

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON;
MONDAY 21 September 2015**

1. MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES			
In attendance		Apologies	
G. Smith	R. Craig	S. Montgomery	
R. Freel	J. Robb		
Cllrs Campbell, Dorman, and Cooper along with two representatives from Police Scotland and 12 members of the public were in attendance. Chairman G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			Action
Those present agreed the Minutes were an accurate record.			
3. POLICE REPORT			Action
The Police reported they had received 72 incidents in the month. 13 reported crimes of which only 1 detected for a road traffic offence. 12 undetected, 1 house break-in and 1 shop theft. Vandalism of smashed windows in 3 houses, all of which are still being investigated. There have been incidents of doors being chapped in McLean Gardens sheltered housing complex and the police informed us they had spoken with some of the residents. Police are maintaining a presence in the area. Cllr Cooper advised there had been an attempted theft of one of the benches in the Public Park however some of the workmen challenged the individuals. It was reported to Police at the meeting, of a motor bike in the Patrickholm area driving recklessly and in some cases without the proper equipment. The police are aware of person involved. Police were informed of speeding cars in Crow Road and Manse Road. Cllr Campbell to arrange a traffic survey of Manse Road similar to the survey carried out on Strathaven road. Chair indicated that he would like to set up a meeting with the new inspector.			
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			
Any matters arising would be dealt via the Agenda items.			
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. The secretary provided an overview of the most pressing. Note: Councillors Holman & Cooper have written to Scottish government regards the Keppies appeal; they now support this application due to it being able to provide much need infrastructure.			
6. SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL			
6.1ROADS No issues arising.			
6.2PLANNING An old planning application has now been withdrawn for Kirk Street. An application has been lodged to knock down a building at the side of Danmore, 6 The Cross. Some discussion on whether this building was listed or not as chair intimated that at one time it was. Planning application lodged for eco house to be built by CS Homes at Udston Farm. Out buildings to be taken down. NHS ground at hospital has still not moved forward due to offers put forward not being accepted by Scottish Govt. Keppies Appeal Some debate on this matter with some people having different perception of the public meeting held with Keppies. Post cards completed in the pre-planning phase indicated the majority were in support of the application although they did receive a number of objections to it. Cllrs cooper and			Sect.

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Campbell both intimated that inward investment was required and was unlikely to come from the council. Councillor Dorman was still opposed to the idea of the development and stated most people were against the development. Beth Grant a member of the public intimated that the village was a commuter town and as such could grant monies not be made available similar to Strathaven. Unfortunately Strathaven is classed as a market town and it has a different status. Cllr Cooper intimated that the conservation areas could attract funding however it requires a local group to come forward with ideas and to make a funding application. Chair went over old ground in respect of the local plan and the bypass being development lead with the local authority ignoring this when Persimmons built up East Mains. Cllr Cooper intimated that the council tax had been frozen for the last few years and that more services are likely to be cut due to more savings cuts in the council. Questions on the amount of council tax being generated by the village and new houses and what services would likely to increase.

Other matters

The implementation date for SLC transport boundary changes review has been postponed to 12 April 2016.

7. HEALTH MATTERS

Robert Craig advised that following a PPC meeting he had been advised that 19 November has been designated as World Toilet Day for mainly sanitation in the Third World. There was some discussion on this in relation to the closure of local public toilets.

Mark Monie suggested a public buy out for the toilets in the village; it was pointed out that this could be done by a group however they would need to submit a business plan and that someone would have to be responsible 24/7 for the keys etc. Cllr Cooper advised she had been dealing with a group in Strathaven who wished to do the same and she outlined all the complex issues re Rates, Hygiene, Health and Safety, insurance etc. that would be involved.

8. UTILITIES

No matters arising, although the superfast broadband connection and wireless reception was discussed. It was noted that masts are being upgraded.

9. TRANSPORT

No matters arising although reported that School bus matter was deferred till April 2016

10. REPORTS

10.1 Elected Members

Cllr Cooper advised the Bank was re-possessing the take away part of the burnt out building in New Street and the Bookmakers were still interested in buying all of the building.

Three 3 tier planters were placed in the village with SLC donating the plants for them. Cllr Cooper also advised work going to plan in the Public Park play area and hopefully the top area would be open very soon. Further work to be carried out at the bottom of the Park, also new benches to be made available.

An application for a suite of adult fitness equipment to be submitted to SLC for use in the park.

420 trees for wildlife and 30 hedges have also been made available by SLC.

Cllr Cooper would also attempt to obtain a green flag for the park in the future one it has come to a better standard and works are complete.

Cllr Campbell had received numerous queries re Danmore and had advised the meeting there had been no approach to SLC to use this property for homeless flats or DHSS bed and breakfast.

Friends of the park were also to be congratulated for their work in the park and recent events.

10.2 Treasurer

The accounts show £218.56 in account. Website hosting expenses of £24.95 and £25.00 for poppy wreath were agreed. Secretary will pay and claim back from Treasurer using an expense claim form The Renewal of Scotways membership was also agreed. Treasurer has paperwork for this.

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11	FACEBOOK	
	Continues to be used.	
12	AOCB	
12.1	Reception Masts in Stonehouse/Strathaven area are undergoing an upgrade at the moment which has caused some dips in the 3G service.	
12.2	Friends of the Park – A walk is to be held on 26 September at 10.00 am. All to meet in the Park. A Halloween event is being organised for 30 October and will be confirmed later. A fund raising evening in Lifestyles on 21 November is still in the planning process. CC received a request from The Bowling Club asking for a letter of support for grant application to Viridor for new bankings. Chair will provide this	
12.3	Colin McDowall, Director of Planning with SLC is retiring and Michael McGlynn is to succeed him. Chair to arrange a suitable date to meet with Mr McGlynn.	
12.4	Paul Grant, Minister of St Ninian,s Church is leaving to take up a position as Chaplain for the Healthcare in Glasgow. His last service will be held on Sunday 4 October and a leaving party will be held in the Church Hall on Friday evening October 2. All welcome.	
12.5	The Paterson Church is due to organise the Remembrance Service this year. Chair to liaise with Church and keep the same Order of Service as last year. It was brought to the attention of the CC that the new Cemetery has not been finished to a very good standard. Also tap at Glebe Cemetery is needing attention or a new one installed. Secretary will follow up on this	Sect.
12.6	The University of the West of Scotland is possibly moving out of Hamilton. CC to write letter of support to keep in Hamilton.	Sect
12.7	The question of a traffic crossing at the bottom of Manse Road was raised but as there was already one at the hospital this would be very unlikely. Cllrs present could look at this	
12.8	Danny Baxter advised the meeting that all was well with the Bees in the area although production of homey was low	
12.9	Chair advised that CC officials will be meeting an organisation to discuss the village survey questionnaire	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 19 October 2015 at 7.30.	