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| Item |  | |
| 1 | **MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES** | |
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| 2 | **PREVIOUS MINUTES** | **Action** |
|  | The Minutes were agreed and the changes submitted by Cllr Cooper would be appended to the Minutes. These were also available on the community council website. |  |
| 3 | **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** |  |
|  | The majority of items arising will be dealt with under individual agenda headings. |  |
| 4 | **POLICE REPORT** | **Action** |
|  | Inspector Munro had intimated to the chair that he would be in attendance however it was assumed that something had come up. As there was no police present at the meeting. The Chair agreed that this was unsatisfactory and he would take this up with Inspector Munro. | Chair |
| **5** | **CORRESPONDENCE** | **Action** |
|  | A list of all correspondence was circulated. Secretary reported that a recent correspondence from south Lanarkshire Council administration confirmed that the CC was not covered by the Freedom of Information Act but as it was aligned to a public body the CC should make information available. Chair stated that it already was the CC policy to make everything available to the public. All minutes and notes are published; correspondence was available at meetings...  There was a reapplication in respect of the Bucks Head but the CC had submitted our views in May. The chair had received an email from Chapelton CC regarding Sainsbury’s lorries going through the village. After discussion by those present it was felt that this was not a problem in Stonehouse and we could not lend our support. |  |
| 6 | **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** |  |
| 6.1  6.2  6.3  6.4 | **R0ADS**  A number of issues were raised- the pavements in Sidehead and Newfield Roads were reported as requiring work. A drain had also collapsed in sidehead road, The potholes at the new primary school; however Cllr Dorman was following up on these. It was agreed to pass the information  to the Council which the Chair stressed was done on a regular basis. All elected members receive a copy of the minutes and could also raise them as issue. Beth Grant asked about the fencing at burned out building at new street. Cllr Cooper reported that she was still working with the planning dept. to effect the boarding up of the fire damaged buildings at the Cross. She had also reached agreement on the repairs to the road between Green Street and the bridge at the Alexander Hamilton park.  Issues were also raised about water damage in Union Street and parking on  pavements at Partickholm Avenue and Lanrigg. It was agreed to raise this with the Police and the local authority. Parking problems were also raised regarding Kirk Street.  Cllr Cooper advised that she was in the process of facilitating a meeting between the CC and a representative of the roads dept.  **PLANNING / LICENCING ISSUES**  Bucks head application dealt with under correspondence  **LOCAL PLAN**  No update  **ANY OTHER ISSUES**  **6.4.1**  **4/5 THE CROSS**  Recent press articles had intimated that SLC were looking at possible closure of four halls one of which was this facility. The importance of the building as a meeting place for pensioners was stressed. Mr Anderson (president of the senior citizens who used the centre) advised they had a membership of 105 and a waiting list. The group had operated for 40 years and that all monies raised thro the social coffee mornings was re invested in the club. The importance to older people of the  opportunity for social interaction, particularly in the winter months, was raised.  When the Lifestyles centre was approved it had been stated that 4/5 the Cross would remain. Indeed Cllr Campbell re-iterated that this had been conditional on the other two halls being closed and that he had written to chief Executive but was required to wait the 14 day response time. This position had been restated by election candidates at the local election hustings meeting hell in the ICF before the election. The lack of consultation by SLC was highlighted. The Heritage Group were also affected by this proposal and had written to SLC Chief Executive, but had not yet received a reply. Cllr Cooper stated that Robert Freel from heritage group was aware and consulted he stated that Cllr cooper spoke to him after the council meeting. Cllr Cooper re-iterated that no decision had been taken yet and that the council were looking at a whole series of savings / cuts proposals. A general Discussion on who would make the decision took place and Cllr Cooper pointed out that it would be several months before a decision was taken on the proposal. The Cllrs and officers from SLC were meeting on Monday 2th November to discuss the situation. C. McKelvie MSP raised the issue of quality impact assessment and indicated that she would be pursuing this issue with the Council. The Chair urged those attending to email Cllr McAvoy (leader of the council) chief executive and Director Colin McDowall stressing their opposition to the proposal. All the Cllrs present agreed to support the overwhelming view of the meeting that the Centre should remain. Molly Casey reminded all present that the plaque outside the building intimated that it was a senior citizens day centre and as such it was a vital part of the community.  