

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2015**

| Item | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2 | PREVIOUS MINUTES | Action | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | The Minutes were agreed by those present. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | POLICE REPORT | Action | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>Constable Jim Freel attended. He reported that there had been 75 calls from the village, the majority relating to road traffic, mainly disturbances caused by quad bikes and motor bikes. There also had been a report of a drone flying over the village. There had been six complaints – 5 disturbances and one drug. In all there had been 11 crimes and 5 had been detected. He appealed for information from members of the public on offences caused by quad or trials bikes. Extra police resources were being directed to rural crime, particularly in relation to farms. The Chair reported on a meeting with Barratts and the theft of diesel from equipment on the site. Constable Freel stated the Barrett had not initially reported the thefts and damage from their site, and he was critical of the lack of security on the site especially night watchmen and the perimeter fence which made it an attraction for thieves to come to Stonehouse. The Chair indicated that he would take this up with Barrett. He also asked Constable Freel to pass on the best wishes of the Community Council to Inspector Andy Munro who was retiring from the force.</p> <p>A member of public asked about the lead stolen from St Ninian's church roof however police were still investigating.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | All matters covered in the agenda. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | CORRESPONDENCE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | The Secretary went through the details of correspondence received and outgoing and a list of all correspondence had been circulated with the minutes. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6.1 | ROADS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | The schedule of roads to be repaired in this financial year included part of Patrickholm Avenue and Ringwell Gardens. The condition of Newfield Road, Lockhart Place and Boghall Street was also raised. It was pointed out by elected members that the road repair schedule did not include on-going repairs. Lockhart Place, Newfield road and Boghall lane were all raised again as needing repairs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6.2 | PLANNING | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | There were The Chair reported that he had written to the Chief Executive of the NHS asking for an update on the sale of the land at Stonehouse Hospital. Secretary advised that the CC had been notified that the Local Plan had been sent to Scottish Ministers in Edinburgh. The Plan was available on SLC website. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | No other matters brought to CC attention | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | HEALTH MATTERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | The chair intimated that the GP services in the village had been the subject of various comments on the Sunny Stonehouse Facebook page. The comments related to the service provided. the surgery were aware of these | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 8 | UTILITIES | |
| | It was reported that a number of street lights in Marleyhill Avenue and Sutherland Avenue were not working. SLC were now installing LED lights and some repairs might now take longer. The street lights on the way to Canderside Toll appeared to be on all the time. It was agreed that when faults were reported the relevant department in SLC were usually quick to respond. Elected members and secretary will take this up with the relevant section | Elect Member Sect. |
| 9 | TRANSPORT | |
| | No issues were raised. | |
| 10 | REPORTS | |
| 10.1 | TREASURER'S REPORT The treasurer reported that the balance in the bank account was £557.99. with spend since January being a total of £65. Breakdown £45 for the Gala Day Programme advert (26th March) and £20 for A5 booklets (31st March) for hustings meeting. Expenditure due was the hall and equipment hire for the Hustings. Invoices awaited for these items. | |
| 10.2 | ELECTED MEMBERS Cllr Cooper reported on the work being carried out on the Alexander Hamilton Park. New steps had been installed at the Chute, 150 trees had been planted and the Chute was to be refurbished and polished. Work would begin shortly on the paths, walls and landscaping as well as new seating. On 9 th May a litter pick was being organised in the village and wildflower planting in an area in the park. Greggs would be supplying snacks to all those taking part. The toddlers play area was being upgraded. Outdoor adult fitness equipment and the restoration of the bandstand was being looked at as a second phase in the park upgrade. Additional hedging and further trees would also form part of phase 2 Cllr Campbell reported on discussions with mobile phone operators on a new mast which would bring 4G coverage to the village. Cllr Cooper outlined the plans for a festival of sport on 29/30 May in Strathaven Park when a range of sporting activities would take place with stalls run by individual sports organisations and SLCC to encourage public participation. | |
| 11 | AOCB | |
| | It was reported that the public toilets in Stonehouse and surrounding villages had been closed as part of the SLC cost savings. There followed considerable discussion / debate on this issue, in particular the lack of public consultation and the fact that the health and wellbeing needs of people in the village had been ignored. It was agreed to take this matter up with the local authority. Chair advised that Larkhall CC were looking at various options and that he would contact them. Members of the public asked what the savings were by closing the toilets. The Chair reported on the success of the Hustings Meeting on a count it was estimated that the turnout was around 140. The closure of the coffee bar before the meeting ended was criticised and the Chair had raised this with the manager of Lifestyles. He also thanked Danny and Tommy for their help with the roving microphones at the event. The issue of broken glass at the corner of Sutherland Avenue and at the bus shelter on Strathaven Road was raised. It was thought that rubbish bins were being deliberately emptied. Chair asked that these matters be raised when police were present in order that they could target these areas. | Elected Members |
| 12 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING The meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th May 2015 at 7.30pm in Lifestyles. | |