

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON:
MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2011**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	George Smith (Chair)	Robert Craig (Vice chair)	Cllr Holman	W Mackie (Treasurer)
	Robert Freel (Secretary)	G Haddow		
	M Casey			
	Cllrs, Campbell, Filshie & Malloy, Police Sergeant Elaine Sutherland two constables and five members of the public were in attendance .			
	Chair George Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked police for being in attendance. Scottish water were due to attend to provide a report on the work at the local waste treatment plant however Mr Maclean had not arrived. Chair intimated that we would bring the Police report to the top of the agenda which would allow them to leave as soon as they had finished.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	Sergeant Elaine Sutherland introduced herself and the two accompanying PC 's David Dewars and Karen Colquohn. Elaine covered all wards and was based in Blantyre but was in charge of the community police officers covering Stonehouse. A brief overview of the crime statistics was provided for December up to the date of meeting. 45 crime reports had been filed majority were vandalism. An action plan had been put in place to cover Violet Crescent, instigate some stop searches. PC David Dewars was the main contact for vandalism information reporting. 200 calls had been logged from 1 st December 2010 these covered road accidents, thefts of shoplifting and disturbances. Police were taking a pro-active approach and were actively seeking information from the community on the vandalism. Police contact details (email address and phone numbers) did not appear to have been sent. Community council to contact Andy Munro. Questions from members of the public and community council were answered by police.			Sect.
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	Minutes were accepted by those present as being a correct record of the December with one exception advised by email from Cllr Holman that Cllr Campbell was present and apology had been submitted by Cllr Holman.			
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	Chair advised that most of the business arising will be dealt with under the appropriate headings within the issued agenda.			
5	CORRESPONDENCE			Action
	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.			

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6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	Action
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>It was felt that the gritting operations carried out by SLC over the previous 4-6 weeks were a vast improvement on last year and that the community council should write too Colin MacDowell to advise this. Questions were asked of the local members about road repairs and priorities. Following discussion two members of public (Andrew Clark and D Hannay) offered to walk local roads and report pot holes to the community council. Suggested that once this was done the cc write to roads department and get a representative from roads to confirm repair list</p> <p>Discussion on traffic volumes and recent measuring of volume at Cander Bridge. Secretary to write to Transport Scotland to obtain figures on volume</p>	RF AC/DH
6.2	PLANNING	ACTION
	Discussion took place on the Scotgen / Dovesdale application and speculation if pre-determination meeting would go ahead on rumoured date of 8 th February 2011. Agreed that Secretary contact Planning Aid to establish rules or guidelines on committee procedures.	
6.3	COMMUNITY HALLS	Action
	Meeting date to be confirmed although planned site visit date could not be met by CC representative. Date provisionally set for 18th February 2011	
6.4	LOCAL PLAN	Action
	No Report,	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	Action
	Secretary advised on the response from SLC Planning to letter from CC requesting details on whose name the hospital application was under. CC to follow up on this email.	Sect.
8	UTILITIES	Action
8.1	<p>WATER : Scottish Water were supposed to attend however had not arrived.</p> <p>Post meeting Note: Email advising that Mr Maclean was caught in traffic on the M8 and would attend next meeting if this was ok.</p>	
8.2	<p>GAS: An email was sent to SGN seeking an update on any work planned for the area.</p>	
8.3	ELECTRICITY: No Report	
9	TRANSPORT	Action
	No Report	
10	REPORTS	Action
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS	
	COUNCILLOR G Campbell	

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	Cllr Campbell reported on possible budget cuts however these had not been agreed and was subject to a meeting of the council. Discussion took place on some of the reported initiatives.	
10.2	TREASURER	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">R Freel reported that the laptop and software had been purchased to replace the old laptop. Secretary asked members to present any expenses for travel to meetings or other expenditure on expenses form before end of March.	RF
11	AOCB	Action
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Snow clearing. Chair intimated that we should commend SLC for doing a good job during the recent cold snap. Grit bins had been kept full and were replenished when advised	
	Meeting closed at 9.00pm, the next meeting will be Monday 21 st February 2011. Public Institute 7.30.	