

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	R. Craig	Cllr Cooper	Cllr Holman
	R. Freel	M. Casey	G. Haddow	
	Cllr Dorman, Cllr Campbell, and 14 members of the public were in attendance. Nominated Member S. Montgomery and J. Hewart were present. G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	Sgt. John Watt and PC Alan Weir were present. Constable Weir presented the report detailing police activity in the village. In the last month there had been 117 calls, 21 resulting in a crime report. The majority were low level crimes but there had been two house breakings, and one attempted housebreaking. The police officer stressed the importance of locking doors and windows and making sure that cars parked in drives were securely locked checking that remote locking had worked. The Chair reported an incident involving fraudulently obtained bank/credit card details of people using the local branch of the Bank of Scotland. The police were aware of a number of incidents at the branch and would be examining CCTV footage available from the Masonic Lodge. The police again stressed the need to be vigilant when using ATM machines and to report any suspicious activity to the police. It was also reported that the consultation period regarding the new office hours at Larkhall Police Station had been extended. Members attending drew attention to speeding on the Strathaven Road and cars going through red lights on the same stretch of road. The police asked for members of the public to report registration plates and agreed to follow this up.			
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES			
	All matters arising would be dealt with in the agenda.			
5	CORRESPONDENCE			
	The Secretary apologised for the non-printing of correspondence lists as his printer had failed however he went through the details of the correspondence received and outgoing. Secretary read out a summary of the correspondence.			
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL			
	6.1 Roads No issues raised 6.2 Planning & Licence applications The Cc had raised a number of issues relating to the proposed bio mass plant at Linthaugh Gardens. SLC had provided additional information and this would be passed to Gavin Haddow who had some expertise on this matter. CC. Cllr Campbell reminded the meeting that six objections were needed to take this matter to the full Council. BARRATT DEVELOPMENT An application to build 119 houses had been received. There was discussion on the			

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	<p>best way forward for the residents of Manse Road to establish a residents' group. A local resident on Manse road advised that they had written to a number of houses on the area seeking representatives for a stakeholders group but no response received. Chair advised that they ask to respond by a given date and if no one comes forward then they put forward three representatives.</p> <p>The Chair indicated that he would contact Barratt Homes to have a meeting of the Stakeholders Group. Cllr Campbell expressed interest in joining the group.</p> <p>6.3 4/5 THE CROSS</p> <p>The Chair reported on a meeting attended by himself, vice chair and Cllr Campbell and Avon FM on behalf of the Senior Citizens Pavillion regarding the lease of a sublet at 4/5 The Cross. The Chair had prepared a draft lease agreement which had been submitted to Joanne Forbes, SLC for comments.</p> <p>6.4 Other SLC Matters</p> <p>SCHEME FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS</p> <p>The Chair reported on an attendance at MSP Christina McKelvie's surgery to ascertain details of the current legislation being considered by the Scottish Parliament in relation to CCs. He also raised the concerns of the CC to the current changes being suggested by SLC. This matter had also been raised at a recent meeting of other CCs and the CC had agreed to circulate the submission from Stonehouse to the other CCs. Details of the proposed changes were on the CC website and on SLC website.</p> <p>ALEXANDER HAMILTON PARK</p> <p>D. Carmichael sought clarification on the proposed 100k spend on the Park. The Chair stated that the funding was from the budget of SLC for the park and was not planning gain monies. Only around 30k exists for planning gain</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	No matters for report.	
8	UTILITIES	
	<p>GAS</p> <p>A continuous smell of gas at the lower end of Strathaven Road had been reported by members of the public and no action had been taken by the Gas Board. The Sec. agreed to pursue the matter.</p> <p>No other utility problems raised</p>	Sect
10	BUS SERVICE	
10.1	<p>Bus Service</p> <p>Strathaven bus</p> <p>Stonehouse coaches has ceased running services in Stonehouse, however SPT has put in place a temporary service in conjunction with Whitelaw's who are running a 252 service from Merryton to Strathaven. Secretary reminded all present that this was a temporary service and that the usage on the service would be monitored to determine if it warranted a more permanent service.</p> <p>The situation with the 252 commercial service which incorporates the uplift of school children on placement at Strathaven had been highlighted on the Facebook page and a meeting with Whitelaw's and parents under the auspices of the CC had been arranged for 20th November.</p>	

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10	REPORTS	
10.1	Elected Members No Report Treasurer	
10.2	The Treasurer reported that the balance at the end of the year was £767.38, and the grant had been received from SLC. The treasurer also reported that the secretary had now submitted an expenses sheet which included the purchase of a new laptop which had been agreed in previous minutes. Cost was £399. Secretary also sought approval to purchase a new printer as current printer was not printing properly and ink was running into paper. This was agreed.	
11	FACEBOOK	
11	The Chair stated that the CC face book page continued to be well received with an increasing number of hits on the site. The recent report on the bank skimming fraud had attracted over 7000 hits. It was an extremely useful tool for communicating with the public and engendering debate on issues raised at CC meetings.	
12	AOCB	
	The future of the burnt out buildings at the edge of the village was raised. The Chair reported on discussions he had had with Cllr Cooper on this. Cllr Cooper had called a meeting of the various interests involved and it now looked as though the building was to be rebuilt owing to the situation regarding the leases held over the properties involved. The Chair indicated that it was the intention of the CC to hold a hustings meeting on the Referendum on Scottish Independence sometime early in the new year. The Remembrance Service held on 10 th November was discussed and the Chair stated that next year, given the 100 anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1, the CC would look to coordinate the event.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The meeting closed at 9.10. The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 th December at Lifestyles Stonehouse at 7.30.	