

**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 HELD ON MONDAY 28th JUNE 2010**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	George Smith (GS) Chair	Robert Freel (RF) (Secretary)	W Mackie (Treasurer)	Cllr G Campbell
	Robert Craig (Vice Chair)	M Casey (MC)	Cllr Filshie	Strathclyde Police
	G Haddow (GH)	M Hannay		
	Cllr Holman			
	Twelve members of the Public			
	<p>Chairman advised that meeting was called primarily to discuss the following agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newfield Primary • New Integrated community Facility • Residential Development • Existing Halls • AOCB 			
2	Newfield Primary School			
	<p>The building of the new Newfield primary school was halted and Chair asked Councillor Holman to provide an update.</p> <p>Cllr Holman advised that no new information available, the outcome of a current review will not be known until September and it is not known if any decision will be made by the full council. Currently five schools in ward five are affected. The SNP group has met and discussed but nothing has been put forward by the Labour Party. The current major capital commitments are still schools and roads.</p> <p>A general discussion on the 2010-2011 schools capital budget and questions were asked why they did not have the money if it was already committed.</p> <p>A member of the public asked how parents could make their feelings known. Chairman advised that every parent should write to Larry Forde who was head of education at SLC.</p> <p>Criticism was levelled at SLC on how the news of this project being stopped was communicated to parents, the community council were never informed nor were residents who stay around the school.</p> <p>Mr Carmichael advised that he had been told by the contractor that they were within Days of delivering the structure steelwork, the foundations had been filled back in again. It was felt that this stoppage will affect the eventual cost. It is not known what the review will cover however it was speculated that it could look at combining the two Stonehouse Primary schools...</p>			

	<p>Vice chair Robert Craig outlined his understanding of the way SLC budgets work. A question on why the ICF was continuing and the school was not. The community council advised that the ICF was a separate budget that had been ring fenced for this project. Councillor Holman was asked who was on the review team and if any outside consultants were involved. No consultants involved only SLC officers.</p> <p>Chair summed up by encouraging residents and parents to write to Larry Forde as well as their MSP to raise concerns about the lack of funding.</p> <p>A final question was asked of Cllr Holman regards attendance at parent council meetings as it was thought elected members could not attend. Cllr Holman advised that they can attend and if secretary wrote to him enclosing details of the next meeting he would advise on his availability.</p>	
3	Integrated Community Facility (ICF)	
	<p>Chairman advised that both he and the Vice chair visited Carluke ICF with a view to establishing how it operates and what facilities it provides. Attending from SLC were Cameron Barr, Alasdair McKinnon. The community council were involved as stakeholders and would meet on a regular basis with the SLC team responsible for delivering this project.</p> <p>The August meeting would be used by the team to provide a presentation on the project and hopefully provide some 3D images</p> <p>Chair advised that it will have Wi-Fi, café and it was hoped that they will involve the schools in designing either stain glass windows or producing items for inclusion in a time capsule to be laid into the foundations.</p> <p>George smith advised those present if any roads problems arise to contact a member of the community council who will raise the issue with the project team.</p>	
4	Residential Development (46 Units)	Action
	<p>Secretary advised that he had received pre-planning notification and drawings for a 46 unit development next to Whinnrigs. A public exhibition would be taking place on Wednesday 7th July in Public Institute.</p> <p>An outline planning permission already existed for this development, however the community council will be making observations on the application which will cover the following:</p> <p>Community gain; Affordable Housing; Water & sewage; Maintenance of Play area; Impact on schools.</p> <p>Drawings were set out and members of public examined drawings and sought clarification on the exact area.</p>	
5	Existing Halls	Action
	<p>Chair advised that it was the community council's intention to fight to ensure that at least one hall was retained, with the possibility of moving the library from the cross. This idea has already been raised with SLC education at least a year before. SLC plans exist to close both halls and sell them off. The fall back to this would be to try and incorporate a library in the Stonehouse primary school build.</p>	

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6	AOCB	
	<p>Gary Jamieson; Chair advised that he had been approached by Mrs Mcinnes the mother-in law of Sergeant Gary Jamieson who had been seriously injured in Helmand was returning home on 2nd July. Mrs McInnes was referred to the community council as a local councillor advised that they would be better placed to help than the council. Chair had issued an email to cc members and Willie Mackie had telephoned a number of his contacts including Adam Ingram (ex armed forces minister) and MP Michael McCann. From this initial contact chairs and bunting were organised and a welcome home party was being planned. George asked that any who had time available on Saturday to go and show their support. He was due to be in Stonehouse about 2.30pm.</p> <p>Scotgen: Waste treatment Plant Chair advised that our MSP Karen Gillon had met with Scotgen although not much more information was available. Secretary has also written to the other MSP seeking their support. Chair advised that this application when it was made could in theory go to a full planning committee or if rejected could be appealed to the Scottish government. The Action group were organising a meeting on the 14th either at church or school hall and discussions would centre on the various sub committees formed.</p> <p>Website Secretary had started to build a website which was currently free, however for a cost of 24.99 more functionality would be made available. Agreed to take this out. Main concentration has been on putting on the minutes and planning applications. Can be accessed by the following. http://www.community-council.org.uk/StonehouseCommunityCouncil/ Mr Carmichael offered to assist with this on his return from holiday.</p> <p>Generally no meeting held in July next meeting scheduled for Monday 16th August although if any urgent matters arising meeting dates will be posted locally generally in the public notices at the cross or library.</p>	