

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON:
MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2011**

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance		Apologies
	George Smith (Chair)	Robert Craig (Vice chair)	W Mackie (Treasurer)
	M Casey	G Haddow	
	Cllrs, Campbell, Filshie, Holman & Malloy, Police Constables Allan & Livingston and 10 members of public were also in attendance .		
	Chair G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated that there would be presentations from Banks Group in relation to the Kypeside Wind Farm and South Lanarkshire Council in relation to the proposed move of the library to the new ICF.		
2	POLICE REPORT		Action
	Constable Tracy Allan reported the latest crime figures. There was a rise in the figures relating to public disorder and common assaults. The community police officers were giving as much attention as possible to Stonehouse to combat problems. The incidents of drinking in the Alexander Hamilton Park were highlighted, and in the environs of St. Ninian's church. It was also reported that equipment had been stolen from the youth club operating in the Institute. The constable reported that staffing levels in the area had been improved. The Chair thanked the Officer for her report.		
3	PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	Minutes were accepted by those present as being a correct record of the February meeting.		
4	BANKS DEVELOPMENT		Action
	<p>A presentation was given to the meeting by Colin Anderson, Managing Director and Gordon Thomson, Project Manager relating to the proposed wind farm development at Kype Muir.</p> <p>Following initial public consultation Banks had decided to reduce the number of wind turbines from 48 to 26. They stressed their desire to consult fully with all the communities involved, and they were proposing to hold a series of exhibitions in various venues in April to make the public aware of their plans. The intention was to submit a planning application in the near future and the community councils involved would be asked by SLC for their views. Some disruption would be caused to communities by the movement of equipment to the site and Banks undertook to consult closely with the Community Council on the best way to minimise the impact of this activity. They also spoke of the funding which could be available for community projects over the life of the project and how best such funding could be managed. The view was expressed that a Trust, comprising members of the CCs involved and other interested parties, might be the best way to manage this process. SLC have a renewable energy fund and discussion took place as to how the proceeds from this fund might be allocated. The establishment of a stakeholder group was also raised and the Banks representatives agreed that they would look to discuss these issues in more detail with the CC. It was agreed that the CC would look to supporting the</p>		

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	application.	
5	ICF LIBRARY	
	Cameron Barr and Diana Barr from SLC gave a presentation on the progress of the new building and specifically the proposal to house the Public Library in the ICF. The building work was on time and it was hoped that it would open very early in the new year. There was a "mock up" of how the library could look, and it was reported that a public exhibition would be held on Wednesday in the Primary School. The proposed library would have at least six computer stations and be wi-fi enabled. During the discussion that followed the meeting was reminded that if the library moved 4/5 The Cross would remain. The new library would be far bigger than the existing premises and school classes would be able to use it during the day. It was agreed that the proposal to move the library be accepted. The Chair thanked the Cllrs for their support on this issue, in particular Cllr Campbell	
6	CORRESPONDENCE	Action
	The CC had written to the Chief Executive of SLC regarding the Scotgen Planning Application and a reply had been received from Head of Planning. The Chair indicated that in light of the reply we would move to the next stage of the process in raising our concerns relation to the application.	
7	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	Action
7.1	ROADS It was reported that following representation from the CC we had now been advised the Lintaugh Bridge would reopen on Thursday 25 th March. An email from Alan Cunningham, SLC responding to concerns raised about the condition of the roads in the village indicated that some work had been done to carry out necessary repairs. More permanent repairs would be carried out when weather permitted.	
8	HEALTH MATTERS	Action
	No Report	
8	UTILITIES	Action
8.1	WATER : The response from Scottish Water to issues raised at the last meeting was reported.	
8.2	Gas: No Report	
8.3	Electricity : No Report,	
9	TRANSPORT	Action
	No Report	
10	REPORTS	Action
10.1	Elected Members	
	No Report,	
10.2	TREASURER	Action
	No Report	

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11	AOCB	Action
	<p>The amount of litter in the Alexander Hamilton park was raised. Cllr Holman, commenting on the discussion at the last meeting re the facing of the partially demolished building at the Cross, stated that while there had been a problem with previous plans relating to developments at the Cross the plans relating to proposals to face the partially demolished building had not been lost.</p> <p>The issue of the Public Hall, and the problems being faced by the existing tenants was raised.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed , the next meeting will be Monday 18TH April 2011. Public Institute 7.30.</p>	