns at their regular meetings. Alistair provided six boards which comprised a mix of 3d images and views of the new hall which he would speak about.</p> <p>This type of build is based on a standard design that SLC has adopted, and whilst each differ in their own rights they follow a layout and hopefully they have improved on items from previous hall builds. The budget for this hall is 6.5 million pounds. Stonehouse is no exception to the others in that it will have wide corridors, lots of Glass to give natural lighting, and will comprise a number of multi rooms as well as a main hall and stage that can be divided into four separate areas. Rooms will be able to be used by local groups and social work will also have a number of rooms from 9.00 am till 4 pm. Social work rooms with the exception to a sensory room will be able to be used after hours.</p> <p>A café –Starbucks and dining facility will be made available as well as a production kitchen.</p> <p>A community garden will be built to the rear and will be accessible by café users; A secured children's play area is also planned. This will be available to children's groups as well as social work.</p> <p>The planned build time is 78 weeks and it is due to open early 2012. Site progress meetings are regular and bi-monthly meetings will be held with stakeholders. Newsletters with progress and updates will be circulated locally. All interior finishes have to be agreed. The garden design will look at landscape management issues, the name has not been agreed however at present it's called Stonehouse Integrated community facility. The official address is 2 Udston mill road and a name may be agreed next year.</p> <p>All existing hall users will be spoken to next year 3-6 months before opening to establish if they will be moving to the new hall. It is anticipated that a time capsule will be placed in the gardens and perhaps a stained glass window may be built into the facility depicting areas of Stonehouse. An area will have wi-fi and pc's for members of the public to use.</p>		

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	<p>Chair opened meeting up to questions from those present:</p> <p><u>Questions coming forward from the floor were;</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) What is the hall size and how many will it seat? A) The large hall could seat up to 300 depending on the configuration.</li><li>2) Will parking be sufficient? A) Yes it is anticipated to be ok, if and when the adjoining facility is built the shared car parking space can be utilised.</li><li>3) Will prices be reviewed? A) It is unlikely as the Council is currently standardising prices across South Lanarkshire.</li><li>4) J Young asked about foundation stone and incorporating children's views of Stonehouse into the time capsule, perhaps depicting life as it is today.</li><li>5) What will happen to existing halls? A) Disposal, however the Community Council have always intimated that one of the options they would like to see is the library moving to the Public Institute and they would continue to pursue this.</li><li>6) Will organisations be able to run their own bar or kitchen areas? A) This was still to be discussed at management operations.</li><li>7) Are Senior Citizens moving up? A) Unknown at present as they have previously intimated that they will not move.</li></ol> <p>Future presentations will include pictures of the build as it takes place.</p> <p>George thanked Alistair for attending.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
	<p>PC Colin Thompson introduced himself and outlined the outcome' from the recent Community Plan which was based on questionnaires issued in Stonehouse and the surrounding areas. Additional support has been received from mounted police and off road bikes.</p> <p>Underage drinking is still a problem however it appears that alcohol is being purchased outwith the area and brought in. Members of public are still being encouraged to report any incidents as this helps pull in additional resources. Some cars have been broken into as well as vandalised with paint.</p> <p>A member of public advised that they had problems calling in, to which PC Thompson conveyed that although all calls go through to a Call-centre, they should be dealt with properly.</p> <p>Parking in the disabled bay at SPAR (by non-disabled/non-permitted), was raised and PC Thompson conveyed that this is an area for the traffic wardens to police. Police were asked to look at area behind public toilets (drinking site for youths), St Ninians Church (Vandalism and youths climbing on the roof), as well as parking on pavements opposite the Co-op. Some discussion followed on pavement parking and when police would get involved, which was explained by PC Thompson.</p> <p>Speeding on Hill Road and Lawrie street was reported. Two officers currently covering Stonehouse however the local area will receive an increase in officers.</p> <p>Chairman thanked officers for attending.</p>	

<b>3</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
	Minutes were accepted by those present as being a correct record of the last meeting.	
<b>4</b>	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Chair advised that most of the business arising will be dealt with under the appropriate headings within the issued agenda.	
<b>5</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<b>Action</b>
	A list of correspondence for the previous month was issued with the agenda. Everyone present was advised that all correspondence is available for inspection. A brief overview of correspondence was provided.	
<b>6</b>	<b>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL</b>	<b>Action</b>
6.1	<b>ROADS</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Complaint was received on the recent road closures however was felt that the disruption was a necessary evil to enable road to be repaired.</li> <li>b) Pavements and Strathaven road had still to be finished, but it was felt that this was taking some time to complete.</li> <li>c) Complaints were received regards pot holes not being sealed, temporary repairs and that Violet crescent was in need of repair. The elected members and the Community Council had met to put forward a list of roads requiring repair and Violet Crescent was one of them. However this list has to be prioritised in line with other works.</li> <li>d) Trunk Road repairs are covered by Scottish Government.</li> <li>e) New street parking and traffic priority was raised again. Chair advised the history of this problem and advised that they would try and pursue again.</li> <li>f) Secretary will again write to Andrew Martucci regards speed chicanes and Canderside toll.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr's Campbell &amp; Malloy</p> <p>Cllr's Campbell Malloy &amp; Filshie</p> <p>R.Freel</p>
<b>6.2</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <u>Waste Incinerator</u> - Community Council's objection has been submitted.</li> <li>b) SEPA have also objected to the application, as have SNH and MSP's Karen Gillen, Aileen Campbell &amp; Jim Hume, as well as over 25,000 members of the surrounding Communities. <u>It's now a waiting game on the decision.</u></li> </ul>	
6.3	<b>COMMUNITY HALLS</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>New ICF</b> Discussed at start of meeting.</p>	
6.4	<b>EDUCATION / SCHOOLS</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Reported that September will be the deadline for report on what will happen with schools. A consultation process may take place.	
<b>7</b>	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	<b>Action</b>
	No report in W. Mackie's absence, however as discussed previously concern that NHS priorities will remove radiology and concentrate in other areas due to reduced usage at Stonehouse primary because it does not have A&E.	
<b>8</b>	<b>UTILITIES</b>	<b>Action</b>
8.1	WATER: No Report	Sect.
8.2	GAS: No Report	
8.3	ELECTRICITY: No Report	
<b>9</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>Action</b>
	No Report.	

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<b>10</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>	<b>Action</b>
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS	
	a) Cllr Campbell is following up on library figures. b) Cllr Malloy attending a meeting regards health he will report at next meeting.	Cllr G.C. Cllr J.M.
10.2	<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No report.</li></ul>	
<b>11</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	<b>Action</b>
	1) Community Council will try and set up meeting with elected members to discuss library and existing halls. 2) Transfer of libraries and halls to leisure trust was also discussed. There is a need to set up a meeting with Gerry Campbell of SLC to talk about halls and libraries.	R.Freel. R.Freel.
	Meeting closed at 9.10.  The next meeting will be Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September at Public Institute at 7.30p.m.	