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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 19th AUGUST 2013**

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance		Apologies
	G. Smith, R Craig	R. Freel,	Cllr Cooper
	M.Casey G.Haddow	B Grant, J Hewart	Cllr Holman
	Cllr Dorman, Cllr Campbell, and 14 members of the public were in attendance along with two Police Constables. G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.		
3	POLICE REPORT		Action
	Sgts Dickson and Stirling were present. Sgt Dickson reported that in the last two months there had been 191 incidents, out of that 33 crimes were reported and 15 detected so far. The crime included theft from gardens and housebreakings. The housebreakings occurred in Newfield Road and Brankston Avenue. The Chair reminded people to be vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour to the police. The problem posed by vehicles parked on the corner of Lockhart Street and New Street was again raised and the police agreed to look into the issue. Contact cards for the police was discussed and it was agreed to put information regarding the 101 number on facebook. Vandalism and broken glass at general waste being dumped from cars parked at the Linthaugh Bridge was raised and the Sgt indicated that the police would look to increase patrols in the area. The Sgt took the opportunity to thank the public for their help with an incident that occurred recently in Murray Drive. Mention was made of "Streetbase" workers and it was agreed that we try and obtain a contact and that an invitation be extended to the organisation for a future CC meeting. The Chair thanked the police for their report.		chair
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES		
	All matters arising would be dealt with in the agenda. D. Carmichael asked if Cllr Cooper could be invited to the next meeting so that he could raise questions regarding the report she had submitted. The Chair stated that all the Cllrs had a standing invitation to CC meetings and it was their prerogative if they attended or not. Attendance at the community council was not compulsory.		
5	CORRESPONDENCE		
	A list of all correspondence had been circulated to the meeting. The biggest issue was the bus services in general and the service between Stonehouse and Strathaven. These are detailed more under Transport.		

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6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	ROADS The no parking and construction traffic notices on Muirhead Road were now out of date and should be removed. These notices were put up on behalf of SLC and the schools contractor. The Sec. agreed to email the planning dept. The sign for the Tilework Park had been damaged and Cllr Dorman agreed to take up this issue. In response to a query about gritting, Cllr Campbell urged anyone needing a grit bin to get in touch with the roads dept. The spreadsheet which the CC maintained on road repairs was being constantly updated and had been submitted to SLC and it was agreed to put information about this on facebook. Problems with excess water in the Alexander Hamilton Park and at Sidehead Road and Newfield Road was also reported and Cllr Dorman agreed to take this matter up with the relevant dept.	
6.2	PLANNING Objections to the proposal for a single wind turbine at Knowetop had been sent To SLC. The issue of the cumulative effect of single turbine applications was again discussed and Cllr Campbell said that he was pursuing this with SLC. Planning permission had been given for and agricultural storage shed at land on Manse Road and some debate ensued as to what it would be used for and if it would cause any traffic problems. Secretary advised that he had included some concerns on road traffic issues in his letter. It was reported that Barrett Homes were having an event a pre planning application consultation meeting at Lifestyles on 29 th August relating to their proposed new housing development on land adjacent to Manse Road. The plan would included the construction of 145 houses. The CC would be represented at this event and suggested that we seek the possibility of establishing a stakeholders group to work with the developers. Chair will email Barratt LOCAL PLAN The Chair reported on meetings that representatives of the CC held with Mgt McCulloch MSP and Christina McKelvie MSP, and notes of the meeting had been circulated to all those attending the meeting and were available on the community councils website. Both had indicated their support for the CC proposals regarding the Local Plan and the need to develop the village long term. Christina McKelvie had set up a meeting with the NHS to progress the planning issues around the Stonehouse Hospital ground. 4/5 THE CROSS The final draft for the missives should be completed in the very near future and The senior citizens group should be back in the premises by the end of August. Paint had been donated and someone had volunteered to repaint the premises. The Chair pointed out that this was a major success story for the senior citizens and the hard work that had been put in by a number of people on their committee the community council and including the cooperation from SLC officials.	

