

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 18th MARCH 2013**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G Smith, R Craig	R. Freel	W. Mackie, B. Grant	G Haddow Cllr Holman
	S Montgomery	M. Casey J Hewart	Cllr Cooper	R. Craig
	Cllr Dorman, Cllr Campbell and 16 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 expressing a welcome to the police who had not been in attendance for at least two meetings.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The minutes were agreed by those present as being a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	Sgt .Watt and officer's .Weir & .Mclaughlan were in attendance. Officer Weir informed that last month there were 90 calls made to the police, 12 of these being recorded crimes, 3 disturbance, 23 complaint calls, 1 drug/solvent abuse, 1 domestic, 5 thefts, 1 attempted housebreaking and 1 assault. There were no serious crimes which were aided by the high visibility of officers in the past month. The officers patrolling will continue to do so for the foreseeable future particularly in the hotspot areas (Stonehouse Cross, Esso Garage, the hospital grounds and St. Ninian's Church.) Illegal parking at Stonehouse Primary School, outside the bakers and at Goa Spice was raised. Officer Weir agreed to pay particular attention to these areas and encouraged people to report any further incidents. Sergeant .Watt informed that getting officers out of cars has had the result of a dropped crime rate in the area. No foreseeable change after the 1 st April when the new Scotland wide force comes into force. The Chair thanked the Police and asked that if they could not attend they provide a written report on crimes in the preceding month. Members of the public can contact the community police by their community email address and can send intelligence directly to them.			
4	MATTERS ARISING			
	The Post Office consultation period finished on Thursday. There were no objections from those present neither at the meeting nor through the face book pages. The CC had no objections either. Other items would be dealt with under the appropriate agenda item.			
5	CORRESPONDENCE			Action
	Secretary R.Freel has written to SLC and provided the Community Council's updated list of road repairs for their rolling program. Cllr Dorman forwarded information to Mark Muir from the Roads Department.			

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6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	
6.1	<p><u>Roads</u> The CC Facebook Page asked for updates from the public on potholes and in less than 24 hours had 171 hits. The list will be updated with the Facebook results. Potholes at the bottom of Secauirn Avenue along with a hole in the Linthaugh Bridge were also raised. Cllr Dorman informed that Townhead Street would be repaired in the next tax year. SLC won't be erecting bollards at Goa Spice or the bakers as they are against street furniture and feel cars and pedestrians should share the same area. The Chair suggested providing pictures with times and dates of vehicles parking on pavements indicating that there is a problem, and to prove the problem does exist. It was mentioned that council vans were among the worst offenders.</p>	
6.2	<p><u>Pavements</u> Pavements requiring repairs were reported as follows 65-91 Strathaven road; Partickholm Avenue; Newfield road</p>	
6.3	<p><u>Planning & Licence Applications.</u> There has been an application to reapply for an extension, for outline planning, at Whitelaw's Yard area. This would be their 3rd extension. Members of public were asked what their opinion on this was and secretary gave a brief outline of the history of the application. No objections from those present and the CC were agreeable to this as it's in the local plan. The size of the application would be unlikely to attract a pre consultation report.</p>	
6.4	<p><u>Local Plan:</u> No items discussed.</p> <p><u>4/5 THE CROSS</u> Following a meeting with SLC's Joanna .Forbes it seems likely that the Senior Citizens will be able to lease 4/5 The Cross. The lease will be drawn up for a 12 month period costing £1 with a view to purchase the building at the end of this lease by a still to be formed Community Trust. The intended set up for the Community Trust will consist of CC members, Senior Citizen members, Church members and other Stonehouse community groups. The intention being to retain the building owned by the community as a community facility. This may take some time to set up resulting in the Senior Citizens being unable to use the building during this period. Cllr Dorman has arranged for McLean Gardens to be used meantime. A letter from Mr R. Clews who would like to use two of the rooms at 4/5 The Cross for a community radio. The CC will arrange a meeting next Monday with R. Clews to discuss and explore this. A quote from a surveyor is required as to whether a walk through survey would be satisfactory or if a full building survey is needed along with an estimation of cost. Some general discussion on Insure levels and requirements were also raised and discussed however these would be settled when a trust was formed</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS:	
6.1	TREATMENT CLINIC No update, however the minutes of the previous meeting were provided to the community council	
8	UTILITIES	
	No reports	

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9	TRANSPORT	
	No Issues raised	
10	REPORTS	
10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS Cllr Coopers report was circulated to those in attendance with the minutes, Cllr Dorman reported on road faults that she had been pursuing. Cllr Campbell reported that the Public Institute was being re-advertised for sale.	
10.2	TREASURER No balance available as Treasurer was unwell. Secretary reported that Margaret Armstrong – requires that the minutes records expenditure on a monthly basis. This month 2 boxes of paper and ink cartridges were purchased costing £75.01 It was agreed that whilst the CC have only used the hospital meeting room twice or three times this year they pay for its use. The same amount as previous year was agreed. Its use was mainly on Sunday mornings.	
11	FACEBOOK	
	Road Gritting was raised as an issue, with it being reported that no grit was being dispensed from lorries.	
12	AOCB The issue of continued dog fouling around the school area was raised. Dog fouling was considered an issue throughout Stonehouse (Kirk Street, Green Street and Millar Street). The environmental health department were out and areas were cleaned up however these areas soon after returned to their previous state. Free bags are available for dog owners at the library. A member of the public reported that the council offices were closing however it may be that it was the social work that was closing. The council office on the main street in Larkhall had just been done up.	
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	Monday 16th April 2013 at Stonehouse Lifestyles 7.30pm Udston Mill Road	