

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 17th JUNE 2013**

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance		Apologies
	G. Smith, R Craig	R. Freel, M Casey,	Cllr Cooper
	G Haddow, J Hewart	S Montgomery. B Grant	J. Anderson
	Cllr Dorman, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Holman and 13members of the public were in attendance. G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. He spoke of the contribution the late Andrew Clark had made to the work of the Community Council, his past involvement as a community Councillor and his contribution as a member of the public attending these monthly meetings.		
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.		
3	POLICE REPORT		Action
	PCs Smith and McAllister attended. PC Smith detailed problems in Manse Road, smashed window, and garden benches being stolen and set on fire. Cllr Dorman had reported a bottle being thrown at her door. It was also reported that the Gala Day had passed off quietly. The issue of parked cars on the junction of New Street and Lockhart Street was raised and discussed and the police would follow up. It was pointed out that car/van owners had to show some consideration when parking their vehicles outside residential property. The contact cards were still not available but should be ready for the next meeting. The Chair stated that the police presence in the village over the last few months had been good and thanked the police for their work. The use of the Police non-emergency number 101 was also discussed		
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES		
	All matters arising would be dealt with in the agenda.		
5	CORRESPONDENCE		
	A list of all correspondence was circulated. A response had been prepared to made to the Scottish Govt. consultation on planning, and SLC consultation on anti social behaviour.		
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL		
6.1	Roads		
	Work on Udston Mill Road had been completed and Muirhead Road patched. A Number of other repairs were reported and it was agreed to pass these to SLC. The issue of fly tipping on Udstonmill Road was raised, and a report that it could not be dealt with because of Health and Safety issues. Cllr Campbell agreed to investigate. Some of the grass verges in and around the village had still not been cut.		

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6.2	<p>Planning</p> <p>An application for a wind turbine at Knowetop Farm had been received. The issue of the cumulative effect to wind turbines was again raised. It was agreed that the CC would object to the application. Cllr Holman advised on latest statistics on appeals for single wind turbine applications</p>	Sect
6.3	<p>Local Plan</p> <p>The Local Plan consultation was due to end on 28th June. The Chair and Vice Chair had a number of meetings with officials from SLC, the Health Board and Prospective developers. The Chair outlined the CC proposals which would be submitted as a response. The proposals involved designating land behind /side of Lifestyles for housing rather than leisure – making the boundary of the village along the Avon Valley as opposed to the railway line and opening up the land on the other side of the old railway line for a mixture of industrial, leisure and housing. The land at the old hospital would change from housing to a mixture of housing and retail. The Chair was attempting to bring the various interested parties together to allow discussion on the proposals. The Cllrs and those members of the public attending supported the proposals. The Chair made clear that these proposed developments would stretch over more than ten years and that this would put down a marker that we wanted to see some development or growth for the village.</p> <p>4/5 The Cross</p>	
6.4	<p>The missives had been sent from SLC to the lawyers representing the Senior Citizens group and it was hoped that the arrangements over the lease could be concluded in the next few weeks. D. Carmichael, speaking on behalf of the Development Trust indicated that the Trust had no interest in acquiring 4/5 The Cross and that they were happy to be involved in the proposed Community Trust. This would also be conveyed back to SLC. Discussions on the creation of a Community Trust would take place over the summer, and once it was in place work could begin on a business plan to ensure the future of the building.</p> <p>Any other SLC matters</p>	
6.5	<p>C.C. has submitted their comments on SLC Anti-Social Behaviour consultation.</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
7.1	<p>Treatment Clinic</p> <p>The Chair reported that a meeting with the practice manager was being arranged to discuss issues around the use of the clinic, and also the 0845 phone number system currently in use at the medical centre. A letter had been received from the medical centre regards this issue. The medical centre had also asked that patients should, where possible, supply mobile numbers so that they could be sent reminders of appointments. This service was helping to reduce the no shows for appointments.</p>	
8	UTILITIES	
8.1	Water: No issues raised	
8.2	Gas: Work on Partickholm are making slow progress, some infill works carried out	
	Electricity: No issues raised	
8.3	A member of public asked about work on Angle Street. The community council would make enquiries as to who is carrying out this work.	CC

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9	TRANSPORT	
9.1	<p>Bus Consultation There was a long discussion on the problems facing users of the Stonehouse Coaches bus service Between Stonehouse and Strathaven. It was reported that fares were not consistent for the same journey – sometimes no tickets were provided – there were large gaps in the scheduled timetable. No Saturday service was available from Strathaven after 6pm and the services to Hairmyres for hospital visits were also causing concern. The Cllrs present agreed to take these issues up with the Council representatives on Strathclyde Partnership for transport Committee and the CC also agreed to pursue these issues with the relevant agencies.</p>	Cllrs Sect.
10	REPORTS	
10.1	<p>Elected members Issues already dealt with in the meeting.</p>	
10.2	<p>Treasurer Audited accounts had been submitted to SLC and the remittance advice advising that the grant for the year was being processed was received. Current balance was £767.38. A subscription to Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society was agreed, as was £50 to the Hospital for use of meeting room. The secretary reported that he had a problem with the laptop and had got someone to examine it and was advised that the motherboard was not working and that it would be more economical to replace it. Agreed that the Secretary to source and purchase a new lap top. Secretary also reported that the portable microphone was not working properly and it was agreed that the community council seek a quotation for its repair. A report on this would be fed back at a future meeting. Agreed that a cheque be passed to our Accountants (MRA) for a sum of £78.00.</p>	
11	FACEBOOK	
	No issues. The community council will continue to post issues on Facebook pages.	
12	AOCB	
12.1	<p>Community Growing Project It was agreed that this would now be take forward by the Development Trust as following the previous meeting Mr Carmichael had approached Ms McGinley.</p>	
12.2	<p>Alexander Hamilton Park It was reported that Cllr Cooper had held a meeting for parents of primary school to discuss outline proposals for upgrading the park. It was agreed that the CC would wish to make an input to the proposals before anything was finalised.</p> <p>Date Of Next Meeting: Monday 19th August at Stonehouse Lifestyles. 7.30pm</p>	