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	HEALTH MATTERS	
7	<p>TREATMENT CLINIC</p> <p>The CC had written to the practice manager with a number of suggestions to improve the service on offer from the Health Centre, including opening earlier in morning to enable appointments for people who were working, a list of GPs who were on each day, and an evening surgery.</p>	
8	UTILITIES	
	<p>Water: D. Baxter reported on a project involving the Avon Angling Club, with participation from members of the Girls Brigade which was testing the cleanliness of the water in the Cander following the recent improvements at the sewage treatment plant. He reported that the river was the cleanest it had been for years. Thanks should be submitted to Scottish Water for their work in the upgrading of the treatment plant. Secretary to send an email. No other reports for other utilities</p>	Sect
9	TRANSPORT	
	<p>Secretary provided an update on the letters received from SPT, Traffic commissioners and Transport Scotland on the Strathaven-Stonehouse Bus Service. SPT; Advised they have no direct control over Stonehouse coaches Operation and provided background to what there role was. An inspector was put onto the route to check operation however on the three days it was checked it was running and on time. Leaflets have been distributed regards the MY bus service an how to use it on Saturdays or for Hairmyres Hospital nigh visiting.</p> <p>Secretary also advised that SPT had advised that Stonehouse coaches had registered a Saturday Service with Traffic commissioners and that this would likely start in late September or October.</p> <p>Traffic commissioners: Response to CC advised that they do not have investigatory powers or input to the setting of fares and ticketing matters are not dealt with them either. They do monitor that the service is run in accordance with the registered particulars. Advised they are aware of problems in the area and will monitor. Residents with issued should contact the traffic commissioners via address and phone number on facebook or cc web site.</p> <p>Transport Scotland; Advised on how some tickets show earliest boarding or furthest away point. Some operators print tickets but no destination and that an operator need not issue a ticket. They advised they will investigate further but will need members of the public to provide concessionay card details along with times and journeys taken. This is to allow them to investigate if all concessionary journeys are recorded.</p> <p>Strathaven Academy Pupils:</p> <p>Jackie Hewart brought to the attention of the CC the fact that pupils were being left stranded at Strathaven due to the service bus being full. Some discussion onthis matter was undertaken and whilst it was not a private bus but a service bus that was collecting pupils there was little that could be done. CC will try and meet with Whitelaws to see if an additional bus or a larger bus could be put on to ensure pupils were picked up. Problem was made worse when the Stonehouse Coaches bus was not turning up per their registered timetable. Updates will be posted on facebook.</p>	

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10	REPORTS	
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS Reports covered as part of the agenda items . Cllr Cooper's written report had been circulated and placed on cc website.	
10.2	TREASURER The grant from SLC had been received. The balance in the account was £1325.38. Bills for £115.38 were due. These were in part secretary's expenses and the website software renewal. Secretary's expenses were detailed in the submitted expenses sheet.	
10	AOCB	
10.1	BEES Interest was expressed in identifying ground in the village where bee hives could be set up, and in forming a beekeepers association. The Chair indicated that this was perhaps something that the Development Trust could take forward and this was accepted by D. Carmichael. ALLOTMENTS The Development Trust was seeking to identify land that could be used for allotments. The Chair stated that he had raised this issue with SLC and had suggested that land at the bottom of Union Street might be suitable. BANKS DEVELOPMENT The Chair reported on a meeting held with the Strathaven, Sandford, and Lesmahagow CCs and Banks Development to discuss progress on the Kype Muir Development. There was also discussion on how the CCs could move forward jointly regarding the disbursement of any funding from the wind turbine development. A further meeting was planned for Sandford later in the year. LAWRIE STREET The condition of the old Rex building belonging to Sheerans was discussed and it was agreed to investigate what action could be taken. The condition of the flats at the Black Bull was highlighted, in particular the way in which exposed pipes, including gas pipes, ran round the exterior walls. Cllrs were asked if they could take this up with planning..	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Meeting closed at 21.00 hours with the next meeting schedule for Monday 16 th September at Stonehouse Lifestyles, 7.30pm. Councillor Campbell advised he would not be able to attend the next meeting.	