**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 17th SEPTEMBER – LIFESTYLES COMMUNITY HALL**

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| Item |  | |
| 1 | **MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES** | |
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| 3 | **POLICE REPORT** | **Action** |
|  | There was no attendance or apologies from the Police and Chairman George Smith will contact Inspector Andy Munro with regards to this, so that we are either represented at each meeting, if resources allow, or at least we receive notification of apology. | Note |
| 2. | **PREVIOUS MINUTES** |  |
|  | Agreed by all present that they represented an accurate note of the meeting. | Note |
| 4. | **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** |  |
|  | The majority of business arising would be dealt with under the agenda item headings. | Note |
| 5 | **CORRESPONDENCE** | **Action** |
|  | The Chair read-out a list of incoming & outgoing letters & emails and noted that these were available for the members of the public to review.   * A letter from Police Chief Inspector David Walker was discussed as it referenced the proposed change to opening hours at the Hamilton, Blantyre, Larkhall and Uddingston Police Offices. From the letter it was evident that there was no clarity as to what supporting information was available to substantiate the proposals. * Cllr Bill Holman informed all that SLC Cllr’s have raised a number of questions on this matter to C.I. David Walker and await a response. * A member of the public noted that the Equalities Act 2010 requires that a process of impacts assessment (on groups), should be carried out and that the assessment should reflect the rationale behind the proposal. * Cllr Holman stated that this appears to be a force-wide review of/for change. * The Chair will write to our MSP’s to voice our concerns on this matter. | Chair |

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| **6** | **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** | **Action** |
| 6.1 | **ROADS**  The works being carried out at The Cander Bridge were discussed and it was noted that the works is ongoing and should be completed towards the end of October 2012 and traffic lights were being employed for the safety of the workers and the road users.  The Chair raised that the plaques on the Bridge should be retained due to their historic relevance to the Village of Stonehouse, which was agreed by the Cllr’s and it is understood that an email has been received by SCC Secretary R.Freel on this matter and confirmed by SLC that they would be retained. | Note  Note |
| 6.2 | **PLANNING** |  |
|  | Monthly Planning Applications are available from SLC, SCC and printed off in the Hamilton Advertiser.  **Local Plan**  A meeting will be arranged with Cllr Cooper to go over the LP submission. | **Chair** |
| 7 | **HEALTH MATTERS** |  |
| 7.1 | **Flu-Vaccination Clinic.**   * The Flu-vaccination clinic will be open at Larkhall’s Avon Medical Centre on Monday 29th October 2012 & Tuesday 6th November 2012. * The Flu-vaccination clinic will be open at Stonehouse’s Cander Medical Centre on Tuesday 30th October 2012 & Monday 5th November 2012.   **Stonehouse X-Ray Department.**  The Chair explained that the X-Ray Dept’ at Stonehouse is closing down, despite the unique equipment & systems in use that would warrant it being kept open for the benefit of the public.  It was further noted that the GP Clinics have a high use of this X-Ray Dept’ and that MSP Margaret McCulloch had been trying to assist with keeping the Dept’ open in Stonehouse, but to no avail so far.  The Chair asked the Public present what they wished to be done in respect to this and the following was noted;   * A local resident mentioned that we should write to the Health Minister Alec Neill, as the decision to close was obviously not based on the correct criteria. * Cllr’ Campbell noted that MSP Christina McKelvie’s response on this inferred that Cllr’ J.Burns of Larkhall was part of the decision making process and after some debate as to his involvement it was noted that it may be best to make contact with Cllr’ Burns for some support. * Cllr’ Cooper said she would speak to Cllr’ Burns with regards to the above and asked for any information off of the SCC that would help in her discussions on this matter. * The Chair asked the elected Cllr’s to write letters of support for keeping the X-Ray Dept’ open. * Cllr’ Campbell also suggested people write to the Shadow Health Secretary to ask for support in this matter. * Cllr Cooper will also contact the other local Community Councils to try and gain their support for keeping Stonehouse X-Ray Dept’ open.   The letter from the NHS’s Alan Lawrie that notifies of the decision on the X-Ray Dept’ will be uploaded onto the SCC Facebook page, so that the public know who to write to on this matter  **Injuries Clinic Meeting.**  Beth Grant attended the Injuries Clinic Meetings and reported that there were no major issues raised at the last meeting.  However Beth gave 2 examples of members of the public falling foul of cuts and therefore the public have had to wait several additional days to get their treatments.  1st-aid practices were raised as being possibly implemented, however due to concerns over this and the implications of such; it has been shelved until further notice, with reviews to be carried out on this.   * The next meeting will be in November 2012 and Beth will attend. | SCC |
