

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 21st JANUARY 2013**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	R. Craig	W. Mackie, B. Grant	Cllr Holman
	R. Freel	M. Casey G. Haddow	Cllr Cooper	Cllr Campbell
	Cllr Dorman, Strathclyde Police and 42 members of the public were in attendance. Co-opted and Nominated Members S. Montgomery and J. Hewart were also present. Chairman G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	Constable D. McCracken informed the meeting of a drugs seizure in the village with a street value of approx. £320,000. He urged members of the public to contact the police about any suspicious activity or strange smells or scents they observed in order to assist police intelligence gathering. A Time Line operation was now in force with a police presence between 6pm and midnight on Friday/Saturdays . Two officers were spending time in the area tackling anti social behaviour and other crimes. The new single Scottish police authority that comes into force should not have any effect on the policing of the village. A number of issues were raised by members of the public relating to vandalism and underage drinking in various areas in the village. Parking on pavements and obstructing pedestrian access was also raised around Cairnsmore Drive area. Members of public are encouraged to report vehicles that are causing an obstruction. The statistics relating to the village for the last month would be sent to the Secretary. When received they will be uploaded to the community council website and on facebook.			Police & Sect.
4	CORRESPONDENCE			Action
4.1	A list of all correspondence received was circulated to the meeting. The Bucks Head was now open. The Secretary was awaiting a response to a letter to Mr Stanley regards the new section of the Glebe Cemetery. Cllr Cooper had submitted two written reports of her activities, following a request for an update. The report was circulated, and is available for download from the community council website.			
5	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL			
5.1	Roads A number of issues were raised regarding the quality of the repairs to existing potholes. The Sec. reported that it was hoped to put information about road repairs on the website, and people were asked to use the CC Facebook to report where repairs needed to be carried out. The placing of bollards opposite the co-operative and the baker shop was still being pursued by Cllr Dorman			Sect. Cllr Dorman
5.2	PLANNING There were no planning updates			
5.3	4/5 THE CROSS The Chair gave a detailed report on progress since the last meeting. He and the Vice Chair had met with Alistair McKinnon and David Brough from SLC and, although it was made clear that the decision to close could not be reversed, they were happy to discuss any of the ideas the CC put forward. One suggestion was to work with the Development Trust to develop and retain 4/5 the Cross as a community facility. A meeting had been held with members of the Trust to float this idea and a more formal			

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	<p>meeting would take place next week. The plan was to try and get the facility on a short term lease from SLC to allow a detailed plan to be drawn up to secure the future of the premises. There were a number of obstacles to be overcome, not least the question of funding, insurance and the timescales involved. The chair repeatedly stressed that a solution required a co-operative approach from all organisations in the village and the backing of all the elected members. The situation with the Public Institute was discussed and the need for urgent action before buildings deteriorated any further. Water had already been reported as running out from the front door of the building. In the manner of the Public Hall members of the committee had visited the building on Christmas Eve and it was in a sorry state and that the persons involved in the purchase had an enormous amount of work to do to get any part into a habitable condition. The importance of 4/5 The Cross to the life of the heart of the village was stressed repeatedly. The meeting gave unanimous backing to the Chair to continue discussions with all the parties concerned to find a solution to retaining the building for community use and to explore other avenues for funding.</p>	
6	HEALTH MATTERS	
6.1	<p>BOOTS CHEMIST The Chair had had an email from the area manager who was returning after maternity leave and would arrange a meeting with the area manager along with MSP Margaret McCulloch as she was instrumental in setting up the first meeting. Some suggestions made by the Community council had been put in place in the shop and the CC are keen to hear any feedback</p>	
6.2	<p>TREATMENT CLINIC Beth Grant had tendered her apologies and copied in the chair on recent emails. Beth had re emphasised the need for patients referred to the clinic to insist on being sent to Stonehouse for treatment rather than Larkhall. Secretary also intimated that NHS were looking at the possibility of follow up blood tests being carried out at the clinic.</p>	
7	UTILITIES	
	<p>No report, The problem of silt in the road drains was raised and it was agreed that the elected members will raise this however it is not a water board issue it lies with SLC.</p>	
8	TRANSPORT	
	No Issues raised	
9	REPORTS	
9.1	<p>ELECTED MEMBERS Already covered during parts of the meeting.</p>	
10	FACEBOOK	
	<p>A problem for houses adjacent to Lifestyles was being caused by the alarm going off and this had been referred to Jo Gillies. The issue of wireless access in the building had been raised with Alistair McKinnon, and SLC were trying to address this issue. There had been a problem with access for caterers at a recent social event organised by Mason Stewart. This had now been resolved, and compensation agreed. The issue of sound proofing was also raised and it was agreed to ask Linda Frater to the next meeting to discuss matters relating to Lifestyles.</p>	
11	<p>AOCB The Chair reported on an event organised by BBC Scotland that he and Andrew Clark had attended. He had a discussion with an action group which had been set up in Hamilton in response to the proposed tax on empty rooms in social housing premises. It was agreed to invite the SLC Housing Manager to the next meeting to talk about this matter.</p>	
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	Monday 18th February at Stonehouse Lifestyles 7.30pm	