

**AGENDA**

**MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2015**

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1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES
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3. POLICE REPORT
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
5. CORRESPONDENCE (Refer to list attached)
6. SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
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  - 6.2 Planning: Danmore House
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7. HEALTH MATTERS
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  - 8.1 Water:
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Balance & expenditure
11. FACEBOOK
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# STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON; MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Item				
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
	In attendance		Apologies	
	G. Smith	S. Montgomery		G Haddow
	R. Freel	J. Hewart		
	R. Craig	J. Robb		
	Cllrs Campbell, Dorman, Holman and Cooper along with 17 members of the public were in attendance. Police: Community police officers sergeant John McCartin and PC Gordon Fleming. Jim Freel sent his apologies. Chairman G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. George intimated that he had invited Donna Murray from the Larkhall Tenants association to speak about setting up a tenants association.			
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
	Those present agreed the Minutes were an accurate record			
3	POLICE REPORT			Action
	Sergeant McCartin reported on crime in the village. There had been 103 incidents this month. 9 involving sheep, 1 deer and 2 cows reported on the roads. 21 road traffic reports (breakdown and speeding) 21 crime reports : 8 thefts : including diesel, a trailer and a van with a digger (the van was found burnt out) lead was also stolen from 14 new houses on the Barratts estate. If members of the public see anything suspicious at any time phone the police. 2 incidents of shop lifting (both caught), 1 vandalism, 1 drug offence, 2 road incidents. There is now a dedicated wildlife crime officer Lorna Henshilwood. Questions put to the police: Grave stones knocked down, cars speeding along Strathaven road, king street, motor bikes causing problems, kids running across roads in front of cars, anti social behaviour at the cross, school drop off areas still a problem, cars being ‘keyed’ outside the new Indian restaurant. The police will look into these incidents and make a hot spot. They asked members of the public to take photos of cars or record the registration plate, make and model where they had issues although it was recognised that in some cases this is not possible. Cllr Dorman updated the meeting regarding council workers parking outside bakers and in disabled spots, the fleet manager has informed staff not to park there.			
	GUEST SPEAKER			
	Donna provided an overview of the work carried out by the tenants associations and what they were involved with and why it was important to have one. They work together trying to tackle anti social behaviour, meeting with other groups as well as housing department. Have commented on housing allocation policies , repairs policies and private housing landlord issues. They are willing to support any group starting up and will share information on any start ups. Beth Grant indicated that Murray drive Residents association had poor attendances at recent meetings and that it would be good to get them going again.			

<b>4</b>	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
	<p>Broken Paving slabs caused by Lend lease outside school . council were not following this up.</p> <p>Cost of the technical support for husting meeting was £318.68.</p> <p>MSP John Wilson is putting out a newsletter copies issued with minutes.</p> <p>Group can join citizen's advice secretary will follow up</p> <p>Secretary has written to SLC on a Freedom of information request regards numbers of pupils travelling out of Stonehouse on school transport.</p> <p>Investigate the ownership of verges at Barratts site.</p> <p>Investigate installation of a bus stop at entrance to East Mains rookery.</p>	<b>Sect.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	The Secretary went through the details of correspondence received and outgoing and a list of all correspondence had been circulated with the minutes. The secretary provided an overview of the most pressing.	
<b>6</b>	<b>SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>ROADS</b>	
	Parking problems – discussed in police report. Dip at roundabout going out of viollage towards Strathaven.	
<b>6.2</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>	
	4 confirmed offers for NHS grounds, no details could take 6 months to confirm, could be full residential or part residential and part commercial.	<b>Sect.</b>
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Other matters</b>	
	Public toilets : the electricity and water have been turned off. It has been confirmed it will not reopen. This saves the council £8000 a year. Could open as a community toilet if someone was to take it on. Discussion on rookery at the entrance to east mains with Cllr Cooper advising on options. CC will still seek to have a bus shelter installed	
<b>7</b>	<b>HEALTH MATTERS</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	No matters arising	
<b>8</b>	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
	No matters arising	
<b>9</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	
	<p>School bus problem was raised and discussed with questions being asked of the elected members. The qualifing area for free buses has been changed to 3 miles from school. The CC have written to establish how many pupils will be affected. At a previous meeting the CC were advised that one pupil was affected and this was not the case.</p> <p>Children would have a long walk along the A71 which is a busy road. They would have to cross at some point raising safety issues. A previous meeting had a</p>	



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10	<b>REPORTS</b>	
10.1	<p><b>Elected Members</b></p> <p>Cllr Dorman will take up the school bus issue</p> <p>Cllr Campbell looking at a safe route to school. The rural location needs to be taken into account. The 3 mile radius is Scottish government legislation.</p> <p>Cllr Cooper no update on burnt out building. Work has started in the park with new equipment starting to be put in on 29<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>The community Council meet our new MP and got a good response. She held a busy surgery on Saturday. They also met Christina McKelvie who will come to a future meeting to discuss the empowerment bill.</p>	
10.2	<p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p>The accounts show £557.99 balance. Pending Expenditure was the hustings technical support bill with the local hall hire in dispute. Secretarys expenses of £22.75 which covered paper and postage and was detailed on the submitted expense sheet. Agreed that these will be paid.</p>	
11	<b>FACEBOOK</b>	
12	<b>AOCB</b>	
	<p>Amy Carmichael attended the meeting to ask why the community council hadn't replied to her letter, In response the chairman advised that the community council were copied in on the letter and thought the letter was being copied to them sent for information only.</p> <p>A response will be sent by secretary before our next meeting.</p> <p>Danny Baxter updated the meeting on the bees – they have been inspected by bee inspector who praised the work of the group . Honey is expected this year.</p>	
	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>There is no July meeting. The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7.30pm.</p>	