

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 203**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	R. Craig, R Freel	M Casey, J Hewart	Cllr Cooper	G Smith, G Haddow
	S. Montgomery		Cllr Holman	B Grant
	Cllr Dorman, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Holman, Inspector Bell and Sergeant Thomson and 4 members of the public were in attendance. R Craig provided apologies for Chairman G Smith who was on holiday and thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The Minutes were agreed by those present.			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	<p>Vice Chair Robert Craig introduced Inspector Bell and Sgt Thomson . Sgt Thomson provided details of the previous months crime statistics.</p> <p>82 Calls were made to the police with 16 of these as reported crimes; Hot spot areas for repeat calls were Murray drive, Udston Mill road and Partickholm Avenues.</p> <p>The crime statistics were broken down as follows:</p> <p>6 Disorder which included 2 for vandalism and 4 breach of peace.</p> <p>7 Thefts, 3 of which being shoplifting.</p> <p>1 Taxi Fraud</p> <p>2 House breaking attempts, Marlyhill and Camnethan street.</p> <p>3 Traffic offences covering Tyres, under the influence of Drugs and failure to provide a breath test.</p> <p>Following a public consultation via twitter and meeting the public on the ground most people surveyed were happy with the police coverage of the village, however most did not know the contact number which is 101 or 999 in an emergency. R.Craig enquired regarding improving public knowledge of the 101 facility to which Inspector Bell informed that posters and cards would be issued and he would update the CC on the progress of these.</p> <p>When these figures are compared with other areas its pretty good as Blantyre had 105 crimes in the same period, Uddingston 51 and Ashgill & Netherburn 13. A question was asked if these were all new since last meeting and response was yes.</p> <p>Clarification was given on "suspicious white Van "calls made via facebook and twitter however no substance on these. Most were a knock on report with children seeing the twitter or facebook and then reporting a white van.</p> <p>Vice Chair then introduced Inspector Andy Bell and asked him to provide a few words about himself and his remit. Inspector Bell provided details on his background being in community policing and of the size of area he had to cover. If anyone wanted to contact him they could do so at Larkhall. He had an open door policy on all issues.</p> <p>Currently were working with Murray Drive residents to improve the area.</p> <p>Vice chair thanked the police for their attendance and the police left the meeting at this point</p>			

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	<p>4/5 THE CROSS Agnes reported that the building had now been taken over by the senior citizens group , however they had had a number of issues arise in the last week. Fire Certificate and fire panel training. Painting had been carried out in the rear hall and toilets as well as the front door. Robert Craig intimated that a meeting would now be required to progress the community group aspect.</p> <p>OTHER SLC ISSUES Elected members reported that the local plan as printed was being submitted to the reporter unit. Expected to be finalised by the end of the year. Cllr Campbell reported that Murray Drive flats were now being painted. Dovesdale planning application (Scotgen) would be coming near to the end of its 3 year term. Cllrs were asked if this would be advertised if Scotgen tried to extend. It was felt that it would be however there was uncertainty if all parties who objected would be contacted.</p>	SCC
	HEALTH MATTERS	
7	<p>TREATMENT CLINIC New Manager of Boots the Chemist had written to chair and could attend a meeting. Agreed to extend an invite to a future meeting.</p>	Chair
8	UTILITIES	
	<p>Water: Reported that water was running at Kane place, however water board had been out. Newfield road reported to councillors</p>	Cllrs
9	TRANSPORT	
	<p>Jackie Hewart provided an update on the Bus Issue which was affecting pupils at Strathaven academy and Secretary read out a response from the traffic commissioners. Apart from Whitelaw's being asked if they could run an additional bus or larger bus there was very little that could be done. Whitelaws were doing nothing wrong. Problems were with the Stonehouse coaches bus not operating. Not a lot the CC could do on this matter.</p>	
10	REPORTS	
10.1	<p>ELECTED MEMBERS Reports covered as part of the agenda items, however Cllrs were meeting with Stephen Kelly regards the park next week . Lamps out at the running track were reported . Planning gain monies in relation to the park would also be discussed.</p>	
10.2	<p>TREASURER Secretary has still to finalise purchase of laptop. £115.17 paid secretary expenses. Current balance £1210.21</p>	
11	FACEBOOK	
	No Issues raised	
12	AOCB	
	<p>No matters raised Meeting closed at 20.35 hours with the next meeting schedule for Monday 21st October at Stonehouse Lifestyles, 7.30pm.</p>	