

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 17th MARCH 2014**

Item			
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance		Apologies
	G. Smith	R Freel	Cllr Cooper
	J Hewart	S Montgomery	M Stewart
	R Craig		
	Cllr Dorman and 10 members of the public attended. PCs Smith and Colquhoun also attended. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	The Minutes were agreed by all those present as being a true reflection of the meeting.		
3	POLICE REPORT		Action
	PC Colquhoun reported that there had been an increase in calls re-disturbances in the village over the last month. One individual had been arrested and was back in prison and another evicted. Five people had been arrested for housebreaking offences which was the work of two groups of housebreakers as teams. The police were thanked for their work on these cases. The complaints regarding speeding on Strathaven Road had been passed to the Traffic Dept. There were reports of fly tipping in various sites and it was agreed to put something on facebook and for the public to report anyone doing this. If there was sufficient evidence within the fly tipping debris to show who was responsible then this would be followed up by the police. SEPA should also be contacted. It was reported by Cllr Dorman who had been contacted boots that there had been a spate of shoplifting at the Chemist shop. The thieves had been identified by the use of CCTV in the shop. A member of the public asked about two road traffic accidents one on the bypass and the other at Sandford Road end. Secretary also asked about the mounted police unit which was seen in Stonehouse in the last two weeks. Mounted branch have a roaming remit covering the area.		
4	BUSINESS MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES		
	Any matters arising would be dealt with under the appropriate agenda item		
5	CORRESPONDENCE		Action
	The Secretary referred to the list of correspondence received and outgoing and provided with the agenda. Secretary emphasised that any of the correspondence can be viewed if required either during or at the end of the meeting.		Sect.

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6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL	Action
6.1	<p><u>Roads</u> It was agreed to conduct another survey of potholes in the village. The drainage problems at the Manse Road estate were being addressed. The drainage issues at Kirk Street were the responsibility of SLC according to Scottish Water and Cllr. Campbell was pursuing the matter.</p> <p><u>Planning</u> The fence at Manse Road had now been taken down. Concern was expressed regarding the size and use of the building being erected on the site. The Chair pointed out that the planning permission referred to the building being used for agricultural purposes and if this was not the case then the planning dept should be contacted. It was agreed that this matter would be reviewed in the light of developments. Between 40 and 50 letters of objection had been sent over the proposed hot food takeaway in Violet Cres. A decision from the local authority was expected in the near future. Biomass Plant – the original application had been withdrawn and the size of the proposed chimney had been reduced taking into account issues raised by the CC. There was little further action the CC could take given that the ground on which the plant would be built belonged to SLC. Beth Grant asked about Dovesdale application . The original planning application had been taken over and work had been carried out to widen the access road to keep the application “live”. It appeared that the intention was to continue with the “blue bin” recycling.,</p> <p><u>Local Development Plan</u> The Chair reported that public hearings would take place on 28/29 May at the Low Parks Museum in Hamilton.</p> <p><u>4-5 The Cross</u> The chair provided an update indicating tha the senior citizens would be moving to the lifestyles hall on 12th May 2014</p> <p><u>Danmore House</u> Chair reported on a rumour circulating around the village regards the use of Danmore house and its possible reuse as a homeless unit. Noting to substantiate rumours however members of public asked to keep a look out for locally posted notices if it happens.</p>	Cllr Cambell
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	The clinics at Stonehouse had now been reduced from 2 days to half a day and this resulted in patients sometimes having to wait for three weeks for appointments. It was agreed that this should be investigated and pursued, in the first instance by contacting the local surgery. Chair will investigate	chair

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8	UTILITIES	
	No matters reported. Although the issue of Scottish Power digging up Camnethan street was raised with the elected members with an answer awaited.	
9	TRANSPORT	
	No matters reported. Agreed the secretary would seek an update on 252 service	Sect.
10	ELECTED MEMBERS & TREASURER'S REPORT	
	Elected members No further reports other than those raised and discussed throughout the meeting Treasurer Treasurer Molly Casey had provided details of the accounts which have now been made up. Total expenditure was reported as being 864.59 and details of the expenditure breakdown were read out. CC members were issued with a report which showed this. Expenditure was expected for the hall hire in respect of the independence debate.	
11	FACEBOOK	
	Facebook continues to be actively used by around 200 and 400 hits.	
12	AOCB	
	There had been lots of positive comment following the independence debate on 7 th March. Michael McCann MP had written to thank the CC for the efficient organisation and for hosting the event. Over 200 people had attended, including people from surrounding villages. the lights at the cash machine at the Royal Bank of Scotland were not working and it was agreed that the Cc would try to clarify who was responsible for the lighting.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting would be held on 14 th May 2014, a week earlier than normal to take Easter Monday into account.	