

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 19th^t JANUARY 2015**

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	R. Craig	G Haddow	Cllr Holman
	R. Freel	J Hewart	S Montgomery	Cllr Campbell
	J Robb	Cllr Cooper		
	Cllr Campbell	Cllr Dorman		
	Seventeen members of Public and Community Police Officer Gareth Brown			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	The Minutes were agreed by those present as being a true reflection of the meeting			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	Sergeant Brown gave the police report for the village which indicated that there were 85 incidents reported in the past month. This is a large rise from previous months and indicates that more people are now contacting the police. From these numbers there were 6 x crimes of disorder, which had 3 x reports from the same incident and the remaining three were for indoor disorders within houses. There were 4 attempted thefts of cars, motor cycles and quads. The CID are now investigating the incidents which are taking them to other neighbouring villages. There were 14 crime reports of which 5 were detected and 9 remain undetected. Sergeant Brown reported that there were no issues or patterns of crime from the stats drawn on the incidents. From question from the audience he reported that there were no cases of people failing the breath test over the festive period. He took other questions from the audience and was thanked for his attendance.			
4	CORRESPONDENCE			Action
4.1	A list of all correspondence received was circulated to the meeting with the minutes and R Freel provided an overview of the most pressing .			
5	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL			
5.1	Roads The next issue was about the state of the roads in the village. Everyone present at the meeting complained about the lack of gritting in the streets and in the estates with people slipping everywhere around the village. There was no gritting in Muirhead despite this having a Primary school in its route. Parents were worried about potential accidents. There were reports of gritting machines sitting parked up in the streets for long times without any grit and also complaints about Tractors coming into streets with snow ploughs and small grit bins but taking no action in the streets. One of the biggest complaints was that the road to the cemetery had not been gritted and there had been a large funeral on Monday morning where the mourners had difficulty in following the hearse to the graveyard. It was also felt that some of the paths in the graveyard should be gritted considering the costs charged for a lair The Councillors stated that due to budget constraints the winter gritting programme only included main roads. Councillor Dorman stated that more roads in East Kilbride seemed to get gritted than elsewhere as she had recently visited the town. Cllr Dorman will take this issue up with the roads officers. There were also complaints that the pavements were also very slippy and people were walking on the main road to avoid falling and injuring themselves. It was also stated that there was a surplus of salt. Chairman also indicated that if a grit bin was required by a neighbourhood they should contact the roads department.			

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	<p>Cllr cooper suggested that the CC write to Christina Mckelvie regarding the council budgets. A member of the public asked about the traffic lights at the Barratt estate, with chair indicating that he had contacted the site supervisor</p> <p>PLANNING Chairman asked Mr Carmichael of the Development trust to speak on the proposed application for a community garden in Marleyhill /Brankston avenue area. Mr Carmichael gave an overview indicating that they had spent £7,500 pounds on a feasibility and went on to answer questions on the location and layout of the gardens.</p>	
6	HEALTH MATTERS	
6.1	Vice Chair provided an overview of a consultation about to take place regards the out of hours service provision. Two models were being presented and it was agreed that the community council will support the two venues.	
7	UTILITIES	
	No reports on any of the Utilities.	
8	TRANSPORT	
	The online campaign by a member of the public for a bus from Strathaven to Glasgow was discussed, however as it would be operating as a commercial service it would be up to the bus operator to deem if it was viable.	
9	REPORTS	
9.1	ELECTED MEMBERS Cllr Campbell advised on the charges for senior citizens regarding hall lets and the forthcoming council budget cuts.. No decision had been taken on this yet it was being discussed in the February meetings	
10	FACEBOOK	
	No issues raised, although still being used as a good medium to get information out	
11	AOCB The Chair reported on the forthcoming discussions with the Banks group on the proposed community benefits and on how discussions had reached a stalemate with Strathaven seeking a larger share of the proposed 25 % each distribution. A further meeting would take place in February. Chair also indicated that the community council had been asked if they would hold a hustings meeting for the forthcoming election. A proposed date was 10 th April	
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	Monday 16th February at Stonehouse Lifestyles 7.30pm	