

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 14th APRIL 2014**

1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance		Apologies
	G. Smith	R Freel	Cllr Cooper
	G Haddow	S Montgomery	Cllr Holman
	R Craig	J Hewart	J Hewart
	Cllr Campbell, Cllr Dorman; PC Sneddon & Maclachlan and six members of the public Signed sederunt . Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chair introduced Jonathan Hendry who is currently a student and had contacted the community council to establish how they operate. Agreed that Jonathon will shadow the CC members until the triennial election.		
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	The Minutes were agreed by all those present as being a true reflection of the meeting.		
3	POLICE REPORT		Action
	Constables Sneddon and McLachlan attended. Constable Sneddon stated that 17 crimes had been reported over the last month. There had been 9 crimes detected. 2 serious assaults had been detected and 3 adult support protection orders granted. There had been 2 thefts from cars which had been unsecured and a theft from an unsecured property. The chair raised the issue of feedback from a previous survey and Constable Sneddon agreed to pursue this. The question of the legal age for entering the bookmakers was raised and it was agreed that this was a licensing matter but clarification on this would be looked at. The issue of speeding traffic on Strathaven Road, particularly at night was also discussed and PC Sneddon said that he would raise the matter with Inspector Bell.		
4	BUSINESS MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES		
	The two houses being constructed on the land at Manse Road was raised and it was reported that the Planning Dept. would be keeping the project under review to ensure it conformed to planning permission. The Chair reported that he and Molly Casey had been given awards at a ceremony in the County Buildings in recognition of their services to the community in Stonehouse. Whilst the community council had not been formally notified the elected members advised that the application for a hot food licence at premises in Violet Crescent had not been granted by the planning department and that there had been over 100 objections to the application.		
5	CORRESPONDENCE		Action
	The Secretary went through the details of correspondence received and outgoing and a list of all correspondence had been circulated with the issued minutes. The amendments to the proposed scheme for Community Councils had been revised again and recirculated for comment. It was felt that the proposed boundary changes outlined in the scheme did not really impact on Stonehouse. The Stonehouse Gala Committee had asked for a donation and it was agreed that the CC would take an advert in the programme at a cost of £50 once our accounts were returned,		Sect

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6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	Action
6. 1	<p><u>Roads</u></p> <p>Facebook had been used to identify problems with the roads and the CC maintained a spreadsheet of work required which was regularly updated and passed to the Council. The roads programme for repairs in Stonehouse for this Financial year was circulated. Potholes in the village was discussed and the chair asked people to use the Facebook page and to incorporate photographs where possible. The condition of some of the pavements in the village was raised and Cllr Dorman indicated that she had already taken up some of these points with SLC.</p> <p>Planning</p> <p>An application relating to 40-42 Townhead Street to turn 2 houses into 5 had been received. The issue of parking was raised, although access from the rear was possible, An application from Ginestri was a repeat of a previous application and again the problem of adequate parking was mentioned. The wind farm application at Dykehead and been allowed on appeal at Edinburgh. The timetable of the planning permission for the two houses built opposite Lifestyles was raised and it was agreed to seek clarification from the planning dept. The Chair reported on the proposals for the Alexander Hamilton park, and the public consultation held at Lifestyles. Cllr Cooper was taking this project forward, and intended to carry out further consultation with the local primary schools. The plan was to try and get this project underway in this financial year. The meeting welcomed this improved development. Concern was expressed to the community council about the grass cutting programme and cutting back the grass from the headstones in the cemetery which was resulting in the headstones at some of the graves being rendered unstable. It was agreed to pursue this with SLC. Cllrs had been advised by Mr Monie of this problem</p> <p>4/5 The Cross</p> <p>The Chair reported on a meeting with the senior citizens attended by himself, R. Craig and Cllr Campbell. It was agreed that the senior citizens would move to Lifestyles on 12th May. The chair was liaising with Joanne Forbes to ensure that the necessary arrangements were in place to sign off the existing lease from SLC. The question of using "dial a bus" to provide transport was raised and the Chair indicated that he would take this up with Cllr Cooper.</p>	<p>Sect</p> <p>Cllrs</p> <p>Cllrs</p>

7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	<p>TREATMENT CLINICS</p> <p>The Chair had spoken to Lorraine Cooper about this and it appears that the operation of the clinics at Larkhall and Stonehouse were largely determined from Hamilton. It was agreed that this matter would be pursued at the relevant meetings of this group. The Chair reported that placing information on Facebook regarding registering for internet use to book appointments and renew prescriptions had attracted 950 hits and had resulted in a good uptake at the medical centre by the public. This was an excellent example of joint working and the value of Facebook in disseminating information.</p>	

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8	UTILITIES	
	No matters reported.	
9	TRANSPORT	
	It was reported by secretary that Whitelaw's will continue 252 service to Strathaven till at least the end of June.	
10	ELECTED MEMBERS & TREASURER'S REPORT	
	<p><u>Elected members</u> No further reports other than those raised and discussed throughout the meeting</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> No change from previous minutes as accounts had been submitted to MRA Accountants Lanark. There were two invoices outstanding for Hall charges however as the CC cheque book was with the accountant payment could not be met. R Freel will contact SLLC. Public liability insurance had been renewed</p>	Sect
11	FACEBOOK	
	Facebook continues to be actively used road faults and other issues being raised.	
12	AOCB	
	<p><u>Remembrance</u> 1. The Chair initiated a discussion on the remembrance service in November and the need to plan the event, given this year would mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WW1. It was agreed that the CC would call a meeting of the interested parties to begin the process of organising the event.</p> <p><u>Burnt Out Buildings</u> 2. The situation of the burnt out buildings at the entrance to the village was raised and it was agreed that the Chair would contact Cllr Cooper to see what progress was being made regarding the reinstatement of the buildings.</p> <p><u>Hospital Ground sale</u> 3. The sale of the hospital ground was also discussed and this would also be followed up with Cllr Cooper.</p>	<p>Sect</p> <p>Chair/ Cllr. Cooper</p> <p>Cllr Cooper</p>
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th May 2014 at 7.30pm in Lifestyles Hall	