

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 21st OCTOBER 2013 @ LIFESTYLES HALL**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	R. Craig	Cllr Cooper	J Hewart
	R. Freel, M Casey	S Montgomery G.Haddow	B. Grant	
	Cllr Dorman, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Holman and 18 members of the public were in attendance. G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	Sgt. Andy Thomson presented the police report. The number of calls received for the previous month was 85 and this resulted in 16 crimes being recorded in the village. This was virtually the same as last month. The nature of the crimes included a domestic incident, assault on the police, lead stolen from a garage roof, and a car stolen in Lockhart Street. Four cars were set on fire at the Alexander Hamilton Park, and someone had been charged with dog fouling. Another person was charged with wasting police time. The Sgt. Stressed that the level of crime in Stonehouse was much lower than other areas. He stated that the non emergency number for the police was 101 and that 999 were for emergencies. There was some debate on the current proposal to alter the opening hours at Larkhall Police Station and the Sgt. Gave the email address to which comments on the proposal could be sent "publiccounterreview@scotland.pnn.police.uk . The Chair thanked Sgt. Thomson for his report and asked him if he could remain for the discussion on bus issues as his comments would be appreciated.			
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES			
	All matters arising would be dealt with in the agenda.			
9	TRANSPORT			
	<p>The chair intimated that we would bring forward this agenda item for discussion whilst police were present</p> <p>Bus Issues</p> <p>The Chair reported on a meeting himself and the vice chair had with Sandra Whitelaw that morning concerning the public service bus that picked up pupils at Strathaven academy. There followed a lengthy debate on the situation regarding pupils attending the secondary school in Strathaven. Whitelaws were running a commercial operation and the bus being used, the largest available, was not always big enough to take all the school pupils. The behaviour of some of the pupils on the bus was also bringing the future of this service into doubt. CCTV was available showing the difficulties being posed by the behaviour of some of the pupils. One pupil who travels on a wheelchair is generally pushed aside. It was agreed that Cllr Campbell would take the issues raised by the CCTV up with the Head Teacher. The police sergeant was asked to comment on video evidence and if the police would be prepared to charge pupils. If bus company wished to pursue and use the video evidence then the Police would have to look at the damage being done and prepare a report on taking it forward. A parent (Mr Thomson) contributed to the debate by stating that it appears to be a minority on the bus causing the problems. G. Smith offered to set up a meeting between parents and Whitelaws to see if an alternative arrangement could be made</p>			Cllr Campbell

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	<p>to deal with the transport of children between the school and the village. This was agreed as a way forward.</p> <p>Sgt. Thomson informed the meeting that Stonehouse Coaches had written to the traffic commissioner to give up the routes. If this was the case then a gap in service would occur and secretary asked the elected members present to write to their representatives on SPT to investigate this gap. Secretary will also follow up on this matter</p>	Sect.
5	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>A list of all correspondence had been circulated. The Secretary drew attention to the letter from Cllr Cooper inviting members of the CC to a meeting with herself, the Depute Leader of SLC, Michael. McCann MP and Jimmy. Hood MP.</p> <p>The overwhelming view of the members of public at the meeting was that this would impact on the political impartiality of the CC and, and that this request should be rejected. Secretary to write to Cllr cooper.</p> <p>R. Freel drew attention to the consultation paper received on disabled parking spaces (only area in Stonehouse affected was Crow road at Mclean Gardens). He also advised on another consultation on the suitability of polling stations and pointed out that anyone who wished to comment should look at the SLC website.</p> <p>There was also an exhibition of the proposed changes at the Raith Interchange by Transport Scotland at various locations in the area.</p> <p>The secretary then advised that the most important consultation was that issued on the Scheme for Community Councils.</p> <p>SLC had issued a consultation paper which was proposing changes to the way in which CCs operated. The CC had a number of issues with the changes proposed, and would raise this matter at a meeting of Stonehouse, Strathaven, Sandford and Lesmahagow CCs planned for Wednesday. It was agreed that this matter would be dealt with in more detail at the next meeting.</p>	Sect.
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>Cllr Dorman reported that the running water in Newfield Road had been fixed. A request was made to have parking notices removed from Muirhead/ Glenburn Roads now that the work there had been completed. Chair asked the Cllrs to act on this matter.</p>	Cllrs
6.	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>There was an application to install a bio mass plant at Linthaugh Gardens. G. Haddow Agreed to prepare a response on behalf of the CC and pass this to the secretary to submit... Cllr Holman was of the view that this application would come before the whole Council.</p> <p>Barratt Application</p> <p>A meeting had taken place with Barratt and agreement had been reached on the establishment of a stakeholders group involving representatives from the CC and the residents of West Mains. When they had formed a group to represent the area. Cllr Campbell felt that any money raised from the proposed development which would be used for the building of social housing should be spent in Stonehouse. Chair also intimated that the detailed planning application had not been submitted yet.</p>	G Haddow /sect.

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	<p>4/5 THE CROSS</p> <p>The Senior Citizens had been given a community charge bill for £1700 but steps were Being taken to clarify this with the local authority. A meeting between members of The Senior Citizens Group, the CC and Joanne Forbes from SLC had been arranged For Monday 28th October.</p> <p>With regard to the plans for the establishment of a local Radio station in the premises it was agreed that this could only take place when the Appropriate legal framework had been agreed and approved by SLC. It was agreed that the CC will assist the senior citizens on this matter.</p>	
7	<p>HEALTH MATTERS</p> <p>No matters to report</p>	
8	<p>UTILITIES</p> <p>Scottish Water were repairing fault on Newfield road. No other issues raised</p>	Sect
10	<p>REPORTS</p>	
10.1	<p>Elected Members</p> <p>D. Carmichael raised the issue of the proposed spend of £100,000 on the refurbishment of the play areas in the park with the elected members present. He was of the view that the vibrancy of the village was reflected in the strength and variety of the local organisations and that, if money was available then those organisations should be consulted as to where the money should be spent and what would be of greater benefit to the village.</p> <p>Elected members reported that a meeting had taken place with the four local Cllrs and an official from SLC to discuss the proposal regarding the park and another meeting was planned. D. Carmichael expressed the hope that the Development Trust could meet with the Cllrs to discuss the plans but Cllr Dorman thought that this was unlikely. The need for wider consultation on the proposals for the park was agreed</p>	
10.2	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Balance reported as same as previous month. Approval was given for the purchase of a wreath for the war memorial and ink cartridges. Wreath would be around £29 and ink cartridge would be £26.</p>	
11	<p>FACEBOOK</p> <p>No issues raised. Community council continue to post details on Facebook as well as their website.</p>	
12	<p>AOCB</p>	
12.1	<p>Banks Development</p> <p>The Chair reported that a meeting of all the CCs affected by the Kypemuir wind farm would be meeting in Sandford on the 23rd October and they would also take the opportunity to discuss the scheme for community council proposals.</p>	
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21.30 hours with the next meeting schedule for Monday 18th November at Stonehouse Lifestyles, 7.30pm.</p>	