

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 19th MAY 2014**

1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In attendance		Apologies
	G. Smith	R Freel	Cllr Cooper
	G Haddow	S Montgomery	J Hewart
	R Craig	J Hewart	
	Cllr Campbell Cllr Dorman, and 13 members of the public were in attendance. G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Two members of police Scotland		
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES		Action
	The Minutes were agreed by all those present as being a true reflection of the meeting.		
3	POLICE REPORT		Action
	<p>Constable Thomson reported that since the last meeting 13 crimes had been reported and 9 detected. This was compared to the previous month of 17 reported crimes. The crimes ranged from theft (drive off at garage) , violent disorder (domestics) , possession of cannabis, drunk driving and bank fraud. With regard to the bank fraud Constable Thomsons urged people to be aware of anyone phoning saying they were from the bank and asking for bank account details. He stressed the importance of being careful with ATM s and reporting and suspicious activity to the bank and to the police. There had been over 520 speed checks conducted on the Strathaven Road and action was taken against 2 people for speeding. Not using seat belts and using mobile phones while driving was also a concern. Constable Thomson was using twitter to add communication with the public and he praised the use of the CC's facebook as a means of getting information out quickly. The local police plan was community lead and police responded to community concerns highlighted in the plan. The bi-monthly meeting with the police and various local organisations held in Larkhall was still on-going. Police had also attended a CEO input at Stonehouse primary.</p>		
4	BUSINESS MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES		
	Any matters arising would be dealt with as part of the agenda.		
5	CORRESPONDENCE		Action
	The Secretary went through the details of correspondence received and outgoing and a list of all correspondence had been circulated. There was a consultation on affordable housing and the details were available on the SLC website.		Sect
6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL		Action
6.1	Roads		
	<p>The square at Paterson Place had been repaired but was still causing problems with broken slabs and the chips which had been laid not being satisfactory. Cllr Dorman would ask SLC to look at the area again as the response received was not satisfactory. The condition of some of the pavements in West Mains was reported and it was agreed to pursue this with The Council.</p>		

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	<p>Planning</p> <p>A pre planning exhibition/consultation by Keppies would be held at Lifestyles on Tuesday 3rd June from 2 – 7 pm. This related to a proposed development of land across from Lifestyles and using the boundary of the Avon Valley. The CC had raised this as part of the submission to the Local Plan. The proposed development was a mixture of housing/commercial/leisure facilities and a new Secondary school.</p> <p>The situation regarding the hospital ground was also discussed and it was agreed to seek clarification on progress with regard to a sale from Cllr Cooper</p> <p>4/5 The Cross</p> <p>The Chair reported that he had gone to see how the move from 4/5 The Cross to Lifestyles had gone and it looked as though everyone was settling in. It had been agreed to postpone a decision on providing transport for a few weeks to allow things to settle down.</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	
	<p>TREATMENT CLINICS</p> <p>Concerns continue to be raised regarding the use of the clinics at Stonehouse Hospital and people being directed to Larkhall. It was agreed to keep this matter under review. Some discussion took place on the reports that over 65's phoning 999 would be questioned.</p>	
8	UTILITIES	
	<p>The secretary advised on a letter received regarding the overhead lines from Strathaven to Wishaw were being upgraded.</p>	
9	TRANSPORT	
	<p>Bus Issues</p> <p>The situation regarding the bus service for children attending Strathaven Academy was raised. The Chair outlined the background to this and the various meetings which had been held to try resolve this issue. It was noted that the situation was likely to get worse next year with more pupils from the village going to Strathaven. The chair indicated that he via the CC would be willing to facilitate another meeting of parents if this was felt to be helpful but the parents would need to resolve this themselves. The Scottish Govt. policy on rural transport was discussed and parents were urged to raise this with the local MSP's.</p> <p>The situation of Whitelaws buses coming in convey along the main street in the morning was raised and it was suggested that the best approach would be to contact Whitelaws direct. The emissions from some of the buses in the early morning was also discussed and again it was felt that the best approach was to speak to the bus operator or if the bus was being used as school transport SPT. Parking on the corner at Lockhart Street on the way into the village was discussed and the Chair indicated that this had already been reported to the police.</p> <p>A question was also asked if buses required an MOT. This was confirmed as a requirement.</p>	
10	ELECTED MEMBERS & TREASURER'SREPORT	
	<p>Elected members</p> <p>No further reports other than those raised and discussed throughout the meeting</p>	

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	<p><u>Treasurer</u> The balance in the bank account was £159.19 and the grant for next year was expected. Secretary R Freel who is standing in for the Treasurer position until the election issued a mini statement.</p>	Sect
11	<p>FACEBOOK Facebook continues to be actively used road faults and other issues being raised.</p>	
12	<p>AOCB 12.1 Contact had been made with the churches regarding the remembrance service in November and a meeting would be held in the next few weeks to begin planning for the event. A response was received from the Paterson church and chair would make contact to set up a meeting. 12.2 Cllr Cooper was pursuing the situation with regard to the brunt out buildings in the village. 12.3 Work was expected to start on the Alexander Hamilton park in the late summer. A question was asked if it covered the boags area and the path leading from the Park at the childrens play area. This was reported as not covered by planned work. 12.4 A scout group was restarting in the village. 12.5 Following last months CC meeting Work was being carried out at the cemetery to re turf some of the graves. 12.6 Cllr Dorman confirmed that the Public Institute had been sold. 12.7 A Stonehouse Business Association had been set up and Ian Taylor gave a brief outline of progress so far. This development was welcomed. 12.8 An event Sprit of Stonehouse would be held on 14th June and Christina McKelvie MSP would be presenting awards to school children involved in the project.</p>	Chair
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th June 2014 at 7.30pm in Lifestyles.</p>	