| **8** | **UTILITIES** |  |
|  | Nothing to report. |  |
| **9** | **TRANSPORT** |  |
|  | No issues were raised. |  |
| **10** | **REPORTs** |  |
|  | **Treasurer**  £713.04 spent this year to date.  Approval from the floor was given for the purchase of a Wreath for the November 11th Parade. |  |
|  | ***Elected Members***   * Cllr Dorman reported on concerns for safety of people crossing near the Persimmon Homes development and this will have to be actioned further to ensure no-one is hurt or worse at this location. * The lack of a Lollipop person at the Traffic Lights near the Hospital was also raised as an issue, as this is another dangerous area of the village for crossing. * Cllr Cooper noted that the meeting of the 3 owners of the buildings that were burnt-out took place an essentially a Structural Engineer would be engaged to review the building to see if the water can be turned-off and the building boarded-up. Hopefully this’ll take place before the next meeting. | ***Cllrs*** |
| 11 | **Facebook Items** |  |
|  | Cllr Cooper asked that SCC ensure that any information uploaded onto Facebook is verbatim, as it was felt that some information uploaded was incorrect.  The Chair asked that the Cllr’s comments be sent to the SCC for uploading under “Admin”, however if people (authors), upload information themselves then they can also delete such if so necessary.  Cllr Cooper also expressed her concern that comments on Facebook surrounding her letter of objection to SEPA (Re:- Dovesdale), were of a harassing manner and wished that this was minuted. Cllr Cooper reiterated that she had indeed written & submitted a letter of objection to SEPA and that there were some issued of having this uploaded onto the website, but that both Cllr Cooper & Cllr Campbell’s letters would be uploaded soon. Cllr Cooper said that she wished not to be asked about this matter again, however the Chair reminded Cllr Cooper that as she was in Public Office and a servant of the public, she is in a position to be asked appropriate questions. A member of the Dovesdale Action Group, about whom it was inferred was part-responsible for the harassment commented that he was simply seeking to clarify an issue whereby Cllr Coopers previous meeting statement that she had submitted a letter of objection to SEPA, was not available from SEPA and that SEPA did not have any note of this letter being received and therefore he sought to request some clarity on this matter.  Cllr Cooper also felt that the Chair of the Murray Drive Residents Association has also been pursuing clarity on Cllr Coopers objection letter submission and that she would contact the Chair (of the MDRA), in due course on this matter. |  |
| 12 | **AOCB**   1. A member of the public asked if it was known how many calls to the Police had been made regarding incidents at or by residents of Danmore House.   As the Police were not present this question could not be answered tonight, however the SCC will seek to get this information from the Police.  \* The member of the public said that she made 2 calls to the Police to complain about 2 incidents in the CO-OP, but had not been contacted with an update to date, from the Police.  The Chair will write to Inspector Andy Munro on this matter.  \* Cllr Dorman said she has emailed Inspector Munro for an update.  \* It was further noted that the CO-OP will be open until 11pm (from 07-10-12), and that as there will only be 2 staff on duty, that there are concerns for their safety.  Molly Casey suggested that the member of the public concerned about this contacts the CO-OP Management to stress the concern, however this had been done and it was felt that the CO-OP were not going to act.  John Young offered advice (as a H&S Officer), in that the CO-OP are responsible for their employees and as such they have to undertake an assessment to identify risks & mitigation steps needed, albeit the member of the public felt that this had been done already.  Suggested the SCC can write a letter of concern to the CO-OP to try and add some weight to this matter. | Chair  Chair |
|  | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  **Monday 15th October 2012 at Stonehouse Lifestyles 7.30pm** |  |