Agreed that the community council would raise the issue of a formal equality impact assessment.  A member of the public asked if the Development Trust could not take over the building , Chair George Smith advised that the Development Trust were currently awaiting to hear about their grant application for the Public Institute. John Young a member of the Development Trust also advised that if the group were to try and take on this as well it may break the group | **Sect.** |

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| 6 | | **HEALTH MATTERS** |  |
| 6.1 | | **BOOTS CHEMIST**  The Chair reported on a meeting he, the other office bearers of the CC and Margaret McCulloch (MSP), had with Boots staff regarding the operation of the shop. A number of suggestions had been put forward regarding not only the layout of the shop but also issues arising out of using addresses to identify people waiting for prescriptions, home delivery and customer satisfaction surveys. The area manager had agreed to attend a future meeting of the CC and give a presentation if required.. The Chair indicated that anyone experiencing problems with the injuries clinic now operating at the hospital should get in touch with Beth Grant. Beth gave an overview of her attempts to obtain information from the Doctors Surgery.  A member of the public stated a relation to them had had a wrong prescription issued. |  |
| 7. | | **UTILITIES** |  |
|  | | No issues raised on Water, Gas or Electricity. |  |
| **8.** | | **TRANSPORT** |  |
|  | | No issues raised |  |
| **9** | | **REPORTS** |  |
| 9.1 | | **ELECTED MEMBERS**  **but**  **but** |  |
|  | | Cllr Cooper reported on a meeting she had organised with the representatives of  Pensioners groups in Stonehouse and Strathaven and representatives from SLC and the CC. The meeting discussed the charging structure for pensioners groups in the Lifestyles centre and while it was accepted that this was a longer term issue that needed a “political solution” it was possible to look at grants which might be accessed to help both groups in the short term The Stonehouse group had since met with the appropriate officer (Clare Diggnal) from SLC and some progress was being made. It was stressed at the CC meeting that there was a need for pensioners groups to be treated differently when it came to charges for Council venues. The pensioners group also commended Clare Diggnal for her work so far with them in respect of grant funding applications.  Cllr Cooper advised that she had asked for a review of policy  GS stated that there was a need for the price / rates charged to senior citizens to be looked at. |  |
| 9.2 | | TREASURER’S REPORT |  |
|  | R. Freel reported that Willie Mackie (treasurer) had advised that £329 of the grant had been spent with about the same amount still to be spent. A total of £1195 remained in the bank account. | |  |

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| 10 | **AOCB** |  |
|  | **FACEBOOK**  The Chairman advised that prior to the public meeting commencing all the members of the Community Council with the exception of William Mackie (who had raised) the issue discussed the CC Facebook site and Whilst it was agreed that some of the posts were not helpful or severely criticised the various elected members it was difficult for the community council to control comments being posted. It was felt that the facebook was providing a mechanism for engaging with the public however it was agreed that a disclaimer or terms of use should be placed on the site stating the conditions under which entries on the site would be accepted and also advise good practice This was agreed by the meeting.  **ROADS**  Marking for pedestrian access to Lifestyles was raised. The Chair reported that a meeting with the manager of Lifestyles was scheduled this week and this would be raised at this meeting  **DOVESDALE**  Christina McKelvie stated that a meeting between SEPA and the Action Group and cross party members was planned. She had also been working with colleagues in Dumfries on the problems that Scotgen had whilst operating their plant.  Chair also reminded all present that Christina had a surgery in Stonehouse and also at Barncluith Business Centre in Hamilton.  **X RAY**  There was a discussion on the closure of the unit at the Hospital and the age of the technology and misinformation being branded about, and despite representations from a number of people including the CC no progress had been made. |  |
| 11 | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  **Monday 17th December at Stonehouse Lifestyles 7.30pm** |  |