

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 15th APRIL 2013**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith, R Craig	R. Freel, M Casey	Cllr Cooper	Cllr Holman
	J Hewart, S Montgomery	M. Casey G. Haddow	C. McKelvie	A. Clark
	Cllr Dorman, Cllr Campbell, 13 members of the public and three members of Police Scotland were in attendance. G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The Minutes were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting held on 18 th March.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	Sgt Watt and Constables Dick and O'Neil were present. Constable O'Neil reported the crime statistics for March 2013. There were 64 calls resulting in 6 crimes, theft (2), road traffic (2) and breach of the peace (2). This was a reduction from the previous month. The Chair thanked the police for their prompt action on school parking at Townhead School, which had been raised at the last meeting. Sgt Watt outlined the action taken to deal with crime hotspots and the timeline for cover in the village based on an analysis of calls received. The Chief Inspector for the area was Alan Wright. With the change to the new force the public should not see any noticeable difference to service. The Chair thanked the police officers for attending and providing their report.			
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES			Action
	The Post Office move was likely to go ahead by the end of May. Cllr Dorman advised that Social work in Claude street were not closing			
5	CORRESPONDENCE			
4.1	A list of all correspondence and previous minutes and notes of meetings were issued to all those attending the meeting.			
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL			
6.1	Roads Mr Carmichael reported that a valve cover on Manse Road was missing and was a danger to the public. Cllr Dorman agreed to pursue this. Cllr Dorman reported that Townhead Street, Sorbie Drive and Kane Place were in the roads budget for major repairs in 2013/14. A question was also asked about further yellow lining especially Boghall lane.			Cllr D
6.2	The recent application to extend / amend the hospital site was discussed along with a planning application for a wind farm at Dykehead farm. It was agreed that the secretary would respond regarding the hospital site and its possible mixed use and to also draw attention to the REF fund and the additional wind turbine being placed at Dykehead.			

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6.3	<p>Planning & Licence Applications (continued)</p> <p>The Chair reported on a meeting which he and the Vice Chair had with Colin McDowall, Director Community Enterprise and Resources, to discuss the Local Plan. The possibility of re zoning the hospital ground from housing to a mixture of housing and retail, sites for social housing, extension of the by pass were all discussed and a further meeting with planning officials would be arranged to take place in the near future.</p> <p>4/5 The Cross</p> <p>It was reported that a survey of the building would take place during the last week in April. The Senior Citizens group were using McLean Gardens on a temporary basis until SLC dealt with the allocation of the lease. The Chair reported on a meeting with Stonehouse Community Radio about a possible sub let of the premises but they had a number of administrative issues to resolve before more meaningful discussions could take place.</p> <p>David Carmichael, Chair of the Stonehouse Development Trust raised a series of points / questions around the relationship between the Trust and the CC, and if the two bodies could cooperate in regard to the proposed development of 4/5The Cross, and the establishment of a Community Trust. Following some discussion it was pointed out that the CC had invited the SDT to participate in the proposed Trust and that this invitation was still open. It was made clear that the object of the Community Trust was solely to maintain and develop 4/5The Cross as a community facility. The community trust would be made up from different organisations within the village</p> <p>Mr. Carmichael was content with that assurance and stated that the SDT would be willing to assist in the work of the Community Trust, and that he was happy to discuss with the Chair how to take matters forward. The Chair welcomed this response.</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
7.1	<p>TREATMENT CLINIC</p> <p>Beth Grant advised that she could not attend the next meeting. It was repeated to the meeting that it was important that the clinics at Stonehouse Hospital continue to be well used and that people needing treatment should request appointments at Stonehouse. If we did not request Stonehouse it could be construed that the clinic is not being used.</p>	
8	UTILITIES	
8.1	<p>WATER</p> <p>G. Haddow had written to Scottish Water regarding up to date information on the progress of work at the waste treatment plant.</p>	
8.2	<p>GAS</p> <p>The failure to complete road repairs after gas pipe work in Patrickholm Avenue was raised. It was agreed to take this matter up with the Roads Dept.</p>	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No issues Raised	

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10	REPORTS	
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS Cllr Cooper had submitted a written report which was issued with the minutes and was available on the community council website..	
10.2	TREASURER Following the death of Willie Mackie it was proposed that Molly Casey be appointed as Treasurer. This was agreed. Before his death Willie Mackie had prepared the accounts which have now been submitted to our auditors. R. Freel gave details to the meeting of the expenditure over the year. Current Balance £1014.36, years expenditure was £707.04 this was apportioned as follows Postage £23.65, Stationery £215.73, Travel/Mileage £15.21, Advertising in local programmes and newsletters £180.00 Affiliation fees £20.00, Audit Fees £60.00, General Admin £56.50, Insurance £85.47, Others £50.48	
11	FACEBOOK The CC Facebook page was proving popular and was a good vehicle to get the views of the community on issues raised at meetings. In some recent postings a high viewing figure was recorded.	
12	AOCB	
12.1	The Brighter Village group raised the issue of growing wildflowers on the verges of roads leading to, and in the village. This was an expansion to the trial that was run last year and had sparked a mixed debate on whether some areas should be cut or not. It was agreed that the Chair would put information on Facebook to find out the reaction to the proposals and would report to the next meeting. Community Growers A scheme to use spare land for community vegetable plots was operating in Larkhall and the take up of such a scheme in the village was discussed. It was agreed to pursue this via Facebook to gauge response. A question was raised regards the community councils attendance at the Health Partnership, Vice chair intimated that he normally attended	
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	Monday 20th May at Stonehouse Lifestyles 7.30pm	