

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2011**

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance		Apologies
	G. Smith	R. Craig	W. Mackie
	M. Casey	G.Haddow	Cllr Holman
	Cllrs Campbell, Filshie, Malloy and 14 members of the public were in attendance. Margaret McCulloch MSP also attended. Chair George Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2	POLICE REPORT		Action
	No police officers attended. The Chair agreed to raise this with Inspector Munro. Margaret McCulloch offered to raise this at her meetings with chief superintendent		GS
3	PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	The Minutes were accepted by those present as a correct record of the October meeting.		
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES		Action
	All matters arising would be dealt with under the agenda for the Meeting.		
5	CORRESPONDENCE		
	A list of correspondence received was circulated to the meeting. The Sec reported that the decision on the hot food takeaway in Violet Cres. was under appeal. The insurance for the CC laptop had to be considered for renewal. It was agreed to look at the costs and if cost was reasonable it would go ahead. The annual meeting of CCs was rescheduled for the New Year. The CC was now being charged for the use of accommodation in the ICF. It was agreed to take this matter up with South Lanarkshire Leisure. There has been no response so far from Boots regarding the issue of confidentiality raised by CC. With regard to fares on Whitelaw Buses, it was reported that there was no charge for ages 0-2, 2-15 were required to pay a half fare		
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL		
6.1	ROADS		Action
	A detailed reply to the CC submission on roads had recently been received from SLC. The response would be studied by the CC and recommendations would be brought to the December meeting. The issue of school buses parking at Caledonian Avenue was raised, in particular the lack of barriers to prevent children wandering on to the road. Whilst this was a temporary measure until the new school was finished it was still a safety issue. The traffic problems at Muirhead caused by the new school, and the decanted pupils from Stonehouse primary were also discussed. Cllr Campbell stated he would request a survey to get a picture of the current position. The issue of speeding on Strathaven Road and the impact of the new ICF on traffic was also discussed. This would be considered in our response to roads department.		Cllr. Campbell CC
6.2	PLANNING		
	A meeting between representatives of the CC, Strathaven CC and the REF team from SLC had taken place on Tuesday 15 th November. The establishment of a forum of representatives of the CCs with an interest in the wind farm developments at Kype Muir would be established and would have an input into the decision making process regarding funding being allocated by the REF. It was agreed that the Chair would organise a meeting with the relevant CCs to discuss the proposals from the REF.		Chair GS

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6.3	ICF	Action
	A number of issues were raised by those attending regarding the operation of the ICF. It was agreed that the Chair would seek a meeting with Jo Gillies to discuss the concerns expressed. Issues raised were: Types of seats, blinds for doors, community information notice board, lack of power points in café	GS/RC
6.4	DANMORE HOUSE	Action
	A number of incidents relating to residents of Danmore House were reported to the meeting. Cllr Campbell had written to the Housing Director raising concerns The problems at the chemist, surgery etc were also raised. It was agreed that the CC would try to arrange another meeting with SLC and representatives of Danmore House	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
7.1	CHEMIST The application for a new chemist shop would be considered by the NHS on 28 th November. The CC had written in support of the application. Pharmacist (Claire Higgins) from Larkhall Boots identified herself and intimated that she would be taking over the shop for six months and improvements in service should be expected.	
7.2	X RAY FACILITIES The decision regarding the removal of x ray facilities from Stonehouse Hospital was discussed. It was reported that the unit was currently operating seven days a week to tackle the backlog. It was agreed to raise the matter with the CE of the Health Board and chair will frame a letter. Margaret McCulloch MSP also agreed to raise the issue with the Health Board.	GS and MSP
8	UTILITIES	Action
	No issues raised on any of the utilities although cc are still corresponding on sewage works.	
9	TRANSPORT	Action
	Issues dealt with in other parts of the agenda.	
10	REPORTS	Action
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS There was discussion on the steps being taken to prepare for bad winter weather on the roads. SLC had purchased new equipment and were testing different compounds to deal with snow/ice. Using farmers to help with snow clearance on local roads was raised and Cllr. Filshie agreed to investigate this option.	Cllr Filshie
10.2	TREASURER'S REPORT W Mackie sent along an interim statement although he could not be in attendance. The current balance stands at £1180.70. The cheque for the wreath has still to be presented. Secretary asked SCC members if they would submit their travel expenses. Gavin had expenses for parking and attending meeting. Expenses sheet to be submitted.	
11	AOCB	
	The Chair reported on the remembrance service held at the war memorial. 11 wreaths from local organisations were laid. Margaret McCulloch was invited to speak to the meeting. She indicated that she would take up some of the issues raised and that she intended to attend future meetings of the CC. Other issues raised were leaves on pavements and it was recommended that this should be reported to the SLC land services Dept, same number as the one that deals with uplifts of rubbish. The lights on the trees at the Cross were not working. The problem of anti social behaviour in Camnethan Street was raised. The meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting will be on the 19 th December 2011 at 7.30 in the ICF	