

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON;**

**MONDAY 20th MAY 2013**

Item		
<b>1</b>	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>	
	<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	G. Smith, R. Craig ,R. Freel, M.Casey G.Haddow, B Grant	Cllr Cooper S. Montgomery J Hewart A. Clark
	Cllr Dorman, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Holman and 16 members of the public and two members of Police Scotland were also in attendance. Chairman G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The previous minutes were agreed by those present.	
<b>3</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Sgt Watt and Constable McLaughlin were present. Constable McLaughlin reported the crime statistics for April 2013. 95 Calls which resulted in 10 crimes being recorded. These, included acts of vandalism, common assault taxi fraud and breach of the peace. Officers were still carrying out patrols in the village and the hospital site was a particular target. Sgt Watt indicated that there were no worrying trends and urged members of the community to bring any problems to the notice of the police. As summer comes in a higher volume of calls is expected. Police leaflets with phone numbers would be brought to the next meeting. Members of public were also advised to be aware of wheelie bin thefts. The Chair thanked the police for their report. With officers leaving the meeting at this point.	Police
<b>4</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b>	
	The identification of ground for a community growing project was raised and an attempt would be made to get more information on the project in Larkhall. The Chair said that he would raise the issue with SLC at a meeting to be held on Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May. Other items would be caught under the appropriate agenda item.	
<b>5</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
5.1	A list of all correspondence was circulated with copies of the previous minutes. Details of a Scottish Govt. consultation on planning, and SLC consultation on anti-social behaviour were being made available on the CC web site. The SLC draft Local Plan was now out and the Chair stated that a number of issues which had been already agreed by the CC, and supported by the elected members would be raised at a meeting with the head of planning, and Director of Enterprise Resources to take place on Thursday. Residents in Union Street area have been provided with a letter outlining local plan proposal.	
<b>5</b>	<b>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL</b>	
5.1	<b>ROADS</b> Cllr Dorman reported to the meeting that the repairs to Townhead Street and King Street would be carried out in July. Sorbie Drive and Kane Place would also be getting surface dressed. Cllr Dorman also indicated that repairs to Muirhead & Udston Mill Road were also on the list of repairs to be carried out this year however she did not have the date to hand . A number of other roads issues were raised and it	<b>Sect.</b>

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5.2	<p>was agreed that information should be sought on the progress report on the road repairs in the village and that the Cllrs should be copied into the request to SLC.</p> <p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>The issue of planning permission for wind turbines was raised following a letter by Mrs Liddell, and in particular the granting of permission for single wind turbines without any consideration for the cumulative impact of such developments, and the lack of proper consultation. Mrs Liddell also raised concerns that lies were being told on the planning application and that these should be checked thoroughly. If 5 or more people objected then any proposed development would need to go to the area planning committee. Cllr Holman indicated that SLC was now starting to take into account the cumulative impact, but also made clear that the developers had the option to appeal to Scottish Govt if an application was refused and that there were cost implications for the local authority in this process especially if they have been down the appear road before and lost it. The Chair would raise this issue at the meeting with Head of Planning on Thursday, and he also stated that the CC would meet to agree their position on single applications for wind turbines.</p>	
5.3	<p><b>4/5 THE CROSS</b></p> <p>It was reported that SLC had agreed to the lease being given to the Senior Citizens Group however SLC awaited a copy of the survey undertaken by Senior citizens group A survey of the building would be completed in the near future. This was welcomed by the meeting, and once the administrative details had been sorted out discussions would take place on putting in place a structure to take the building forward as a community asset.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	
6.1	<p><b>TREATMENT CLINIC</b></p> <p>The Vice Chair had raised the issue of the use of the treatment clinics at a recent meeting of the Public Partnership Forum. Following discussion, it was agreed to arrange a meeting with the practice manager at the Health Centre to discuss the issue.</p>	SECT.
<b>7</b>	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
7.1	<p><b>WATER</b></p> <p>Gavin Haddow provided an update of the Sewage Works and drew our attention to the fact that Scottish Water had been fined for breaches that had happened almost 2 years ago. The discharge from the sewage works was now "within consent" but it was agreed that the quality of the discharge should be kept under review.</p>	
7.2	<p><b>GAS</b></p> <p>Work had begun to infill the repairs in Patrickholm Avenue and Newfield Road. However members of public were asked to report materials being left indiscriminately.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>	
8.1	<p><b>ELECTED MEMBERS</b></p> <p>Cllr Dorman informed the meeting that traffic for the wind farm development at Drumclog would be going through the village in the early hours of the morning in the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> June.</p>	

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8.2	<b>TREASURER</b> There had been no movements in the funds since the last meeting. The new bank mandate has now been authorised following the amendments being made to the signatories following Wullie Macke's death. Secretary has had a number of minor expenses however these will be added to an expenses form and submitted when the accounts are cleared by the auditors. Secretary will contact the auditors to find out when we expect the accounts to be returned.	
9	<b>FACEBOOK</b>	
	The issue of cutting the verges, and the need to conserve wildflowers, had been raised but reaction had been muted. It was felt that keeping the verges neat with regularly cutting was preferred and the Cllrs were asked to raise this with SLC	
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at Stonehouse Lifestyles. Public Meeting commences at 7.30pm</b>	